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THE POLITICAL POT BOILS AND BUBBLES

List of County Candidates and Near Candidates

It looks like the crop of candidates will be up to the average. While no announcements have been made thus far, there will be plenty of aspirants. Jobs are scarce this year of Wilson and office with a salary attachment looks pretty good to the average citizen.

Judge Eakin will be a candidate for re-election and has so announced the fact to his friends. He will be opposed by A. W. Norblad of Astoria, who has announced his candidacy in down river papers.

For district attorney, W. H. Cooper the present incumbent, is uncertain whether he will enter the field or not, in fact he says he has not given the subject much study and expresses himself as undecided and indifferent.

Olson R. Metaker's friends have solicited him to make the race for the office and while he has not fully made up his mind, he will probably shy his castor into the ring.

For representative in the legislature, Fred W. Horman of Rainier, has filed his declaration for that office with the secretary of state. His slogan is "Smaller appropriations, consolidation of state commissions, state highways and lower taxes." A dandy good platform, but it will be mighty hard to deliver the goods. It is to be hoped that the next legislature will be more successful than the last session, especially in the way of consolidation of commissions.

It is stated on the streets that M. S. Miller would not decline the nomination for representative. He was formerly a member of that body and made a good record.

Some of Mayor Morton's friends approached him on the subject of making the race, and he may yield to their wishes, although he has not fully made up his mind. It is safe to say, however, that he will permit the use of his name.

J. H. Collins of Rainier, who represented this county in the last legislature, may become a factor as he holds this county as his home, although engaged in school work in Marion.

Attorney A. W. Mueller aspires to a seat in the legislature and has decided to make the race for the Republican nomination.

There is talk of W. J. Fullerton entering the field under the Democratic banner. He was defeated for that office two years ago. His friends claim if he would "get busy" he could win out.

For county clerk, Mr. A. H. Barnett, the present incumbent, seems to have no opposition.

The race for sheriff promises to be unusually interesting, as there are several in the running, with other prospects to hear from.

Sheriff Stanwood will be a candidate for re-election and will trust his fate to Republican voters on his official record.

J. L. Chittim, city marshal, will make an effort to secure the nomination, and has already mapped out his campaign.

Then it is reported that Martin White will throw his hat into the ring and make a lively race for the sheriff goal.

J. H. Wellington is watching the signs and if the political planets move his way, he may be set down as an aspirant.

It may also be mentioned that R. H. Hattan, Democrat, has his eagle eye on this office. It has been revealed by the "crystal globe" that Mr. Hattan figures that the Republican candidates will get to scrapping among themselves and he will win in. This is the year, however, that Republicans are going to unite by so doing sweep the field.

As the political bulletin board stands now, Mr. Hattan will be a candidate for re-election to the office of assessor. Thus far we have not heard of a Republican aspirant for that office. The office pays only \$300 per annum, not a very attractive handout at the pie counter.

For the office of assessor, Mr. Hakesley, the present incumbent, is undecided whether he will try it

MR. McCORMICK INTERVIEWED

St. Helens Plant Rushing Work to Catch Up

Sunday's Oregonian

"We have 120 men working in the yard now, though we lost nearly a month because of stormy weather and snow. Our newest steamer for the McCormick line will be started early in April," said H. F. McCormick, of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company, last night. "With deepwater vessels under construction on Grays Harbor and others at North Bend there is an increased amount of work for shipcarpenters and masts will be employed at our plant, as we will have three vessels under way at once in about 45 days."

Mr. McCormick said that the new steam schooner ordered, which is to carry 1,500,000 feet of lumber, will not be equipped with passenger accommodations and with that space available she would be only 20 feet longer than the steamer Klamath, of the McCormick fleet, which has a length of 207.5 feet. The machinery will be turned out at San Francisco by the United Engineering Works, which built the engine of the Klamath, and the new machinery will be virtually a duplicate set, as the Klamath is classed as the most powerful in the fleet. The new steamer is intended for the offshore trade, plying to the Hawaiians, the West Coast and Mexico.

The two engines for the auxiliary schooner City of Portland, which is to be finished the latter part of March, reached New York from Norway February 12, and were shipped by rail for St. Helens February 16.

Frames are being got out for the second auxiliary schooner, to be a duplicate of the City of Portland. The steamer will be started on the ways to be vacated by the first schooner and, with the second under way and the Ruby, an auxiliary schooner contracted for with Captain William Wrightson, of Mobile, also building, there will be three worked on at the same time. The third schooner for the McCormick fleet will be begun when the Ruby is finished.

An inquiry has been received from British Columbia to build an auxiliary schooner, two have been forwarded by New York interests and yesterday a San Francisco firm asked for figures on another for the South Sea trade, but with work already undertaken no additional contracts can be figured on.

NEW UNIFORMS

The baseball boys will give two dances in the city hall for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to purchase uniforms. The first will be given February 26th, and the other March 11th. The club is a member of the inter-city league and they purpose to have a line-up of players that will spell pennant. Give them a helping hand by purchasing a ticket.

SLOGAN WANTED

The managers of the Columbia County Fair want a slogan, something attractive and catchy. Short and right to the point, not more than two lines. They do not offer a very large premium, but the author of the accepted slogan will be rewarded. Leave slogan and address at the Mist office.

again. He says, according to the outlook, there promises to be a scrap and he is of the opinion that the office is not worth scrapping for.

J. W. Allen, who is serving an unexpired term as superintendent of schools by appointment, will be a candidate before the Republican primaries.

Mr. Van Orshoven has set his transit and will run the lines for another term. He expects to have his petition in the field shortly.

T. S. White will make the race again for coroner. He will probably be opposed by Earl Ball of Rainier.

The office of commissioner is not sought for very eagerly. Mr. Harvey's time expires this year, and he had intended to retire, but under conditions that have developed, he may make a scrap for re-election.

THE ST. HELENS WOMAN'S CLUB

George Washington's Birthday Is Featured

The St. Helens Woman's Club held an enjoyable meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Day, featuring George Washington's birthday. Response to roll call was a quotation from Washington.

The most important business taken up was a vote to purchase a set of the Harvard junior classics and a set of Robert Louis Stevenson's books for the library, which the club is slowly but steadily building up. Later a silver tea will be given to raise money for the purchase of these books.

As a study for the next meeting, "The Merchant of Venice" was selected. After the business of the meeting, the social hour was turned over to the committee on entertainment, Mrs. Isbister and Mrs. Sten.

Those present were requested to write a George Washington story and were allowed 20 minutes of time, then the papers were exchanged and read. All quite good and some very good, but the prize was given to Mrs. J. W. Allen, because, like Washington, she could not tell a story.

The name of George Washington was given to see who could make the largest number of words in a given time. The prize was awarded to Mrs. Iva Dodd, she having made 66 words.

Miss Genevieve Russell favored the club with a piano selection and responded to an encore. The committee served a Washington tea.

A VALUABLE MINERAL

One valuable mineral is known in Columbia county.

This is a brown iron ore, termed "limonite," and occurring in the country around Scappoose, where it may be distinguished by its yellow, reddish brown and streaked appearance.

This mineral finds its use as an ore of iron and in the manufacture of some yellow and brown paints.

Its value at the mine is \$1.83 per long ton.

These facts are gleaned from a bulletin on the "Minerals of Oregon," which has just been published by the University of Oregon. The author, Graham John Mitchell, assistant professor of geology, has compiled this booklet after considerable exhaustive exploration and research.

The booklet is for free dispensation and may be secured by writing the Registrar, University of Oregon, Eugene.

U. S. S. MARBLEHEAD

Governor Withycombe has executed an agreement with Secretary of the Navy Daniels, whereby the U. S. S. Marblehead will be loaned to the Oregon naval militia to replace the U. S. S. Boston, recently withdrawn from service in Portland.

LIST OF TRANSFERS.

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Company.

Feb. 16—Mason D. Barbour et ux to May Barbour Zipper; land in S. 29, T. 8 N., R. 3 W., \$1.00.

Feb. 17—John Stricklevich et ux to Jesse Lansing et ux; lot 20, block 42, St. Helens, \$10.00.

Feb. 18—Phillip H. Roberts et ux to Clarence W. Masten et ux; land in S. 6, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., \$10.00.

Feb. 21—L. G. Allen et al to Eva M. Allen; land in S. 24, T. 3 N., R. 2 W., \$10.00.

Mary Johnson, admr. to Andrew Dahlman; land in S. 35, T. 8 N., R. 4 W.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Luther C. Curl and Coral Rollo of Portland, Ore.

Elmer Lavender of Warren and Rilla L. Wilson of Vernonia.

MONEY FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

Editor St. Helens Mist:

I take pleasure in advising you that the river and harbor bill ordered reported yesterday to the House of Representatives, contains a total appropriation of \$1,697,000 for nine rivers and harbors in our district, and provision is made for five surveys upon which to base other projects of improvement. The appropriations in the bill embrace the full recommendations of the United States Engineers for all our projects, as they revised two of their original estimates to conform to later conditions and after taking the position that there would be another river and harbor bill enacted, in all probability, before March 4, 1917, and that all river and harbor appropriations become immediately available upon the passage of the laws. \$360,000 of the above amount is for the Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Portland, and \$1,200,000 for continuing the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river. Two of the five surveys are for deep and straight channels from the cities of Rainier and St. Helens to deep water in the Columbia river, which are the first steps to be taken in these matters.

With best wishes, I am, truly yours,

W. C. HAWLEY.

ASTORIA CELEBRATES

Astoria celebrated the granting of parity rates to the lower Columbia River district Tuesday and also exercises in honor of the nation's first president.

A special train was run from Portland, which was crowded to the platforms. The delegation was composed of the most prominent business men and capitalists of that city.

The special train stopped at the depot to take on the St. Helens delegation, which was composed of Wm. M. Ross, Mayor Morton, Councilman Ballagh and Attorney Dillard, representing capital, industry, civic and law. Mr. Morton was given a place on the program and followed Hon. C. W. Fulton. He stated among other things that there was just three live cities in Oregon, namely, Portland, Astoria and St. Helens.

CITY ELECTION

The annual city election for St. Helens will be held the first Monday in April. A mayor and two councilmen are to be elected to succeed Messrs. Morgus and Larrabee.

The city registration books are now open and will remain open to ten days prior to the election.

The affairs of the city are just as important as the county or state, and every citizen should register and exercise his judgment and right in securing just and competent officials.

OBITUARY.

Julia Johnson was born in Norway, June 7, 1880. She was married to Charles Bergstrom, Aug. 11, 1905, died at Scappoose, Feb. 14, 1916.

Her parents' names were Sever and Bertha Johnson. The deceased's age was 36 years. She was a dear and true wife and a kind neighbor and friend to all whom she met. Interment took place at Fairview cemetery on last Wednesday. Services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Johnston.

TAKE WARNING

February 13th, two men were seen entering the woods in the neighborhood of Bachelor Flat, with guns and dogs. It is fair to presume that they were after deer. After deer or any other game animal or fowl that has survived this winter, it would be a shame to hunt them now. The men should cease their efforts at once as the state game warden has been informed of their act and their movements will be closely watched.

GETTING READY FOR SECOND COUNT, MAR. 7

Ballot Box Will Close at 3:00 P. M., When Votes Will Be Counted

The Mist great piano voting contest is reaching normal proportion now. It has come to where you can't tell who is leading. So many have brought in subscriptions and received their votes, and some have so many that no one can even guess which one has the most. There is quite a demand for merchants' coupons, too. These are the little jokers that will probably tell the story in the end, and this is the way our readers can help. It does not cost you a cent when you buy groceries, dry goods, hardware, furniture, drugs, or whatever the advertisers in the contest have to offer, and then as the contestant comes to you, you will have a pleasant little surprise for her that will prove you a person who thinks of others, and it will make her pleased with you.

Every one of the ladies who are out for that piano want it, and they are trying in every honorable way to come into possession of it. It is simply a question of which one you like best. Of course you like them all, and St. Helens and vicinity have nothing nicer than these contestants, and what is nicer for a lady, whether old or young, and her circle of friends than a nice piano—and such a one for instance, as the Mist is to give to the lady that the people of St. Helens and vicinity like the best.

Bear in mind that the ballot box is closed for the second count at 3 p. m. on March 7. Be sure and have your votes all in by that time so that you will have a fair chance to show what you are standing for.

Others were nominated, but as yet have received no votes. These young ladies should by no means be considered out of the running, as all have been doing some work and they will make the contest interesting for those who already have a good start.

Remember that many of our leading merchants are interested in this contest and give 25-vote coupons with every dollar's purchase. Also, those who don't fully understand the rules and regulations of this contest can call at this office, or write to us, and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

A PERILOUS SKI TRIP

A Vancouver paper has an illustration of Mrs. Alexander Philip, daughter-in-law of John Philip and well known in this city, who acted as guide for a skiing party in the timber wilds of British Columbia. We publish the following extract:

Regular practice on skis enabled Mrs. Alexander Philip, proprietress of Rainbow Lodge at Alta Lake, on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to take the role of guide and pace-maker when a party of trainmen, railway employees and settlers from the district around the summit of the line, decided to get to Squamish over the blockaded line. Twenty persons munched into civilization on skis and snowshoes after being marooned for ten days by the heavy snowfall that made the P. G. E. impassable for traffic. Mrs. Philip led the way and made the trip with less exertion than the majority of the men in the party. She and her husband are making their home in Vancouver until a chinook clears the blockaded passes.

LAST ROLL CALL

J. W. Patrick, a resident of Goble and one of our well known citizens, died on the 9th of February, and was buried on the 11th at Near City cemetery. He was a member of Goble Grange, No. 329; also belonged to Umpata Tribe, No. 24, Improved Order of Red Men, and a comrade of Hancock Post, No. 21, Department of Oregon, G. A. R. Deceased was a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was 75 years old. He served in the civil war in company F, 12th Indiana. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons and one daughter. The funeral ceremony was conducted by Umpata Tribe, No. 24, and Hancock Post, No. 21, of Rainier, Ore.

J. M. LINDSAY.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HAVE ROLL CALL

Celebration of Their Fifty-First Anniversary

The Knights of Pythias lodge held their annual "Roll Call" Tuesday evening. About 50 of the 84 members of the local lodge answered in person when their names were called and several others sent letters which were read at that time. Some of the out-of-town members present were: Dr. H. R. Cliff, J. S. Watts, N. A. Perry, E. D. McKay, John Popejoy, I. S. Wikstrom, Chas. Wikstrom, John Scott, D. E. Freeman, W. J. Fullerton, J. B. Godfrey, Fred Henderson, Wm. E. Snild and Fred Adams, coming from Portland, Scappoose, Ridgefield, Kalama, Deer Island and other places.

Fourteen members of Rainier, 13 of Kalama, and about six of Ridgefield lodges, were present, besides a few other visitors.

After a very enjoyable time at the hall until 11 o'clock, they proceeded to the St. Helens hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was served, which was much enjoyed by all, after which the company departed to their several homes, wishing for many more such occasions.

FAIR COMMISSIONERS

G. L. Tarbell of Yankton, and R. N. Loveland of Rainier, were in the city Saturday attending to the preliminaries of organizing the fair board. No official business, however, was transacted as a quorum was not present. Mr. Fullerton is still detained in Portland on the Federal jury, but the commissioners hope to have a meeting soon. This is a matter that should not be delayed. Columbia county can put up one of the best county fairs in the state, but it requires united action and co-operation of every producer from potatoes to poultry and from handwork to horses. The date of holding the fair will be decided when officers are elected.

EASTER IS LATE

Easter will be late this year. The date is April 23, which is within two days of the latest date possible for the observance of the festival under the system of reckoning fixed by the council of Nice. This council decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs after the vernal equinox March 21. In 1915 the date of Easter was April 4. The Lenten season in 1915 began February 17, and this year it will begin March 8. The last time that Easter was as late as April 23, was in 1905.

CASE DISMISSED

Mrs. Bertha Berkhart of Deer Island, was arrested on complaint of Gustav Jasper, who charged that Mrs. Berkhart threatened to shoot him. She was arraigned before Justice Philip Monday, and after hearing the evidence, dismissed the case.

CHURCHES.

Episcopal Church.

There will be a service in Christ Episcopal church next Sunday evening, Feb. 27, at 7:30. All are welcome.

Congregational Church.

10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., "Earnestness." Earnestness is enthusiasm tempered by reason.—Paschal. 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., Keeping Up With Lizzie." (Irving Bachelors' witty book). John Foster, Ph. B., B. D., minister.

M. E. Church.

All services at the usual hours. Last Sunday was a very encouraging day. Those who were present and others are invited to enjoy the services for next Sunday, at which time the following themes will be presented: Morning sermon, 11 a. m., on The Christianity That Counts; evening sermon, 7:30 p. m., on The Leavings for Christ. The excellent music was highly enjoyed last Sunday and our choir intends to furnish even a better treat on next Sunday. Welcome to all. F. N. Sandifur, minister.