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A communication has been received at the attorney-general's office from a voter of Clackamas county, asking Mr. Crawford's opinion as to whether or not a citizen who presents himself to vote at the primary election in April can be compelled to give his political party affiliations or be denied the right to vote in case of refusal. The attorney-general declined to give a positive opinion, but called attention to section 38 of the primary nominating law. It appears that a test case upon this point will be made in one of the Clackamas county precincts. A voter who refused to register his political affiliation will offer to vote and when denied that right he will bring suit in the circuit court. The point contended for is that the resignation of party affiliations destroys the secrecy of the Australian ballot.

The largest commission handed out to a Yale man recently is the job which has been offered to Yu Chuan Chang, 1903, by the Emperor of China. He has invited Chang to look up the legal system of Germany and to make an official report of it to the imperial government. Chang has just accepted the invitation and has gone to Berlin to begin his task. His report will be made to the imperial Chinese commission which is now touring this country. Chang was given the degree of doctor of common law from the Yale law school three years ago, graduating with high honors.

In Spokane is an organization called the 150,000 club. In Walla Walla is a 50,000 club. The purpose of these organizations is labor for the increase of population to a certain figure within a specified time. That is a good scheme and if the club falls far short of its expectations, great good will result.

Vesuvius is reported to be active again. What a waste of heat at this season of the year, with a coal strike on hand here in America.

After reading all the denouncing criticisms of the press, we wonder if John D. don't feel like 30 cents.

### TAX DODGERS PAY UP.

North American.

Most amazing is the change which has come over Buffalo, N. Y., since the inauguration of Mayor James N. Adam. Although elected on a reform ticket, he had at the start of his

administration opposition from part of the press and a fairly large proportion of the people.

Now he virtually has the support of the newspapers, he has been endorsed by nearly all the clubs and organizations and, what is most unusual, he is backed by the brewers, who are apparently in earnest in the fight to crush out vice.

When Mayor Adam announced that municipal ownership was a very excellent thing he was not taken seriously, but it did not take long to bring around to his way of thinking the mass of the people, and a proposition to build a city gas plant is now being worked out by the mayor. Gas is now supplied by an offshoot of the Standard Oil company, from which temporary concessions have been demanded. Mayor Adam has done some startling things. He started out on the principle that the people of Buffalo as a whole were honest, and when he demanded the resignation of a few city officials who were known to be grafters he was praised.

Buffalo has been a rather wicked city, and its tenderloin needed cleaning. To do this some changes had to be made in the police department. The dismissal of the superintendent and transfers of others convinced the police force that the old warrior in the mayor's chair could not be fooled, and in a few weeks the tenderloin wore a deserted appearance. The gamblers fled early in the crusade.

Leading brewers were furnished a list of places that were not straight. The brewers declared that they would not sell to any "joint" and they kept the promise so faithfully that these places were out of business. The brewers went further than that; they notified all saloonkeepers that they had to live up to the law, or get no beer. And, if it becomes necessary, the national organization of brewers would be called upon to cut off the outside supply.

Mayor Adam served notice on a lot of wealthy men that if they did not stop swearing off taxes he would send them to jail. Buffalo's tax receipts will hereafter be higher. The International Railway, which owns many trolley lines in the city, jammed a bill through council before Mayor Adam came into office, giving it certain privileges on one street. Mayor Adam has held up its plans to get free franchises on other streets, and he has made it clear that all concessions to street railway companies in the future will be based on the city's option to buy the roads at a future date.

### GOING AHEAD WITH IRRIGATION.

Portland Oregonian.

Announcement from authoritative sources that contracts will soon be let for the construction of a dam in the Umatilla irrigation tract for storage of water for irrigation gives assurance that the government is going ahead with its reclamation project in that section of the state. The enterprise, though small in comparison with some of the others that have been undertaken, is of vast importance not only to that immediate locality, but to Portland and the entire state. An area of 20,000 acres, now unproductive, will be made as valuable as any agricultural lands on the coast, the low altitude making this a more promising field for irrigation work than most of the projects that have been approved. Though any one settler may own as much as 160 acres of land in the reclamation tract, it is thought by irrigation experts that ten acres will be enough for one man to care for under the system of intensified agriculture. If there should be on an average, one family on each 20 acres, and as many more families in the towns which will grow up in the tract, a dense population of thrifty and prosperous people will soon be permanently established on the plains that are now the habitation of jack rabbits and coyotes.

The storage reservoir will be formed by the construction of a dam 90 feet high and 4000 feet long, with capacity in the artificial lake thus

made for 50,000 acre-feet of water. A feed canal 25 miles long will conduct the water of the spring floods from the Umatilla river to the reservoir, where it will be held until needed in summer, when it will be conveyed in numerous canals to the fields to be irrigated. The tract to be irrigated lies south and east of the town of Umatilla and north of the town of Echo, on the line of the O. R. N. Railway in Umatilla county.

### INDIAN TERRITORY EDITORS.

Muskogee Phoenix.

One by one the old guard is bidding farewell to the tripod, the paste pot, shears and print shop, and retiring on their well earned honors and competence to the shades of private life, where the payroll worry not and the C. O. D. packages never comes. First, our dearly beloved Dea Marrs, of the Vinta Chieftain, left us, and before the echo of our weep had quit resounding through the sanctum. Lamb, he of the meek and lowly mien, delivered his valencictory. Now comes the most crushing loss of all, and we positively refuse to be comforted; Russell, of the South McAlester Capital, the orator, the possessor of the acute olfactory organs, the man who can smell treachery as a sick kitten can a saucer of milk; Russell, the picturesque, the vitriolic, the uncertain, the unexpected, the resourceful, the voluminous and the sarcastic; he, too, has wrapped the mantle of his greatness 'round his majestic shoulders, adjusted the laurel wreath on his noble brow, and with the dignity of a Roman senator bidding farewell to the senate, stalks forth into the quiet life where personals, patent medicine ads, puffs and pay checks have no place. This is too much; it is almost more than we can bear, and if our pen falters and the words refuse to come charge it all to our irreparable loss of a brother in ink, who was both a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

### POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### For Representative.

To the republicans of Umatilla county: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate before the republican primaries for nomination as member of the legislature from Umatilla county, and I respectfully ask the support of all members of the party. Athena, Ore., March 14, 1906. C. A. Barrett.

#### Candidate for Treasurer.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to decision of the primary election. Respectfully, G. W. Bradley, Athena, Oregon.

#### For Representative.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of representative from this county, at the primary election to be held April 20th, subject to the will of the party. C. W. Steen, Milton, Ore.

#### F. H. Shoemaker for Recorder.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of recorder, subject to the will of the voters in the direct primary election. Fred H. Shoemaker, Pendleton.

#### For Sheriff.

To the voters of Umatilla county: I hereby announce myself as a republican candidate for the office of sheriff, subject to the wish of the voters in the direct primary election. E. J. Somerville.

#### For Sheriff.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the democratic nomination for sheriff of Umatilla county subject to the will of the voters in the direct primary election April 20. T. D. Taylor.

#### For State Senator.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for state senator from Umatilla county, subject to the pleasure of the suffragists. Geo. W. Proebstel.

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I hereby announce my candidacy for the state senate, subject to the votes of republicans under the direct primary law. T. J. Kirk.

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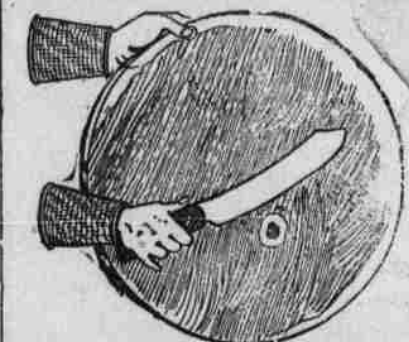
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