

THE ITEMS

COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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Senator Mitchell makes a bit in his proposal to amend the Payne Philippine bill. It is observed with regret that Senator Simon makes no hits.—Oregonian.

On January 6th, the President had to affix, with a pen on parchment, his signature to some eighteen hundred army commissions. And some people deny that the President is overworked.

Just now the hottest protective tariff men are those who raise sugar in Louisiana. They can see the point when an industry of their own is threatened by foreign competition.—Globe Democrat.

The people of Burns and vicinity are anxious to know the author of the article in the Oregonian of January 13, headed, "This Demands Action," so that they can more clearly establish the true motive of its authorship.

New South Wales has passed a law making arbitration in labor disputes compulsory. This is following the precedent set by New Zealand about five years ago, which has so far proved eminently satisfactory to both employer and employed.

Although the United States has taken no part officially in the British-Ber war, according to the Rev. Mr. Brockhuysen, her citizens have contributed over \$50,000 to the cause, the largest contribution the Boers have received from outside sources.

A New York reporter stationed at a street corner in the shopping district counted the long and short skirts worn by the ladies who passed during one hour. Of the 320 women who went by, seventy-five per cent wore short skirts. The good sense of American women is evidently effecting a reform which legislation would be powerless to accomplish.

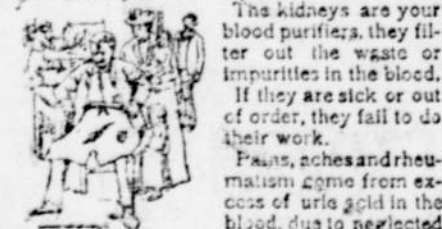
The office of state senator, says the Baker City Democrat in an article regarding candidates for the various offices to be filled this spring, at present filled by Hon. William Smith, is for the counties of Malheur and Baker, and will be vacant. The republicans have an applicant for this job in the person of J. H. Aikin, of the O. C. Co., of Huntington.

Since when, we would like to ask, was Harney dropped from the district that was originally Baker, Malheur and Harney.

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THE POLITICAL POT.

The county political pot has been slowly raising to the simmering point for some months past. The numerous candidates are quietly feeling their way and as it is yet early in the season it will be some time before any public announcements are made. Slate makers have been active and their slates we understand, are already fixed. (Subject of course to the wishes of the County Convention.)

The most important county office to fill this year is that of County Judge. The present incumbent, James A. Sparrow, has been a very capable and efficient officer by far the best of any one filling the position in this county. Whether or not he will be a candidate for a re-nomination, we are not informed, but should he appear in the race there will probably be no formidable opposition. Commissioner A. Venator, whose term expires, and County Treasurer R. A. Miller have been spoken of for the position. Both gentlemen are capable men and the reins of county government would be safe in their hands, but we are told they would not stand in the way provided Judge Sparrow sought a re-nomination.

For county clerk, R. T. Hugbet, the last party nominee, is fixing up his fences to give all opposition a hot chase for their money. Though defeated two years ago, Mr. Hugbet made a very creditable showing and many who did not support him then will be found his active supporters now. For this reason he is desirous of taking another turn at the political wheel of fortune. E. B. Waters, the Burns postmaster, and Walter E. Huston are also mentioned in this connection. Mr. Huston is also mentioned for assessor.

Thos. Allen, who was defeated by a narrow margin two years ago for sheriff, wants another whack at his former antagonist or any new man the opposition may put up. E. H. King, the veteran sawmill man, we understand, is also out for the honor.

County Treasurer Miller will have everything his own way for a re-nomination if he wishes it.

The office of commissioner though of the greatest importance to the taxpayers, has been receiving but little attention and we have no candidates for the place. The outgoing Commissioner, A. Venator, is aiming at a higher round on the political ladder and is not thought to be a candidate for a re-nomination. However, it is still early, and the candidates may yet flock out of the woods by the score.

DEMOCRATS WHO WANT IN.

A few democrats who would like to eat at the public pie counter:

For Judge—Peter Clemens, T. J. Shields, W. C. Byrd, Geo. Hagey, J. C. Foley, C. A. Sweek. List still open.

For Clerk—F. S. Rieder.

For Sheriff—C. F. McKinney, Peter Clemens, Geo. Shelley, with probable additions.

For Assessor—C. S. Biggs, C. S. Biggs, W. E. Albersson.

Other offices to hear from but said not to be lacking any applications for positions on the ticket.

The heroism of the crew of the German steamship Frankfurt in rescuing the crew of the American vessel, W. H. Card, in open sea, during a terrific gale, will be recounted in some newspapers in a small space on the last page, while the unfounded rumor of German violation of the Monroe Doctrine will be given a column on the front page. This is "yellow journalism".

The British press is drawing invidious comparisons between American and English millionaires. They allege that the English millionaires are stingy, but hope in time they may be induced to emulate the magnificent example of Mr. Carnegie.

A professional man may be a "lion" and still not profess to match his wife's jaw.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Continued from First page. convention for considering the proposition of electing Senators by direct vote of the people. About two-thirds of the Senate opposes this proposition, and the only way it could be brought about is by two-thirds of the states requesting a convention. Then, under the Constitution, Congress would have to act and a convention would be held. Only six states have so far availed themselves of the privilege to ask for such a convention, but Senators who oppose any change fear that others will likely follow the example when the Legislatures meet.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The Oregon and Washington Representatives stood solidly by the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal bill in voting down all amendments to the bill except those proposed by the committee, and in supporting the bill as it finally passed, the vote standing 308 to 2.

"We have had too much delay, too many examinations, too much money expended on side issues, and in my judgement it is time to get to work. We might build the canal a little cheaper by holding off, but I would rather pay a little more and have a canal built now," said Representative Tongue.

Representative Moody said his constituents would view with suspicion any attempt to amend the bill after the recommendation of the commission. Should it be determined later that the Panama route is desirable, the passage of the House bill will be the most effectual way to bring out the lowest and best offer for the Panama plant and route.

The Senate commerce committee today favorably reported Senator Mitchell's bills appropriating \$10,000 for a launch for the customs service at Astoria; appropriating \$4000 for additional quarters for three keepers at Yaquina light station, and appropriating \$4500 for a new building at Cape Blanco light station.

Representative Tongue, in a letter addressed to the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in reply to its memorial relating to the improvement of the Columbia River at The Dalles and Celilo, the upper river and its mouth, says the aggregate appropriation which it demands at once would amount to \$7,000,000. This amount he thinks so much that he believes it will arouse hostility and possibly defeat the proposed projects.

The Senate committee on public buildings has authorized a favorable report on Senator Simon's bill appropriating \$250,000 for enlarging the Portland Postoffice and Courthouse building.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator Mitchell is very likely to win concessions in his fight for modifications of the Philippine tariff bill. Senators are considering very gravely the criticisms that have been passed upon the proposal of assessing the full Dingley rates upon Philippine products coming to this country. The probabilities are that concessions of either 50 or 25 per cent will be made on products coming into this country from the islands. It is not the intention, however, to make any differentials in favor of American goods going into the Philippines. To do so would mean to give Spain the same concessions, and it is urged that while the United States has attempted to secure equal privileges for goods going from this country into portions of the Orient controlled by foreign powers, it could not make discriminations in favor of itself in the Philippines. The open door in other portions of the Orient is asserted, is more valuable than the advantages that American producers would have in the Philippines.

Senator Mitchell has been making strong representations to individual Senators of the importance to the Pacific Coast of making tariff concessions to the Philippines, and many are seeing it in that light.

Monday, all four of the Oregon delegation were summoned to the White House to talk over the Ore-

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