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THE OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

James Dart would make an excellent candidate for county treasure on the democrat ticket.

Iowa is to have a beer inspector, if we were a republican we would go there at once and apply for the job.

We hear the name of W. D. Plue of Rainier as a possible candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of Representative.

Arrangements are being made for the coal strike in Pennsylvania. An armed squad of Rough Riders have been ordered out by the governor.

If you have not registered do so now, attend to the matter at once, and it may save you a vote in the primary and help to nominate a good man to office.

The consolidation of Houlton and St. Helens school districts should not be lost sight of in the coming political campaign. A good high school located at the county seat would be the means of bringing many settlers to this part of the country.

In making preliminary arrangements for construction of a mile of good road, Senator Fulton has been urged by Judge John H. Scott, of Salem, president of the Oregon Good Roads association, to strive at all times to keep the average cost of work down to the lowest figure. Judge Scott holds that owing to the scarce settlement in Oregon, such a demonstration will have value in proportion to its permanence and initial cost. The Senator has taken this point up with the government officials who will have charge, and hopes that the experimental work will be a lesson in economy, as well in the new science of road construction.

Whenever an opportunity presents itself, for a Mitchell republican to take a pot shot at Francis J. Heney, that opportunity does not go unimproved, and all because Heney has knocked the eternal labor out of the Mitchell ring that has so long plundered and debauched the fair State of Oregon. In last week's issue of the *Mist* appears a half column effusion from the splenetic pen of the editor of that hebdomadal misfit, under the caption of "Another Idol Smashed," satirizing the appointment of W. C. Bristol as U. S. District attorney and lampooning Heney, with the iconoclastic fury suggested by the title, for such appointment. The Mitchell gang dies hard. Its feeling against good government—honest government—remains the same as in days gone by. Every move of Heney's is watched, and when nothing is forthcoming the gang hatches something, charges it to Heney and then howls a lung loose. There is absolutely no evidence, nor cause to think, that Heney ever endorsed Bristol or any other republican, crooked or otherwise, for the position of District attorney or dog pelter; true some of the Portland papers at the time of the appointment may have said, probably did, that Heney recommended Bristol for the place; at best it was a guess and not at all a shrewd guess at that. The Register does not know, nor does it care a rap about Bristol's integrity, if he is troubled with that commodity, he is an exception to the rule among republican office holders in Oregon, but one thing is cock sure: Heney's investigation into every matter here in Oregon, to which his attention has been called, have been so careful and painstaking that he has not made one mistake nor failed in a single prosecution. Flagg can rest assured that Heney never endorsed or recommended any one with whom he was unacquainted, or with whom he had not summered and wintered.

COUNTY GRANGE.

The county grange convention for Columbia Co. will be held at Houlton on Saturday March 3rd at two o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing three delegates to the State Grange.

The subordinate granges of the county should elect their delegates and alternates during this month and be careful to elect those who will attend, as no proxy is allowed in the convention.

W. A. Young }
Jennie Lovelace } Deputies
J. W. Armstrong }

An Eldorado

It would be something of a stupendous task even to suggest in detail, what in the way of material development is about to take place in Columbia county. The building of the Hillsboro-Nehalem, Scappoose-Nehalem, and Clatskanie-Nahalem rail roads are of themselves enterprises of great magnitude, and once completed through to the coast will be the means of opening up a great "Eldorado."

In dairying and lumbering there has been made a beginning which is portentous of results little short of the marvelous when we consider how the margin of opportunity has been touched, and how production has been hampered by inadequate transportation to market. But dairying and lumbering are two industries only; these will be multiplied by a score when the coast region is once fairly opened up by railroad communication, and is brought in close touch with and made a part of the industrial life of the state. The soil is fruitful for diversified farming, horticulture and stockraising, and there is power and material for manufacturing that is bound to follow the agricultural development of the country.

Then we are to remember that with developing industry and developing agriculture will come community building—the village, the town, the city—with their schools, churches, libraries, theatres, street railways, water works, electric light and gas plants, and added tens—yes hundreds—of thousands of population that will aid the State of Oregon to become greater, and wealthier, more magnificent than any other commonwealth on the Pacific Slope. There is nothing of exaggerated prophecy in all this. The strip of country lying immediately along the seacoast of Oregon is immensely rich in natural resources. This is true of nearly the entire coast, from where the Rogue River finds the Pacific to the mouth of the Columbia. It is no more to be isolated in permanent unproductive idleness, or to fail in its destiny by remaining in partial development for lack of railroads, than any stretch of the Atlantic seaboard. Its thorough awakening is only a question of time—time that the progress of events is beginning to bring to our realization.

A Hot Time In The Old Town.

Fd. Columbia Register:—The Rainier Review, after making a stagger at correcting some of its misrepresentations, concludes its feeble plaint in the following language: "The Review gives the above information simply to refute the talk that is made by a few Rainier citizens that knock every move made by the city authorities and the city attorney."

This continual knocking at every move made by the city is a damage to the town, and as there will be a new set of councilmen elected, it is hoped the knocker will give the town a rest for a few weeks."

One can hardly avoid the inference that this carpet-bag-editor was seeing double when he relieved himself of this diatribe. When gazing upon the luxurious furnishings of the various health offices around town he imagined himself in a "city", when he undertook to pilot himself around among the active business men and teams he was surely in "town", but if he would only take a stroll up Water street and observe the condition of the sidewalk and gutter he could easily imagine himself in Washington and feel very much "at home".

This however is merely incidental, the main desire being to hush matters up, to keep them in the dark until after election. Concealment has always been, and still is the bulwark of defence for the municipal grafter. Publicity is the reformers weapon which has produced results in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Minneapolis and many other places of lesser note, and I have confidence enough in the integrity of the American people to believe that when an abuse is properly set forth and honestly made known to the voters they will rise in their might and "turn the rascals out".

Had Wendall Phillips and his coterie of so called abolitionists shrank from the advocacy of a great principle for fear of being called "knockers", four millions of people would still be in bondage, working in shackles under the crack of the slave drivers whip. Nor is that all. The Review, in publishing a tabulated statement of expenditures for the town of Rainier was fully cognizant of existing conditions. It is a well known principle in law that when a crime has been committed, outside parties knowing the facts though having nothing to do directly with the commission of said crime will be held accessories if they fail to inform the proper officials

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TEACHERS EXAMINATION.

Applicants for teachers certificates at the February examination held at St. Helens, Feb. 14-17, 1906.

For County Papers:

Mary A. Ewing,	Marshland.
Henrietta LaPaul,	"
C. Hope Rodgers,	Mist
Johanna H. Magnusen,	"
Grace Powers,	Inglis.
Ida L. Albee,	Milwaukee.
Mable I. Johnson,	Portland.
Irene H. Johnson,	Goble.
R. O. Crawford,	Westport.
Lizzie Aibee,	Scappoose.
Verna V. Tompkins,	Warree.
Sadie M. Baker,	"
Eva M. Burns,	Rainier.
Christine E. Wilson	"
Ether Mitchell,	"
James Springer,	"
Mamie G. Maclay,	Columbia City.
Juliette B. F. Parramore,	Clatskanie
Mary E. Elliot,	"
For State papers,	
James B. Dodson,	St. Helens.
I. H. Copeland,	Board of Trustees.
W. H. Powell,	"
Mrs. S. S. Way,	"

By special permission a number of applicants for County papers are writing in other counties. Their manuscript will be forwarded to Columbia county for grading.

Study the initiated laws and amendments.

The trouble with some liars is, they are not even cheerful.

At time of going to press the County commissioners were still in session, examining plans for the new court house. Most of the plans submitted call for an expenditure of about \$25,000. Of course a building can be erected for \$15,000 but it would only be a short time until it would have to be added to, and possibly another vote taken on the county seat question, but if a \$25,000 house is erected the question of county seat is settled for all time.

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