

Grange Not in Politics.

Tangent, Oregon, May 17, 1906. Editor Democrat.

In the Oregonian of the 14th inst. I find the following in a correspondence sent from Albany to that paper:

A short time ago the Grange of Linn county propounded some questions to Legislative candidates, among them being the query whether they would support the people's choice for United States Senator.

Now, I said to a granger, one of the most substantial in the county. "Well I see the grangers have endorsed G. W. Wright for senator."

The young man who sends items to the Oregonian should know that the grange is not in politics, and that any effort to plunge the order into the dirty pool will meet with the contempt that such interference provokes.

GRANGER.

An Untrue Statement.

Mr. Withycombe made the statement at the opera house Saturday evening, and repeated it, that the governor of this state has nothing at all to do in the matter of loaning the irreducible school funds. Is it possible that Dr. Withycombe who is now asking the people to elect him governor of this state is ignorant of the laws and constitution of his adopted state in which he has resided ever since he came here from England in 1871—a period of 35 years?

Out of Whole Cloth.

Some one from Albany has furnished the Oregonian some news. Here it is: "A noteworthy feature of the campaign is that the republican candidates for county offices are not traveling around the county in a party this year and holding rallies together."

Now, what could have possessed the correspondent to dish up such a mess as this? The democrats for the last forty years have been having the same kind of campaign that they have now.

Will Not Surrender to the R. R.'s.

When Governor Chamberlain appointed Hon. J. M. Gearin United States Senator it was made known to the public that the latter would support the President's rail road rate policy. That policy was fully set out in the Hepburn bill which was introduced in the House and passed with only seven votes in the negative, all republicans.

practically destroying the salient, beneficial provisions of the Hepburn bill, that Mr. Gearin voted against. In view of these well-known facts Mr. Withycombe, Mr. Crawford and other republican candidates are charging Mr. Gearin with not supporting the President's rail road policy when in truth he is voting against the senate amendments that have utterly destroyed the original efficiency of the bill.

Frenzied Thoughts.

This speculation as to what congress will do when the rate bill debate ends, is most encouraging. It is one of the few intimations we have had, that the rate bill debate is going to end.

All things earthly must come to an end, even the Senate debate on the railroad rate bill.

John Paul Jones' troubles are now over.

Mr. Rockefeller inadvertently omitted a cipher or two from his contribution for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers.

The first republican Parliament will be opened at St. Petersburg in May. Czar Nicholas will do the opening stunt and then retire gracefully to a back seat.

If Kansas is looking for that kind of a man for Governor we might offer Gladstone Dowie, the unknissed.

That Chicago grand jury indicted John A. Cooke thirty-one times and then stopped. Perhaps it got tired.

Ohio's state food commissioner has wrought consternation among certain manufacturers of soda water syrups, by announcing that henceforth fruit flavors must be flavored with fruit.

Some one makes the wholly superfluous announcement that Carnegie will provide San Francisco's new libraries. The logic of the situation made any other assumption impossible.

Japan's earthquake experts, now enroute to San Francisco, should be able to give useful advice. In Japan, an earthquake comes along so frequently that the inhabitants are lonesome without one.

Can't Swallow Bourne.

The editor of the Daily Chronicle, republican, of The Dalles, has the manhood to break over the slogan of the bosses to vote it straight. He says:

There are many who profess to believe that the voice of the people is, to all political purposes, the voice of God—just, right and unquestionably infallible.

It is far from fact. For years the voice of the people has been raised in protest against the men who went to make up the United States senate and the methods used in securing the honorable position.

None but millionaires had a chance and the charge of buying up legislatures has been made more than once. Men with no experience in statecraft or ability as statesmen, whose whole time and talent have been lent to helping the money hogs, the insurance grafters, the express robbers, the railroad plunderers and Standard Oil thieves run the government machinery to their own sweet liking.

JONATHAN BOURNE, JR., IS THE PERSONIFICATION OF ALL THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PROTESTING AGAINST.

Yet he comes forth, announces himself the champion of what the people have been shouting for, sends confidential personal letters to the electors at cowpath crossroads and forks of the creek, along with a bunch of toothpicks and swashbuckle literature, parading himself as the plumed champion of Statement No. 1, and the voice of the people speaks the name of Jonathan Bourne, Jr., for United States senator feign the "disgraced" state of Oregon.

Jonathan Bourne is not a republican. Like his prototypes, Platt, Adiecks, Aldrich, Clark, he really has no political principles. Parties are but the vehicles to carry them to the desired position. He is a man who does things, but he does them with his money. He is not without the wit to plan and nerve to carry out, but it is not in the direction of patriotism or statesmanship, or desire or ability to serve the public welfare.

But the voice of the people has not been raised for Jonathan Bourne for United States senator—scarcely 30 per cent of the republican primary vote. The voice of the people will be raised on June 4.

Will it be raised for Jonathan Bourne, Jr.

The Dr's Mistake

The campaign has already had an amusing incident. In an effort to make sentiment against his opponent, Dr. Withycombe has made an attack on Governor Chamberlain with reference to the "Million Dollar" appropriation bill. The doctor says the Governor ought to have vetoed it so the legislature would have corrected it.

As a vetoer, Governor Chamberlain has been a cracker-jack having in a single term knocked out 29 bills carrying several hundred thousands of useless appropriations; but it has remained for Doctor Withycombe to ascribe to the Governor the transcendent genius of being able to veto a bill before the legislature had passed it.

Chamberlain did exactly the thing he ought to have done with the "million dollar" appropriation bill. Here was the situation. The legislative session was expiring, and the monstrous bill was still in the Senate with the emergency clause attached, which clause forbade the people from applying the referendum. The Governor sent in a message that secured the omission of the emergency clause. He did not veto the bill because it was not passed. He did, however, secure omission of the emergency clause, and thereby opened the way for the people to show their disapproval of the bill by invoking the referendum. Referendum it, they did, and thereby showed their approval of the Governor's action.

Tobacco by the Curtail.

Scio, May 16, 1906.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: We have had a visit from an Albany candidate for state senator, G. W. Wright by name. His chief purpose seemed to be distributing samples of tobacco. We are anxious to know what house he is traveling for.

Can you give us the much sought for information? The "boys" were all pleased on one point, and that was that the pieces are so small that it takes two of them to make one "chaw." Please tell us in the columns of the DEMOCRAT what house George William travels for.

ANXIOUS INQUIRERS.

Guess.

Editor Democrat: A certain candidate for the state senate, a few days after his nomination, said to a friend: "Now they are accusing me of going into the saloons and treating the boys. Well, of course, before the primary election I did go in and treat the boys, but I will tell you what is so, I am not going into a saloon again until after election."

VOTER.

The Herald admits that the Governor is one of the members of the Board of school land commissioners to loan and manage the school funds of the state. But Withycombe said at the opera house that the Governor had nothing in the world to do with the loaning of school funds. The Herald is right and Withycombe is wrong. The Herald editor knows that the constitution of the state makes the Governor a member of the board, but even that does not fit him to be Governor. But Withycombe does not even know that the constitution has such a provision as the one above named. How much less then is he competent for governor.

Mr. Withycombe's judgment on one subject is just and accurate and the DEMOCRAT finds it a great pleasure to be able to agree with him and we hasten to give him credit for that accuracy of judgment. He said at the opera house that Gov. Chamberlain had made a good governor and in this judgment nine out of every ten voters agree with him.

Letter List.

The following letters remain in the Albany, Ore., postoffice uncalled for May 16, 1906. Persons desiring any of these letters should call for advertised letters, giving the date:

John Bradley, Louise Burmester, Miss Ida Cooper, Jack Cross, Leonard C. Confer, Miss Anna Franklin, L. B. Gamble, F. T. George, Mrs. Martha Hindman, Mrs. C. M. Follow, Miss Ida Reed, 106 North Sherman Street; Miss Lydia Snider, P. Storey, Miss Hattie Walton, Mrs. T. M. Walters.

S. S. TRAIN, P. M.

Saturday Night Thoughts

Things have been somewhat lively back in Congress this week. It has been over the much talked of and much kicked rate bill. Something was done with the bill by the committee, with the consent of the President, and then when it emerged it looked some like the parrot after the dog had gotten through with it. This has set in action numerous things, and it takes a general to know where he is at in the melee.

It is now a month since the great San Francisco fire and earthquake, and the papers continue to be filled with it. The eastern weeklies have had little else. Perhaps nothing in the history of the world has attracted more general attention. In its ramifications there was much to make the event stand out. It was bigger as a fire than the combined fires of Chicago, Baltimore and Boston and as an earthquake it was the most shocking of any ever occurring in this country. For years it will be talked about.

In Oregon politics are about all there is left to talk about, and there is a good deal of it. In fact the air is twisted right and left with politics, which one gets for breakfast, dinner and supper, and then one doesn't get very much. The political map is a somewhat uncertain affair and it takes a genius to study it out. It makes strange bed fellows of people, always has, always will. There is so much that is unfair one gets weary. The wire pulling, the squirming, keeps one's head in a swim. It is pleasing in the confusion to see the splendid spirit of independence that is being displayed, in which the character of men is given a prominence deserved, somewhat of a stranger in the past. People have long been demanding that better men be put in office, following the divisions of the past few years, and many appreciate the fact that it is up to them to act as they have manifested.

Not very long ago Russia was on top in the eyes of the world, and the DEMOCRAT for a long time rarely had these thoughts without something about that country and its big war. Now some of the old matter is being threshed over. The case of General Stoessel, the brave defender of Port Arthur has been up with the prospects of his dismissal in disgrace from the army. That would be about the size of Russia and in keeping with its past history of injustice and oppression.

Pidiculous Campaign Stuff.

The following from the Eugene Guard ought to make a person think:

Much of the stuff printed in the partisan press of the country during a campaign is ridiculous when one knows the real facts. For instance, an Oregonian dispatch from Eugene tells about an enthusiastic rally of republicans, at which it was decided to "vote it straight," conveying the impression that this was a practically unanimous decision of Lane county republicans. The real facts are that by actual count twenty-eight voters were present, including ten candidates and several democrats, and the enthusiasm was fairly proportionate to the size of the crowd. By the way, this "vote it straight" campaign of the republican managers is already renegeting because it is taken by the independent thinker and voter as a confession of weakness—implying that the ticket bears the name of weak candidates whose only hope lies in the size of party majority and the ability of the machine bosses to whip the rank and file into line.

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The railroad rate bill as discussed a fiasco.

MISFITS.

Dr. Withycombe has spoken at Mr. Furnish's home town.

A good place for San Francisco's Chinatown is in China.

There are no Jonathan Bournes to swallow in the democratic ticket.

It is to be hoped there are no Joshuas in the Holy Roller camp.

The women are making a game fight for their rights.

The real enemies of President Roosevelt are in the republican party.

John M. Gearin is making a faithful, efficient U. S. Senator.

Napoleon Davis is another disgruntled democrat who failed to get everything in sight.

The name of the President is being wonderfully juggled these days for political effect.

The new S. P. oil tank is going up rapidly. Will the depot move rapidly according to promise.

The supreme court should be non-partisan. Besides Judge Hailey is the right man for the place.

The word Liar is being thrown around promiscuously back in that most dignified of bodies, the U. S. Senate.

Linn county has never had a better sheriff than D. S. Smith, up-to-date, practical, economical.

It is said that Col. Hofer will combine politics with development league down at Coos Bay, all of which will eventually kill the league.

No one has ever attacked Dr. Withycombe because he was born in England. The republicans are simply yelling attack for political effect.

Mr. Mulkey will be U. S. senator only two months if elected. Not two years as a mistake made the DEMOCRAT say. Not much attention is being paid to the matter.

Senator Bailey says a Chicago paper Washington correspondent in an unqualified, deliberate and malicious way, whoever has hold of the end of the muck-rake the correspondent is using.

A subscriber wants the DEMOCRAT to publish the names of mortgagors with the amounts. Can't. Would cause too much of a howl among the mortgagors. No papers do it except those making a specialty of records.

Eugene has its first cement curbing along residence property. Great for that sleepy place. Albany has had cement curbing for years and curbed sidewalks are the thing here.

The Woodburn Independent, a strong republican paper, refuses to swallow Jonathan Bourne. The top to bottom slogan doesn't go down with such a man as Bourne in the dish.

The Guard, a paper published in the typhoid city of Eugene, says: Albany claims an unusually low death rate. Well, what's strange about that—it's hardly worth while dying if you get the habit of living in that town.

When the east sent clothing to San Francisco it was in such a worthless condition it could not be used. The clothing sent from Oregon was clean and serviceable. That's the difference in the people.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

CORVALLIS, May 17.—The Holy Rollers from the camp on the coast arrived here during last night. Contrary to reports they were neither ragged nor hungry. They are all at the home of O. V. Hart. They are still faithful to the dead apostle and believe he will rise from the dead. Lewis Hartley today begun divorce proceedings with sensational charges against his wife.

Portland, Or., May 17.—Love for the dead Holy Roller prophet Joshua Creffield, has not destroyed the remnants of B. E. Starr's affection for his straying wife. Mr. Starr today expressed regret that he had not heard from his spouse who left him after taking \$1 from his pocket one night a week before Creffield's murder and started for the Holy Roller camp on the seacoast near Nehalem, expecting to walk 90 miles across the mountains to reach her destination. Mr. Starr is ready, even yet, to receive his erring wife into his home again should she return.

Mrs. Mary E. Anderson died early this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Anderson, at First and Washington streets, at the age of 78 years. Mrs. Anderson came to Albany from Corvallis about a year ago, her home previous having been in Wyoming for many years. She was an estimable woman.

The funeral service will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow at the family residence, the Rooming House.

Judge Wolvorton yesterday set June 8 as the time for sentencing Henry Meldrum, former surveyor general of Oregon, convicted on 21 different counts, making him liable to fines amounting to \$21,000 and 210 years in penitentiary.

Floods are causing an immense damage in Oklahoma and Texas. Sounds odd in Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Since the army took charge of the food distribution the number of rations has been reduced from 300,000 to 95,000. The supply of stations has been reduced to ninety-five. Next week the community kitchens will be in operation instead of the distribution of raw food, which it is expected will still further reduce the number receiving aid.

People Who Come and Go

Maryette Hulburd, Los Angeles. W A Packard, Portland. M G Rapp, S.F. L C McCoy, Portland. F E Hoyt, Cleveland. F M Rowley, Portland. C B Cement, Wade Cyrus, Scio. F Van Patten, Salem. W H Allenan, Chemawa. A G Andrews, Mill City. W J Turnidge, Graftree. W H Heseman, Gates. J C Garretson, Portland. E E Zeising, Waterloo. Hugh Freeland, Salem.

Lee Jeffries, Mill City. C H Vehrs, Lebanon. J D McDonald, Dallas. Cal C Goddard, Mill City. John Bramberg, Independence. R G Weaver, Portland. H Clay Thomas, Tacoma. E Anderson, Lebanon. M O Potter, Portland. C M Mathews, Mill City. Ben Dill, Portland. F J West, Portland. W Grace.

Geo A Robinson, Corvallis. R M Cramer, Cottage Grove. B A Millsap, Lebanon. W R Streeter, Portland. Hugh Guthrie, Detroit. Harry Dunlap, Ed Wade, Toledo. E G Ford, Seattle. Anna O'Brien, Salem.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Deeds recorded:— Ezra O Harris to Lyle Howe 107 acres..... \$ 10 Ellen P Morgan to Tomlinson & Holman 15 Woodlee's ad Albany 60 Ida M Menzies to C K Spaulding 160 acres 12 E 1..... 800 Mary J Peery to W L and M E Jackson 1 lot 31 42 Albany..... 1375 W C Twoedale to George Taylor 51 1-2 feet bl 26 Albany..... 3200

Mortgages for \$350 and \$1200. Releases for \$185 and \$150.

Superintendents office. About two hundred sets of papers are being examined by the superintendent and assistants in the 8th grade examination.

Probate:—Inventory filed in estate of Job L Simons; realty \$3300, personal \$20.

The cleanup spirit has struck Oregon.

Made in Oregon next week in Portland.

The Democratic ticket has no Bourne in it.

A heavy frost up the Columbia—at a Whitcomb rally.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the duly appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Cox, deceased, late of Linn County, Oregon, has filed with the clerk of the county court for Linn County, Oregon, his final account, and the judge of the above entitled court has fixed the 6th day of June, 1906, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of hearing objections if any to said account and for the settlement of the same. Dated this 28th day of April, 1906. K. G. Cox.

Administrator of estate of Elizabeth Cox, deceased. WEAVER & WYATT, Albany, Oregon, Administrators.