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CAMPAIGN MUD-SLINGING.

The following from The Dalles Times-Mountaineer exactly fits the case of a certain editor of a paper published in this county:

"It is to be regretted that some people, and especially newspaper editors, cannot discuss political issues or merits of candidates without resorting to false statements and vile personalities. Looking over our exchanges we note that some of them are discussing candidates in language that is anything but commendable. According to their statements the candidates whom they favor are saints, while those whom they oppose should be in prison. Such methods are indeed uncalled for. Clean politics is what the people desire."

The policy of mud throwing has long been relegated to the age of boilerplate newspaper days. It is only in rare instances that a paper resorts to this bygone, obnoxious practice. When it does occur its editor is found to be a kid or an ex-cross-roads pedagogue who has taken the prescribed course on "journalism" in some correspondence school or other. The Dalles paper proceeds:

"If a public official is up for re-election, his record is public property, and it is perfectly just that it be discussed. If he has performed his duties well he is entitled to credit therefor. If, on the other hand, he has been neglectful of his duties or has been dishonest, the people should know it. Every public officer who seeks re-election ought to stand upon his record, and he is entitled to have that record shown up fairly and truthfully. In the case of the new man for office his capability is the best gauge to go by, and this should be known. The people are entitled to the services of capable men in all public places. Merit and qualification of candidates should be discussed, but mud-throwing and slander should be avoided."

In this county, with one exception, the newspapers are endeavoring to conduct a campaign free from the spleen of mud-slinging. The two parties have nominated honorable, capable men whose public and private acts are above reproach, and only for the fact that bad odor emanates from the prattling absurdities of one narrow channeled editorial writer, the campaign would be a clean one in every particular. However, this one particular leak will be plugged up on and after June 6.

CHAS. P. STRAIN, ASSESSOR.

Charles P. Strain is the first assessor in the state of Oregon to have the courage to inaugurate a fair and just assessment policy—to adjust property values so that the large owners and corporations should pay in the same proportion as the small ones. His published pamphlet on taxation and tax values has received the unanimous endorsement of the press of both Oregon and Washington, and the study of the theory of the value of property for taxation purposes places him in a prominent position, with the result that he has become a recognized authority on the subject throughout the northwest country. Recognizing that "property is not necessarily worth what it costs, but that its value remains, relatively, in what it can earn or produce," Mr. Strain has come nearer than anyone else in the solution of the tax problem. He has conducted the assessment of property in this county on a fair and equal basis, as a few instances of his leveling process will suffice to illustrate. The last assessor had placed a valuation of about \$800,000 on the property of the O. R. & N. Co. in this county. Strain fixed it at \$2,300,000. The Western Union franchisees and property had been assessed at \$800. Strain raised it to \$16,000. The independent and arrogant Pacific States Telephone Company's franchisees and property had been assessed at 7,000.

Strain made it \$17,000. The business and property of the Pullman Palace Car company had been assessed at \$1000. Strain raised it to \$7000. That his efforts are successful and satisfactory to all, the Press only has to refer to action of the board of equalization—both democrats and republicans—in sustaining his assessment on O. R. & N. property. It is worthy of note that in the contest against payment of tax instituted by the O. R. & N. Co., that company does not assert that it was not fairly and ratably assessed. Mr. Strain will be re-elected.

The Spokesman-Review, a staunch republican paper, the leading organ of the party in Eastern Washington, has bolted the republican ticket and will support the state ticket of the democrats. The Review will take enough republicans with it into the democratic camp, this fall, to overthrow the railroad ring, which is the cause of the split in the ranks in that state. The stand of the Review is commendable. It refuses to submit to the lash. It chooses to exercise its own mind and voice in the interest of the people and its action is a standing example to independent papers all over the west. The day of the narrow partisan paper, which will swallow the whole program of the bosses is past. A newspaper that will not take a stand for the people instead of any faction, deserves little respect. The people are greater than any party. The interests of the state are greater than the interests of any individual office seeker.—East Oregonian.

William Lloyd, democratic candidate for county commissioner for Umatilla county, is a man who can justly appeal to the voters of this county for their support at the coming election, with good reasons to believe that he will be elected by a handsome majority. With the residents of western Umatilla county Uncle Billy Lloyd is well and favorably known by all. He has lived in that part of the county for 20 years and naught but praise is said of him. He understands the requirements of that locality in the matter of new roads and other extensive improvements which are constantly coming up and will exercise good judgment in managing the same. In the east end he is also favorably known and will receive a strong support from his host of friends.—Echo News.

A recent report from Alaska states that Superintendent McDonald, of the Treadwell mine at Juneau, has the pyramid representing each year's production of gold at the Treadwell about complete. It is composed of twenty-one bricks, the first year's production, (about \$2000) being the small brick on top. Each brick toward the base is larger than that above to the last, which is almost 12 feet in length. The value represented by this pyramid is \$22,000,000, or more than three times the purchase price of the territory of Alaska. The pyramid is to be exhibited at the St. Louis exposition.

An Ohio man had the location of a treasure revealed to him the other day in a dream. He went to the place indicated in the dream and dug up a quantity of old coin of a couple of centuries back, amounting all told to \$1,500 in gold, but worth several times this amount on account of the premiums offered for such pieces. This man would have a hot graft if he were to locate in a gold camp. He would put the diving rod folks out of business in short order.

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