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The allegations being brought to bear upon the eligibility of Dr. Hall to qualify in event of his election as joint senator from Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties are nothing more than a tissue of slush, hatched up for campaign purposes. So far as qualification in the matter is concerned, Dr. Hall, his democratic supporters and his republican friends are giving little heed. The doctor's statement relative to his citizenship papers, published in today's Press, taken in connection with the manly explanation he gave during his address in the city Tuesday evening, effectually shatters all rumors pertaining to his ineligibility to qualify for the office. Dr. Hall is by far the strongest man the democrats have ever put up for joint senator and his splendid qualifications entitle him to every democratic vote in Umatilla and the other two counties embracing the district. His superior attainments and educational advantages, his mastery of parliamentary law and his thorough knowledge of the needs of the state, are attributes for preferment which every democrat should be proud to honor. The opportunity is now presented whereby the democracy of Umatilla county can have the honor of supporting a man who is to Union county all that Dr. Smith is to us. So far as Dr. Hall's opponent is concerned, the Press fails to see where democrats owe him anything, politically speaking. If the integrity of the party is to be kept intact, the only method of perpetuating it is to loyally support its candidates when these candidates merit by virtue of capability and endowment force and strength of personality sufficient to creditably and effectively represent their constituency.

In asking for votes at the republican meeting the other evening Mr. Barrett advised that "petty jealousy, prejudices and spitefulness" emanating from the results of past city election scraps be eliminated from the present campaign and that he be endorsed at the polls by virtue of the merits of his platform. The point raised by Mr. Barrett is not a bad one by any means for prejudices should at all times be subservient to principle. However, this coming from Mr. Barrett would sound better were it not a well known fact that since the last city election, in which the Press differed from Mr. Barrett in a local issue, his firm has boycotted this paper, to the extent of withdrawal of advertising patronage and having his printing done by outside firms. There is a vast difference between principle and prejudice. Some are discerning enough to detect it—others are not.

Dr. Smith had just and sufficient reason for opposing a raise in Judge Gilliland's salary before the legislature and if memory serves us right he opposed, for the same reason, a raise in the county treasurer's salary. The reason for Senator Smith's opposition, was that he received peti-

tions from taxpayers of this county to do so. Every newspaper in the county, except the Pendleton Tribune, opposed the salary raising movement, and the sentiment thus created promptly squelched the matter. As stated then, the Press reiterates that there are numerous good and capable men who are willing to perform the duties of these offices at the present salary and so long as there are, this paper will continue to oppose any move for an increase.

**Fred Wilson, proxy for Mr. Burgess** at the republican meeting Wednesday night, made the statement that it was impossible to tell whether Senator Smith was a "home ruler" or a prohibitionist. And he stopped right there. The audience was not given the location of his friend Burgess' camp on that issue.

**Party at Christian Church.** A most pleasant time was enjoyed in the Christian church dining room Monday evening, where the young people gathered to participate in a Halloween social. Games were played and a jolly time was had until about 10 o'clock, when the youngsters were treated to apples and dismissed. A number of older people were present and all enjoyed the evening.

**Another Telling Point.** Politeness and good humor count in a public official as well as efficiency. In Recorder Hendley we have these qualifications. Why not keep such a man while he is willing to stay?

**Charles Keen Married.** The Walla Walla Union says: Mr. Charles Keen, the well known musician of this city, and Miss Maud B. Keller, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, October 26, at 2 o'clock at the home of Fred DeForest, 307 South Fourth street. Rev. John LeCornu was the officiating clergyman.

**A Thing Worth Considering** Do the taxpayers of Umatilla county want to increase the expense of the office of the county recorder \$900 or \$1200 year? By voting for Recorder Hendley this extra expense will be out.

**Woman Suffrage in Colorado.** Mrs. Francis W. Goddard of Colorado Springs, a noted worker for educational and philanthropic causes, no longer believes in "votes for women." In an interview in May in the Providence, Mass., Sunday Journal, she says: "I have voted since 1893. I have been delegate to city and state conventions and if I am sent to the next state convention I shall go. I have been a deputy sheriff and a watcher at the polls and a member of the republican state committee from El Paso county. As long as I have the franchise, I consider it a duty to vote, but I would abolish the privilege tomorrow if I could." The tendency of women to bring the personal element into everything, Mrs. Goddard contends, is one of the chief elements of their failure as voters. Mrs. Goddard has been in the midst of the fight and she considers that as a factor for righteousness, woman suffrage in Colorado is a failure, and that the price women must pay is too great.

**Oregon State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.** Mrs. Francis J. Bailey, President. Paid Advertisement.

**Records Well Kept.** The records of Umatilla county have never been kept as well or so cheaply as under Recorder Fred Hendley. Can the taxpayers of the county overlook this fact, and vote for an untried man?

**Tom—Hello, Bill!** I hear you have a position with my friends Skinner & Co.? Bill—Oh, yes; I have a position as collector there. Tom—That's first rate. Who recommended you? Bill—Oh, nobody. I told them that I once collected an account from you, and they instantly gave me the place.

**SYSTEM RADICALLY WRONG.** Division Should be Decided by Each County. That the system now in vogue in Oregon is radically wrong for the division of counties, is the belief of the Astoria Budget, which in its issue of July 7, says that it should be left to the people of each county themselves to decide whether or not they want to create new counties. The Budget says:

"Among the initiative measures that are to be voted upon at the election next November is one to create Nesmith county by taking portions of Lane and Douglas counties. This is a measure which is of course only of direct interest to the people residing in the districts affected, but under the provisions of the law, it is to be voted upon by the people of the entire state. Judging from matter that is being sent out by the commercial clubs of Lane and Douglas counties the great majority of the residents of those sections are opposed to the bill and the only ones there are who are favoring it are those who are endeavoring to create a real estate boom in what is to be the new county seat. That being the case, the one thing for electors who reside outside the affected districts, to do is vote against it. The fact of the matter is that the method now in vogue for the division of counties is altogether wrong. Such questions should be left entirely to the people whose homes are in the section directly concerned and whose interests are thus affected and not to the voters of the state at large, the majority of whom know or care absolutely nothing about the matter at issue. One grave danger of granting these petitions for divisions of counties by a vote of the people of the entire state is that some time the question may come closer to home. Some one, for instance, may want to get up a petition to divide our own county and under the existing law, the people of other sections of the state would determine the question by their votes. The safer way is to kill all measures of this kind that come up and thus nip all prospective petitions in the bud, at least until such time as the state laws are amended so as to provide for what may be termed "home rule," by restricting the vote on these strictly local measures to the voters residing within the district concerned."

**MR. VOTER.** Do you think it right to vote to create new counties and double their expenses. You can not know conditions in remote counties and should vote against all division and vote for the law allowing counties to settle their local matters among themselves.

**Thanks for the Pool.** (East Oregonian). Above Gibbon the middle of the Umatilla river is to be the dividing line between Umatilla county and the proposed new county, which has not yet been christened. Under this arrangement the Wenaha Springs resort will be in the new county. All excepting the pool. Thanks for the pool.

**NEW COUNTIES.** When alone in the election booth on November 8th, when scanning your ballot you will read substantially the following:

- A Bill to Create the County of Clarke. 334 Yes. 335 X No.
- A Bill to Create the County of Deschutes. 350 Yes. 351 X No.
- A Bill to Annex a Portion of Clackamas County to Multnomah. 322 Yes. 323 X No.
- A Bill to Annex a Portion of Washington County to Multnomah. 338 Yes. 339 X No.
- A Bill to Create the County of Nesmith. 316 Yes. 317 X No.
- A Bill to Create Orchard County. 332 Yes. 333 X No.
- A Bill to Create the County of Otts. 320 Yes. 321 X No.
- A Bill to Create the County of Williams. 324 Yes. 325 X No.
- A Bill for an Act providing for the Creation of New Counties, Towns, etc., and changing boundaries of existing counties, etc. 352 X Yes. 353 No.

You are asked to consider well the above measures and by voting "No" on all division measures, and "Yes" on the bill giving the counties full control of all local matters, you will be relieved of such duties at future elections. Your careful, conscientious consideration is asked. Respectfully,  
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## Think, Then Vote.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements of the County Recorder's office since its organization. Special attention is called to the fact that the charge per folio for the first three years of the Folsom administration was 25 cents per folio and for the last two years, 20c per folio. The charge per folio all during the Hendley administration being only 20 cts a folio, a decrease in sources of revenue for the office.

Term from	Recorder	Salary and deputy hire	Receive from recording fees	Cost to county for each \$1 of fees received
July to July 1				
1894 to 1896	Hendley	\$5300.00	\$3960.00	
1896 to 1898	Bickers	\$5400.00	\$4466.05	\$1.24
1898 to 1902	Mahoney	\$11543.00	\$11301.25	\$1.21
1902 to 1908	Folsom	\$13400.00	\$17741.10	\$1.03
1908 to 1910	Hendley	\$12370.00	\$18851.55	.87

For the four years under Hendley the office expenses were \$17,370.00. Amount saved to the taxpayers in 4 years under Hendley in office expenses as compared with 4 years under Folsom \$1130.00.  
Number of folios recorded by Hendley 92416.  
Number of folios recorded by Folsom 75616.  
Increase of folios under Hendley 6794.  
Showing that Hendley did \$3298.35 more work in four years than Folsom in the same length of time for \$1130.00 less expense.  
Statement will also show an increase in volume of business in 4 years of \$10,955.80.  
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