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SCHEDULE

	A. M.	P. M.
St. Helens	7:30	1:30
Warren	7:45	1:45
Seapoose	8:05	2:05
Portland	9:20	3:20
Portland	10:00	4:00
St. Helens	11:50	5:50

Saturdays and Sundays
Special trip leaving St. Helens 6 p. m.
Leave Portland 11 p. m.

RELIABLE SERVICE

LOSING SIDE OF MAIL ORDER BUSINESS

Hans Garbus, a German farmer of St. Helens, has discovered that the benefits which appear on the surface as pertaining to the mail order plan sometimes spell disaster and has written a very interesting story of his views in a certain paper. Here is part of the story:

"We farmers need awakening to the fact that we have unmistakably entered the period where we must think and plan. I am one of the few German farmers that had to be shown, and I am now giving my experience that others may profit, for knowledge is more expensive now than ten years ago.

"Twenty-nine years ago I began my farm career. I had an old team of \$50. Our furniture was mostly homemade. Chairs, cupboard and huge made from dry goods boxes, neatly covered with ten-cent cretonne. My girl wife. We rented 80 acres. Living a boy of good habits, I got all needed machinery and groceries of some merchants on credit until the fall crops were sold. The first year was a wet season and I did not make enough to pay my creditors. Went to each on date of promise and explained conditions, paying as much as possible, and they all carried the balance over for another year. They continued to accommodate me until I was able to buy a 40-acre piece of my own.

"As soon as I owned these few acres the mail order houses began sending me catalogs, and gradually began sending my loose change to them, letting my accounts stand in my home town where I had gotten my accommodation when I needed it.

"We then had one of the thriftiest little villages in the state—good line of business in all the branches, merchants who were willing to help an honest fellow over a bad year, a town full of people who came twice a week to trade and visit. Our little country town supported a library, high school, ball team and we had a celebration every year.

"A fire near a live town soon doubled in value. I sold my 40 acres at a big advance and bought 80 gradually adding to them until I had 200 acres of the best land in Iowa. I then felt no need of asking favors, and found it easy to patronize the mail order agents that came almost weekly to our door. I regret to say that I was the first in the county to make up a neighborhood bill and send it to a mail order house. Though we got big ones in a while, we got in the habit of sending away for stuff.

"Gradually our merchants lessened their stock of goods—for lack of patronage. Finally we began to realize that when we needed a bolt quickly for machinery, clothing for sickness or death, we had to wait and send away for it, which wasn't so pleasant. One by one our merchants moved to places where they were appreciated, and men of less energy moved in. Gradually our town has gone down; our business houses are 'racky' in appearance, a number are empty; our schools, churches and walks are going down; we have no band, no library nor ball team. There is no business done in our town, and therefore no taxes to keep things up. Hotel is closed for lack of travel. Go down to the depot when the freight pulls in, you will see the sequel in mail order packages.

"Nine years ago my farm was worth \$195 an acre; today I'd have a hard matter to sell it at \$167 an acre. It is 'too far from a live town'—so every farmer has said that wants to buy. He wants a place near schools and churches, where his children will have advantages. I have awakened to the fact that in helping to pull the town down, it has cost me \$5600 in nine years."

formation which would be valuable in an office of this kind and my acquaintance throughout the county will warrant the statement that I will give efficient service if elected to the office. I therefore submit my candidacy to the electors of the county.

Respectfully,
J. W. McDONALD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk
I hereby announce myself as a Republican candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk at the Primaries, May 19, 1916, subject to the approval of electors.
A. F. BARNETT.

Assessor
To the voters of Columbia county. I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket for re-nomination to the office of County Assessor, at the coming primary election, to be held May 19, 1916, and ask your kind, deliberate consideration.
C. W. BLAKESLEY.

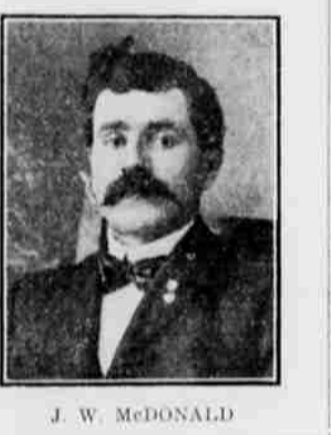
County School Superintendent
To the voters of Columbia County. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination to the office of County School Superintendent, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the coming Primary Election to be held May 19, 1916.
J. W. ALLEN.

For Commissioner
To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself as a Republican candidate for nomination to the office of County Commissioner at the May Primary Election.
JAMES KENNEDAY, Jr.

Commissioner
To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket for re-nomination as County Commissioner at the coming Primary election to be held on the 19th day of May, 1916, and ask your deliberate consideration.

I have been a resident of Columbia county for 39 years; and with 18 months experience as County Commissioner. I believe I am qualified to give the taxpayers a just and economical administration of county affairs; I am especially favorable to good roads.
A. E. HARVEY.

County Clerk
To the Members of the Democratic Party and the Electors of Columbia County:
I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of County Clerk of this county. I have been a resident of the county 27 years continuously and have been a taxpayer in the county for the past 18 years. Such a residence has given me in-



J. W. McDONALD

Sheriff
To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Sheriff's office, and if nominated and elected will give the public the best service and the most economical administration in my power. I have served as a peace



J. L. CHITTIM

officer through three administrations for the city of St. Helens. I am a believer in an impartial enforcement of the law and a clean campaign and administration. I ask your kind and deliberate consideration at the Primary Election to be held May 19, 1916.
J. L. CHITTIM.

Assessor
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at primary election, May 19. I have been a resident of Columbia county for 35 years and a taxpayer for 20 years. If nominated and elected I promise an honest and just administration of the office with equal justice for all.
H. T. BENNETT.

Treasurer
I hereby announce myself as Republican candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of electors at primaries, May 19th.
EDWIN ROSS.

Sheriff
I hereby announce myself as a Republican candidate for Sheriff. If nominated and elected, will continue to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
E. C. STANWOOD.

District Attorney
Glen R. Metsker of St. Helens is a candidate for the Republican nomination for District Attorney, at the Primary Nominating Election, May 19, 1916.



GLEN R. METSKER
I desire to announce to the people of Columbia county that I shall be a candidate for nomination to the office of District Attorney for Columbia county, subject to the Republican Primaries, May 19, 1916.

If elected, I will conduct the affairs of the office in the same energetic, conscientious and successful manner that I have handled my private practice. I will guarantee to the people of Columbia county a sane, intelligent, honorable and judicious administration of the office. I assert this as no idle boast or empty promise incapable of fulfillment; but a bona fide guarantee backed by my record, experience and success as a lawyer.

I believe that this office, as important as it is to the taxpayers, the people generally, and to most of the other public officers of the county, should not be regarded either as a plyingthing or a training school.



J. A. EAKIN
J. A. Eakin, candidate for Circuit Judge on the Republican ticket at the Primary Election, May 19th, 1916. I respectfully submit my name to the voters of this Judicial District for nomination as a candidate for the office of Circuit Judge. If nominated and elected I will, in the future, as in the past, to the best of my ability administer the duties of the office honestly, fairly and impartially to all.

District Attorney
To the voters of Columbia county: In announcing my candidacy for the Republican nomination as District Attorney of this county, I wish to make the following statement: I have been a resident of Columbia county since 1895, except a few years spent in Portland while securing my legal training. If I am nominated and elected, I will endeavor to the best of my ability, to enforce the law strictly and impartially, but I will never, through any motive, knowingly persecute anyone. I will conduct the office as economically as consistent with good business judgment, and I will have no campaign promises to keep or fulfill.
FRED W. HERMAN.

Representative
Announcement of principles of Albert W. Mueller, Republican candidate for Representative, as filed with Secretary of State: "If nominated and elected to the office of Representative, I will, during my term of office make all effort to enact laws founded on principles of justice and equal rights to all people and such laws that promote the greatest happiness, benefit and good to the largest number of people. I believe in Practical and sane road legislation. The election of all road officers. State aid for inter-county highways. The successor of an officer's unexpired term should hold the office until the next election only. Laws regulating the sale and storage of farm and dairy products. Earlier opening of fishing season. Limiting tonnage of extra heavy motor trucks on our highways. Farming and business are menaced on account of high taxes and to remedy such conditions I would work for LOWER APPROPRIATIONS and AGAINST ALL EXTRAVAGANCE and thereby hold out inducements to men to settle our unoccupied lands. My motto, and I will live up to it, is: LESS TAXES, FEWER and BETTER LAWS, MORE COMMON SENSE, NO CLASS PRIVILEGE."
ALBERT W. MUELLER.

County School Superintendent
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination to the office of County School Superintendent on the Republican ticket at the May Primary Election.
H. E. BECK.

Representative
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Representative from Columbia county. My platform will be "Constant vigilance and effort in the interests of the taxpayers." My slogan will be: "Business Instead of Politics."
J. L. ZIPPERER.

Commissioner
To the voters of Columbia county: Henry Ruddiman, candidate for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket at the Primary Election, May 19, 1916. I have been a resident of Columbia county for 25 years. If I am nominated and elected I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and in doing this I believe I can give the taxpayers of Columbia county an honest administration.
HENRY RUDDIMAN, Mist, Oregon.

County Treasurer
To the voters of Columbia county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination to the office of County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket, at the Primary Election to be held May 19th, 1916.
R. S. HATTAN.

Representative
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Representative, subject to the will of the Republican voters at Primary Election, May 19. If nominated and elected I will be strictly attentive to the business of the session in a business way and guard every interest affecting the taxpayers of Columbia county and the state of Oregon.
O. J. EVENSEN.

County Commissioner
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Commissioner of Columbia county, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the Primary Election, May 19th, 1916.
A. H. TARBELL.

County Commissioner
I hereby announce myself a candidate on the Republican ticket for County Commissioner, at the Primary Election to be held May 19, 1916, and if nominated and elected, I promise to work for the strictest economy in the use of the peoples' money, and reduction in taxes.
NORMAN MERRILL.

GO TO CHURCH

Congregational Church,
10 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., Communion service: "The Ever Present One"; 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., Easter sermon: "Christ Our Life." John Foster, Ph. B. B. D., minister.

M. E. Church.
Easter is to be a great day at our church. The Sunday school will have its Easter lesson at 10 a. m. The sermon at 11 a. m. will be appropriate for the occasion. The theme will be "Immortality." A baptismal service will be held in connection with the preaching service. The pastor will baptize all who desire this rite. The Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.; topic, Little Chances to Help. At 7:30 a sacred concert will be given. Everyone enjoys good music. Come and enjoy these services with us. P. N. Sandifur.

MAY DAY MUSICAL

Much enthusiasm is shown among music loving people in the coming musical to be given for the benefit of the City Library, Monday evening, May 1, 1916, at the city hall, under the auspices of the St. Helens Woman's Club, and conducted by Mrs. I. E. Dodd and Wm. A. Russell.

A chorus of selected voices has been secured. Those participating in the program will be Mesdames E. N. Sandifur, L. R. Rutherford, Bishop Moorhead, Glen R. Metsker, A. F. Barnett, Eugene Blakesley, I. E. Dodd, Misses Alma Doucette and Regina Russell, Messrs. J. H. McCoy, director; Dr. L. G. Ross, H. E. LaBare, Chas. Brown, Dr. C. A. Tucker, E. Nordin, C. E. Ostrander and Wm. A. Russell; Harlan Turner, violinist; Miss Genevieve Russell will preside at the piano.

Unusual interest should be taken in this affair by the people of St. Helens and the surrounding communities, as the proceeds will be used for the benefit of all.

Capt. Walter Wrightson left Wednesday for his home in Mobile, Alabama. He will spend a month or more there, winding up his affairs, before returning to St. Helens to start work on the new motor vessel he will have built at the local shipyards. Capt. Wrightson states he will bring his family with him when he returns to St. Helens.

NOTICE
All outstanding road warrants are called, and interest stops on same April 22, 1916.
R. S. HATTAN, Co. Treasurer.

NOTICE
All general fund county warrants endorsed prior to April 1, 1916, are called, and interest on the same stops on and after April 22, 1916.
R. S. HATTAN, Co. Treasurer.

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ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Mrs. A. F. Barnett was hostess Saturday afternoon in honor of several of Portland's most prominent teachers. The rooms were decorated with spring flowers. The luncheon table was beautiful with a centerpiece of moss and cowslips. Seated around the table besides the hostess were Mrs. Lulu Gray, Mrs. Elmer Hansen, Miss Ethel Dickinson, Miss Lona Wilson, Miss May Peebles, Miss Lola Crighton, Miss Bortha Shaw, Miss Mae Moriarty.