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LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS ADDRESS

Prof. Brumbaugh of Agricultural College Delivers Telling Address on Higher Educational Amendment to Be Voted On May 21.

Prof. J. H. Brumbaugh, one of the faculty of the state agricultural college, addressed an appreciative audience, Friday night in the city hall, taking for his subject "Some Blunders Nature Has Made."

The professor is not a heavy weight, running more to the elongated order, and probably no one outside his own family would vote him first prize in a contest for the handsomest man, but as an interesting and instructive public speaker the professor outdistances all blunders that nature may have had anything to do with in his making. He held the interest of his audience from the first to the last word.

He took up the cudgel in behalf of the state educational institutions and wielded it in a way that convinced his hearers that these institutions are trembling in the financial balance, and that aid must come to them if we are to continue to provide our boys and girls with that higher education to which they are entitled.

Speaking along solely educational lines the speaker said, in part:

"The vital importance of education does not lie exposed on the surface of everyday life. From the point of view of forty and even fifty years ago the value of education was rightly considered mainly an individual benefit. Education stood for a sort of mental and character culture—a species of social polish. That was the day when success in life might be achieved in two very radically and different ways. A man could either choose to enter the city and business world and achieve a place for himself by adopting one of its professions, or even by creating a new vocation in establishing some new way to meet the rapidly increasing demands of society, or he could go west to give battle to the unconquered forces of nature.

"Many a man today in the western states is now prosperous through the utilization of this opportunity. But today all is changed. The boy now has no such chance. Land cannot be had for the mere taking and even good stump land is worth from \$30 to \$40 per acre, and to clear it from \$100 to \$150 more. The result is inevitable. The young man is compelled to enter into the fierce and well organized competition of the business world. To do this successfully demands that the youth be trained up to the skill at par with the complexity of the tools of civilization. Here is where the crisis appears. Society has become so highly complex and differentiated and the machinery of life so intricate that more than twice the amount of education and technical training is now required than was essential only a score of years ago. But we cannot stand still nor even pause. The wheels of industrial life must be kept moving or all people are thrown into the vortex of an immediate disaster.

"The gist of the whole matter is that education has become something vastly more important than that of mere luxury. In short it has become the very basis and most paramount necessity of life itself."

In speaking of the higher educational tax amendment to the constitution, he voted on at the coming primaries, he likened it unto an advertisement for the state. In part he said:

"The money to be advanced by the people to maintain these institutions has been wrongly named. It is not taxation, but an investment in advertising. And an efficient advertisement it is. No one doubts the value of advertising. It is more than a commercial device. It is a civilizing medium. It brings about an exchange of values, both mental and physical, to the enrichment and betterment of everybody. The people of the east have a right to know of the advantages of the west. But unless we call their attention to these things they will never realize them. And so on the 21st day of May the people will have an opportunity to vote a further continuance and expansion of the world's greatest advertising medium—the institutions of higher learning. Three thousand men and women each year to be stimulated and enthused over the benefits of an education in Oregon. Let us cease therefore to talk of this as a taxation, but as an investment whose return in dollars and cents which will bring into this state in the form of desirable citizens will pay the principal and interest back a hundred fold. If this be so, then indeed let us advertise."

At the close of Prof. Brumbaugh's address a motion was unanimously carried that the meeting give its unqualified endorsement of the millage tax amendment. On top of this another motion was carried unanimously to the extent that all would not only vote for it but work for it as well in trying to induce others to vote it.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morgus departed Wednesday afternoon for Missouri where they will spend several months visiting with relatives and old friends. Mr. Morgus has been a resident and business man of St. Helens for 22 years and is held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends, all of whom wish this worthy couple a pleasant trip and safe return.

JAMES A. ANDRESS CALLED BY DEATH

James A. Andress, a well known citizen of Deer Island died Friday last at his home in Deer Island. He had been in ill health for sometime. At the time of his death he was 68 years of age and had lived in Deer Island for the past 21 years. For a number of years he successfully conducted a mercantile establishment in Deer Island and there are many recall his many acts of kindness.

Deceased was a G. A. R. veteran having enlisted in Company I 155 Ill. Infantry when only 13 years of age.

The funeral was held at Deer Island Sunday, Rev. A. R. Spearow officiating and the interment was in the Deer Island cemetery. The large number gathered to pay their final respect attested the esteem in which deceased was held.

Surviving Mr. Andress are two brothers, N. A. Andress of Deer Island, and P. R. Andress of Minnesota and one sister, Mrs. Charlotte Wortell who resides in Kansas.

ST. HELENS TEACHER WEDS AT OREGON CITY

Under an Oregon City date line of May 3 the Oregon Journal has the following account of the marriage of one of St. Helens' popular teachers:

"The marriage of H. Everett Meads, former county motorcycle officer and deputy sheriff of Clackamas county for three years and now a republican candidate for sheriff, and Miss L. Blain Hodgins of Portland took place this evening, the ceremony being performed by Lily Stipp, justice of the peace and friend of the Meads. The bride, a daughter of R. J. Hodgins, a prominent timber and sawmill man of Bend, Or., is a grade teacher and drill master in the St. Helens, Or., schools and will continue her work until the close of this year's term, when she will join her husband in Oregon City, which is to be their home. She is a graduate of the Jefferson high school, Portland."

GAME WARDEN HELPS "SAVE" HIM

The fact that Game Warden Brown had a warrant reposing in his pocket probably had something to do with this case.

A young man out Warren way has seen the light and repented. He is in Portland and some days ago Justice Hazen received a letter from him wherein he craved the judge's forgiveness for what he termed some lawless acts in the way of shooting game birds out of season. He said he had been saved and wanted forgiveness. The judge answered him that he was not in position to grant any forgiveness unless it be of a personal nature, but inasmuch as he had entered a plea of guilty of shooting holes in the game law he could enter up a \$25 fine against him, which if paid might go toward wiping out the black marks against his conscience.

The young man took Judge Hazen at his word and sent down the \$25 and some minor costs.

FISHING SEASON OPENS WITH EXTRA GOOD RUN

Fishing Season Opens With Good Run and of Superior Quality.—Run of Sturgeons Larger Than Usual.

Commercial fishing started at noon last Saturday and St. Helens fishermen were Johnny-on-the-spot with their fishing gear all ready for the opening hour.

The run since the opening has been good but it has passed St. Helens and the big fishing is now further up the river. The quality this season is said to be extra fine and the run of sturgeons larger than usual. Mr. Ballagh reports that gill netters have three tons to their credit already and up to Wednesday evening a total of 75 tons of fish is the gross result of the haul since the opening Saturday noon.

At a meeting last week in Astoria of representatives of canneries and cold storage plants the prices per pound to be paid for raw fish during the season were set as follows: Chinooks weighing over eight pounds, 12 cents; those under eight pounds, 10 cents; steelheads, 9 cents; bluebacks, 9 1/2 cents; silversides, 3 cents; shad, 1 cent; white sturgeon, 10 cents; green sturgeon, 5 cents.

Compared with the figures which prevailed last season the new prices are: For chinooks, three-quarter-cent higher; steelheads, 1 cent higher; bluebacks, quarter-cent higher; silversides and shad, 2 cents lower; white sturgeon, three-quarter-cent higher; green sturgeon, no change.

DEATH OF FORMER ST. HELENS RESIDENT

Following a brief illness Mrs. H. E. Abry, formerly of this city, died at her home in Portland Friday, April 30th.

Deceased was 59 years old and leaves a husband and one daughter, Mary, besides a host of friends, to mourn her departure.

Her husband was roadmaster of Columbia county for several years and they made their home in St. Helens until January last. The deceased was of a very sunny disposition and enjoyed the friendship and high esteem of many St. Helens residents, all of whom extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereft husband and daughter in their deep sorrow.

COMMENDATION FOR BALLAGH

The Oregon Voter Speaks in Commendatory Terms of Representative Ballagh's Record in the State Legislature.

In speaking of legislative candidates now before the people for reelection, in the case of our fellow townsman, Edison I. Ballagh, the Oregon Voter passes judgment on him in a very commendable way. Editor Chapman is a critic without mercy when in his judgment the subject or man under criticism is deserving of it, therefore his favorable comment on the Columbia county solon's legislative record will have a little weight in Mr. Ballagh's behalf.

The Voter has the following to say of Mr. Ballagh's record while a member of the legislature:

Ballagh's name came first on every House roll call, and consequently in voting he did not possess the advantage enjoyed by others of learning how other members were voting. No one who has not been a legislative member, answering as many as a hundred roll calls in a day, can appreciate the difficulties attendant upon answering at the beginning of a roll call and the corresponding advantage of being far down the list so as to observe how a measure is going and how certain members are voting.

Considering that the 1919 session was Ballagh's first, he suffered under the additional handicap of lack of roll call experience. Yet, such was his understanding of measures and his excellent judgment as to their merits that by his voting he acquired the reputation of "bell wether,"—whose voting it was safe to follow. His success in placing his unguided vote, based on the merits of measures, excited considerable comment.

In road matters he demonstrated leadership, supporting all the principal measures, including the bond bill, auto fees, gas tax, measures recommended by the state highway commission, and repeal of specific gravity test. Voted to sustain Roads and Highways Committee. On the paving question he voted against the radical anti-patent bills but voted for the more moderate Hare bill.

Voted against most freak legislation but voted for the oleo bill, which he was a determined supporter, being one of the leaders in behalf of the dairymen who were agitating the measure and voting with them in every step of parliamentary procedure. Voted for increasing fee burdens on foreign corporations.

Voted for all workmen's compensation legislation advocated by the commission. Voted against the freal measure repealing the requirement that an injured workman give notice of injury to his employer.

Voted against Regue River fish bill and for bill re-organizing the fish and game commission.

Voted for the anti-injunction bill and voted to save it from being killed by refusal to concur in senate amendment.

Voted for bill prohibiting exclusively foreign language publications.

Voted for capital punishment.

Voted for bill safeguarding district school funds and for bill requiring public advertising of school bonds. Voted for higher educational institutions.

Massed few roll calls. Not a dodger. Made practically no speeches but exerted strong influence. Regarded as a man of clear convictions and high character.

ST. HELENS PEOPLE TAKE AIRY FLIGHT

The seabat, Curtiss, landed in the Columbia river opposite St. Helens Sunday forenoon with Captain Walter Rees, pilot, Rudolph Crous, mechanic, and G. F. Emery, representative of the airplane company, aboard. They made the trip from Portland in 17 minutes.

The day was not exactly ideal for flying from a standpoint of sunshine, as the sun was obscured by a frowning vault of rain clouds. There was no wind, however, and no rainfall which made the trip in the air a pleasant one after all for those who essayed the dizzy flight.

The landing dock was an improvised affair and the seabat came to grief in landing after its second flight by running on to a rock at the foot of the so-called dock. The damage was quickly repaired and the flying resumed. When the Chamber of Commerce is convinced that the airplane company intend starting their Portland to Astoria service and that St. Helens will be made a landing station, steps will immediately be taken to provide a suitable landing dock for air transportation.

Quite a number of St. Helens people took advantage of the opportunity afforded to take a trip in the air ship. All expressed themselves as being delighted with the novelty of being a bird, and amply repaid by the experience. Those who took flights were: H. D. Scott, J. L. Storia, Miss Durilda DeVin, Miss Marion Morton, S. C. Morton, C. C. Baynard, J. R. Gilby, H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. VanGilder, Harve Swensen, G. A. Mace, Frank Johnson, T. J. Flippin, Jr. and G. C. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hill are moving to this city from Portland. They will make their home in Houlton. Mr. Hill is in charge of the auto paper route of the Oregonian and has also taken over the Oregonian agency in St. Helens.

CITY FATHERS HOLD MEETING

City Dads Hold Session Wherein Discussion and Final Disposition of Business Interim—Ordinance Passed and Bills Allowed.

No "heated discussions" arose to mar the session of the city council Monday night. An ordinance was passed on third reading, the usual course of bills were allowed and some discussions of the garbage dumping question and other matters followed.

The garbage dumping question came up on report of Councilman Dixon that he investigated the offer of Mr. Roscoe to sell the city 11 lots in the canyon north of the Italian importing company's store for \$1000, and that in his opinion the city could not do better or find a more suitable location for a garbage dump. While he considered the price perhaps a little high, nevertheless under existing circumstances he recommended that the purchase be made.

Councilman O'Conner took issue with his colleague on the proposition and objected to the purchase, giving as his reason that the price asked was unreasonable; that the property was practically valueless for any other purpose than a dump ground, therefore not in the class of property suitable as building sites. The mayor was inclined to take O'Conner's view of the matter, while Councilman Larabee took the ground that the city had been looking for a dumping site for many months and in his opinion they could do no better than to accept the proposition. Councilman Wheeler, during this discussion, was absent but came in later. No definite action was taken on the matter and it is still in abeyance. The understanding that further negotiations will be entered into with the owner of the lots.

Like the cat, Wellington's side-walk came back again, and a proposition was offered the city of rock for \$1 per yard to fill the so-called lake. This brought up the discussion as to whether the city or the improvement district would be liable for such expense. Attorney Day gave it as his opinion that improvements could only be made in accordance with what the plans and specifications called for, and after some further discussion that matter was left at the point where it started,—with Wellington still in undisputed possession of his sidewalk.

The matter was brought up of the numerous piles of rubbish on the residential streets and alleys which should have been removed on cleanup day. J. H. Wellington reported that the cleanup men were unable to get the trucks promised for the day, hence their inability to make the cleanup general. The matter was disposed of by marshal Otter being instructed to procure trucks and have the job completed. A marshal expressed the opinion that it would be a costly job to hire trucks but he will do the best he can in having the rubbish removed.

The telephone company submitted memorandum request for permission to reset their telephone poles along Columbia street and to put a conduit along the walk from the Episcopal church to the Columbia bank building. Councilman Dixon objected to granting any such request on the writing submitted. He said there had been too many "verbal" contracts entered into already and he wanted something more tangible than a mere request before permission be given to tear up the streets and walks. A motion finally prevailed to grant the request, conditional upon the telephone company filing a written guarantee that they would leave the walks and streets in a good condition as they are found.

Father Clancy asked permission of the councilmen to build a crypt under the floor of the new Catholic church to be erected for the body of the deceased Fred Merens. The request was readily granted.

Some discussion resulted over some bills presented in connection with work done on the dock where the St. Helens machine works now stands. Some of them were laid over for further investigation and an effort will be made to collect from others interested in the matter.

Other matters of more or less importance were disposed of, largely bills being ordered paid, and the council adjourned.

MAN FALLS FROM MOVING TRAIN

Monday night about 11 o'clock a man, whose name later was found to be G. A. Sterling of Portland, was brought to Dr. Ross' office in a badly bruised condition and torn scalp.

The man was brought in from a farm house on Wolf creek where he had applied for relief. The fact was later brought out that he had either fallen or jumped from a train on which he was going to Portland.

Sterling was a former butcher in Portland and left Astoria Monday with his daughter. When the train arrived in Portland he was missing and the daughter immediately notified her uncle, who in turn notified the police and sheriff. Meantime the sheriff's office here was also busy and it was soon discovered that the man's home was in Portland.

He was taken to Portland Tuesday morning in an ambulance. A Portland paper states that it is thought Sterling had jumped from the train, as he had been despondent over the breaking of an engagement to marry an Astoria girl.

The Buck and Perry families were week-end visitors at Ocean Park.

SERVICE HEARING TO BE CONTINUED

The hearing in the case of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce vs. Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company, scheduled by the Public Service Commission of Oregon for today, Friday, has been indefinitely continued at the request of the Chamber of Commerce.

It was continued in fact by mutual agreement on the part of both parties to the suit. Owing to the inability of attorneys for the railway company being unable to be present on the day set, and the further fact that the S. P. & S. officials are in reality favorable to the chamber a request for a new date it was agreed that the matter of hearing be put over to a later date.

The railway officials, from President Gillam down, are quite favorable to the plan and readily agree that a new depot at St. Helens is a necessity. The S. P. & S. is only a trustee of the road, however, and authority for the new structure must come from the Northern Pacific. More adequate depot facilities for St. Helens have been recommended by the Chamber of Commerce but to date the Northern Pacific has side stepped the proposition. Action against this company will probably be taken by the Chamber of Commerce for hearing before the service commission.

FRED G. BUCHEL

If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office; Continue to administer the Commission's affairs on a sound business basis, and



Republican Candidate for Public Service Commissioner.

As economically as is consistent with the public welfare; will aggressively continue my campaign for ample allocation and equitable distribution of funds for Oregon's industries and lumber shippers, and strive as in the past, to protect and advance the State's interests. Merit and efficiency will be my only consideration in employing the Commission's staff, and equity will be my guide in the adjustment of the rates and service of all utilities and railroads.

WILL CREATE COUNTY COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Meeting and Banquet Largely Attended—Steps Taken to Organize County Chamber of Commerce

The chamber of commerce meeting and banquet held at the St. Helens hotel last Friday night was well attended by representative business men and citizens of the three towns west of St. Helens, Rainier and Latskanie.

The object of the meeting was to take into the proposition of creating a county chamber of commerce, or at least a county commercial organization, having for its purpose the exploitation of the whole county by working in conjunction with the different local organizations.

President Wheeler of the local chamber, following a very satisfactory discussion of a very delicious repast provided for the chamber's guests by Mrs. L. J. VanOrshoven and Miss Amy George, acted as toastmaster.

Judge Clark spoke in behalf of the Rainier chamber of commerce and expressed himself as being heartily in accord with the plan of maintaining a county organization. Just what course these plans should take to put the plans in motion was a matter to be threshed out, but the ultimate organization the judge felt, would redound to the benefit of all the towns in the county.

Attorney Gore spoke briefly on the advantages such an organization would be not only to the local chamber of commerce but to the entire county. Others who spoke favorably on the proposition were: Dr. Ross, J. L. Storia, T. J. Flippin, Jr., and W. K. Hall, the latter from Clatskanie.

The final discussion of the subject resulted in a decision to have committees appointed from each local organization to meet at a date yet to be determined with full powers to organize and adopt by-laws and constitution for a county chamber of commerce.

At a meeting of the executive board of the St. Merens Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening the following committee was appointed to represent the local chamber in the organization of the county chamber: Charles L. Wheeler, George A. Gore, and John L. Storia. The meeting will be held at Rainier in the near future.

POLITICAL RALLY HIGH SUCCESS

Political Speechfest Staged by Chamber of Commerce Largely Attended and Many Speakers Made Short Talks.

The political rally staged by the Chamber of Commerce for last Friday night brought out a fairly good audience and many of the candidates responded with short talks.

President Wheeler of the Chamber of Commerce presided and started the ball rolling with a few remarks in his usual happy, live wire way. The president is one of St. Helens' consistent boosters on every occasion, whether it be at a political meeting or some other kind.

Sheriff LaBaro was the first victim to face the audience and he promised to make as few mistakes as possible and exert his whole ability in the conduct of the office to which he aspires—to succeed himself—if the people in their wisdom deemed it wise to elect him.

I. S. Baumgardner, who seeks the nomination for county commissioner on the republican ticket, assured the audience that if nominated and elected it would always be his purpose to act on the square deal policy for all sections of the county.

A. H. Tarbell, candidate for the nomination for state representative, spoke of the need of co-operation of the various sections of Columbia county in the advancement of the county's interests. Mr. Tarbell promised, if nominated and elected, to be a representative of the county as a whole and not a factional representative.

J. H. Wellington, who yearns to be sheriff of Columbia county and doesn't give a whoop who knows it, said he was told by a lady friend to talk two minutes and then sit down. He told the audience that if in their opinion he would make a good and efficient officer he had no hesitancy in asking them to vote for him; if they don't think so, vote otherwise. He felt, he said, competent to give the people an administration based on economical and efficient lines.

The next speaker on the program was E. I. Ballagh, present representative from Columbia county in the legislature. Mr. Ballagh is up for the nomination and election to succeed himself. He spoke briefly on some of the accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce and praised that organization for the assistance it had been to him in carrying out his duties as a legislator. He skimmed lightly over his record in the legislature and declared his willingness to stand or fall by that record. If the people felt that his record justified returning him as their representative, his time and the experience he had gained was at their service.

Attorney Gore, who has no opposition from any source for the position of district attorney, spoke briefly on the same he had in view of serving his constituents. In his conduct of the office it will always be his purpose to serve the law and order element and at no time would he expect to subvert the office to his own interests.

Thus ended the political speechfest. The audience was in a happy frame of mind and was not niggardly with applause, each candidate receiving due measure of hand clapping.

Following the speaking Prof. Brumbaugh of the state agricultural college spoke, of which more extended mention is made in another column.

FLORA LUMBER CO. EMPLOYEE IS KILLED

Struck by a heavy steel chain saw, Pummals was instantly killed at the Flora Lumber company plant last Monday.

While engaged with fellow workmen the choker chain fouled on a stump and the end of it swung around with death dealing velocity. The workmen were out of what they supposed would be the range of the chain's swing, but young Pummals misjudged the distance and was killed on the spot.

Deceased was 24 years old and resided with his parents at Quincy, where the funeral and burial services were held on Tuesday.

STAR COOKING CLUB SERVES LUNCHEON

Members of the Star Cooking club entertained a few guests in the basement of the Methodist church last Friday afternoon with a delicious luncheon, prepared by their own dainty hands. The young ladies were the recipients of much praise for the very excellent spread put before their guests.

The guests were: Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. James J. W. Allen, S. C. Morton, and Charles Lake, Mrs. Effie Wilson, Mrs. Lois Barnett, Mrs. Amanda Lake, Mrs. Dray, Misses Wanda, Sata, Ketea, Aileen Townsend, Mary Townsend, and Wasson.

The members of the club are students in the St. Helens school and have received their instructions under the direction of Mrs. Charles Lake. They are making splendid progress in the culinary arts, for which much credit is given to Mrs. Lake.

The members of the club are as follows: Mary Lape, Thelma Speck, Edna Lynch, Rosa Adams, Helen Rice, Naomi Child, Opal Ward, Gladys Aronson, Jeraldine Ketea, Emma Hiatt, Thelma Hiatt and Bethel Elmonds.