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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE SANTIAM NEWS, being the only newspaper published in the Forks of the Santiam, and believing in giving all political parties a square deal, we will publish announcements of persons aspiring for political office, giving a short personal write-up of the persons announcing themselves, all at reasonable advertising rates. If you desire to be a candidate, you cannot have the fact too well known by the voters.

DON'T LIKE STATEMENT NO. 1.

Aspirants for legislative honors, as a rule, do not take kindly to Pledge No. 1, as prescribed in the Primary Law. Literally interpreted, it requires the subscriber to vote for the people's choice for United States Senator, regardless as to what his political sentiments might be. Supposing that the entire legislative body has subscribed to this provision, and such body is of mixed political sentiment—Republicans, Democrats, Prohls and Socialists—they would all be in duty bound to vote for the people's choice. Now this does not suit many persons who have legislative aspirations, a little bit. They are willing, as a rule, to pledge themselves to vote for their party's choice for United States Senator, but not for some other party's choice.

This is probably what the framers of the Primary Law had in mind when the law was formulated. That is to say, that each party should name its choice for United States Senator on election day and that legislators, who may be elected by each party on the same day, should vote for its choice when the day for electing senator by the Legislature arrives. This is the way it is done in other states, where people make a selection for United States Senator. While Illinois had no Direct Primary Law at the time of the memorable Lincoln-Douglas debate, it was tacitly understood that one of these two great orators would be elected senator and that the Legislature would merely ratify the people's choice, which was done by the election of Mr. Douglas.

In the campaign now just opening, the majority party may have several candidates for whom votes may be cast on election day, while the minority party will probably have but one. Now the vote of the majority party might be so divided among its several candidates that the one candidate of the minority party would have an actual plurality when the vote is counted. If a majority of the legislators should, and probably would, be named by the majority party, it would simply be absurd to attempt to bind them to vote for the plurality candidate of the minority party. This is not a probable, though a possible condition. Therefore many persons who would make excellent legislators do not care to subscribe to Pledge No. 1. The News thinks that it will be sufficient for the candidate to pledge that he will vote for the choice of his party for senator. We believe this is what the people desire and what they will require.

We believe that this section of the Primary Law was intended to prevent a continued contest for United States Senator in the Legislature, as has occurred in the past and which had much to do with the legislation of the session. Now, when the Legislature meets, as the majority party has but the one candidate—he who received the plurality vote of his party—the senator would be elected without contest and too, without the votes of the legislators elected by the minority party.

So long as our political system is under control of the present party plan, we may expect that, as a rule, Republican United States Senators will be elected by Republican legislators, and Democratic Senators by Democrats in the same way. And so long as men differ as to the better plan in which to conduct government, there must necessarily be political parties. The majority of the people ought to, and in the end will, rule, and the majority, acting together, forms the political party.

The candidate who refuses to subscribe to Pledge No. 1, but voluntarily pledges himself to vote for his party's choice for senator, will not be defeated on that account.

Again, should a senatorial candidate receive an absolute majority of the votes of the people on election day, while a majority of the Legislature might be of a different political faith—a very improbable condition—the minority of the people through a majority of the Legislature would name the senator. Hence, the only sure way to elect

senators by direct vote of the people is through amendment to the Federal Constitution. Until amendment to the Federal Constitution can be had no plan can be developed that will come nearer allowing the people to name the senator than would exist should the legislators subscribe to Pledge No. 1, amended to read as follows:

I further state to the people of Oregon, as well as the people of my Legislative District, that during my term of office I will always vote for that candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the votes of the voters of the party to which the subscriber affiliates; party for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress, without regard to my individual preference.

EXPERIENCED MEN BEST FOR PUBLIC.

As the time approaches for the selection of the men who shall conduct the public business for the County and State, and as this duty rests solely upon the people, we should cast about us for such men for candidates as we know are honest and capable. An idea has grown up that public office is a sort of public charity and the spirit of fairness seems to dictate that the honors and emoluments pertaining to an office should be passed around. This idea is a serious mistake. All men are not adapted to perform the duties of a particular office. While A would perform its duties in slipshod and unsatisfactory manner to the public, B would do the work to the eminent satisfaction of everyone. Now A may need the office, that is to say, the salary, while B does not. But as good work, efficiency in office is what the public wants, our duty as citizens is plain. We should elect B, although our sympathies might tempt us to give it to A.

When a farmer desires to employ a farmhand he is always willing to pay a good man, one who has had experience and is trained to the duties that will be required of him, more than he is willing to pay an inexperienced one. If the farmer has a house or a barn to build, he will only employ the man who has skill and experience in that line. If the merchant wants a salesman or bookkeeper, he is willing to pay a higher salary to the man who has been trained in those positions than he will for the untrained. If we are unfortunate enough to require the services of a lawyer, we know that it pays us to employ one of ability and experience. In all of these various employments knowledge and experience is a valuable asset, both to the employer and the employee. The best service for the salary paid is the endeavor of all employers in private business.

Why not apply this rule in the employment of the public hired man? In the past special fitness and ability to perform well the duties of an office, has hardly been a consideration in the selection of candidates. He who was the sharpest, shrewdest political manipulator, and who would resort to any means necessary, was generally the winner. Now let us hope, as all the people have taken hold of the matter, that as much wisdom may be used in employing the public hired man as we use in employing men in private business. If a man who has been tried in public office has proven himself honest and capable and has manifested special fitness for the place, let us re-elect him and keep re-electing him, so long as he can give us better service than anyone else.

Especially should this rule maintain in the selection of legislators. No matter how well a man may be qualified to perform the duties required of a legislator, he is worth infinitely more to his constituency after he has gained experience. If a man has proven himself honest as a legislator, if he has been ever watchful of the people's welfare; if he has been economical without parsimony in the expenditure of the public funds by all means let us continue him in office. In those days of graft and exploitation of public office the public officer who fills the measure of the above requirement should not be lightly cast aside. He should be retained in the office, not because he might personally desire to be retained, but because he can give the public better service and more for the money than any other person.

Whether Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, will stand for reelection to the State Senate or not, we have not yet been advised. But we believe he comes fully up to the above requirement, and if the entire Legislature could be composed of as conscientious, honest, and capable men as he, we would not be required to hold up million-dollar appropriation bills.

R. M. Payne, though he has held the office of County Clerk two terms, is another competent, conscientious, and accommodating official and should be retained, for the reason that he can give us better service for the salary paid than any other person.

The public wants the very best service in the conduct of its business that the official can give. Therefore, in the nomination of candidates at the Primary Election, we should consider the qualifications, experience, honesty and general fitness of the aspirant before we consider his personal popularity, party work, etc.; remembering that, as a citizen, our duty to the State and society requires us to select none but competent, honorable men for candidates, and if the candidate is especially fitted for the place—has had experience, so much the better.

Every voter is now an important factor in our political system. He will have a voice in naming the candidate as well as voting for the same on election day. The quality, then, of the men who make and administer law depends upon how well the voter does his duty at the Primary Election. If bad or incompetent men are nominated and elected, the blame will rest upon the voter and not upon the few political manipulators who have hitherto generally dictated who should be nominated and who elected.

The great event in President Roosevelt's family will occur at the White House tomorrow. It is the marriage of his daughter, Miss Alice, to Congressman Longworth, of Ohio. When the event has transpired, let us hope the newspapers will find something else to talk about. After all Miss Roosevelt is just like other girls and subject to the same passions. Let us hope that she is happily married and then drop the whole business.

One of the best features of the Primary Law is that the sharpest, shrewdest political manager knows just as little about what the result will be and who will be nominated as the merest tyro. For this election at least we are to have no slate-making, or if slates are made they will probably be broken.

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An absolutely pure, cream of tartar powder.

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Political Announcements

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of Member of House of Representatives of the 23d Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, subject to the Democratic voters at Primary Election on April 20, 1906.

WILBING J. DENNY
of Shelburn Precinct.
P. O., Jefferson, Oregon.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Commissioner

Subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the Primary Election on April 20, 1906. I further state that my policy, if elected, will be "Equal and exact justice to all and special privileges to none."

R. D. MILLER
North Side Precinct
Scio, Oregon.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of

County Recorder

Subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the Primary Election, to be held in this County April 20th, 1906.

IRA A. PHELPS
Marrietta Precinct,
Oregon.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of

County Treasurer

Subject to the decision of the Democratic voters at the Primary Election on April 20, 1906.

A. J. CALDWELL
Price Precinct.
P. O. Albany, Oregon.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

C. H. Reid, of the Portland board of trade, presented his application for an appropriation for the book Oregon, by H. Williams, for year 1906. Linn county to receive 16 pages in it, 24 being the most any county can receive.

Several telephone companies were granted permission to erect poles along the road.

BILLS ALLOWED:
C. H. Stewart, judge.....\$100.00
J. M. Payne, clerk.....196.96
R. L. White, sheriff.....196.96
W. W. Francis, recorder.....150.00
James Elkins, treasurer.....85.55
W. L. Jackson, superintendent.....63.03
F. C. Stellmacher, deputy clerk.....63.03
Q. E. Frost, deputy sheriff.....63.03
W. J. Fisher, emp' post (paid).....40.00
D. B. McKnight, assessor.....200.00
Mart Hilyon, janitor.....40.00
H. Williams, ferryman.....40.00
C. F. Clayton, ferryman.....40.00

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.
J. R. Douglas.....\$ 4.00
H. E. Williams.....8.00
J. N. Brandenberg.....6.12
Alex Sumpter.....6.00
S. S. Gilbert.....3.00
C. P. Hasler.....2.50
G. W. Horner.....2.25
John Cyrus.....6.00
E. E. Frost.....2.00
John W. Kirk......93
J. W. Jordan.....15.00
J. A. Drummond......75
Q. E. Frost, deputy sheriff.....6.00
P. W. Goodman.....1.50
G. W. Devaney.....30.22
W. M. Parker.....6.00
Isaac Butler.....22.50
T. J. Butler.....45.10

ACCOUNT PAID.
Aid Jas. Larve.....\$ 4.00
Aid Ida Hoffman.....1.50
Aid Miss E. J. Cole.....7.00
Aid Koker minors.....4.00
Aid Mrs. Price.....4.00
Aid A. J. Fog.....4.00
Aid Detsy Howley.....5.00
Aid Mrs. Price.....4.00
C. E. Wolverton.....12.00
J. M. Conklin, Jr.....5.00
C. C. Parker.....4.00
W. M. Parker.....6.00
Stannard & Cable.....5.00
Scott Ward.....2.00
Missay & Son.....10.00
John Fisher.....6.00
George E. Sanders.....3.50
Roser Bros.....3.25
T. J. Butler.....45.10

CURRENT EXPENSES.
C. B. Davis.....\$ 3.00
W. L. Jackson......75
The Herald.....4.50
H. J. Jones.....7.50
Postal Telegraph Co......33
Pacific States Telephone Co.....48.00
W. W. Francis......30
Glass & Prudhomme.....29.25
James Elkins.....2.90
Alexander & Kirkpatrick.....14.50
B. M. Payne.....31.80
Maston Printing Co.....18.50

MISCELLANEOUS.
W. Lair Thompson.....\$ 8.50
G. C. Turner.....3.00
W. S. Risley.....3.00
W. C. Burkhardt.....2.00
W. M. Parker.....4.00
G. Lovelace.....3.00
A. M. Wilson.....2.00
W. S. Van Winkle.....2.00
J. C. Irvin.....2.00
John H. Giesdes.....7.50
A. Sawyer.....2.25
E. C. Armstrong.....36.00
M. E. Jackson.....6.00
Margaret Brink.....15.00
T. A. Hayes.....4.50
M. McCoy.....51.00
A. M. Ross.....12.00
M. E. Stewart.....12.00
Earl Fisher.....36.25
F. M. Redfield.....25.00

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Officers: F. J. Munken, Pres.; C. A. Warner, Sec.; F. A. Ewing, Treas.
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Photographs

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POLITICAL INFORMATION.

Registration books opened by county clerks Tuesday, January 2, 1906.
Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 20.
Registration books opened after Primary Election, May 15, 5 p. m.
County clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 21.
Last day for filing petitions, for placing names on ballot for State, Congressional and district offices, March 20.
Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 4.
Date of Primary Election, April 20, 1906.
Canvassing votes of Primary Election for State offices, May 5.
Last day for filing pamphlets advocating measures, December 30, 1905.
Last day for filing petitions opposing measures, February 9, 1906.
Number of signatures required to initiate laws or amendments, 7,500.
Last day for filing certificates of nomination for State offices by assembly of electors, April 19.
Last day for filing certificates of nomination for County offices by assembly of electors, May 4.
Last day for filing nominating petitions for County offices, May 19.

Vetch for Sale.

S. W. Gaines has 600 bushels of vetch seed for sale; mixed half oats and half vetch, \$1.00 per bushel; four-fifths of vetch and one-fifth oats, \$1.25 bushel. All is clear of any foul seeds. First ground, first served, cash up and no grunting.

J. G. GILL, D. M. D.

Has established his dental office in Scio and is prepared to do first-class work in all branches of dentistry.

Regular Sunday Trains.

No. 1—Leaves Corvallis.....	6:40 A. M.
Arrives Albany.....	7:10 A. M.
No. 2—Leaves Albany.....	11:30 A. M.
Arrives Corvallis.....	12:15 P. M.
No. 3—Leaves Albany.....	1:30 P. M.
Arrives Corvallis.....	2:15 P. M.
No. 4—Leaves Albany.....	3:30 P. M.
Arrives Corvallis.....	4:15 P. M.
No. 5—Leaves Albany.....	5:30 P. M.
Arrives Corvallis.....	6:15 P. M.

Annual CLEARANCE SALE

We have some extraordinary good values in Men's Rubber Boots and Shoes

\$3.75 Boots.....	\$3.29
\$5.50 Boots.....	4.45
\$5.00 Boots.....	4.05
\$4.50 Shoes.....	3.70

Also we have some bargains in Ladies, Boys' and Men's Leather Shoes.

MEN'S SHOES—

\$4.25 Shoe.....	\$3.50
\$3.50 Shoe.....	2.25
\$2.50 Shoe.....	2.00
\$2.00 Shoe.....	1.50

LADIES' SHOES—

\$3.00 Shoe.....	\$2.10
\$2.50 Shoe.....	1.95
\$2.00 Shoe.....	1.50

Boys' Shoes in proportion.

We have a few Boys Oyeralls at 10c per pair. These are only a few of our Sale Prices.

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