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Dr. Swallow, the prohibition candidate for president will have the race of his life if he runs ahead of Debs.

One interesting vacation trip would be to go up to eastern Oregon and observe the work of gathering the immense harvest up there.

A Westphalia, who worked 78 years on the same farm, has retired to a poor house, and now perhaps thinks there is something wrong about the gospel of work.

Mr. Cleveland is going to New Hampshire, so that he won't be bothered by newspaper reporters. But New Hampshire is not Manchuria, and newspaper men can surely go anywhere Mr. Cleveland can.

A gentleman from the back woods, who reads all the county papers, sends us the following: "There is a general complaint throughout the county that since changing proprietors and politics, the Rainier Gazette has become a very dull paper, notwithstanding it now has two editors—Messrs. White and McGregor. Mr. McGregor has the appearance of a man who knows more than he will tell, while Mr. White on the contrary appears to tell more than he knows. This makes it somewhat unreliable as a news sheet. However out of parts of the Nebelium, where they have no preachers, the paper is considered invaluable. When a funeral occurs, in the absence of a parson, some one of the neighbors reads aloud a column or two from the Gazette; in short time not only the mourners but the entire assemblage is weeping copiously."

Some four weeks since the Mist published an article on the renunciation of democracy, by one Paul Morton, son of J. Sterling Morton; and by virtue of the syndicate shackles upon his conscience, 2nd vice-president of the Santa Fe R. R. Said article was commented upon by the Register, to the effect that most democrats who change their politics are not actuated by honest purpose but by hope or promise of gain. We little dreamed, however, when we made the statement, how soon we were to hear the proof of Morton's perfidy or learn the reward of his iniquity. It now transpires that he has been appointed secretary of the navy, by Roosevelt, has obtained nine months leave of absence from his company and was sworn into office on July 1st. Taking the statement of the Mist to be true, and we have no reason to doubt it, that Morton was a democrat, then it goes on record as one of the greatest lightning change acts in the history of political legendarism—a democrat, republican, 2nd vice-president of a great corporation, secretary of the U. S. navy, drawing a fat salary from at least two sources, and probably some other things which we have overlooked—we are not long on statistics anyway—all within three or four weeks. Evidence, probably, of the Roosevelt strenuousness. However Flopper Morton, like Alexander, can now squat himself down by the salt, sea and mingle the briny testimony of his grief therewith, because of no more worlds to conquer; and if this does not occupy the full measure of his time he can put in the balance praying for the reformation of the republican party, hopeless though the task must prove. But our friend of the Mist, yearning for some narcotic to quiet the maunderings of his sin-tortured conscience, claims he has discovered another flopper. In last week's issue he states that Mr. James Bopser, of Sanvie's Island, has informed him that he intends to vote for Roosevelt; and calls upon some one whose physical design is the par excellence of his ideal of manly shape, to take it up. Our modesty forbids the hope that we can fill the specifications laid down by the Chesterfieldian editor of the Mist, but we desire to say that we have no idea that Mr. Bopser anticipates making the race for representative or is looking for an appointment in Alaska or even in the president's cabinet. If he contemplates voting for Roosevelt we presume he is actuated by sincere motives and is not looking for office. We make no kick at those who change their politics through honest inducements. But the offices throughout the country are so generally filled with renegade democrats as to occasion alarm among thinking people; for the man who flops for office is not trustworthy. Not being acquainted with Mr. Bopser we are unable to say whether he fears coyotes or not, we are no Isiah with our system overflowing with prophecy, yet we venture the assertion that neither the fear of coyotes nor the horrors of Gehenna would deter Bopser from hunting office and hunting it hard; nor is there a panacea known to ancient or modern therapeutics that can cure his itch for the same. One thing is certain: No coyote yapped when he left the democrat party; and in passing we might call attention to the old saying, that there are things at which even the dogs refuse to bark.

Columbia County Finances.

A few facts and figures concerning the finances of the county will be of interest to our many readers.

A statement showing the financial condition of the county on the 1st day of July, 1904, as to county general fund and general road fund.

Amount of unpaid warrants

July 1, 1903.....\$479 69

Amount of warrants issued on

general fund from July 1st,

1902 to July 1st 1904.....31433 16

Total.....31912 85

Amount paid from July 1st

1903 to July 1st 1904.....31650 60

Balance.....2182 19

Cash in hands of treasurer be-

longing to general fund.....7227 04

Delinquent taxes from 1888 to

1902 inclusive.....2465 02

Amount of land sales unre-

deemed.....1319 43

Amount of uncollected 1903 tax

7533 03

Total.....18544 32

Amount of unpaid road war-

rants July 1st 1904.....256 50

Amount issued from July 1st

1903 to July 1st 1904.....17681 94

Total.....17938 52

Amount paid July 1st 1903 to

July 1st 1904.....17463 13

Amount unpaid.....475 35

Cash in hands of treasurer.....10841 72

Amount uncollected tax 1904.....988 72

Total.....11820 48

Annual statement of the county clerk of Columbia county, State of Oregon, showing the amount of warrants issued on the general fund, and on what account, from July 1st 1903, to July 1st 1904.

Roads & Bridges.....\$7033 76

Paupers.....1842 41

Criminal act. Circuit Court.....831 05

Criminal act j. p. court.....671 00

Stationery, printing, postage etc.....1103 95

Court house & jail.....172 00

Clerks.....2668 90

Sheriffs.....2160 00

Surveyor.....175 70

Railroad.....198 00

School Supt.....1071 20

County Judge.....1000 00

County Commissioners.....339 25

Road Supervisors.....3704 10

Insane.....71 20

Jury.....1613 55

Coroner & Board of Health.....348 90

Treasurer.....620 00

Fuel.....56 75

Assessor.....1900 00

Election.....1818 60

Board of Prisoners.....272 50

Official Reporters.....180 00

Road Master.....720 00

Rebate of Fees.....298 37

Rebate of Tax.....26 05

Tax paid on land bid in by

county.....52 23

Assessment & Taxation.....343 00

Soldiers & Sailors Indig. fund.....50 00

Total.....\$31483 16

Night Was Her Torture.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 35 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Perry & Graham's.

Commissioners' Court.

The county commissioners convened in regular session Wednesday of this week and were still grinding away at bills allowable as we went to press.

Officers present: Judge, R. S. Hattan; Commissioners, H. L. Colvin and Casper Libel; County Clerk, H. Henderson; Sheriff, Martin White.

Saloon license was granted O. E. Hunter, of Goble precinct for one year.

Bonds of the various county officers were approved.

O. Dutcher, of Rainier precinct, was appointed constable in place of C. C. Prichard, who failed to qualify.

Uncle George Merrill was appointed justice of the peace and J. W. Strain constable of Deer Island precinct, they both having failed to qualify for the office to which they had been elected.

Saloon license was granted to Hendricks Bros., of Houlton, for six months.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Perry & Graham.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County.

In the matter of the Estate of A. C. Adams, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the Estate of A. C. Adams, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, his final account as such administrator of said estate, and that Monday, the 1st day of August, 1904, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p. m., has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing of objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

R. H. MITCHELL.

Administrator of the Estate of A. C. Adams, deceased.

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