

Vote the Straight Republican Ticket

Official Ballot for the State. Includes candidates for United States Senator, Governor, Supreme Judge, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, State Printer, Commissioner of Labor Statistics and Inspector of Factories and Workshops, and Representative to Congress.

TO GIVE TITLE TO GRAZING LANDS

Purchasers of Land on Umatilla Reservation May Receive Title on Showing Lands are Chiefly Valuable for Grazing

SENATOR ANKENY'S MEASURE RELATING TO IRRIGATION

Secretary Hitchcock Interprets Reclamation Law to Exclude Prospecting for Artesian Water—Well Boring Permissible

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Senator Fulton yesterday introduced a bill providing that persons who have heretofore purchased land on the Umatilla Indian reservation and shall hereafter make full payment for the same, shall receive title from the government upon showing that the lands are chiefly valuable for grazing and not susceptible of cultivation.

Senator Ankeny yesterday reported a bill to the senate providing that farm units on government irrigation projects be fixed anywhere between 20 and 160 acres. The bill originally made ten acres the minimum. Desert lands entrymen whose lands were included in the government withdrawals, must relinquish all but 160 acres if their holding is made part of a government project, but if the withdrawal is revoked, they are given credit on their desert entry for the period of time development recorded by the withdrawal.

Artesian well boring, except where preliminary work assures success in reaching a profitable flow of water, is prohibited by the reclamation rules. Secretary Hitchcock has interpreted the law creating the fund to mean that operations on the reclamation fund are permissible only where there are positive engineering assurances of full returns. Prospecting for artesian water cannot be classed under such projects. Oregon is one of the keenest sufferers from this ruling, as it has been a cherished hope of Senator Fulton to secure provision for several wells in the great central and southeastern section, where the land is arid. North of Summer and Harney lakes there are sections so far removed from water sheds that irrigation by any practical canal is impossible.

a fertile region by boring a few hundred or thousand feet. The soil in that region is fertile, when moistened. Much of the area seems hopelessly beyond canal irrigation. If there is one boring project in the country meriting an experiment by the government, this Oregon field seemed to be it. But the ruling of the secretary of the interior forbids any experimental work, even where possessed of such promise, and unless the laws are changed, the ruling reversed or the government's aid enlisted through special appropriation, artesian experiments in the heart of the Oregon desert will be left to private capital.

IN JUSTICE TO JONATHAN BOURNE

The Dalles Chronicle: The great underlying principle of republican government is majority rule, and the submission of the minority. This applies within parties as well as between parties, but the principle is constantly ignored and abused to a greater or less extent.

The Chronicle opposed Jonathan Bourne, Jr., as the choice of Oregon Republicans for United States senator, but Oregon Republicans expressed for Mr. Bourne.

The Chronicle defers to the majority. It doffs its cap to the will of the people and to Mr. Bourne. It lays down, but it lays down "pat." It has no apologies to make to anybody for anything. It retracts nothing. If has been overruled and it becomes passive until such time as it shall be proven right or wrong.

The man who wins out in a political contest is entitled to the support of his party organization. The party candidate running is entitled to a "square deal" during his incumbency. The partisan who never stops fighting is certain to disrupt his party. The citizen elector who never stops fighting is the poorest kind of a poor American citizen.

The Chronicle believes that Mr. Bourne secured the nomination fairly and he is entitled to fair and just treatment at the hands of Republican politicians of the state.

The Chronicle does not endorse the underhand attempts to defeat Mr. Bourne. Republicans have made their choice and should abide by it. If Mr. Bourne receives the major vote for senator on June 4 he should be chosen by the legislature, no matter were he the horned, cloven-hoofed and forked-tailed prince of the realm of the damned. There's nothing like playing square, even in dealing with the devil.

Portland politicians who held their peace previous to the primaries, are new very much in evidence. They are taking a hand to defeat Mr. Bourne. These underhand politicians accuse Mr. Bourne of combining with Democrats while a member of the legislature in 1885 to defeat Sol Hirsch for senator, having tried to defeat John H. Mitchell, the caucus nominee, and of voting against him.

They accuse him of organizing an

opposition to Joseph N. Dolph and defeating him in 1895, and of putting up money in an attempt to capture the Republican primaries from the regular organization in April, 1896. In the same year Mr. Bourne was nominated as a Mitchell Republican for the legislature, on the promise that he would vote for him for senator, which promise it is claimed, he broke.

They charge him with having held up the legislature of 1897 to defeat Mitchell for the senate and of having maintained lavish headquarters in the Eldridge block for that purpose.

The time for these republicans to get busy was before the primary. The proper thing to do now is to take the medicine as pleasantly as possible. To adopt just such political tactics as they accuse Mr. Bourne of having practiced, and blame him for so doing, is unworthy of Oregon partisanship, citizenship or patriotism.

For many months we have heard of the virtues of electing United States senators by direct vote of the people. If Mr. Bourne is the people's choice he should be named by the legislature and it is morally bound to do so.

THE COWARDLY ASSASSIN.

Portland Oregonian:

A man's political character is a proper subject for discussion, and so is his private character, if he aspires to public place. But it is cowardly, despicable and infamous to make anonymous attacks; the more so, of course, if they are malicious and false, as are the attacks on Jonathan Bourne, printed and circulated by thousands, in the hope of defeating him for the United States senate.

Who are the cowardly culprits and assassins, who do this work and shield themselves under anonymity? Evidently they are persons who have money to back their malignity, on the one hand, and their selfish desire to open the senatorship to purchase, on the other. Circulars by tens of thousands cannot be printed and sent through the mails without money, and a good deal of it. What plutocrat, or group of plutocrats, is "putting up" for these anonymous defamations? They probably will yet be discovered, and branded with the infamy they deserve.

No creature is so despicable as he who uses the assassin's weapon of anonymous attack. Criticism of the political career of Jonathan Bourne, or of any other public man, is allowable, if done openly and decently; but even this never should be done by those who work in secrecy and concealment, afraid to avow themselves. Attacks on the personal and private character of public men by a malignant cowardice that conceals its own personality and utters calumnies from under cover, should be treated always with the contempt that such despicable work deserves. To an anonymous circular no right-minded person can pay any attention whatever; and if calumnious, the work can only excite loathing towards those guilty of it.

Taking some of these libelous cir-

NORTHERN PACIFIC HOLDS UP O.R. & N.

Secures Injunction Restraining Construction Down North Bank of Snake River Below Riparia.

OPEN WARFARE BETWEEN ROADS IS ANTICIPATED

Northern Pacific Construction Crew Straightening and Raising Abandoned Track Running Into Lewis-ton—Fight for Territory Coming.

LEWISTON, Ida., May 29.—The first open breach between the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and the Northern Pacific in the construction movements on the Snake river was made known today when, at the instance of the Northern Pacific, the judge of the superior court of Whitman county issued an injunction restraining the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company from construction down the north bank of the Snake below Riparia. A writ was issued at Colfax Saturday night and made effective yesterday and word reached here this morning.

It has been known for several days that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company contemplated building down the north bank of the Snake below Riparia and during the last week several hundred men were put to work grading on that line. It is now expected here that within a short time both roads will be in an open fight in this vicinity.

Engineer Staser, of the Northern Pacific, is now cross-sectioning the line south of Lewiston and a construction crew under his orders is straightening and raising an abandoned track which runs to the northern portion of the city. There can be no other conclusion than that the Northern Pacific will build in the Waha section. In the same vicinity, working with a crew, is Engineer Cobb, of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's local electric line. All three surveys, from observations, will conflict, and it is not unlikely that a fight for territory will again be soon participated.

culars to the investigation committee of the Municipal Association of Portland, Mr. Bourne requested an inquiry into the charges they contain. Several persons, believed to be the authors or promoters of the accusations, were called to come and testify, but all of them refused or declined. The committee had no power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the gentlemen who are known to be among those who carry the dagger of libel and slander in the shag of anonymity refused to appear. Cowardly scoundrels, always, are those who pursue the work of secret defamation. But as some of these men are known, they yet probably will have the advantage, in spite of all their efforts for secrecy, to tell in open court what they pretend to know.

To oppose a man in politics is one thing; to defame his personal character is another—especially if it is done under the cover of a cowardly and malignant anonymity. Nothing that affects the character of men should be published anonymously. Fortunately, human nature is so constituted that such publications usually defeat the purpose of those who utter them.

The Oregonian has opposed Mr. Bourne on many occasions heretofore. In former years, when the money question was supreme, it differed from him most widely. That was ten years ago, and it is past. The Oregonian never questioned the honesty of his motives, and it gave him credit for the courage of his convictions. That was more than it could say for many or most of the conspicuous men of the Republican party who then were juggling with the money question. That contention, however, belongs to the past. It never will be renewed. No more forever will the gold standard be questioned. Mr. Bourne was no more in error on the money question, and far more honest, than a large majority of the active Republican politicians of Oregon; among whom are those now making on him these cowardly attacks from ambush, in the hope of advantage to themselves through party disorganization.

Elect Entire Ticket. I hope and expect to see the entire Republican ticket elected in June. It is high time that a strong Republican state like Oregon should be free from the blight of having its principal offices in the hands of Democrats.—Joseph Simon, ex-United States Senator.

ARRANGING FOR THE CELEBRATION

Committees Meet and Plan Patriotic Exercises and Program of Sports for Independence Day Demonstration.

TWO DAYS OF CONTINUAL SHOW AND AMUSEMENT

Parade Will Be Spectacular Procession Exceeding Anything Ever Seen in The Dalles—Music by Many Bands—All Kinds of Sports.

The Dalles Chronicle:

While every member of each of the committees having in charge the Fourth of July celebration was not present at the meeting held at the Commercial Club rooms last night, a representative of each of the committees of gentlemen and all but three of the ladies were on hand, ready to do what was required of them in order to make the celebration a success. A. E. Crosby, chairman of the gentlemen's entertainment committee, presided and transmitted his enthusiasm to each one present.

A general outline of the work expected of the committees was gone over and the duty of planning for the arrangement of the two days' program was entrusted to A. E. Crosby, C. W. Dietzel and E. O. McCoy, who will report at a meeting to be held Thursday night.

In a general discussion of the plans for the two days it was suggested that the horse races take place on the afternoon of the 3rd, with a ball game or any other sport which may be selected from the long list planned, and in the evening a band concert and ball. On the Fourth the usual exercises appropriate to the day—parade, exercises at the grand stand, horse tournament, aquatic and other sports on the beach, ball game, band concert, ball and fireworks.

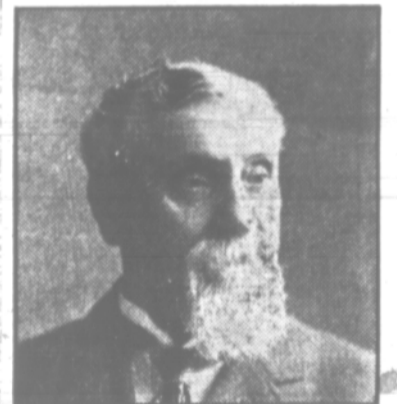
The committees are not doing things by halves, but have determined to make it in deed as well as in name, a "grand" celebration. Not

one band, but several will furnish music; not one float, but several, will grace the parade, the plan being to attempt to secure some of the floats used in the "Made in Oregon" parade in Portland. Every feature which will make the parade a splendid one and every sport which will make the day a pleasant one, will be resorted to.

Being America's birthday, it has been considered fitting to invite all Americans to have a prominent part in the exercises of the day, and so the "residents" of Wishram, Celilo and other Red Men will be prominent in "painting the town red" on that occasion.

To the ladies' committee, of which Mrs. E. O. McCoy is chairman, has been assigned the duty of arranging for the liberty car and the platform exercises following the parade, and already they have a plan for choosing the Goddess of Liberty, which is referred to in another column.

At the meeting Thursday night the work will be systematized and a complete outline of the program for both days reported.



Republican Candidate for State Treasurer.

Rain Was General.

Reports from all over Oregon and Washington say that the rains have been general. In the Big Bend country, Eureka flat, Grand Ronde valley, Morrow county and in all the wheat districts of the inland empire excellent rains have fallen and wheat prospects are consequently advanced greatly. An especially heavy rain has fallen in the Big Bend country, where wheat was suffering considerably. The Eureka flat wheat has also been saved as it was in bad condition and a few more days of dry weather would have greatly affected the crop. According to the East Oregonian, some wheat in the foothill districts of Umatilla county was suffering, but the rain has been of immeasurable benefit and the crop is now assured.



The Oregonian's Conception of Governor Chamberlain's Political Position and Attitude Toward the President and the People.