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THEN AND NOW.
 Mr. Frank J. Hull, editor of the Milton Eagle, he who has in the past made himself a reputation by attacking what he pleased to term "the Pendleton ring," seems to be grappling with an "off year." That Mr. Hull is slippery and plays a fast and loose game, when it comes to politics, is the firm belief of many of Milton's best citizens. Mr. Hull is undoubtedly somewhat "shaky" when it comes to politics, as is evidenced by his eternal greed for "a change," or something new. Mr. Hull is a genial, whole-souled fellow personally, but politically he has surely been struck on the head with a limb. That the moulder of public opinion in and about our sister town of Milton, gets himself in a box every two years, the following excerpts from his publication, the Eagle, will show:

"If a man should 'hold out' \$511 when in your employ, the next time he applied for a position you would probably inform him that you were not in need of men of his stamp. This is just the position Houser is in with the people of this county. He has virtually robbed them of that amount—if not more—and has the 'nerve' to again apply for his old position. Houser has probably allowed his desire for office to overcome his discretion, but that is no reason why the people of the county should humor his silly idea. If the district attorney of this district had been worth a continental, Houser and his bondsmen would have been compelled long ere this to make good the entire shortage."—Editorial in Milton Eagle, June 1, 1894.

Whether for a money consideration, or whether advances have been made in an intimidating manner, we do not for a moment attempt to allege, but one thing is morally certain, and that is our friend Hull has undergone a "change of heart," as the following from his valuable publication will attest:

"Sheriff Houser has proven himself a competent and trustworthy official and should be allowed to retain his position. His work is most arduous and fatiguing, but he has performed it during his incumbency of the past two years to the entire satisfaction of all, and the many friends he has gained by his efficient conducting of this highly important office, will see to it that he receives a handsome plurality in June. Mr. Houser's services as a criminal catcher alone are worth more, twice over, to Umatilla county than his salary amounts to."—Editorial in Milton Eagle, May 1, 1896.

The people of Umatilla county are called upon to read and accept apologies for the incompetent work of the past two years of certain county officials, who are again endeavoring to solicit voter's suffrage. When the republican, or any other party, is compelled to resort to apologies for the wrong doings and mismanagements of its office holders, then, indeed, it is the proper time to oust them from positions of public trust.

We consider the democratic nominees for the legislature are by far superior in point of ability to those of either of the other parties. They are honest, intelligent and progressive men; men who are identified with the best interests of the county; men who will try to do their duty as legislators, and keep the interest of the taxpayers constantly in mind when voting at Salem; men, who when they come home, will not have to continually

defend their actions while in the legislature; men whose promises of economy mean something. We should vote for Purdy, Toner and Saylor, because they are men of character, integrity and ability.

Mr. McDANNALD's guarantee as represented by the East Oregonian amounts to nothing. Pre-election promises are very often too ethereal after the votes are counted to be retained by the average official. Of course Dave thinks he would do all these things now, but he'll change his mind like many of his betters before him, after election.—Milton Eagle.

There is not a man in Umatilla county who knows Dave McDannald but what is thoroughly satisfied in his own mind, that Dave means to do and will do just what he promises—to assess Umatilla county for \$2,000 less than Gilliam assessed it. The editor of the Eagle knows this is true, but republican central committee money makes him write otherwise. Mr. McDannald not only promises this, but will give a BOND that he will carry these promises out to the full satisfaction of the taxpayers and voters of Umatilla county.

THERE is no denying the fact that of all the candidates for county clerk, John Vert is by far the best qualified for the place. There should be some means devised, whereby the offices of the county would be "a check or verification of one another, especially concerning the county's finances." Such we are informed is not the case at present. There is no reason why the county's affairs should not be as systematically conducted as that of any large business house or of a bank. But the fact is, they are not. By electing Vert clerk, we secure the services of a man fully competent to conduct the county's affairs in that systematic and business-like manner.

THE ruling of the supreme court at Pendleton, Monday of this week, debars Miss Harriette Woodruff from making the race for superintendent of schools of Umatilla county, and the contest is now between Van Winkle, democrat; Nowlin, republican, and Ewert, populist. The case in which the court made its decision was the famous case of the state of Oregon ex rel. J. L. Carter, respondent, vs. Nellie M. Stevens, appellant, that under the state laws a woman is not eligible to hold the office of county superintendent of common schools. The supreme court in its decision confirms the decision of the lower court.

UMATILLA county is to follow Multnomah in making a test of the salary law. Action has been brought which will bring a decision on a direct issue as to whether the sheriff is entitled under it to draw from the county treasury mileage and fees in excess of the \$2500 salary allowed him by law. Suit has been commenced in the circuit court, injunction being prayed for to stop the county court from allowing, and the clerk from issuing scrip for such pay.

As the election draws near, it becomes more and more apparent that the contest for county judge, lies between Scott and Martin. Those who wish to see the county's affairs economically administered, should rally to the support of Scott, irrespective of parties. In this, we believe, a vote for Laing, is equivalent to a vote for Martin; therefore vote for Scott for county judge.

A MASSACHUSETTS court has decided that a bicycle rider must take the right of the road or take the consequences and pay the damages of a collision. Wabbling all over the road by wheelmen in search of the best track is particularly annoying to drivers of vehicles, which cannot be instantly adjusted to wheelmen's whims. The Massachusetts decision will help a good many wheelmen to keep on their own side of the road.

Nor only superior qualifications for the office of county school superintendent recommends Frank J. Van Winkle to the voters of Umatilla county, but in addition to these necessary requisites, he is a taxpayer. None of the other candidates for the office pay a cent of taxes. The taxpayer should with

much seriousness, consider this when he casts his vote in June.

THE taxpayers are very much interested in the suit against Sheriff Houser to recover \$5,900 or more mileage, which was allowed him by the county court. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Houser can have a "rake-off" of more than the law allows or not.

PEOPLE go to church in Chicago on their bicycles, and the announcement is made by one minister that the bicycles of those who attend will be cared for. It may be that he needs them for his family.

THE Oregonian is now camping on the trail of John Hays Hammond, of South Africa. It appears to us that Mr. Scott should confine his efforts to Barkley and Ellis and leave John Hays alone. One continent at a time.

MR. GLADSTONE still reads and writes for hours at a stretch without showing fatigue, and seldom leaves his library except for exercise. Physically and intellectually, he is one of the greatest men of the age.

THINGS POLITICAL.
 Weston Leader: This paper understands that the sheriff of Umatilla county is allowed five deputies, and that the salaries of the force, sheriff included, aggregate something like \$6500. Besides he is granted mileage, and is able to make money by the board of prisoners. If this be the case, there seems to be ample room for the \$800 reduction in this office promised by the democrats in the event of the election of William Blakeley, who is the kind of a man to whom a promise is as sacred as a bond.

Union Scout: Mr. T. C. Taylor, the republican nominee for the office of joint-senator between this and Umatilla county, way in the city a few days ago. We did not see him—but very few people saw him—as he seemed to be on a "still hunt," but our worthy contemporary saw him, talked with him, and informs its readers that Mr. Taylor "is in favor of the election of John H. Mitchell to succeed himself in the U. S. senate," or, in other words, that he is a free silver man. In view of the fact that Mr. Taylor was nominated by the state convention in preference to J. A. Wright, who was a pronounced Mitchell man, and solely on that issue, the statement made by the Republican is quite remarkable. Evidently Mr. Taylor has been "stuffing" our contemporary, or it is trying to "stuff" its readers. Subterfuge will not do. Mr. Taylor is recognized as a gold standard man and in favor of the election of Dolph. If that is not his position let him say so in such a manner that the people will believe him.

East Oregonian: The fight between J. A. Wright and J. M. Church factions in the republican party of Union county appears to be still raging, and the dogs of war are loosed from their kennels. In fact, these war dogs have been at work at their jobs ever since the campaign opened, and are likely to be still scraping when election day comes around. It appears that a meeting of the republican executive committee was held in Union Saturday and the vacancy in the representative ticket caused by the refusal of Otto Eckerley of Cove to accept the nomination, was filled by the appointment of J. A. Wright of Sparta, who was defeated for the nomination of joint senator.

Weston Leader: It is not surprising to see the name of J. B. Eddy in the list of bolters who are advocating Judge Northup's candidacy for congress. Colonel Eddy wanted to be the regular nominee for congress himself, and came to Umatilla county to pull wires on its delegation. The wires were too hot, and he dropped them. Indeed, the ambitious colonel was flattened out beneath the business end of the republican party of Umatilla county, so severely was he sat upon. He had asked much from his party before, and has received a good deal. He now shows his gratitude by bolting the regular nominee of his party, because, forsooth, he is not that nominee.

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 Dated April 24th, 1896. Applicant.

Notice for Publication.
 Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, April 30, 1896.
 Notice is hereby given that the following-named party has filed notice of his intention to commute and make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, on June 6th, 1896, viz:
 COLLIN C. FRAZIER,
 Homestead entry No. 5088 for 80 1/2 ac. 25, T3 N. 34 E. W. 34.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles McLain, Frank Berlin, John Berlin, Hugh McLain, all of Athens, Oregon.
 Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
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