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Solomon Watson says there is not much difference between Cleveland and Roosevelt. All the difference in the political world, Colonel; one is out and can't get in; the other is in and can't, perhaps, be ousted.

Some people are scared or affect to be so over the passage of the local option law, but probably they will not be much hurt, after all. Communities that don't want prohibition won't have it, and those that do can have it more effectually than hitherto.

Cos Bay has a dead whale washed ashore to visit. Any excuse is a good one for young people in the good old summer time, especially along the sea coast. Youth passes, but the sea remains. We are ephemeral; God is eternal.

A Brownsville man has three acres of raspberries, and a young woman counted 200 berries on a single plant. How many berries, at this rate—though she may have picked a plant with more berries than the average—will this man raise? What a prolific country this is.

A Forest Grove chicken raiser got a government contract of a very unusual kind this week. It was an order for 300 eggs of his best breeds of Plymouth Rocks and Brown Leghorns for the Klamath agency. Uncle Sam is going to furnish his Indian wards a better grade of yellow-legged chickens than they have heretofore had.

## AFTERMATH.

In the light of the leading editorial, in last week's issue, labeled "The Cause of Defeat," we now feel a sense of regret that we injected so much feeling into our article of the same date, on the same subject. We never dreamed that the Mist man would assign the cause of defeat to his own luckless candidates and so mercilessly exorcise them, and we humbly crave pardon of every republican who may have felt that our utterances were too bitter. We honestly thought and still think that the cause of republican defeat lay at the door of its management and also, in a measure, to machine politics; but in our wildest paroxysms of feeling, springing from discourteous usage, during the campaign, we felt that common humanity demanded that we respect the sensibilities of the defeated. We do not hesitate to say, nor will any issue of the Register suggest otherwise, that Messrs. Doan, Quick and Collins are gentlemen. It is true we fought them, but we considered them worthy of our steel, and having done so without animus we can not understand how one of their professional partisans could so thoughtlessly arraign them—could be guilty of such an unnatural stab; it was "the unkindest cut of all."

The only shadow of a reason for such an attack, that can exist is that the Mist editor, himself, attempted to put up a Williamson delegation to the State convention and succeeded only in obtaining three—the other four being Moody men; failing in this and in his election as one of such delegates, he uncorks the vials of his wrath upon the victims of his own and his coadjutors' folly—machine methods, instead of feeling up to his own attempt at ring rule. It is noticeable that the zeal of a democrat who has forsaken his affiliations invariably overruns his prudence; and he expects the beneficiaries of his apostasy to pack him through and see him harmless, regardless of what he may see fit to attempt.

## "Paul Morton's Renunciation."

Considerable worthless space of last week's issue was filled with a platitudinous article on the miraculous escape from both finite and infinite condemnation, of one Paul Morton, who, wondrous to say, happens to be the son of his father, by a timely flop from the democratic to the republican party. Because Paul Morton chances to be the half-baked, bottle-fed offspring of a man whose chief claim to prominence arose from being master of Geoponics in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet and whose main merit, so far as his public record is concerned, consisted in parting his name in the middle, dispensing carrot seed at government expense and drawing his

salary; and because he happens to be the fourth vice president of a tariff fed corporation, his treachery and treason is made to buss high heaven and his name is bruited abroad as a pattern of high intelligence seeking its proper channel.

Why does the republican press always hunt up distant examples with distinguished pedigrees; other bright and shining proselytes are not wanting; and could the Mist spare some of its valuable space it might add the names of W. J. Furnish, E. H. Flagg and nearly every post master in Columbia county; and should greater and more elegant argument be needed he could make a play on the names of J. R. Beagle the man who is devoting his great energies to the absorption of Uncle Sam's salary appropriations, in Alaska, and Thomas Jefferson Cleaton, the erstwhile chairman of the committee which so competently exported the books of the State Land Office at Salem, a few years since. It is difficult to understand why notables like the last mentioned, should be so completely ignored and some obscure sycophantic railroad yep, who has to part his hair in the middle to keep from being lop sided, is the recipient of so much free advertising by all the penny- liners in the country.

However the intelligence of the democratic party will never suffer so long as no greater drafts are made upon it than the desertion of such office hunters as obfuscate the above list. The intimacy existing between Peeping Tom of Coventry and Jack in-the-green is explained by the old adage "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind" and without criticising the Mist's article too severely we suppose the same rule holds good between its editor and Paulus Aurelius Flopper Morton of hereditary distinction and corporate environment, with a syndicate mortgage upon his soul; they doubtless have much in common.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.

### Location.

One of the most northern counties in the state. Bordering on the Columbia river, which forms the north and east boundary of the county, while bounded on the south by Washington county and on the west by Clatsop county. St. Helens, the county seat, is on the river, but twenty-five miles below the city of Portland.

### Area.

The area of the county is about 350,000 acres, all of it originally a heavy, dense, forest of large timber; of superior quality for commercial purposes.

A little back from the Columbia river, and running parallel to it, is a mountain range running the whole length of the North and East line of the county, and indeed most all the way from Portland to Astoria.

### Stone, Iron, Coal.

In this range iron and other ores are found, and every acre of its surface was originally densely timbered. Much of this, nearest the river, has been used by lumbermen, and much destroyed by fire.

### Timber.

On the summit, and west slope towards the Nehalem river it is as dense as ever, and this timber will find its way to mills and to market, up and down the Nehalem river in the near future.

### Interesting Topography.

Two thirds of the county, perhaps 200,000 acres, lays to the west and south of this range, and constitutes, with one half of Clatsop county, the region known as the Nehalem valley. A high, elevated district but made a perfect valley by a crater like subsidence in the center of several hundred feet below the mountain rim incircling it on all sides.

The highest is that of the Coast range on the west. The Columbia River range is the next in height, and the Green Mountain range at the south the lowest.

These ranges run up to an altitude of sixteen to twenty hundred feet above sea level, enclosing within their protecting summits a district of peculiar interest to the agriculturist, and lovers of rural homes on small farms, or on larger tracts.

The surface is most everywhere, gently rolling, but most level along the streams and hilly between these waters (the Nehalem and its tributaries).

### Richest Soil.

The Base of the soil is the basaltic rock of igneous origin, changed for many feet deep to a soft loamy soil, free from gravel and stone, and fertilized by tropical vegetation of age upon ages until a peculiar fertility remains, which is not surpassed, if equalled, on any known part of the Pacific Coast.

This remarkable fertility created from these elements combined with these surroundings produce unfailing verdure, crops, fruits, vegetables, hay of clover and timothy as the sure reward for the farmer.

### Perfect Fruit.

To be particular, fruits like the apple, pear, prune, quince, and

plum are never touched by the deadly Codlin moth or other insect pests. This immunity is due to the elevation, the climate, and atmospheric influence from the sea so close to this vicinity; and these large fruits mature with a flavor of superior excellence, while the strawberry, blackberry and other small fruits grow with luxuriance no where surpassed.

The peculiar adaptation of this valley for raising of the most perfect and superior fruits insures in the future a fame and a notoriety equal to the foremost of the western states.

### Meadow Land.

Equally remarkable is the unfailing annual harvests of timothy and clover hay here; which when once sown requires no reseed for several years; and makes a crop of from three to five tons per acre annually on the natural soil never yet fertilized by the farmer.

These grasses, like much of the vegetation in the woods, remaining green the year round will make this an ideal dairy and stock raising district.

### Other Products.

Wheat, Oats, Barley and Millet are easily raised making good yields; but clearing timber land is too wasteful and too costly to raise these crops for more than home consumption.

In the vegetable line a crop never fails, such as the potatoes, beets, cabbage, turnips, and carrots a yield is had from 100 bushels of potatoes per acre to ten to fifteen tons to the acre for the other vegetables mentioned.

### Tobacco and Hops.

Tobacco is a sure crop, and is cultivated by emigrants from tobacco states, with perfect success here.

The quality is as fine as the Connecticut leaf, yielding 1000 lbs. to the acre, and best of all, the tobacco worm (the scourge of Eastern States) cannot live in the Nehalem atmosphere.

Hops are free from lice, and yield largely, but its cultivators must wait until more "pickers" move in, to save the crops.

Immunity from "pests" is so marked as to merit a notice here. The cut worm, the cabbage worm, the locust, grasshopper, and the mosquito and poisonous snakes find no life in the Nehalem country. The mosquito, when wanted, must have an artificial propagation in a rain barrel or never be seen here. Stagnant water is no where seen here. The unfrozen ground and the deep, soft soil absorbs the gentle rainfall fast as it comes; so that none stands on the surface, or runs on the side hills in the most rainy season.

This retains the planted crop, and the fertility of the soil on the side hills as securely as on the level surface.

### The Water.

The water of this valley is entirely free from lime and alkali. It is pure as pure can be, and cold; alike in the wells, springs, and in the trout-streams from every hillside; and from God's pure, cold store in the mountains near by. So cool and delightful yet hardly ever seen frozen even in winter; and its complete distribution by the winding river, the creeks, and a thousand rivulets has a value, and a charm, which easterners seldom see.

Freezing water of the streams with ice an inch thick is hardly ever seen, and crops of potatoes are safely left in the ground for digging until February and March.

### Timber Untouched.

All of these Nehalem lands, except where cleared by the settler, or have been reached by forest fires, have an immense growth of fir, cedar, hemlock, and spruce timber. The spruce is most abundant near the mouth of the river, about the coast. The settlers have destroyed a good deal of these timbers in opening their ranches; but they have recently learned that, with transportation advancing, the uncleared parts of their claims have an equal value to that of their cleared fields.

### Low Prices of Land.

Up to the present time these ranches, with perfect title, have been held at prices ranging from \$5 to \$12 per acre. These low prices are due solely to the want of a railroad through the ranges referred to, which encircle the valley.

After that want is supplied, few spots on this coast will be more attractive to the modest investor and to those who appreciate the great value of the rural home.

### Vernonia.

Near the center of the valley and near the confluence of the largest branches of the Nehalem, the little town of Vernonia is situated.

It has a small population of good citizens, four stores, one drug dist, one doctor, good mechanics, a city council, a nice church and parsonage, a good school, a Board of Information, and no saloon.

## OFFICIAL COUNT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON, ELECTION, JUNE 6, 1904.

|                                              | Appling. | Auburn. | Beaver Falls, | Clatskanie. | Deer Island, | Goble. | Marshall. | Nehalem. | Oak Pt. R. | Rainier. | Scappoose. | Union. | Warren. | Total. | Majority. |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| FOR CONGRESS, SECOND DISTRICT—               |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| George R. Cook, of Multnomah county.....     | 5        | 31      | 6             | 18          | 3            | 7      | 2         | 10       | 5          | 15       | 5          | 20     | 20      | 147    |           |
| J. E. Simmons, of Multnomah county.....      | 7        | 26      | 10            | 34          | 11           | 19     | 11        | 19       | 19         | 78       | 32         | 60     | 14      | 340    |           |
| H. W. Stone, of Multnomah county.....        | 13       | 6       | 13            | 3           | 4            | 12     | 4         | 6        | 23         | 7        | 43         | 4      | 130     |        |           |
| P. J. Williamson, of Crook county.....       | 50       | 34      | 157           | 30          | 65           | 20     | 58        | 70       | 173        | 89       | 153        | 41     | 794     |        |           |
| FOR JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT—                |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| A. J. Bright, of Sherman county.....         | 12       | 17      | 4             | 10          | 3            | 3      | 12        | 5        | 1          | 15       | 5          | 38     | 3       | 108    |           |
| C. C. Mikkeben, of Crook county.....         | 5        | 31      | 2             | 14          | 1            | 5      | 11        | 5        | 12         | 3        | 17         | 23     | 113     |        |           |
| Frank A. Moore, of Columbia county.....      | 10       | 48      | 39            | 172         | 32           | 72     | 24        | 60       | 76         | 179      | 93         | 100    | 30      | 1061   |           |
| Thomas O'Day, of Multnomah county.....       | 5        | 27      | 11            | 36          | 12           | 17     | 9         | 17       | 19         | 79       | 33         | 62     | 18      | 345    |           |
| FOR DAIRY AND FOOD COMMISSIONER—             |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| J. W. Bailey, of Multnomah county.....       | 7        | 48      | 35            | 143         | 29           | 63     | 17        | 54       | 61         | 161      | 84         | 138    | 31      | 871    |           |
| W. W. Berry, of Clatskanie county.....       | 12       | 14      | 4             | 13          | 1            | 3      | 4         | 12       | 17         | 5        | 33         | 4      | 103     |        |           |
| E. M. Douglas, of Lane county.....           | 7        | 24      | 5             | 27          | 10           | 15     | 13        | 16       | 14         | 67       | 20         | 54     | 14      | 289    |           |
| S. G. Bassman, of Multnomah county.....      | 5        | 29      | 4             | 75          | 2            | 4      | 12        | 11       | 5          | 11       | 4          | 24     | 21      | 185    |           |
| CIRCUIT JUDGE FIFTH JUDICIAL DIST.—          |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Thomas A. McBride, of Clatskanie county..... | 15       | 70      | 46            | 198         | 42           | 78     | 30        | 75       | 84         | 223      | 105        | 230    | 51      | 1247   |           |
| DISTRICT ATTORNEY FIFTH DIST.—               |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Harison Allen, of Clatskanie county.....     | 14       | 67      | 35            | 186         | 42           | 77     | 26        | 77       | 85         | 212      | 90         | 219    | 54      | 1100   |           |
| JOINT SENATOR, 16th SENATORIAL DIST.—        |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| C. W. Hodson, of Multnomah county.....       | 9        | 60      | 35            | 170         | 32           | 64     | 24        | 50       | 70         | 177      | 84         | 160    | 40      | 980    |           |
| J. T. Milner, of Multnomah county.....       | 11       | 42      | 9             | 40          | 15           | 21     | 10        | 25       | 19         | 85       | 34         | 81     | 30      | 428    |           |
| FOR REPRESENTATIVE—                          |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| George G. Mayer, of Columbia county.....     | 7        | 45      | 52            | 146         | 34           | 65     | 22        | 53       | 97         | 180      | 82         | 148    | 39      | 935    | 227       |
| W. A. Young, of Columbia county.....         | 12       | 63      | 13            | 89          | 14           | 33     | 13        | 39       | 12         | 119      | 42         | 163    | 46      | 658    |           |
| FOR COUNTY JUDGE—                            |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| J. B. Doan, of Columbia county.....          | 14       | 43      | 39            | 102         | 22           | 63     | 24        | 46       | 60         | 200      | 72         | 89     | 28      | 802    |           |
| R. S. Hattan, of Columbia county.....        | 8        | 76      | 21            | 149         | 26           | 38     | 11        | 46       | 48         | 108      | 65         | 211    | 57      | 964    | 62        |
| FOR COUNTY CLERK—                            |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| H. Henderson, of Columbia county.....        | 15       | 61      | 54            | 119         | 19           | 51     | 21        | 41       | 88         | 106      | 51         | 127    | 29      | 855    | 21        |
| E. E. Quick, of Columbia county.....         | 8        | 54      | 10            | 128         | 24           | 51     | 15        | 50       | 24         | 139      | 83         | 173    | 50      | 814    |           |
| FOR SHERIFF—                                 |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| J. M. Hill, of Columbia county.....          | 8        | 44      | 16            | 56          | 10           | 20     | 9         | 22       | 25         | 84       | 39         | 114    | 42      | 480    |           |
| Martin White, of Columbia county.....        | 12       | 73      | 41            | 191         | 38           | 79     | 28        | 72       | 83         | 208      | 92         | 160    | 43      | 1147   | 638       |
| FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER—                     |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Chas. Ibbel, of Columbia county.....         | 6        | 86      | 35            | 168         | 31           | 50     | 25        | 72       | 72         | 165      | 75         | 84     | 36      | 864    | 333       |
| W. P. Morton, of Columbia county.....        | 5        | 11      | 3             | 14          | 2            | 5      | 1         | 1        | 4          | 14       | 3          | 8      | 4       | 75     |           |
| W. Pringle, of Columbia county.....          | 10       | 64      | 12            | 39          | 13           | 25     | 8         | 18       | 22         | 80       | 44         | 101    | 30      | 481    |           |
| G. L. Tarbell, of Columbia county.....       | 1        | 19      | 8             | 14          | 4            | 2      | 1         | 3        | 04         | 29       | 10         | 165    | 8       | 208    |           |
| FOR COUNTY TREASURER—                        |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Edwin Ross, of Columbia county.....          | 11       | 73      | 41            | 182         | 38           | 75     | 9         | 74       | 86         | 202      | 98         | 218    | 45      | 1150   | 694       |
| G. W. Welch, of Columbia county.....         | 11       | 40      | 13            | 58          | 10           | 23     | 26        | 18       | 16         | 93       | 31         | 75     | 40      | 450    |           |
| FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR—                         |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Ether W. Clark, of Columbia county.....      | 6        | 39      | 15            | 47          | 14           | 23     | 11        | 14       | 25         | 82       | 51         | 183    | 37      | 553    |           |
| A. L. Laws, of Columbia county.....          | 11       | 54      | 36            | 185         | 34           | 70     | 24        | 72       | 76         | 194      | 77         | 99     | 40      | 972    | 419       |
| G. L. Perrine, of Columbia county.....       | 6        | 30      | 6             | 17          | 1            | 3      | 2         | 8        | 5          | 14       | 1          | 10     | 8       | 111    |           |
| FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR—                         |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| James Barr, of Columbia county.....          | 10       | 46      | 16            | 114         | 13           | 38     | 13        | 27       | 27         | 87       | 34         | 87     | 36      | 548    |           |
| W. T. Watts, of Columbia county.....         | 10       | 61      | 37            | 129         | 34           | 52     | 22        | 62       | 71         | 180      | 95         | 188    | 45      | 990    | 447       |
| FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—            |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| J. H. Collins, of Columbia county.....       | 5        | 17      | 20            | 150         | 12           | 43     | 20        | 38       | 58         | 68       | 81         | 61     | 39      | 618    |           |
| Leane H. Copeland, of Columbia county.....   | 14       | 78      | 17            | 73          | 26           | 32     | 5         | 43       | 27         | 131      | 16         | 177    | 28      | 607    | 49        |
| W. A. Wood, of Columbia county.....          | 4        | 24      | 12            | 19          | 8            | 17     | 10        | 8        | 14         | 89       | 35         | 59     | 13      | 312    |           |
| FOR COUNTY CORONER—                          |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| H. R. Cliff, of Columbia county.....         | 19       | 74      | 42            | 169         | 41           | 70     | 27        | 68       | 88         | 202      | 110        | 229    | 53      | 1258   |           |
| OFFICE OF STATE PRINTER, AMENDMENT—          |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Yes.....                                     | 5        | 72      | 19            | 103         | 24           | 47     | 13        | 46       | 55         | 134      | 79         | 151    | 43      | 791    | 55        |
| No.....                                      | 4        | 14      | 7             | 51          | 14           | 8      | 5         | 3        | 12         | 50       | 13         | 48     | 10      | 239    |           |
| FOR LOCAL OPTION LIQUOR LAW—                 |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Yes.....                                     | 9        | 61      | 17            | 93          | 26           | 28     | 13        | 27       | 35         | 125      | 58         | 129    | 35      | 656    |           |
| No.....                                      | 5        | 39      | 28            | 112         | 18           | 45     | 13        | 35       | 44         | 133      | 54         | 115    | 31      | 672    |           |
| DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTIONS LAW—                |          |         |               |             |              |        |           |          |            |          |            |        |         |        |           |
| Yes.....                                     | 12       | 92      | 31            | 141         | 36           | 63     | 18        | 65       | 59         | 177      | 94         | 150    | 45      | 1013   | 701       |
| No.....                                      | 3        | 10      | 9             | 40          | 8            | 8      | 6         | 6        | 14         | 53       | 19         | 51     | 24      | 231    |           |