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SCHOOL ELECTION.

A school district election will be held next Saturday, at the East Aberdeen school house between the hours of 1 and 8 p. m., to elect a director for three years.

While we all, in a way, take pride in our public school system, as a rule but slight interest is manifested in the elections. The Aberdeen schools have grown so rapidly in the last few years that comparatively few realize the amount of business responsibility that now rests upon the board of directors.

Besides the selection of teachers and general supervision of the schools—important as those matters are—the directors have discretionary powers of purchasing sites, building school houses, furnishing them and furnishing them with supplies, involving the expenditure of many thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money.

As each error of business judgment is at the cost of the taxpayer, it behooves us all to secure the best informed directors available. The position is not one to be sought or coveted; it involves a great deal of work and time without recompense, other than the sense of a public duty performed, and a possible interest in education by reason of having children whose future welfare lies in the efficiency of our public schools.

At the earnest solicitation of a number of voters interested in the schools, Attorney J. C. Cross has consented to be a candidate for the position at Saturday's election, and we believe, should be elected. As the father of a large family, he is deeply interested in maintaining the school at the highest possible point of efficiency; as a lawyer his counsel would be invaluable to the board—who are constantly butting up against legal questions calculated to stump the average layman—and his well known business capacity and integrity combine to make his consent to act of incalculable value to the school district. You will make no mistake in voting for J. C. Cross for school director on Saturday.

HERE'S TO MR. WILLIAMS.

The democratic leader in the House gives us real joy. What American politician since Lincoln has had a more felicitous method of expressing his opinions? Mr. Williams has a good head, and his thoughts are seasoned with spicy humor of a strictly American brand. Seriousness and fun are delightfully allied. Arguing against the resurrection of the currency question, in favor of the theory that issues are made by conditions and environment, he observed: "In 1896 the democratic party stood for bimetalism, and so far as the question of ratio is concerned, I believe God, in His wisdom, fixed for silver and gold the same law that rules with respect to the price of cotton, or corn, a ballet dancer, or an opera singer—the law of supply and demand." He added, with rare and charming frankness and good humor, that the more he read of history the more he believed the Confederate States were right in their interpretation of the constitution—which was no reason for fighting the Civil War again, or brooding over a difference which had become obsolete. His closer arguments are admirable for cogency and clearness, but what gives them their charm is the infusion of such illustrations as he made the other day in debate: "The claim that the republican party is responsible for the prosperity, which the gentleman leaves to be in-

ferred, reminds me of the old Lincoln story. A woodpecker sat on the top of a tree, and he pecked and pecked and pecked until a strong wind came along and blew the tree and the woodpecker to the ground. That woodpecker believes to this day he pecked the tree down." He is not a pitiless story-teller. On the contrary, his humor and his anecdotes come in only to support the position which he has assumed, and we have not noticed any instance of mere jesting apart from the purposes for which legislatures are assembled.—Collier's Weekly.

The Indianapolis News says: "It has been eight years since the great battle was fought for the gold standard, and yet the country has not yet fully enjoyed the results of that victory. For our currency and banking systems are still unreformed, and the gold standard has not been solidly established, as the republicans themselves admitted in the campaign of 1900." It will be remembered that eight years ago the republican party declared in favor of international bimetalism; and yet the News, like other republican publications, insists that in 1896, while one party stood for independent bimetalism and another party pretended to stand for international bimetalism, the latter party, being elected to power, received a commission to support a single gold standard.

When Carroll D. Wright declared in a lecture at Buffalo on the 19th that "the decalogue is as good a labor platform as any," he may have been playing to churchly galleries and boxes. Some parts of the decalogue are not exactly industrial. Yet it is quite true the other parts if divested of pagonistic interpretations, would make the best possible labor platform. "Six days shalt thou labor," would be a good principle to insist upon, unpopular as it would be with the elegant leisure classes. And "thou shalt not steal," would be the best of all for labor purposes. Let stealing cease—stealing of all kinds, institutional and legal plundering as well as petty larceny—and the labor problem would be solved. There would be no chattel slavery, no economic slavery, no monopoly, no interferences of any kind with industry, if the commandment against stealing were faithfully observed.

Advised Letters.

Following letters remain uncalled for in the Aberdeen postoffice for the week ending Mar. 1, 1904.

- Budis, Miss; Bibbler, Nathan; Bobo, Bert; Bonner, Will; Clear, Fred L.; Cochran, C G; Dale, Nathan; Dean, Miss Joe; Featon, S W; Gilbert, Daisy; Gray, Alice; Halbrick, Ernest 2; Hotchkiss, M; Hull, Wm; Jackson, John 2; Jolliffe, J F; Judson, Willard; Washington Packing Co.

SHIP LETTERS.

Hanan, Martin—Sch Rosesalis Hangman. Reed, Joseph C—Sch Argus. Persons calling for these letters will please say "Advised."

Along the Water Front

The barkentine Wrestler is at the Western mill, loading for Honolulu. The schooner Aerial is at the West & Slade mill, loading for South Africa. The schooner Fanny Adele is at the Western mill, loading for San Francisco. The schooner H. D. Bendixon is at the Anderson & Middleton mill, loading for San Pedro. The schooner Halcyon is at the Michigan mill, loading for San Francisco and a Mexican port. The schooner Glenn arrived in Aberdeen yesterday, to load at the Bryden & Leitch mill for San Francisco. The steamer San Pedro arrived in port Tuesday, and is loading at the American mill for San Francisco. The schooner Boneventura arrived in port last night, and is at the Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle mills, loading for San Francisco. The schooner Falcon has been loaded four days at the West & Slade mill, but has been unable to procure a tug to take her to sea. Invaluable for Rheumatism. "I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains." March 24th, 1902, John C. Degnan, Kinsman, Ills. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by W. B. Paine & Co.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Report of Librarian Walker for the Month of February. Mrs. J. M. Walker makes the following report of the public library for last month: Volumes in library February 1 1,337 Added by donation 49 Volumes in library to date 1,376 Loaned during February 976 Loaned to date 16,595 Borrowers applications during February 26 Borrowers application to date 680 Cash on hand February 1 \$3.12 Fines collected during February 7.79 Amount paid out 2.86 Donations 5.58 Balance on hand March 2 \$13.63

Commercial Block.

Arrangements have been completed for 250 feet of the Commercial block, and it is believed the other 50 feet will also be arranged for, making a solid block of brick and stone 300 feet long, two stories high, on the south side of Market from G to H street. The following parties have entered into agreements for the buildings: B. J. Garman and O. J. Lawrence, 75 feet; Ninemire & Morgan, 100 feet; Dr. Kinnison, 50 feet, and Shelley Bros. 25 feet. Since the above was in type Ninemire & Morgan have purchased 25 feet of the Knudson lot, and arrangements have been completed to build the entire 300 feet.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Union Mill Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Washington with a capital stock of Forty Thousand Dollars; that the principal place of business of the company is located at Aberdeen in Chehalis county, Washington; that a meeting of the stockholders of said company is hereby called to convene at the office of the company in the City of Aberdeen, on March 5th, 1904, at the hour of 7:30, p. m., for the purpose of increasing the capital of said Union Mill Company from Forty Thousand Dollars to Fifty Thousand Dollars.

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