

EDITORIAL

LEE ANND CHAMBERLAIN.

The Coos Bay News says of J. D. Lee's address here:

"He found fault with Chamberlain, regarding his salary as district attorney of Multnomah county, but forgot to mention that he (Lee) is at present drawing his salary as superintendent of the penitentiary while he is out stumping the state for the Republicans."

J. D. Lee draws a salary from the state of \$1500 a year. He is absent on his trips but a few days at a time. His absence makes a little more work for his warden and clerk, who are authorized to employ any extra help needed at his expense. When he returns to his post after a short interval he cleans up all matters requiring his personal attention.

Chamberlain draws a salary from the state of \$4000 a year. He is devoting all of his time, from the start to the finish of the campaign, to advocating his own election, and if he has made any provisions to have his official duties adequately attended to the fact does not appear.

In justice to Mr. Lee, the implied slur is to be resented. He is one of the cleanest men in the state. The editor of the MAIL happens to have personal knowledge that in the somewhat mixed relations arising from the fact that the state furnishes a residence and supplies to the superintendent of the penitentiary, Mr. Lee does not follow the usual example of living high at state expense, but is conscientiously careful to pay out of his own pocket any expenses which might properly be termed extras. The intimation that he is not doing the right thing now is an injustice.

ED. MAIL:—In selecting Hon. E. D. Hume for Joint Representative from Coos and Curry Counties, the republicans have done a wise thing. To those who know the two, a comparison of Mr. Hume, with his opponent is like comparing sight by daylight with darkness. Mr. Hume possesses every qualification needed to make an intelligent and influential representative. His service in the last legislature was such as to put him to the front in influence, and real service.

Than Schiller B. Hermann, Coos county, possesses no more active and loyal Republican. As a worker he is a chip from the old block, and those who know his father know what this means. His whole life has been spent in Southern Oregon and his interests are such as to make him an especially needed member of our legislature just now.

Steve, our Steve, who does not know him? As sheriff he has made one of the best the county ever had. He has been faithful and true, energetic and careful. No duty has been left unfulfilled. To reelect him is but justice to a faithful servant. He will not have to leave another official position and desert duties half fulfilled to accept the office, but will and can continue in the office to which he has so faithfully served for the past two years.

While I have no objection to the aspirations of his opponent, yet it seems to me the wiser plan to leave him to complete his term as assessor, before surrendering the office. To resign when he years assessment is but half completed would entail loss to the county and might cause serious trouble, a contingency easily avoided by re-election on Steve Gallier for Sheriff.

Without any attempt to urge any claims of all candidates I can not but urge that the interests of the county will be especially served by the election of J. T. Houser for assessor. He will be faithful in the performance of his duties and will serve out his term of office in life and health permits. He will not leave the county to patch up a year's work, which no one but the one who begins it can do intelligently, but will attend strictly to business and serve out his term. Mr. Houser is particularly fortunate in having the support and promised support of his entire party, as also some who are prominent in the opposing party.

That he will be elected and serve the people faithfully as assessor there is but little doubt. R. E. PORTER.

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