

Sparks from the Anvil.

If the principles of the republican party are worth anything, the republican candidates should be voted for.

W. T. West says he is no turn coat. That is hard on Talmage, the political turn coat from Yamhill county.

Well, if that won't beat a Philadelphia lawyer, or the whole lot of lawyers in Tillamook City, to fathom the political make up of those who advocate the election of 16 democrats to 1 republican.

Nick Job says this campaign can't be run on water. That is strange, for Nick voted for \$60,000 worth of water the last time he cast his ballot, so we were lead to believe. Some men are never satisfied, not with that amount of money that is wanted for water. Dry, sir!

J. W. Maxwell claims he did not put up the drinks for Talmage, but he did for West. How kind of Maxwell, awfully kind to be putting up the drinks in that way. Out of sheer desperation it would not surprise us much if Maxwell would vote for the local option measure, for he must be wondering where he is at.

The news reports from Albany says that B. L. Eddy will poll more than his party vote in Linn county. Marion and Polk counties will give him large majorities. He will carry Yamhill, and Tillamook will give her favored son a rousing vote in the republican land slide next month.

We can hardly think that any of the delegates to the republican county convention will vote for hard times democratic candidates, when this is a year that all sectional disputes are being buried and a big republican majority is wanted for President Roosevelt and the entire republican ticket.

Political reformers are they? It certainly looked as though J. W. Maxwell needed reforming, for he was gloriously full of tangle-foot several days last week. Well, well, if that is the kind of reformer he is trying to bring about in Tillamook, then we are destined to become regular soaks and dwarfed in intellect if we follow his example and ideas of political reform.

If there is any rottenness in politics in Tillamook county, it is plain to see that it comes from Yamhill, for most of the political rottenness came to this county with the men who are lined up with the democratic party and who have been practically fired from the republican party or that account, hence the reform in the republican party and the corruptionist running the democratic party.

Some of our democratic friends says that the republicans get into a wrangle every once in a while, so much so that democrats take heart and think they are going to win out, only to find on election day that republicans have gotten their little differences and have fallen into line again and are voting the republican ticket from top to bottom. It's too bad to fool the democrats that way.

There is no truth in the campaign lie that republican candidates were trading. It was made out of old cloth, where two years ago democratic candidates traded their brothers. As there is not the least hope of Knudson being elected, he will probably be the first candidate to be traded away, and he will not be the only democratic candidate that will be sacrificed on the political trading altar. It is every democratic candidate for himself and the republican-democratic teat puller hoodooing the whole of them.

Talk about political freaks, you have to come to Tillamook to find them. What in the name of common sense does a republican democrat represent? A Mongolian, a Spaniard or a nigger? Are Tillamookers going to be fooled in voting for such a combination of falsehood? Not much. Since a few disgruntled republican ex-office holders and teat pullers are running the machine for the democratic party, honest, straight-forward democrats are relegated to the background, for the few disgruntled republicans are the whole thing in that party right now.

The Oregonian says, "A big republican majority in Oregon in June will tell for Theodore Roosevelt in every state of the Union. The most effective vote for Roosevelt that any Oregonian can cast will be his vote for augmentation of the republican majority in June." That is right. Republicans should rally everywhere so as to make preparations for the republican landslide in June which should snow under all hard times candidates. Tillamook county is overwhelmingly for Roosevelt, and at the bugle's call republicans will fall into line and vote a straight party vote to swell the majority for Roosevelt.

We have received a copy of the special edition of the Eugene Register, containing seventy pages of interesting reading matter and illustrations of Eugene and Lane county, giving the history and growth of that section for the past 38 years. The edition reflects great credit upon the Register, and we predict for it that it will be the means of enhancing the business and commercial interests of that already progressive city and county. The HEADLIGHT extends its congratulations.

tions to the Register, and with a word of commendation for the enterprise it has displayed in behalf of its home town and county, for no one is more energetic and loyal to the section of country where they are published than the local newspapers.

The democrats of Benton and Columbia Counties have joined forces, which is perhaps the first time in the history of the State that the democratic party has espoused the prohibition cause. Is this fusion of democrats and prohibitionists brought about for the purpose of carrying the local option amendment? Surely it can be for no other reason. And on that account it is going to be interesting to see whether the democrats in other counties will fall in line and help carry prohibition. For a long time the prohibition party has wanted one of the old parties to espouse their cause, but failing in that, it has not developed very much strength. Prohibitionists should take hearty note that Miss Democracy has embraced young Mr. Prohibitionist, but what will be the result?

All reports to the contrary, every person nominated by the republican county convention will be elected by a good majority, and B. L. Eddy and Binger Hermann will run ahead of their ticket in this county, for republicans are going to turn out for the purpose of piling up a big republican majority for President Roosevelt and to snow under the rule or ruin rulers who are shouting ring rule for the purpose of making political capital. Republicans are not saying much, are saying wood, but they are perfectly aware that it is the same old-time Tillamook City ring that is behind the democratic party and which is again fighting the republican party, since they could not get the republican convention to nominate the rule or ruin ring candidates.

We understand that Geo. Loerpabel, who is the republican nominee for county commissioner, is well qualified for that position and is a strong advocate of good roads, and having had some considerable experience in that direction, makes him an ideal candidate for the position, for he is a man with a good deal of push and determination in anything he takes in hand. He is the kind of man the county needs for a commissioner, and as he will get the entire support of the republican party, the people of the county are sure they will have a commissioner who will endeavor to give all parts of the county better roads and bridges, so that dairymen can get to the creameries and the county seat with greater ease and comfort.

One of the patrons of the South Prairie cheese factory has sent us some figures which speaks volumes for Tillamook's leading industry. This factory received 2,091,030 pounds of milk for the year 1903, which made 79,843 pounds of butter fat. But the most interesting feature about this, from a dairyman's point of view, is that they received an average of 29 1/2-10th cents per pound for their butter fat, \$23,467 95 being the amount of money paid to the factory for its product. Patrons of that factory are well satisfied, as they have a right to be, with their year's profits, as they are also with the factory they have stayed with since it was built. All will admit that this is a big price for butter fat, considering that there is little or no expense to come out of this for milk feed.

When will the democratic party in this county take a tumble to itself? It lacks common political senses, for as long as it prostitutes itself with the disgruntled ex-republican office holders and teat pullers, and allows a lot of hoodlums to run the campaign for them in the interest of the old-time rule or ruin policy, with its "graft" in discounting county warrants one half, the voters will have no faith in the party or the candidates, for they know that the present effort to down the republican party is only to place the power again in the hands of those who robbed people out of one half of their county warrants. The HEADLIGHT at this time sounds a word of warning by calling attention to the underlying motives which are at the back of those disgruntled teat pullers who are using the democratic party simply as a tool. As we said before, when will the democratic party take a tumble to itself, ignore the republican-democratic teat pullers, rise above such political prostitution and conduct its campaign with straight, out-and-out democrats. It cannot do it this year, for the mugwumps have control of the party, and as a last resort even the democratic candidates are trying to trade one another away as they did in previous years.

Before the Tillamook Water Commission undertakes to bond the city for any large amount of money, it should thoroughly consider the question as to the limit a city the size of Tillamook should be bonded for. Here is where there is a wide difference of opinion amongst the taxpayers. If the commissioners would not put \$60,000 of their own money into an opposition water system for this city, then as business men they should not do so with public money. There appears to be a little rush in wanting the bond's negotiated before the commission knows what it is going to decide on. We hope, however, the commission will soon be able to settle the water question one way or the other, but no matter how great the expenditure in putting in a new water

system, we hope the people will not entertain the foolish notion that the city will be thoroughly protected from fire. It will not be, for a fire once started under favorable circumstances would wipe the wood buildings off the earth so quick that a water system costing twice \$60,000 would have little or no effect in stopping. Brick, stone and concrete buildings are needed for fire protection, and as long as wood buildings continue to multiply, greater will be the conflagration and loss of property when it comes.

Now, who is it that is wanting to defeat the republican party and get control of county affairs through the democratic party? Here it is in a nutshell, as any observant person can see if they will only take the trouble to ascertain this fact: It is those who, in previous years, discounted your county warrants 50c. on the dollar, paid working men in time checks and then "touch" them for a rake off in "blood money," and when they found a man in straitened circumstances the money sharks pinched and squeezed them for all they were worth. This is some of the political history of Tillamook county, which the dear people are asked to reinact for the benefit of money octopuses who became wealthy and corrupt while bleeding Tillamookers out of their hard earned wages after working on public roads or after working in the saw mills or logging camps. The republican administration the people declared for a few years ago changed all this and now 100c. can be obtained on the dollar. If you come across a few paid emissaries of the money power in some of the precincts spouting against the republican party and republican candidates, it is as plain as plain can be they are working in the interest of the democrats who want another opportunity to "bleed" the people out of 50c. on the dollar and make a "graft" out of workmen's wages.

All you have to do is to turn the search light upon the personal characters of the few men who are posing as political reformers. For instance, C. W. Talmage, the ex-republican office holder from Yamhill county, is one of them. Yet he was elected mayor of Tillamook City by the united support of every gambler in the city, and never had the moral courage to exercise his authority and put a stop to one of the worst curses that ever struck Tillamook City, for the damnable gambling joints have ruined for life a number of young men in this city, broken up several happy homes and robbed scores of wives and families of clothing and the comforts of life. Talmage never had the moral courage to stop this wide open gambling when he had the power, and to send him to the state legislature would be a backward step for Tillamook to take, seeking the reputation the county obtained in sending a clean and able man to the state legislature like L. B. Eddy. Well, it is like this, this big howl for reform comes, not from reformers, but from men who are dirty enough to stoop to anything for the purpose of defeating the republican party and electing the democratic ticket. Reformers! Rats! Such men cannot fool the voters of Tillamook county.

Republicans are advised to vote a straight republican ticket next month, for every republican candidate that is scratched makes the vote cast for the party that much smaller. It is impossible to select a ticket which will please everybody in a party. If the HEADLIGHT man had had to select the candidates he would probably have made a different selection in some cases, so would probably every person who reads this paragraph. But after the convention makes its selection and delegates unanimously vote to place men on the ticket, we think, in all honor, they should cast their vote for them at the polls. This idea of jumping the fence and belly aching because the majority of the delegates did not see as we or someone else did, is pretty poor business, but is quite frequent in politics in Tillamook when a few person cannot dictate what a convention should do. By doing this J. W. Maxwell has cooked his political goose good and plenty, and when they hear him belly aching about the republican ticket and some of the candidates they feel sorry that they ever voted to send him to the state legislature as a republican. The editor is as observant as most people, and during the last three elections we observe that Mr. Maxwell has fought the party that once—but never will again—honored him, because he has never been willing to abide by the will of the majority, and then, with rule and ruin methods, tries to defeat the republican candidates by pugwump and mugwump methods. On this account it is the duty of every republican to vote a straight ticket and elect every candidate so as to teach Mr. Maxwell and those who train with him that the republicans of Tillamook are not going to be run by pugwumps or mugwumps, for they are getting awfully tired hearing them belly-ache, as they are doing now.

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Water Commission Meets.

On Monday, at the regular meeting of the city council, the members of the water commission were invited to be present, and all put in an appearance with the exception of Mr. B. L. Eddy, who was absent from the city. Mayor Talmage said he had called the committee together to see what it intended doing, whereupon

Claude Thayer moved that Geo. Cohn be elected temporary chairman. This was carried, although the commissioners did not appear very enthusiastic when the motion was put, for only one or two of them voted "Aye."

Claude Thayer moved that Homer Mason be elected clerk, which carried with the same indifference as to voting.

Claude Thayer moved that the chair appoint a committee of five on permanent organization, which carried, and Chairman Cohn appointed Claude Thayer, M. F. Leach, F. R. Beals, C. I. Clough and C. E. Hadley.

Claude Thayer addressed the commissioners, during which he said they had been getting along nicely. The city was out of debt, they had had good water and electric light services, but in taking up the water question he realized that it was no easy matter, for the people were equally divided and there was no strong sentiment to back them up. It was necessary, he said, not to make any wrong moves, for they would be unmercifully criticised with about one-half of the citizens opposed to them. He would try and carry out what he thought best, concluding with a brief story, the purport of which was if they did not like what he did they could go plumb to—(we suppose he meant to place prepared for the devil and his imps).

Claude Thayer moved that the recorder be instructed to place a notice in one of the financial papers of the east and advertise the bonds for sale, which was carried.

Claude Thayer moved that the legal standing of the commission be submitted to a firm of competent attorneys to pass upon. He understood the commission would be served with injunctions directly they commenced to do anything, so he wanted to be sure of their ground before it came before Judge Burnett or Judge Eddy. (On mentioning the name of Judge Eddy, Mr. Thayer's face took on the usual happy expression when trying to make a sally, but it did not appear to interest the commissioners coming from the source it did). As the commissioners showed no disposition to vote, the roll was called and all answered yes with the exception of M. W. Harrison, who voted no.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

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