

## DIVIDED THEY QUIT

Democratic Leaders, Stillman & Pierce, Dissolved

## NO LONGER PARTNERS IN LAW

Men Who for Years Were Prominently Associated in Politics and Law Have Heated Words.

The political and law firm of Stillman & Pierce, by mutual consent and heated words, according to the Pendleton Tribune, was dissolved Saturday. This information will be of more than ordinary interest to the people of Umatilla county, where both men have been prominent in politics and law. For years a sort of Damon and Pythias combination existed between A. D. Stillman and Walter M. Pierce. Politically, both men trained in the democratic camp, dominated county politics, and both men generally got what they wanted in the way of office, and particularly so did Pierce.

In the practice of law it is reported that the firm was eminently successful, but apparently the bond of friendship has been shattered, dissolution naturally followed, and the two men stand divided. The Pendleton Tribune says:

The law firm of Stillman & Pierce existeth no longer. In street language, "it is off in a thousand places"—Another split in the democratic party.

"Get out of this office and get out quick." "Get your things out of this office and get them out quick." "You had better get out." These and many other similar expressions, just as expressive and all given in a tone of voice which could hardly be designated as conciliatory, might have been heard yesterday afternoon issuing from the rooms which have been used as law offices for many years by A. D. Stillman and Walter Pierce.

A few minutes after open hostilities commenced, the part of the furniture and books belonging to the ex-state senator were being rapidly moved to vacant rooms in another part of the building. The removal was no less spirited than the war of words and in almost less time than it takes to tell it the complete segregation and transfer had been effected.

For a time the office rooms retained by Mr. Stillman looked rather bare in spots and were especially short on chairs, but by the aid of the furniture man they quickly regained, a part at least, of their old time appearance.

The exact cause of yesterday's cyclonic earthquake like disturbance is not known nor was there any particular effort made to ascertain it.

It seems, however, that the firm of Stillman & Pierce was dissolved July 21, 1905, and that since that time the two men have retained their offices as before and had the same stenographer and that there was some difference of opinion in regard to the payment of the office rent and the stenographer's salary, which resulted in Mr. Pierce's being invited to move out, which he did; or in Mr. Pierce's declaring he would seek other quarters, which he did.

Anyhow the partnership is not only dissolved but the two democratic war-horses who have pulled so long in the harness together are occupying different suits of rooms in the same building and about as far apart as it is possible for them to be.

## OVER WESTON WAY

From the Leader.

A. F. and T. W. Turner have returned from their trip into northern Idaho. They were much impressed with the present prosperity and future prospects of Grangeville and may decide to locate at that point, having disposed of their farm property near Helix.

Mr. and Mrs. William Albert, who reside on Weston mountain, were called to Echo Tuesday by a sad message announcing serious and perhaps fatal injuries to their grandchild, the little son of W. W. Penry. The boy was accidentally scalded, and it is feared that he cannot recover.

George Carmichael's team ran away last evening from the hitching rack on Main street near the Weston Store, dragging him for some distance. After touring pell mell through the upper end of town, the team circled back to Main street and collided with a telephone pole. No great damage resulted.

That farmers hereabouts are disposed to beautify and improve their places is indicated by the dozens of orders for fruit trees and shrubbery now being distributed at N. Lovelock's barn. That so many orders were filled here by the Milton nursery is an encouraging sign, as it indicates the tendency of Weston farmers to spare a little time from wheat raising in order to get an orchard started. And it has been demonstrated that fruit is a success here, if properly cared for.

James Compton has a promising crop of potatoes on Reed and Hawley mountain, consisting of about thirty acres, and expects to harvest in the

neighborhood of about 1900 sacks. Consequently he is keeping an eye on the market, and would like to dispose of his entire crop to one buyer for shipment. Some of the "spuds" already dug went nearly 100 sacks to the acre, but Mr. Compton does not expect this average to be maintained.

## MILTON NEWS NOTES.

From the Eagle.

Prof. J. E. Cherry has moved his family up from Pendleton and is occupying the B. L. Wright residence on upper Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry have many friends in this city who are glad to welcome them back to Milton.

Work on the electric line from Walla Walla is somewhat delayed owing to the non-arrival of material. However, grading work is being pushed and the company expects to have the road completed to this place by the end of the month.

Mr. A. M. Elam was showing a peanut vine this week which was grown on his place and on which were clustered a large number of fully developed peanuts. The peanuts were a Mexican variety which Mr. Elam brought from Texas and he states are the only ones he has ever planted that would thoroughly mature in this climate.

Electrician Taylor has placed twenty-three more lights on the streets of Milton, which brings the total up to 58 25 candle power lamps amounting to 1458 candle power. This would cost if bought from any private company, \$87 a month for the electric current and globes, or \$1,044 a year.

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