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The cry of the members of the last session of the Oregon legislature was economy; especially was this so during the campaign preceding their election. They promised to reduce the expenses of the state government in various ways, especially by doing away with the railroad commission, and other useless commissions. Did they keep their promises? No, not one of them. When the legislature met, its members apparently forgot all the promises made before election. Its ninety members required more than one hundred and sixty clerks to—well, we don't know what use they did have for them. There was not a single one of those useless commissions abolished; neither was there a single law passed which would in any way tend to lessen the expenses of the state. They did, though by herculean efforts, manage to elect a republican to the United States senate. This highly important and very arduous (?) duty was performed on the last day of the session, late in the evening. They actually elected a man claiming to be a republican, despite the fact that there were but 72 republicans out of a total membership of 90. Two of those representatives are again asking the voters of Umatilla county to elect them to the legislature. They ask the voters of this county to endorse their course in the last legislature. Their record is too poor. The voters, desire as their representatives, men who will have some regard for the taxpayers' interests; men who will at least try to give some relief from the burden of taxation. They have tried Davis and Gurdane and know they will not even try to do this.

SOME days ago there was printed in the Pendleton Tribune a communication signed "Democrat," and purporting to hail from Athena. The communication above referred to embodied in its entirety a malicious, scurrilous attack on W. M. Scott, the democratic nominee for county judge. That the article is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, all who know Mr. Scott will without the least hesitancy aver. The author of this attack on an honest and esteemed citizen of Umatilla county, seeks in a most cowardly manner to hide his identity in what he supposes to be an effectual manner, by grafting a non-descript name, and claiming residence in Athena, when in reality, he resides in Helix neighborhood. With the hope that this article will be read by him who seeks to drag the honor of a fellowman into the mire of disrepute, in an underhanded and sordid manner, we will say that all such as he is looked on by a righteous and fair-minded public, as a cur and a coward. A newspaper that will publish such articles, is looked upon as spoiling for a fight of the "mad-slinging" kind.

THE counties of Eastern Oregon heretofore have been paying more than their fair proportion of the state tax. This has been caused by the unequal assessment. The lands in Umatilla and some other counties of Eastern Oregon have been assessed at from one-half to almost their full value, while those of the older and more wealthy counties of the Willamette valley have not been assessed for more than one-fourth to one-half their real value. A state board of equalization was created to try to correct this evil, and to more evenly distribute the burden of the state government. But while a majority

of the board are elected from counties west of the Cascades; there will not be much change. Therefore it is to the interest of every taxpayer in Eastern Oregon to see that a majority of that board are from east of the mountains. By the election of C. P. Davis of Pendleton, we can secure that majority.

D. W. McDANNALD, candidate for assessor on the democratic ticket, is assuring his friends that if elected he will reduce the expenses of the assessor's office fully \$2000. He proposes to do it by turning over the accounts of deputies for the county court to audit, hiring deputies at \$2 to \$2.50 a day and not charging the county \$4 a day, as has been done in this county for several years, the assessor pocketing the difference. In this way Mr. McDannald says he would save the taxpayers \$1500 a year, and by other improvements in methods he estimates he can save \$500 a year more. For the faithful performance of these pledges he stands ready to give a \$2000 bond.

THROUGH every newspaper office day after day go all the weaknesses of the world—all the vanities that want to be puffed, all the revenges that want to be reaped, all the mistakes that want to be corrected, all the dull speakers that want to be thought eloquent, all the meanness that wants to get its wares noticed gratis in order to save the tax of the advertising column. Through the editorial and reportorial rooms all the follies and shams of the world are seen day after day, and the temptation is neither to believe in God, man or woman. It is no surprise to us that in this profession there are some skeptical men. We only wonder that newspaper men believe in anything.

SPEAKING of the different candidates, the Weston Leader says: "The democrats, we learn, promise a reduction of at least \$4,000 a year in the running expenses of the county government, and will bind themselves to fulfill this promise. This involves a reduction of \$1200 a year jointly in the offices of clerk and recorder, and \$800 in the sheriff's office and of \$2000 in the assessor's office. The party has presented competent men for all these positions—men who know what they can do, and know that they can make the reductions promised, and even more than is promised."

FRANK J. VANWINKLE, the democratic nominee for county superintendent of schools, is by far the most competent to discharge the duties of the office, of any candidate in the field. Mr. VanWinkle is professor of mathematics in the Eastern Oregon normal school, at Weston, and has taken a course at Harvard. This, together with the experience he has had in teaching country schools, makes his qualifications for the office unquestionable. He promises to devote his entire time and attention to the duties of the office, if elected.

NO one except some ingrate who would malign his mother has ever uttered a word against Judge Martin. He is universally liked and respected by every honest and respectable citizen of the county.—Pendleton Tribune.

WE wonder if the venerable "Cap" endorses the Tribune's action in giving publication to the malevolent communication, maligning the honor and character of his democratic opponent.

ALL free silver advocates should cast their vote for Judge Bennett, if they really wish to elect a man who will honestly and faithfully represent them in congress. It is useless to vote for Ellis with the hope of assisting the cause of silver. He will be governed by the policy of the republican party; and that policy is avowedly for the gold standard. So cast your vote for Bennett and free silver.

They are having a high old time in Portland. Dr. Harry Lane comes out in a letter of unusual severity against ex-Governor Pennoyer, and accuses him of all kinds of corruption while in office. But the governor denies all the charges, and retorts in a way that must make the doctor wish that he hadn't gone to the newspaper with

his grievance. Whether Pennoyer is guilty of wrong-doing or not, he is going to be Portland's next mayor.

WM. BLAKELEY, the democratic nominee for sheriff of Umatilla county, is making a thorough canvass among the voters, and is making legions of friends. "Bill" Blakeley, as sheriff of Umatilla county, would save the taxpayers many dollars in the course of his administration.

NOMINATIONS CERTIFIED.

List of the Candidates for Congress and Supreme Judges Received From Salem.

Clerk of the Circuit Court Burroughs has received a communication from Secretary of State Kincaid, certifying to the candidates for offices to be filled by the electors of the state at large, and for members of congress, whose certificates of nomination have been duly filed, for the next general election. The list is as follows:

For Congress, First District.—N. C. Christensen, prohibitionist, of Yamhill county; Jefferson Myer, democrat, of Linn county; Thomas H. Tongue, republican, Washington county; W. S. Vanderburg, populist, of Coos county.

For Congress, Second District.—A. S. Bennett, democrat, of Wasco county; W. R. Ellis, republican, of Morrow county; F. McKecher, prohibitionist, of Multnomah county; H. H. Northrup, independent sound money, of Multnomah county; Martin Quinn, populist, of Multnomah county.

For Supreme Judge.—Robert S. Bean, republican, of Lane county; John Burnett, democrat, of Benton county; Joseph Gaston, populist, of Multnomah county.

Horticulture.

ED. PRESS: I send you herewith a copy of resolution adopted at the semi-annual meeting of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture recently held.

The proposition underlying the resolution is one which ought to secure the serious consideration of every citizen. It is as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Public Instruction. Gentlemen: Herewith we beg to hand you, for your kind consideration, the following resolution:

Whereas, For some time during the past, it has seemed to the several members of the State Board of Horticulture of the State of Oregon that there is a great necessity for more rudimentary knowledge among our people on the subject of horticulture; and

Whereas, This occupation is fast becoming our greatest industry, and one in which the general public is and should be interested; and

Whereas, It would be a life long benefit to the recipients whether the life's labor was spent in country or city occupation; and

Whereas, It is impossible for the state board in its work to reach the youths of our land in this fundamental instruction as they desire; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this board that the State Board of Public Instruction should take measures to introduce into the public schools of this state a rudimentary line of instruction in horticulture, as the essential elements of our education to fit men and women for intelligent labor on the farm and in the orchard.

JOHN MINTO, Secretary.

A Note From Mr. Scott.

Athena, Oregon, May 5.—[To the Editor:—] I notice in the Pendleton Tribune a lengthy article from someone hiding behind the name of "Democrat." The article refers to me in the most scurrilous manner and is uncalled for, false and malicious. A man that will write as "Democrat" does,—is ashamed to sign his own name, is not worthy of much consideration in my opinion. W. M. Scott.

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For Supreme Judge—
John Burnett, of Benton.
For State Senator—
J. H. Raley, of Umatilla.
For Judge, Sixth District—
T. G. Hailey, of Umatilla.
For District Attorney, Sixth Dist.—
G. W. Rhea, of Morrow.
Member Board of Equalization—
C. P. Davis, of Pendleton.


COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Representatives—
J. B. Saylor, of Echo.
S. P. Purdy, of Athena.
M. Toner, of Cottonwood.
For County Judge—
Wm. Scott, of Helix.
For Commissioner—
Henry Frazier, of Milton.
For Sheriff—
Wm. Blakeley, of Eastland.
For Treasurer—
Charles Bowling, of Adams.
For Assessor—
D. W. McDannald, of Valley.
For County Clerk—
John Vert, of Pendleton.
For Recorder of Conveyances—
Jas. A. Howard, of Pendleton.
For School Superintendent—
F. J. VanWinkle, of Weston.
For Surveyor—
G. I. LaDow, of Pendleton.
For Coroner—
Charles Beale, of Pendleton.
For Justice of Peace, for North and South Athena Precincts—
J. W. Smith, of Athena.
For Constable, for North and South Athena Precincts—
J. C. Stamper, of Athena.

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