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## A MIST PARTY FOR S. F. FAIR

### CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED DURING THE SPRING.

### ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED

### Plans of Campaign Will Make It an Easy Matter for a Large Number to Join.

The Mist is going to get up a party to visit the San Francisco Fair. We have made arrangements with a Transportation Company to handle our party, and the party can all go together or one at a time. We want to furnish transportation to a number of Columbia County folks to San Francisco and return, and we have decided upon a plan whereby any of our readers or their friends can, by a little effort in our behalf, secure one of these trips. At the present time we have about 1050 subscribers to the Mist in Columbia County. We want to double our list and it can be done with a little effort. There are easily another 1000 people in the county who should have the Mist each week in order to keep up with the news happenings of the county. So we will make this most liberal offer to any person, man or woman, girl or boy, for subscriptions. For each list of 50 new subscribers who pay one year in advance to the Mist we will furnish free transportation, including meals and berths to San Francisco and return, tickets good any time during 1915. For each 100 new subscribers who pay one year in advance we will furnish two of these tickets or a ticket to both the San Francisco and San Diego Fairs. In addition to these tickets for new subscribers we will allow a fee of 10 per cent on all collections for old subscribers who are in arrears.

The full detail of our plan will be given next week, but if any one wants to get to work early you can rest assured that we are going to take a party to San Francisco, and the earlier you start to work the easier it will be to become one of our party. There will be no limit to the number who may join our party, each person who sends in a list of 50 paid up subscribers, new, will get a ticket. The more of our friends in the party the better it will suit us. By a little systematic effort it should be an easy matter to secure 50 new subscribers in your locality and by collecting from the old subscribers who are not paid up, you can make your expenses while getting the new ones. Watch our paper next week for details, but if you should happen to secure 50 new subscribers before next week, bring in your list and you can get your ticket and go whenever you get ready and return at your pleasure.

## K. of P. HOLD ANNUAL ROLL CALL

The Annual Roll Call of Avon Lodge No. 62, Knights of Pythias, was held last Tuesday night at their hall in this city. A large number of members were there to answer their names, and numerous letters from absent brethren enlivened the proceedings of the evening. No small part of the evening's entertainment was the elaborate banquet prepared by the master hands of Billy Fullerton, Martin White and Dr. Edwin Ross. The tables fairly groaned under the weight of the good things placed on them, and special mention should be given to the most excellent oyster stew prepared by the chefs. The annual roll call was a notable event in the history of the lodge and from the successful manner in which it was conducted it is safe to say that many other roll calls will follow for this lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, of Yankton, have been spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown in St. Helens.

## DIST. ATTY. COOPER ENTERS UPON DUTIES

District Attorney Cooper moved his library and office to St. Helens this week from Rainier, and is now comfortably located in the Court House, where he will be prepared to take care of all official business. Mr. Cooper will still maintain his office at Rainier and will be there of evenings and some days to attend to his private business, but will probably move to St. Helens after a while in order to be near his work which requires his being at the Court House most of the time.

Mr. Cooper is a capable attorney and will no doubt give efficient services to the people of the county. He has had considerable experience as a prosecuting officer and other duties of the District Attorney's office, having held the position of Deputy District Attorney of Tillamook County for some time before moving to Columbia County.

## PARTY FOR MISS ETHEL WOODS

Mrs. L. L. Baker entertained with a most tastefully arranged afternoon party at her home on Saturday, February 13.

The guests were received by Mrs. Baker and Miss Ethel Wood in rooms artistically festooned in windows and doors with garlands of red hearts and cupids in every threatening attitude of attack, and decorated with dotted hyacinths and red carnations.

At the close of the pleasant afternoon an elaborate tea was served. In the center of the tea table was a large bowl of red carnations, asparagus fern and feather moss. The cloth was festooned with garlands of hearts and cupids and strewn with carnations, which were presented to the guests as favors.

The place cards consisted of tiny envelopes supported by a particularly mischievous looking cupid, whose arrow had just pierced two hearts. The guests suspicioned nothing more than a delightful Valentine party until curiosity prompted investigation of the envelope, when a card was revealed bearing the name of Miss Ethel Wood and Mr. Henry Butler. A clamor of surprise and good wishes followed.

Those present were, besides the hostess and guest of honor: Mrs. F. J. Meyer, Mrs. H. J. Southard, Mrs. I. W. Allen, Mrs. William Ross, Mrs. H. John, Mrs. D. Walter Williams, Mrs. A. J. Peel, Mrs. Edwin Ross, Mrs. W. B. Dillard and Mrs. Flora Owen.

Misses Arlene P. Olson and Marion Baker assisted in serving, and Jack Baker entertained with songs and wise sayings.

Miss Wood is our efficient first grade teacher and a niece of Prof. Baker, and Mr. Butler, who has visited in St. Helens, resides at Bay City.

## REDMEN DAY ON FEBRUARY 26TH

Next Friday, February 26th, will be Redmen Day in St. Helens. On that date the local lodge of Redmen will be given a good boost towards prosperity by a visit from the tribesmen of Umpata Tribe of Goble, Tillamook Tribe, of Yankton, Santosh Tribe, of Scappoose and Wapato Tribe of Warren. The local lodge has been laboring along for several months with only partial success, and the brethren from the other communities have decided that it is time to put a little ginger into the St. Helens boys so a general meeting has been decided upon. The team from Goble will put on the work on several candidates and after the work is done a real genuine old time smoker will be indulged in, and some good things to eat will be prepared. Every member of the Redmen Lodge in Oregon is invited to be present.

Some specimens of the wood work constructed by the Manual Training Class of the High School will be displayed in the Muckle's Department Store window during the week of the 22nd. The display is made at this time so that the members of the class may take the various pieces to their respective homes.

## BOWLBY'S RESIGNATION IS ASKED FOR

### The State Highway Commission Takes Firm Stand in the Matter.

### RESIGNATION READY WHEN SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED

### Action Comes as a Result of Numerous Complaints From the State and a Senate Investigation.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—By formal resolution the State Highway Commission this morning requested the immediate resignation of Major H. L. Bowlby as State Highway Engineer. It is understood that in case the engineer refuses to resign, his official decapitation will follow forthwith. The resolution calling for the resignation was conveyed by telephone to Major Bowlby by George P. Putnam, the private secretary of Governor Withycombe, a few minutes after the board ended its brief session, about 11:30 o'clock.

The decision reached by a majority of the commission, composed of Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay, is said to have followed recent conferences with Senate and House leaders, in which reasons were advanced for the step taken. Secretary Olcott voted in the negative on the resolution.

The commission was told by these members of the Legislature that much remained to be done in the way of constructive road legislation, at this session; that the Assembly as a body had no faith in Major Bowlby's competency or in his executive ability; that if the commission did not remove Bowlby, there would be no road legislation at this session, and affairs be left in a tangle for the next two years.

The text of the communication sent the State Highway Engineer by Governor Withycombe embodying the action taken by resolution, is as follows:

"Concurrent with the action of the State Highway Commission at a meeting held this morning, as its chairman I am requesting your resignation as State Highway Engineer of the State of Oregon. While I and other members of the commission appreciate your faithfulness to the interests in the state and the constructive work of your office, yet the majority of the board deems this action necessary at this time to insure a more generous treatment of road legislation by the Legislature than seems possible to procure if you continue in office.

At the time Secretary Putnam went to his office, Major Bowlby was in Portland. A clerk reached him by telephone and Putnam read to him the communication sent by Governor Withycombe. The State Highway Engineer made no comment.

"The office of State Highway Engineer has proved to be the storm center of road legislation at this session," said Governor Withycombe after the commission had concluded its session. "Much needed road legislation is being held up by the antipathy which seemed to exist against him on the part of many members of the Legislature. Personally I have the highest regard for him and believe that he is a much misunderstood man, but the

## THE LARGEST EGG YET HEARD OF

A White Orpington Hen owned by Pohn Phillip produces the largest egg of any hen yet heard of. During last summer this hen would lay eggs that were large as duck eggs and this month she has started in again. Mr. Phillip brought one of these large eggs down town yesterday which measured 6 1/4 inches around one way and 7 1/4 inches the other. Not all the eggs this hen lays are so large as this one but all are large as the majority of them are big ones like the one he left at the Mist office yesterday.

welfare of the state, in view of the situation which has developed, made it imperative that the commission take decisive action."

It is said that the inquiry at the meeting of the Senate ways and means committee Monday night resulted in a decision against him, though none questioned his honesty or sincerity of motive. At this session of the committee, Major Bowlby objected to answering questions on the ground that he had received no formal notification and was not represented by legal counsel.

It developed at the meeting that Contractor J. H. Johnson still has due him more than \$100,000, of which he claims half is held up as a 20 per cent retainer with which to meet the demands of labor and as a guaranty against refusal to rebuild parts of the 38 miles of road which may not be deemed satisfactory by the Highway Engineer. Further testimony was that a large wall had fallen, that the road was narrow in places, that bridges had been built insecurely, that there had been two or three changes of routes at various points, that much of the road is incomplete and that what was a good macadamized road in many places had been torn up until nothing but a mire of mud remains.

To the complaints of the Columbia County Contractors and Taxpayers' League was added yesterday the charge by Colonel H. G. Newport, of Hermiston, that conditions in Hood River County are very unsatisfactory owing to a warranted annoyance offered, as alleged, by Assistant Engineer J. A. Elliott.

"Our road is good, said Colonel Newport, "but we have been treated shamefully by the officials on the ground. I have done much contract work, a good deal on big projects, but I was never so worried and harassed in my life before as I have since I undertook the contract in Hood River County."

There have been attacks upon Major Bowlby ever since the Legislature convened. These rumors have been responsible for the appearance in the lobby of various persons seeking to bring influence to bear to insure their appointment in case Major Bowlby should be requested to step out.

"I have informed the State Highway Commission that I am ready to turn over the office of the State Highway Engineer, as soon as my successor is sent to take charge of it," said Major Bowlby last night, referring to the demand from the Commission yesterday that he resign.

"That constitutes my resignation and there remains nothing to be done but for my successor, whoever he may be, to come and take charge. The affairs of the office are in such condition that he can take charge at any time without any trouble

## PORTLAND AUTO BUS LINE ON AGAIN

It will be pleasing news to people along the road between St. Helens and Portland to learn that Cap. Abel has again started his bus line between these points. He started out from St. Helens yesterday morning at 7:45 with a new car, and will continue to make the run every day from now on. The new bus being used, will carry about 15 passengers and this will run until the weather conditions get better when another and larger car will be put on in connection with this one.

## SIDEWALK BUILDING DAY IN GOBLE

Mayor Frank Bishop, of the city of Goble, issued a proclamation to his people during January that a sidewalk would be built on the 30th day of January from the main part of town back to the school house and on to the junction of the roads. Accordingly on that day the entire population turned out to a regular sidewalk building bee, and a record for building walks was established then and there. It required 30,000 feet of lumber to make the walk a distance of about three quarters of a mile, but so numerous were the workmen and such willing and capable workers, that before the sun had set that evening the walk was entirely completed for the whole distance. Thus a good walk more than 4000 feet long was completed in one day and the only cost to the city was the purchase of the lumber and nails.

## GET A BOY TO FIT THEM

Does the noise of a ball game in your neighborhood get on your nerves? Do you scowl at the "sporting page" and burn the "comic section?" You may have even gotten so far as to be tempted to put coal ashes on your part of the hill when there is a chance of good coasting. Well sir or madam you are indeed in danger of nervous prostration. Your symptoms indicate that you are threatened with the most virulent form of the dread disease—getting old; but here is the prescription.

Get some mud tracks across your steps, a ball hit hung in the kitchen and a bit of "a corner" in the corner of the basement. Fix a room up stairs with a thick rug and a striking bag, a few books and a lot of pictures—some of them comic. Have the bed springs strong, but do not worry about them, the manufacturers will keep right on making springs after we are in the poor house, or have "passed on." Of course, a few cords of wood and a garden patch to save the springs and help develop muscle and money-sense.

Now when these arrangements have been completed write to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon, E. 29th and Irving streets, Portland, Ore. and ask for a boy to fit them. A boy in the house is a sure cure for nerves, even if he is red headed, freckled faced and stubborn. In a short time you will be writing High School debates, "yelling x ur head off" at foot ball games, and—growing young.

## AN EDUCATIONAL MEETING IN YANKTON

An educational meeting was held in the Yankton Grange Hall, on Tuesday evening, February 9, beginning at eight o'clock. The speakers were Superintendent J. W. Allen, and Professor Earl Kilpatrick, of the University of Oregon.

Superintendent Allen urged the young people to take advantage of their opportunities, to fit themselves for their life work, and, after they had decided what their life work was to be and make thorough preparations for it, to stick to it and become the best.

Professor Kilpatrick spoke of the relations of the school to the community, and of the importance of securing and keeping good, well prepared teachers.

## EXPLOITING KELP BEDS IN OREGON

Assuming that in the near future the present fertile farms of Western Oregon will be in urgent need of fertilizing materials, State Engineer Lewis has recommended that some action be taken to make use of the great kelp beds along the Oregon coast in order to save the enormous amount of potash which is annually going to waste. He states that it is comparatively easy to procure supplies of nitrates and phosphates, but the principal source of potash is now closed by the war. It is believed the kelp beds can be made to produce enough potash for present and future needs and may also open up a new and profitable industry

## RUNAWAY TEAM CAUSE EXCITEMENT

### HARRISON'S DELIVERY TEAM AROUSES THE POPULATION.

### THE DAMAGE IS VERY SLIGHT

### Driver Holds on to the Horses Until the Bolts Break when He Is Left on Sidewalk.

A. S. Harrison's delivery team ran away with the driver, Alfred George, last Saturday evening, but very little damage resulted. Alfred was driving along by the school house when the harness in some way became tangled up with the neck yoke and before things could be straightened out the team was going down the hill toward the City Hall on the run. Alfred was holding on to the frightened horses, but his pulling seemed to have no effect except to keep them in the road when the team was made into Columbia street. At a point in front of the postoffice the horses ran onto the sidewalk and the wagon was within a few inches of the plate glass front of the Masonic building, and just about that time the doubletrees broke releasing the horses from the wagon. This seemed to give more life to the tired ponies and they started down the sidewalk at a mile a minute gait when all of a sudden a telephone pole between them brought them both down, one falling on the sidewalk and the other in the gutter. Neither horse was hurt much and the only damage to the wagon was the breaking of a couple of bolts and it did not take long to get things all fixed up and work was resumed after attracting a considerable portion of the population to see the excitement.

## PROGRAM OF THE WARREN SCHOOL

On last Friday afternoon the pupils from C. E. Lake's room consisting of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grade, gave a very interesting program. The pupils each month select a committee of three to prepare the program. There has been much interest aroused among the pupils, the program always consists of different kind of contests, such as ciphering, spelling, story telling, writing and debating. The writing contest this month was won by Lilly Larson. The ciphering by Ester Gabrielson, and the debating contest by Martha Ryser and Alfred Hedlund.

The following is the program: Gettysburg Address ..... Lawrence Anderson Recitation, Tracers ..... Eva Tarbell Swedish Song ..... Four Girls The Burglar Alarm (A commedietta in one act) ..... Four Girls Recitation ..... C. E. Lake Writing Contest by Verner Rylander, Lilly Larson, Beatrice Lind and Omer Beeler.

Song ..... by the School Ciphering Contest by Hubert Cooper, Inez Grswell, Esther Gabrielson and Earl Swanson. Recitation ..... Carl Swanson Debate, The Question, "Which is to be Preferred, Travel by Railroad or Travel by Boat." Affirmative Ellen Johnson and Earl Weeden. Negative, Martha Ryser and Alfred Hedlund.

Committee, Beatrice Lind, Elvira Berglund, Glenn Tarbell.

## NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders and all persons who have subscribed for stock in the Columbia River Canning & Produce Company will be held at the store on Saturday February 20th, at 2 o'clock. All stockholders and subscribers to the stock are urgently requested to be present.

A. J. KELLY, President.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services every Sunday evening at 7:30 during Lent.