

The Columbia Register.

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The Republicans are relying on ancient history for their hope of success. They tried to line the voters up by re-creating the "Rough Rider" life of "Teddy"...

The Rainier Gazette says that the Democrats are challenged to meet the Republican candidates and discuss the issues of the day. The democrats would have been pleased to meet the republicans and discuss local issues at any time...

There is a vague rumor afloat that there is soon to be a vacancy in the office of county commissioner and that Harry West is to be appointed to fill the vacancy. We have this is not true...

The republicans in old Columbia county are hard put to it when they have to import a man and pay him for expounding their doctrines. The people would much prefer to hear direct from the Republican candidates themselves...

Flipping Flagg, the great political acrobat, whose ground and lofty tumbling has bewildered onlookers ever since Heck was a pup, is looking anxiously to see where he will land after the election. It is whispered that if certain republicans are defeated in this campaign, Flagg may turn a double back somersault into the Democratic party...

The REGISTER failed to reach a certain post office in this county last week until three days after it was published. The paper should be in every post office in the county before Saturday night of each week...

Non-Residents Pay Most Of The Taxes, Say Republicans.

The republican spellbinders are attempting to justify the present high taxation, by saying that the major portion of the taxes are paid by non-residents. This is the story of the boy who advised his father, who was being worried by the farmer's bull pup...

As a matter of fact, excepting the tax railroads, only about 1/4 of the taxes of this county are paid by non-residents. But for the sake of argument, suppose it were otherwise...

And to what purpose is so much revenue raised any way? We observe no improvement resulting therefrom, and are justified in believing it would all be frittered away...

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Is It American?

In politics we are accustomed to hear arguments, for and against, the various candidates as stupid as a chronic office holder's excuse for living; but the argument now advanced by Flagg and the republican management, viz: that no matter what the personal character lack of ability or political purity of the candidate on their ticket...

Any man who desires an office should not be ashamed to ask the people directly for it; it is doubtless a laudable ambition, but an attempt to monopolize the same, to hold it for life and then hand it down to the incumbent's heirs, is not only supremely selfish but absolutely unamerican...

We pause to ask the young republican voter when he thinks his turn will come to hold office. Is it fair to you and is it American to put a man in office for life? Where does the aspirant for office get off at, who is not in the ring? For years Dr. Cliff asked his party for the nomination for representative and it did after a very conservative and unhurried consideration of the matter...

major executives, without the aid of St. Helens talent; that they know where their interests lie and will vote accordingly, regardless of the language of some cross-titled politician who has or expects a lucrative sinecure, and want it made perpetual.

Mayor Dimick said in Rainier that what the people of Columbia county most needed was good roads, but he failed to say that the county funds were being squandered on second hand machinery, road masters and republican newspaper grafts.

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Uncle Charles Caples of Columbia City writes us a very interesting letter touching on ancient political history of Columbia county, in which he says that the republican party has had control of the county for the last forty years except for short intervals. About twenty-five years ago a similar state of affairs to what we have to-day resulted in the republicans uniting with the democrats and electing James Dart, Joseph Copeland and George Maxwell, three democrats to manage the affairs of the county. They succeeded in bringing it out of debt and disgrace...

Precinct Nominations.

- The following are the precinct nominations and the names and numbers as will appear on the official ballot: RAINIER PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace—51 H. B. Phillips, of Columbia county Democrat; 52 Wm. Symons, of Columbia county Republican. For Constable—53 F. M. Fowler, of Columbia county Democrat; 54 C. C. Pritchard, of Columbia county Republican. AUBURN PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace—51 E. W. Sheeley, of Columbia county Democrat. For Constable—52 J. P. Sheeley, of Columbia county Democrat. WARREN PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace—61 J. M. Grewell, of Columbia county Democrat. OAK POINT PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace—51 G. W. Barnes, of Columbia county Republican. CLATSKANIE PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace—51 J. M. Blackford, of Columbia county Republican; 52 E. D. Tichenor, of Columbia county Independent Republican. For Constable—53 Phillip M. Popham, of Columbia county Democrat. DEER ISLAND PRECINCT. For Justice of the Peace—51 George Merrill, of Columbia county Democrat. For Constable—52 Jack Strain, of Columbia county Republican. UNION PRECINCT. At bottom of official ballot published elsewhere in this issue.

STUB To be Torn off by the Chairman. STUB To be Torn off by the First Clerk.

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR UNION PRECINCT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON, JUNE 6, 1904.

Table with columns for STATE, DISTRICT, COUNTY, and PRECINCT. Each section lists candidates and their party affiliations for various offices such as Justice of the Peace, Constable, and County Commissioner.

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