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SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED.

As the provisions of the Direct Primary law require nominations for the various county and state offices, directly at the hands of the people, it is quite time that we should be searching out men whose peculiar fitness, honesty and qualifications point them out as the proper persons as candidates. Especially is this true, from a state viewpoint, in the selection of legislative candidates. Linn count, , in the past, has been represented in our law making body by some most excellent men of whose ability, integrity and singleness of purpose in the interests of all the people there can be no question. She has also had legislators, of whom, to say the least, she is not proud. When a man has proven himself true in person and integrity, whose ability is far above mediocrity, it is wisdom to retain his services as long as possible. Especially is this true of an office in which the emoluments are so meager, that any thought of pecuniary reward is not associated with an acceptance of one of our most important of offices. Sometimes, in the past history of our political conventions, nominations for candidates for the state senate and house of representatives, have gone a begging and were given to any person who would accept, and on account of which Old Linn has furnished some very indifferent legislative timber.

One of the most painstaking, energetic and honorable members of the legislature that Linn county has ever had, is Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon. In ability he ranks among the brightest and, in his membership of either senate or house, he has ever contended for what he conceived to be the very best interests of the people. In him the common schools have ever had a powerful champion. In the session of nearly one year ago he led the fight against the Normal School graft, and was quite active in securing the necessary petitions to hold up the big blanket appropriation bill. This same gang of grafters will be down at Salem, in greater force than ever, at the next session, demanding the re-appropiation of the sum which the people will refuse next June and, in addition, a further sum for the maintainance for the ensuing two years.

We know not whether Mr. Miller will stand for renomination or not. But if he will do so, the people will make a great mistake if they fail to send him to succeed himself in the senate.

Perhaps Mr. Miller has made mistakes in his legislative career. Perhaps he has voted for or against measures in the past, upon which he would vote differently now. Few members, who have been as active as he, has fewer wrong votes recorded against him.

In addition to Mr. Millers known ability, he is exceptionally popular and, if nominated, will receive many votes from the ranks of his political opponents. His record as a legislator is such, that the NEWS editor has often heard it commended by Republicans. Surely if he consents to accept, there can be no question as to his nomination and election.

UNWISE STRENUOSITY.

The strenuosity of President Roosevelt is certainly unquestioned by the American people. Anything that he undertakes is carried to successful conclusion if possible, and the people are concluding that with him most things are possible. so long as the presidents strenuosness is in the direction of justice for all, he has the enthusiastic approbation of the people. But when it leads him to undergo needless personal danger, then the people silently protest; for the president's life is too valuable to the nation for him to incur needless risks.

But a short time ago, press dispatches gave an account of the president's descent to the bottom of Long Island sound, in a submarine boat. Perhaps it is necessary in the inierests science or invention for men to go down in these newly invented boats, that are seemingly at home on the surface of the water or below it, but in doing so they elect to undergo an extrardinary degree of hazzard; for the submarine boat is yet in the experimental stage and something unexpected may occur at any time. Should such unexpected event have occured while the president was aboard or in this boat, one can but shudder at what the consequences might have been.

Again, most everyone thinks that the president was somewhat unwise in visiting the yellow fever zone before it is absolutely certain that the very last case of fever has disappeared. The people think that he has again assumed a needless and uncalled for risk.

Occupying the position that he does, President Roosevelt has, in a measure, forfeited his right to the American people, to dispose of his life as may seem proper to himself. He is, practically, carrying the welfare of the people in his hand. Much is now expected of him in the way of regulating the many injustices and wrongs from which the nation suffers. Because he has manifested a disposition to right these wrongs the people have come to love and trust him. Therefore, these needless and unnecessary risks that he has assumed, cause a feeling of uneasiness and alarm in the hearts of the people. Suppose something had gone wrong with the boat when it was below the surface of the water, and all on board had been lost. Vice-President Fairbanks would, at once, have become the executive of the government. In him the people, as yet, have no faith, because, he is untried. They fear his sympathies are rather with the trusts and corporations than with the whole people. They are beginning to know that President Roosevelt is fighting the battles of the people against official corruption and dishonesty and against the trusts and wrong acts by powerful corporations. They believe through him lies the quickest road to tariff revision. All of these matters, with Mr. Fairbanks as president might and probably would be altogether different. It is idle to speculate as to what the conditions would then be.

The people are well satisfied with the progress that President Roosevelt is making along the lines of reform. From him they expect much. Therefore, they would prefer that he would curb his strenuosity when it involves an element of personal danger, as in these two instances.

CENTRAL VALLEY MAN SHOULD BE SELECTED.

At a recent meeting of the Willamette Valley Development League the improvement of Oregon's rivers and harbors was discussed to some extent and, it is but fair to say, there seemed to be no favoritism manifested by the league, for any particular harbor. The league seemed as much interested in urging a deep water entrance for the Columbia river as for any other harbor. But when Portland speaks of Oregon harbors, the Columbia is the only one, in her estimation, in the state.

Until Congressman Herman was replaced by the late Congressman Tongue, the harbor of the most direct importance to this part of the valley, (Yaquina) received liberal annual appropriations by congress. Our senators and congressmen, prior to that date, were broad-minded enough to desire to develop all of the harbors on the Oregon coast. Soon after Mr. Tongue's election, it suddenly developed in the minds of the board of supervising engineers, that Yaquina was unworthy of further expenditures. Whether Mr. Tongue, Portland, or the S. P. railway was responsible for this conclusion, the NEWS will not pretend to say. But with Mr. Tongue's election, harbor improvement at Yaquina became past history.

When Mr. Hermann was re-elected, he was in such bad oder with the administration that he was and is, entirely without influence and could secure but unimportant committee assignments; consequently has been unable to do anything towards having the engineers reports changed.

Now, a new congressman is soon to be selected. Mr. Hermann, with a number of indictments against him both in this state and at Washington city, will hardly be considered to succeed himself; consequently entirely new congressional timber must be selected. In view of the fact that the central valley is so vitally interested, great care should be taken, by the voters at the primaries, to select a man who is known to be friendly towards the completion of the contemplated improvements at Yaquina. With five or six more feet of water on Yaquina bar, nearly all classes of ocean going vessels could enter with safety. This amount of water could be secured at a fraction of what the Columbia improvement will cost.

The NEWS thinks all of our harbors should be improved. A large commerce with Asiatic countries is being developed, and Yaquina and Coos bays, can be utilized as posts of entry as well as the Columbia. A congressman, then, should be selected who would be sufficiently broad-minded to work for the improvement of all the harbors on the Oregon coast. To insure this result, some man from the central valley counties, would probably be more friendly to the improvement of all Oregon harbors, than one taken either from the extreme north or south ends of the district. Linn being the central county of of the valley, could, very properly, supply such a candidate. There are several men, members of either party, who would make excellent candidates, who are broad-minded enough to consider the wellfare of all portions of the district.

The upper Willamette Valley concedes that the Lewis and Clark exposition has been a great money maker for the Portland hotels, street railways and merchants. But for the present, at least, to the temporary injury of the valley outside of Portand. But later on, perhaps the rest of the valley may receive its share of the benefit.

Hillsboro' claims to have the oldest woman in the world, Mrs. Mary Ramsy Woods, aged 119. This extraordinary age would place Grandma Woods' birthday away back in Revolutionary days and prior to the adoption of the Federal constitution. She remembers vividly the events of the war of 1812, as her father was among the Teunisee riflemen, who nearly annihilated Packenham's army.

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Secretary Taft says the seacoast fortifications are strong enough to hold off an enemy, or any two enemies, "All the plans for fortifications proposed by the Endicott board for the twenty-five ports of this country," he declares, "have now been carried out. We have spent something over $80,000,000." He says that no two foreign fleets in combination could enter any of our harbors in war, providing it was not foggy, and precautions could be taken to make the fog of comparatively little value to a possible enemy.

This is good news, even though not a single enemy is anywhere in sight. War is about the last thing any American thinks of for his country yet it is a satisfaction to know that if war should come our ports would be in a fairly defensible condition. The recent conflict in the orient shows that land defences, when they are moderately strong, and when they are manned with any sort of courage and intelligence, can stand off powerful fleets. This was shown at Port Arthur even more clearly than it was in Cuba and Porto Rico during our war against Spain.

But a strong navy is needed as an auxiliary to the land defenses. Russia had no powerful navy in Manchurian waters, but such as it was it put up a pretty hard fight against Japan at several places. It gave valuable aid to the land defenses at Port Arthur. Our own navy is increasing at a fairly satisfactory rate. When all the vessels now under construction in the principal countries of the world are completed the United States will be third on the list in naval strength. Great Britain and France are the only countries which will be ahead of us. Some of our experts, too, are figthat at a date comparatively close at hand the United States will lead France and be second on the roll. At any rate, we are making progress in both our land and water defenses, but very much still is to be done in both fields before we reach the condition of security in war which our wealth and population demand. We must keep right on strengthening our fortifications, increasing our navy, and manning both efficiently.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

President Roosevelt while on his southern trip very clearly announces his position of governmental controll of the railroads. He states that he is opposed to government ownership, yet insists upon importance of governmental controll so emphatically that, if no other plan could be selected by which the freight rates could be held to reasonable and just basis, as a last resort he would consent to government ownership. As a matter of fact the railroads must submit to having their freight rates adjusted to a fair and equitable basis. By this it is not ment nor intended that rates would be established that will impoverish or d stroy railroad properties; but that rates would be made that would destroy the iniquity of the pass and the freight rebates. In other words, the power to rob the shipper, at will, must be taken from the railroads.

The Oregonian sees, in the Direct Primary, grave danger for the Republican party next June. It thinks, one would judge from the tone of the leading editorial in the issue of the 21st instant, that the great bulk of that party is composed of disgruntled office seekers, who will embrace the opportunity that our Primary law affords, to get even for past political grievances. There is an old adage that seems somewhat applicable at this time "When thieves fall out, honest men can have a chance."

Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson, one of the leading exponants of Populism during the palmy days of that party, is dead. Mr. Simpson by his native ability and wit, achieved a national fame.

DON'TS ON NAMES.

Don't name a b by after a hero unless the hero has been dead several years

Don't hamper a boy with a name that will prove a heavy handicap in life.

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Don't name a girl Violet, when her disposition may be that of a tiger-lily.

Don't tack a fancy name on a kid. It makes him a target for his companions.

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And yet the woman "racked with pain," is expected to smile through her agony and to make home happy. She can't do it. It is against Nature. Generally speaking, the racking pains of ill-health such as headache, backache and "bearing-down pains" are related to derangements or disorders of the organs directly feminine. When this condition is removed the general health is restored, and with health comes back the smile of happiness.

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