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GEER'S VICTORY

While Governor Geer's victory at the Marion county primaries Friday does not assure him the Republican nomination, it is a very significant straw to show which way the wind blows. The strongest possible fight was put up against Geer in Marion county, in the hope that a defeat there would effectually kill his chances for the nomination.

The machine politicians of the county, the grafters and the hoodlums were lined up against him nearly to a man. His support came from the rank and file of the party and from the better class of Republican leaders, and from the people who are interested in good government more than in grafts.

These facts ought to effectually dispose of the charge that Geer is too closely allied with machine politicians, even though he had not been so heartily endorsed by the better element in his own county. With that endorsement his chances seem decidedly good.

ROOSEVELT'S WAY

President Roosevelt's course in ordering the U. S. attorney general to proceed against the great railroad merger has aroused anger and alarm in the breasts of the "great financiers," and one of their grievances is that he did not consult them beforehand and tell them what he was going to do. One of their spokesmen says:

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"It is a well-recognized principle that the business world is always entitled to such information, and this principle was recognized by Presidents Cleveland and McKinley. If President Roosevelt will do a thing like this without notice and without consultation with his Cabinet or any one else, we business men would like to know what he will do next. It is this that causes us anxiety."

This brings out the distinction between the big thief and the little thief in great shape, for it is also a well recognized principle that the officer who desires to enforce the law against the small criminal does not give him warning before issuing a warrant for his arrest.

If these fellows do not enjoy anxiety, they would better obey the laws so long as Theodore Roosevelt is Chief Executive.

PROFESSOR ACKERMAN

In the flurry over the Senatorship and the governorship, not much is being said about one of the most important offices in the state, that of Superintendent of Public Schools.

Professor J. H. Ackerman, the present incumbent is a candidate for re-nomination, and if the interests of the schools are consulted he will have no trouble. Professor Ackerman is a man of ability, energy and force of character. He is an enthusiast in educational work and has administered his office with an eye to the advancement of the public school interests.

When he entered upon the duties of his office there were some misgivings even among those who supported him, lest the charge that he was too closely connected with the American Book Co. should prove true. These doubts were soon dissipated. Professor Ackerman is neither a boodler nor a peanut-politician. This latter fact is in one sense a source of weakness, as the office he holds was run so long on the lines of a political machine that some of the small-calibre grafters have their knives out for the man who has cut off some of their perquisites.

It remains for the friends of education to make themselves heard in endorsement of the best state superintendent Oregon has had in many long years.

A WASTE OF ENERGY

With all due respect for the motives which impel the Prohibitionists in their desire to carry on their propaganda and to stand up and be counted in the political arena, it is impossible to refrain from calling their judgment in question.

There is little use in arguing the main question, whether prohibition is a solution of the liquor question or not. Those who have lived or visited in states where it was in force know that it is in no sense a solution, know that it is not enforced anywhere, never has been and never can be; but it is no use to bring that argument to bear on the advocates of the measure. It cuts no figure with them.

If prohibition were a practical solution of the liquor question, which it is not, and there were some glimmering prospect that it could be carried in this state within a reasonable

time which there is not, there might be some point in putting up a ticket now.

As it is, the effect is simply to segregate and throw away some votes which ought to be cast in a way to accomplish something for good government. The man who casts his ballot for prohibition next June knows absolutely that he is throwing it away. He knows to a dead moral certainty that prohibition can not carry Oregon within the next generation. At least, he ought to know these things. Then, for the sake of simply showing his individual abhorrence of what he considers the greatest single evil, he is willing to hold himself entirely aloof from the fight against all the other evils. With good government in state and county, with clean politics and the repression of the boodler and grafter in the party councils, the reduction of useless expenditures and the lowering of taxes, the enforcement of the laws we already have, with all these things he has nothing to do. He is like the ship-wrecked traveler who sinks with his gold, rather than save something less dear.

In Coos county the prohibition vote will cut little figure, but whatever strength comes to it might better be expended where there is a possibility of accomplishing some good.

The juvenile quartette will be one of the attractions at the minstrels' April 5.

HOME AND CHILD

Does your horse "feel his oats"? What a difference between the grain-fed and the grass-fed horse! The first strong and full of ginger, the second flabby, weak and tired out before he begins. The feeding makes the difference.

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HOT TIME COMING

Southern Congressmen are Furious

PLAN TO REDUCE SOUTH'S REPRESENTATION

Cubans and Porto Ricans to be Sent to the Philippines

Washington, March 18—The Republican House leaders have decided to force investigation by a special commission of electoral conditions in the south.

This is preliminary to an effort to reduce representation in the House of the states which restrict Negro suffrage.

The southern congressmen are furious over the plan and declare that they will fight every inch of the way.

At a meeting of the Senate finance committee this morning it was decided to report favorable the House bill repealing the war taxes.

It is stated that the plan of General Miles for the pacification of the Philippines is disapproved.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root contemplated the selection of half a dozen representative Cubans and the same number of Porto Ricans who should accompany Miles to the Philippines, these men to be given an opportunity to talk to the Filipinos regarding the beneficial results of the American rule in their islands.

Miles proposed bringing a number of prominent Filipinos to the United States for the purpose of studying American institutions.

RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER

SPRINGS A STORY

St. Petersburg, March 18—A newspaper today says that Russia will not allow America to compel Turkey to pay back the ransom money exacted by the brigands for the release of Missionary Stone.

Russia will enunciate the Monroe doctrine in Eastern Europe.

SIoux CITY IN DANGER

FROM AN ICE JAM

Sioux City, March 18—Early Sunday morning the Missouri river at Chamberlain, South Dakota went dry, stranding the ferry boat in midstream. Ice being running it was feared that a gorge had been formed somewhere above the city. A courier was sent out to investigate. If a gorge be formed it will cause immense damage when it does break.

Wilson-Lassiter Contest

Washington, March 18—The contest case of Wilson vs Lassiter, for the seat from the Fourth Virginia Congressional district, came up for hearing today before the House committee on elections.

Banquet by Celtic Sons

Seattle, March 18—The Celtic Sons of Washington celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a big banquet here last night. Prominent men were present from many parts of the state.

County Treasurer Dulley has called all warrants endorsed prior to Sept 1, 1900.

A letter received yesterday from San Francisco says that Capt. Colthrop will be here in a few weeks, for the purpose of building a vessel to cost \$54,000. Mr. Kruse, late of North Bend shipyard, is to be master builder, and is expected here in a week or two, to select a site for a yard, and make preparations for commencing work.—News.

More Street Improvements

The city council is turning its attention to South Marshfield in response to many requests in that part of town and the next street work will probably be done out there.

H street will be improved with a covering of rock, either the entire width or a wide strip in the middle of the street. The improvement will start at Fourth street and will extend as far as seems to be required.

A sidewalk will be laid on the north side of H between 6th and 7th streets, and it is probable that the sidewalk zone will be extended considerably beyond its present limits.

This is about the only part of town where mud is troublesome, and the property owners are desirous of abating the nuisance.

Planking Front Street

T. D. Holland, who has the contract for replanking North Front street received a carload of cedar from Johnson's mill Monday, commenced work on the street at once and will push the job to completion as fast as possible. It is not likely that he can finish it within the time limit, but as the delay was caused by high water in the Coquille, for which he was not responsible, the council will probably not be arbitrary in the matter.

Bright's Disease

The largest sum ever paid for a prescription, changed hands at San Francisco, Aug 30, 1901. The transfer involved in coin and stock \$112,500.00 and was paid by a party of business men for a specific for Bright's Disease and Diabetes, in heretofore incurable diseases.

They commenced the serious investigation of the specific Nov 15, 1900. They interviewed scores of the cured and tried it out on their merits by putting over three dozen cases on the treatment and watching them. They also got physicians to name chronic, incurable cases, and administered it with the physicians for judges. Up to Aug. 25, eighty seven per cent of the test cases were either well or progressing favorably.

There being only thirteen per cent of failures, the parties were satisfied and closed the transaction. The proceedings of the investigating committee and the clinical reports of the test cases were published and will be mailed free on application. Address JOHN J. FULTON COMPANY, 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.