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REPUBLICAN TICKET

For Justice of the Supreme Court

F. A. MOORE.

For State Food and Dairy Commissioner,

J. W. BAILEY.

For Presidential Electors,

J. M. HART,

JAS. A. FEE,

GRANT B. DIMICK,

A. C. HOUGH.

CONGRESSIONAL.

For Member of Congress—First District,

BINGER HERMANN.

Second District,

J. N. WILLIAMSON.

JUDICIAL.

For Circuit Judges, Third Judicial District,

GEORGE H. BURNETT.

B. L. EDDY,

For District Attorney,

JOHN H. McNARY.

MARION COUNTY TICKET.

County Judge—John H. Scott.

Sheriff—W. J. Culver.

Clerk—John W. Roland.

Assessor—Fred J. Rice.

Treasurer—W. Y. Richardson.

Recorder—John C. Slegmund.

School Supt.—E. T. Moores.

Commissioner—L. C. Needham.

Surveyor—B. B. Herrick.

Coroner—A. M. Clough.

Representatives—Jos. Calvert, Hubbard; J. G. Graham and T. B. Kay.

Salem; John Ritchie, Scotts Mills; Jesse H. Sattlemeyer, Woodburn.

Salem District Ticket.

For Justice of the Peace,

H. H. TURNER.

For Constable,

ROBT. O. DONALDSON.

COMMITTEEMEN.

Chairman State Central Committee

—Frank C. Baker, Portland.

Chairman Congressional Central Committee—Walter L. Toozee, Woodburn.

Member State Central Committee—Hal D. Patton, Salem.

Chairman County Central Committee—Chas. A. Murphy; B. Frank Meredith, secretary, Salem.

Dates of Events.

May 2—Supreme court, Pendleton.

May 2—Oregon Federation of Labor, Oregon City.

May 4—General M. E. conference, Los Angeles.

May 18-21—I. O. O. F. grand lodge, Astoria.

June 6—General election in Oregon.

June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.

June 15, 16 and 17—Department of Oregon, G. A. R., in annual reunion at Hood River.

August 22-27—American Mining Congress, Portland.

THE CIVIC UNION'S WORK.

A new regime is being introduced in politics. Candidates for office are being tested as to their personal fitness and worthiness by citizens organized for such purpose before the nominating convention is held. This test is being applied especially to those candidates for the law-enforcing department of the county government, namely the prosecuting attorney's office and the justices of the peace and police court.

Heretofore, any one who could by hook or crook get a nomination in a convention of the dominant party has been carried into office by force of a partisan vote regardless of fitness. Capacity, honesty, experience, these elements of fitness all gave way before that imperative need of a straight party vote, which leaders are wont to demand of the rank and file.

The Civic Union is the author of this new regime. It is so far as the

question of good government is concerned, a non-partisan organization. Its only requirement for office is the test of fitness, a test that would long ago have been applied to candidates, but for that misled devotion to party that makes a man vote for the "yellow dog" candidate on his party ticket rather than the good man on the other party ticket.

The spirit of independent citizenship has at last taken form in the Civic Union, and gives promise of good results right at the outset of its career. If by its efforts, clean, able and courageous men shall have been recognized by the party conventions for the legal and judicial offices, a long step has been taken toward the honest, fearless and impartial enforcement of law, and toward good government. We welcome this new development.—Seattle Mail and Times.

DANGER OF HOTEL FIRES.

Newspapers should be incessant in their demands that owners of hotel properties and managers of same everywhere in the United States, should provide for the safety of guests from the awful results of fire.

Every precautionary method that human ingenuity has or can be devised looking to that much needed desideratum, should be adopted, and honorable hotel men should promote the movement.

Statistics showing the wholesale (and too frequently unnecessary) loss of valuable lives from hotel conflagrations in this country in the past twenty-five years, are so appalling that they almost stagger human credence.

We cannot, nay, must not, close our eyes to the fact that an immense proportion of these horrible calamities are caused by gross negligence, with an almost utter disregard of even the ordinary methods of proper protection to hotel guests, aside from those which the laws afford, and should compel.

Writers, familiar with the subject, by wide experience in travel and investigation, claim that nearly nine-tenths of these could have been easily avoided by erecting suitable escapes and providing fire extinguishers.

"JOE" CANNON—AN APPRECIATION.

(Baker City Republican.)

A picturesque figure of our national politics—

A Lincoln sort of man—

That is Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives.

Maybe you think this is a boost for a politician. It is not. We are not in the boosting business. It is a tribute to a big American, of which class there are not so many in public life, more's the pity.

As chairman of the appropriation committee for several terms, Mr. Cannon's insistent honesty saved the people millions of dollars.

Here is a remarkable thing:

Congressman Williams is the leader of the Democratic minority on the floor of congress. Williams stood up the other day and said that Joe Cannon had not only stood between the people and millions of useless extravagance, but that in all the time of his service no ill-gotten dollar had ever stained the palm of the Illinois congressman. With opportunities to make hundreds of thousands of dollars, he was absolutely honest.

Perhaps never before was such an eulogy pronounced in congress by the leader of one party upon the leader of the opposing party.

Cannon has also been a success as speaker.

He has not acted the czar, as Reed did. He does not jolly as Henderson did. Cannon has been courteous, fair and tactful. Above all things he has been just to all. That is why he has

won the admiration and regard of all the members, regardless of politics.

Besides the veteran Illinoisan has shrewdly kept his party together and made it legislate. Nobody knows that better than Roosevelt.

Cannon has admirable qualities for the speakership. He never loses his head.

The other day when congressmen were wild over the postoffice scandal, which involved some of them as brokers on a "Black Friday," the speaker was about the only cool man in the house. Nobody knows how many speeches sympathizing with the Japanese in the present war he has squelched. We shall not be involved in foreign misunderstandings while Uncle Joe is in the chair.

But—

The man's strong points are his rugged honesty and democratic spirit.

He has never posed as a reformer, or "the watch dog of the treasury."

He simply sat down on the grafters, and that was the end of the schemes.

He is "as common as an old shoe."

Awkward, angular, careless of dress, full of dry humor, and saving common sense, sociable, but not convivial, a practitioner of the doctrine of equality—that is Uncle Joe Cannon.

Of course, he is an intense partisan.

But his sterling qualities make him also an intense patriot.

THAT CLEBURN GIRL.

There is a Cleburn girl who is so bashful it is said she cannot see a sleeping car without blushing.—Cleburn Chronicle.

It is presumed that she would faint at the sight of undressed lumber.—Dallas Times-Herald.

Or, worse still. She might go into hysterics over her bedstead legs and want to drape them with lingerie.—San Antonio Light.

She'd surely lock herself in her room and pull down the shades if she wanted to change her mind.—Orange Tribune.

No doubt she is first cousin to the Prior Creek girl who will not look at a tree in winter for fear she will see a naked limb.—Pryor Creek Clipper.

She must be a twin sister to the girl who will not express an opinion, fearing that she will unboomer her mind.—Tallequah Herald.

Surely she is the identical girl who is so modest she prefers a barefaced lie to the naked truth.—Heppner Gazette.

Or pshaw, that's nothing. A demure Salem maiden grew highly indignant, and left the dinner table recently because her brother removed the clothing from a boiled potato in her presence.

X-RADIUMS

Monday we move.

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Baker City has caught the progressive fever, and horned cattle are being run off the streets.

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Probably the heaviest tax after all—sin-tax.

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There are some perfectly lovely things in our exchanges—only we are not quite sure that they are original.

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Why not make Brownell federal judge of the new Eastern Oregon district?

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There seems to be no way to stop Hermann from being returned to congress by an increased majority.

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L. T. Harris did the smartest thing a defeated candidate for congress could do—went and was married to an Oregon City girl.

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Astorian: An Indian maiden near Redding has been arrested for raising a postal money order. That is one of the few things that cannot be successfully raised in California, and she would better stick to raising something good to eat.

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The doughty little Japs have crossed the Yalu, and are well on their way to St. Petersburg.

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Willamette valley people located at Pendleton organized and met Homer Davenport when he lectured there. But nothing could prevent the Frazer opera house being jammed full of people.

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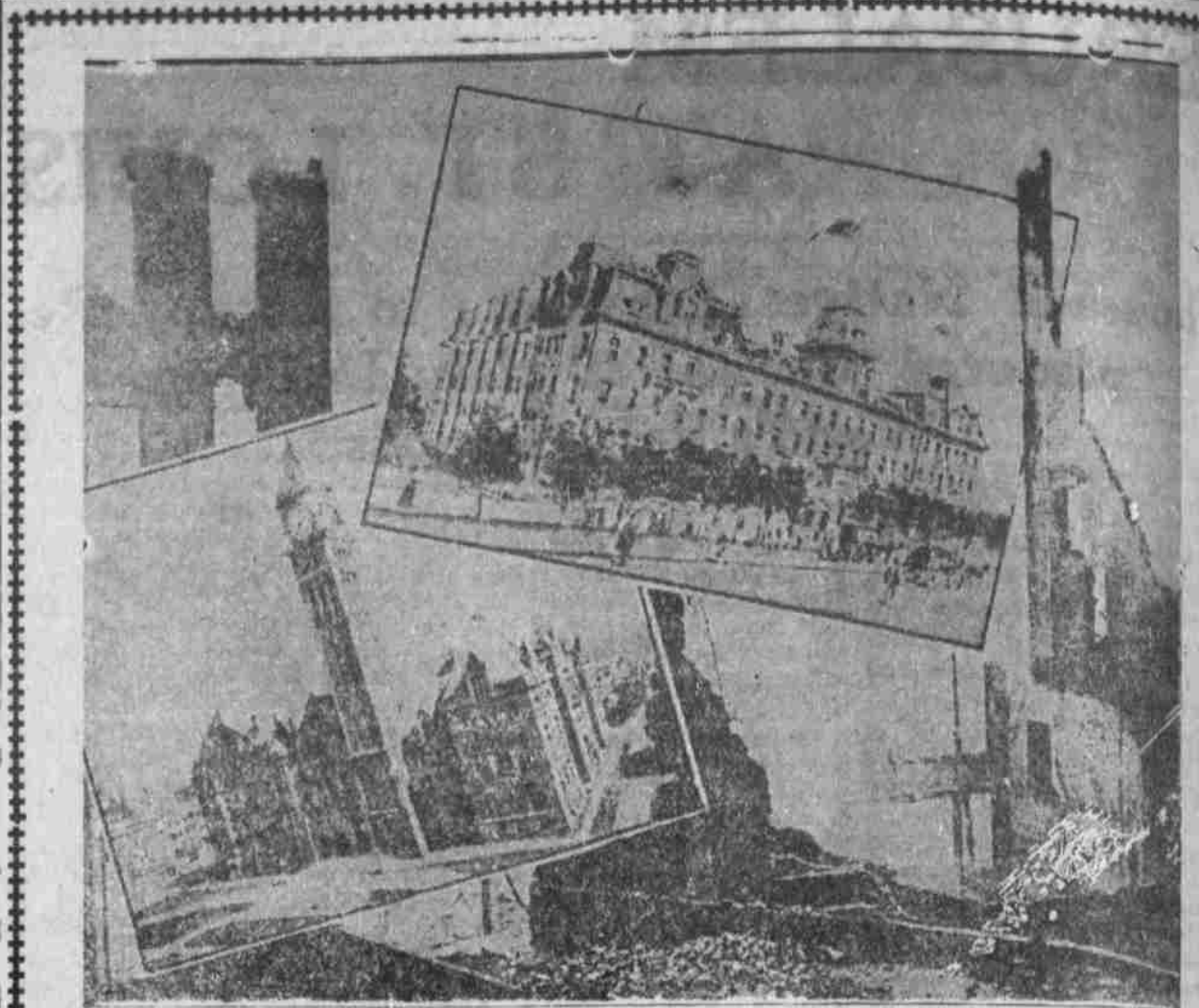
The dog tax and the poll tax are to be settled by test cases in Pendleton. Nothing in the way of a law is to be obeyed nowadays until it has been carried to the highest court.

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Gambling games are closed in Pendleton. That means they are running the games without paying anything for the privilege of fleeing the unwary.

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The Hayseed council passed slot machine ordinance as a revenue meas-



STRICKEN CITY ARISES

Toronto, Laid Waste by the Fire Fiend, Rises to the Occasion. The \$12,000,000 Ruins as They Appear Today. Preparations Already Made to Replace Ruined Structures. Two Notable Edifices Which Narrowly Escaped Destruction.

ure, and then apportioned the revenues to be derived from it. What sense is there in repealing that ordinance, and letting the machines run free, and put the city in the hole financially?

The editor of the Albany Democrat has been a justice of the peace, and he is informed that dozens of young men at Corvallis carry revolvers, among them a good many college students. Revolvers are dangerous things to have around, even in the pockets of respectable people.

Compared to a Democrat like Bourke Cochran, Hearst, of California, is quite respectable.

Salem has a first-class baseball team which The Journal predicts will be at the top of the column before the season is over.

Nobody seems to be in a hurry to get office this year on the Democrat ticket.

The direct primary law will "no doubt carry at the June election; but there will not be much extolling of its virtues among the politicians during the campaign.—Eugene Register.

The pretense that the politicians are against the direct primary law is shallow. It was said that the politicians were against the registration law and that was adopted with a whoop.

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N. M. Newport started into life as a reporter on The Journal. Next he was admitted to the bar, and today he is a candidate for county judge. Nothing like getting the right start.

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Walter L. Toozee is making an excellent congressional chairman. He is putting his own town to the front as a good place to start the campaign. Durn a man who will not put his own town to the front.

The Hood River Glacier is one of the best local papers in the state, published in the best little town in the state.

The First Unitarian church of Hood River was dedicated Sunday without a dollar debt. They are funny people—wanting to share with everybody their interest in the next world—and keeping out of debt. No wonder they are not regarded as orthodox.

...

A very selfish man generally makes a good, thrifty husband, because he has no superfluous sympathies, is obliged to turn his face exclusively homeward for comfort and friendship, and cherishes his home as part of his flocks and herds.—Oregonian.

But that is not a bad kind of selfishness, after all, if selfishness of any variety can be called good.

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In the removal of John D. Lathrop from the ranks of the bachelors at Portland, the bearish feeling has prevailed in the matrimonial quotations of that town, and the bottom has fallen out of the market entirely.

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The total accomplishment for the Lewis and Clark fair by the Oregon delegation amounts practically to about \$900,000. Not so bad for a delegation out with the President and without influence. What would have

been accomplished if there had been a powerful delegation there?

...

The X-Ray artist has his early spuds planted, and proposes to take a little rest and see those girls dance in McFadden's Flats. He is informed that one of them in particular is not so painfully homely that she will raise blisters on the faces of men in the front rows. She also does not grab handfuls of her skirts as if she was trying to do two weeks washing in one forenoon, and then dance so hard and flat-footed that she raises so much dust as to set everybody coughing and sneezing at the same time.

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A strange tale comes from San Jose, California. Bert Thorndyke, a prominent society man, held up a fashionable gambling club, robbed the members of diamond rings valued at \$600, took \$400 from the table and fled, all the time being masked. He was pursued and killed, the officials being dumbfounded when they removed the mask and found the dead robber to be Thorndyke.

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Col. Ben. Boswell's spring up in Douglas county are said to be a sure cure for rheumatism, the liquor or tobacco or ba politics, three of the worst habits that ever got hold of a man.

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The Journal is always positive. It takes a stand for or against a measure. It is against the local option proposition, because it means to increase the liquor monopoly in the hands of the doctors and druggists, and half their time would be spent in prescribing liquor, and the other half in jail or in litigation. The direct primary measure we do not like on account of the bad things in the bill, but shall vote for the principle and trust to luck and hard scrapping to eliminate the bad features.

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Marshfield Daily Mail: F. K. Hofer, who has for the past three years been associated with the Coast Mail, has resigned his position with this paper. Mr. Hofer will be connected with the Post, a daily paper which will be established at North Bend, which is expected to make its appearance shortly after the first of May. The Post will be owned by a corporation of the leading men of Southwestern Oregon as stockholders.

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Eugene Journal: A lady got her little son to assist in killing a chicken. She grabbed the chicken, laid its neck on the block and tightly closed her eyes. Then the boy took the hatchet, tightly closed his eyes also, and neatly chopped off his mother's wedding ring finger.

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The Lebanon Democrats organized a club the other day. Of course, Milt Miller was president. It couldn't be otherwise. He deals out more pink pills to the plutocrat Republicans than all the rest of the Democratic druggists in Oregon.

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Salem people are to be congratulated in acquiring a first-class resident violinist in the person of Mr. Hayes, recently from Chicago. This city has been weak in a musical way, and any

good performer who comes here make his home should be welcome and given all the support and encouragement possible. Mr. Hayes teaches the mandolin and guitar.

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The Republicans and Democrats of Lane county open a joint caucus, Cheshier, May 12th. It will close on Friday night, June 4th, at Eugene.

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The heating stove is going out, electric fan is coming in, but the young man swings on the front porch at all times of the year, or he wouldn't be any business for the winter.

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The Salem team showed a disinclination to play backwoods ball.

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Good roads and good streets will more to increase the value of property than all that you can do to improve it. In fact, without good roads and good streets, you lose the benefit largely of your improvements.

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The Republican rally to open campaign at Woodburn is called wind storm by the Democratic paper. It may develop into a cyclone before the campaign is over.

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Hearst is at least a father, who don't matter so much whether President or not.

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There is nothing in cutting other's throats in the milling of other business.

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The Czar and his money are being rapidly parted. He will soon have to take Pierpont Morgan or Carnegie to partnership.

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The Eugene Eagles are being organized. What is the matter with the Salem Eagles? They have met but once, and elected the man chaplain. The inaugural was obituary.

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H. G. Kelly, an Eastern man, leased the Bingham spring sanitarium in the Blue mountains, and will be a specialty of treating consumptives.

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The few men who escaped from Russian battleship Varang, sunk in the war by the Japs, were rescued as heroes on their return to St. Petersburg. They were hardly heroes, they had the bottom knocked out of them. The Russians, the day, sunk a whole transport of men, and never gave them a chance to get home and be received as heroes.

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Col. W. R. Mitchell, the Democratic warhorse of Oregon, has issued the first number of the Columbia, and seems to devote his energies to overcoming the tidal wave started for the Democrats down there by E. H. Plater of Salem. Mitchell and Plater are pretty equally matched in a political contest, and neither is short on political versatility. Democratic High Water Register, published at Houston, and that new town on our map.