

Editorial Snap Shots.

The rain had a tired feeling for a few days—but it wasn't for long.

"Representative Green Chance?" Gee! How old Bossy would hawl!

Every precinct in Tillamook county should send Eddy delegates to the republican convention.

Justice G. B. Alley is trying to show the justice of his candidacy for county clerk by button holing those who are disposed to talk politics.

There is plenty of more room in the office seekers' band wagon, for it's free for all, regardless of faction. And the glad hand is outstretched.

We have had a pretty good gravity water system from overhead the past few months, and the property owners haven't had to pay \$58,000 for it either.

It was a little surprising to see so many Fairview politicians and statesmen chewing the political rag on Tuesday, the first bright day for months. We'd like to know if they were setting a political nest?

So there are several republicans who aspire to the dignity of legislator and statesmen, the names of W. T. West, C. B. Wiley, Chas. Ray and W. G. Chapee are spoken of as candidates for joint representative.

It is said that George Brownell, the Clackamas county statesman, is not an aspirant for congress, but will support Finger Hermann. So the Lane county gentleman will have formidable opposition, especially should there be a number of aspirants, as in all probability there will.

Sheriff E. W. Stanley and Geo. Grayson appear to be the leading aspirants for the sheriff's office. It requires a little grit to aspire to that office, for bad men have a happy faculty, when they are hard pressed, of plugging sheriffs with lead. But this does not daunt persons from aspiring to the position.

Rah! Simon is beaten in Portland and Senator Mitchell's friends will control the organization in Multnomah county. This is as it should be, for Simon is such a light weight in comparison to Mitchell that it is not surprising that Portland has felt all over herself to get into the Senator's band wagon.

County School Superintendent G. B. Lamb has gone to the north end of the county, and will, no doubt, interview the political "marmos" before he returns, as he is a candidate for county clerk. George has a large number of personal friends throughout the county who will give him their support at the right time.

Uncle Sam starts the new year in good shape as to his meat supply during the next twelve months. According to the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, there are on hand, 10,736,059 horses, nearly three million mules, nearly seventeen and a half million cows, 43,629,498 other cattle, nearly 52,000,000 sheep and over 47,500,000 hogs.

As Tillamook City has been deprived of mail for nearly three weeks, it is about time for her to sever diplomatic relations with the outside world and establish a postal system of her own. The postal authorities in Portland, who were so darn'd impotent and refused to order all the mail in by way of Sheridan when they were appealed to day after day to do so, will know they have been up against the sturdy little kingdom of Tillamook before the matter of the delay of the mail is a closed incident at Washington, for they cannot treat Tillamook county with impunity.

Creameries and cheese factories continue to multiply in Tillamook County. One of these days it will dawn upon the dairymen that their product can be manufactured at less cost in a large factory than in so many small ones. When that community of interests prevails it will be death to the small factories, with the exception of places where it is too far to get to a large factory. It is getting so that every school district has one or more factories, and it is a good thing, for with these multiplying, there is an increase of cows, cheese and money in the county.

There are a number of aspirants who claim they are not aspirants. Surely they must have placed their aspirations under a bushel basket and now they expect the political lightning to strike it and then land them into office. When a person is wanting a nomination from his party there is nothing like declaring, out-and-out, the whole truth. That's what the HEADLIGHT man would do if he had a political bee buzzing in his bonnet, and he would use no political mock modesty in allowing his aspirations to be known, nor would he bury them under a bushel.

The old-time Mitchell-Simon fight is on in Portland to get control of the republican party in Multnomah county. The way we look at it here, bottled up in this neck of the woods, is that Simon should go away back and sit down after his miserable failure as a senator, in comparison to Senator Mitchell's successful and brilliant career as Oregon's senator. We

have no sentimental feelings whatever in the matter, only that we believe it is to the best interest to support a statesman like Mitchell than a ward politician like Simon.

Those who have paid their taxes this year are well pleased with Assessor A. M. Hare's assessment, for he has tried to do about the right thing and is deserving of a great deal of credit for reducing the valuation on agricultural land and raising it on timber. When it comes to Mr. Hare's name for re-nomination and re-election, he will have the hearty support of the people of the county, regardless of party. (Anyway, he is justly entitled to another term, for it is not a very wise procedure to keep changing the assessor, especially as he is doing what the public demand in a fair, conservative and business-like manner.

If it were not for the efforts of the candidates to strengthen their positions, we might say they that politics are stagnant this year. And it is just as well, for it is marvelous the time and amount of jaw bone it takes to elect a few men to office, in fact, to get them a position for a few years. We do not wish to mention names, but it does not look sensible for dairymen to get out and chew the political rag day after day and neglect Old Bossy. Perhaps the people in the South end of the county have their eyes fixed on the chittim bark more than the political pie this year, and we do not blame them much when dollars or political doughnut are at stake.

There appears to be a strong sentiment, and which is on the increase in the numerous town in Oregon, demanding that state laws and city ordinances be enforced by those who are in authority and who are paid to enforce them. This is what the HEADLIGHT, and a large number of the people in Tillamook City, have contended for, and although it may be difficult to bring about results right off, now that citizens and business men in other towns begin to realize that a "wide open" gambling town is a detriment to business, some day the business men of Tillamook City will take a tumble to themselves also when they inquire into some of the causes of business depressions and find that gambling is one important factor.

It will be noticed that the HEADLIGHT has not and is not booming any of the numerous candidates who aspire to be nominated on the republican ticket. We have purposely avoided this so as to give all an equal chance on the floor of the convention, for it is the delegates to that convention who are to exercise their discretion and to choose the most suitable and competent candidates, and men who can carry their party to victory. It would be presumption on our part to say who the convention should nominate, and this applies to the republican leaders as well, for there appears to be no disposition in Tillamook at present to resort to the unsatisfactory factional fights and each faction putting up a "slate," although it is as plain as plain can be that this is what some of those who have allied themselves with the dissatisfied republicans want to do again this year, but somehow they cannot get a following large enough to split the republican party up again this year. The HEADLIGHT reserves its right to criticize the fitness and ability of all candidates.

Politics are unusually quiet this year, with no indications at present of factional broils in the republican party. Of course there is a little friction between the friends of the different aspirants, but we are glad to say, however, that no hard feelings are displayed, as in previous campaigns. By the time the republican convention meets, from what we can see in the political horizon, there will be a large number of candidates for every position. As soon as the convention selects its standard bearers, all friction between candidates should cease. When the convention has spoken, the HEADLIGHT will turn in and help elect the ticket on strictly party lines and every candidate will have our hearty support. We hope every republican who takes part in a primary or the convention will follow our example, and if this is done and republicans stick, as they should to their party, the republican ticket will be elected with a good big majority. And the HEADLIGHT sincerely believes this, that Tillamook republicans should stand together this year and help to elect the county, district and state ticket with the largest republican majority the county has ever given. It is for republicans to say whether they will do this and uphold President Roosevelt in his fearless administration of public affairs.

It will be noticed that as there will be no river and harbor bill this year, which placed Tillamook County in a bad fix as regard bar improvements, consequently, the next best thing was resorted to, that of trying to get an appropriation inserted in the sundry civil bill. Large sums of money have been obtained for the Columbia river improvements in that way, so it was thought advisable to make an effort in that direction, but whether it will succeed we are not in a position to know until we obtain further information from Washington. It is only by dodged persistence that we can hope to get an appropriation for the improvement of the bar, and Senator Fulton has offered an amendment to the bill asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 for that purpose. We sincerely pray that it

will pass, for with the present gloomy outlook for manufacturers and the lumber industry, an appropriation to that amount would bring about a wonderful change in the situation and business outlook for Tillamook county. With this information, and the latest engineer's report of the Tillamook bar, we expected to publish today, but owing to the mix up and delay in the mail, it did not reach us yet, although we have received a letter from Washington saying that the report had been mailed us, which we hope will come to hand for our next issue. If this new effort does not succeed, perhaps someone can suggest something else to get round the difficulty, but now that Tillamook county is dead set on getting an appropriation for the bar it must stay with it most tenaciously and under no circumstances be a quitter.

AT CLOSE RANGE.

Fighting Torpedo-Boats Almost Touch. Russians Are Worst.

TOKIO, March 13.—Admiral Togo's report of the fourth attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese fleet on March 10 reached Tokio late Saturday afternoon. It is as follows:

"Our Squadron, as prearranged, attacked the enemy at Port Arthur March 10. Our two torpedo flotillas reached the mouth of the harbor at Port Arthur at 1 o'clock on the morning of March 10. Finding no enemy and waiting until dawn, one flotilla engaged in sinking special mines in the harbor entrance.

"Notwithstanding the enemy's fire, our flotilla succeeded in sinking the mines. The other flotilla met the enemy's torpedo flotilla, consisting of six boats, in the Lao Tshie channel, south of Port Arthur, at 4:30 o'clock. A hot engagement occurred at close range for 30 minutes. The enemy then took flight.

"Our fire greatly damaged the Russian ships, one of which was badly crippled by a shot through the boilers, and another was observed to be on fire. So close were the two flotillas to each other that our destroyers, the Asashio, Kasumi and Akatsuki, nearly touched the enemy's ships and our crews could even hear the cries of agony of the injured men on them.

"We sustained some damage and loss. The Akatsuki had a steam pipe broken and four stokers were killed thereby. Our loss was seven killed and eight wounded. Among the latter is Chief Engineer Minamisawa, of the Kasumi.

"Our other flotilla, while leaving the harbor entrance, observed two Russian torpedo-boats coming from seaward and immediately engaged them, the battle lasting one hour. After causing them severe damage one of them effected its escape, but our destroyer the Sasanami, captured the other boat, which proved to be the Stereguscheli.

"Notwithstanding the land batteries pouring a heavy fire on our flotilla, the captured vessel was taken in tow. Owing to the high sea the towline soon parted, and the Sasanami found it necessary to take the crew from the Russian boat and abandoned the Stereguscheli, which finally sank at 10:30 o'clock.

"The enemy's cruisers, the Novik and the Bayan, steamed out of the entrance of the harbor toward us, but observing the approach of our cruiser squadron, retired to the harbor. Our flotilla suffered some damage, but not heavy. The Sasanami and the Akatsuki had two sailors killed and Sub Lieutenant Shimi of the Akatsuki, and three sailors were wounded.

"Our main and cruiser squadrons arrived off Port Arthur at 8 o'clock. The cruisers immediately advanced toward the harbor entrance to protect the torpedo flotilla. The main squadron advanced near Lao Tshie Shan and opened an indirect cannonade against the inner harbor from 10 o'clock to 1:40. According to the observation made by one of our cruisers facing the entrance, the bombardment was remarkably effective. During our cannonade the enemy's land batteries fired, but none of our ships suffered any damage.

Tallenwan Is Bombarded. "Another cruiser squadron went to Tallenwan and bombarded the enemy's fortress on Samshontao, damaging the buildings thereon.

"The Russian torpedo-boat destroyer damaged in the third attack on Port Arthur was found to be the Wnushiteriny, which had been completely sunk, the mast only being visible above the water.

"Our squadron stopped firing at 2 o'clock and returned to the rendezvous."

Sinks Own Ships.

NIE CHWANG, March 14.—After the removal of the battleship Retvizan, four Russian steamers, the Harbin, the Hailar, the Ningunta and the Sungari, were anchored at the mouth of the entrance of Port Arthur in proper position and sunk leaving only a small channel available. Vice-Admiral Makaroff having previously ordered the whole fleet to remain outside with steam up, economy in coal being unnecessary.

This dispatch is of Russian information, and is of the first importance, confirming the idea that Vice-Admiral Makaroff will adopt the offensive and make a desperate effort to bring together Russia's scattered naval forces, or endeavor to inflict damage upon the Japanese navy.

The sinking of ships was to prevent the ingress of Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers, as was done at Wei Hai Wei during the China-Japanese War.

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The Merger Knocked Out.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In the United States Supreme Court today an opinion was delivered in the merger case of the Northern Securities Company vs. the United States in favor of the Government's contention that the merger was illegal. The opinion of the court was handed down by Justice Harlan, and it upheld the decree of the Circuit Court for the District of Minnesota in every particular.

Four of the Justices dissented from the five constituting the majority. The division in the court was due to a difference of opinion as to the right of Federal control of state corporations. The majority opinion proceeded on the theory that Congress has a right, under the Constitution, to control interstate commerce, no matter by whom conducted, while the minority or dissenting opinion was based on the theory that in the present case the effort to regulate the ownership is not interstate traffic.

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A sentence of 12 years to the Walla Walla penitentiary was imposed on David G. Williams by Judge Rutkin. The prisoner was tried and convicted in February on the charge of holding up and shooting C. P. Brown on the night of October 18th last, at Toppenish. Brown had got off a train there. Williams met him and at the point of a revolver told him to hold up his hands. Brown refused and started to run. Williams fired and the bullet struck Brown in the back and lodged in his abdomen. In passing sentence the Judge remarked that any man who would shoot another man in the back was unsafe to be at liberty.

Portland, McMinnville and Rossland people sold the Kingston mine, on Lexington Mountain, Lardeau district, to an English syndicate, the sale price being \$100,000. Among Oregon people interested in the deal are Governor Chamberlain, H. L. Pitcock, L. H. Barton, all of Portland, and M. U. Gortner and Dr. Goucher, of McMinnville. The property transferred consists of 250 acres of placer ground and the new owners will take up active development at once.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally, it does from drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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