

SIDEHEAD PARAGRAPHS.

DROPPED DEAD.—Charles F. Trimm, justice of the peace and a widely known and respected citizen of Sherman precinct, dropped dead of heart failure at his home at an early hour on the morning of March 29.

CITY ELECTION.—The St. Helens city election took place Tuesday evening, and although a great deal of contention prevailed for two seats in the council, all was taken in good part by the contestants and their friends.

HONORS CONFERRED.—The people of St. Helens and Columbia county should justly feel proud that a Columbia county young man ranked among the seven who were graduated with high honors from the University of Oregon last Monday evening.

DEDICATION OF RAINIER LODGE A. F. & A. M.—The splendid hall, beautiful feast, and charming lady friends of Rainier lodge entirely captivated the members and friends of St. Helens lodge who attended the dedication festivities on the evening of the 30th of March.

DECIDED IMPROVEMENT.—The streets of St. Helens present a much more creditable appearance since G. H. Lemont and others picked all the stones and rubbish which was scattered perniciously through them, and dumped the whole thing in a place where such debris belongs.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

E. E. Quick visited Portland last Tuesday. Mrs. Ella Roberts is now stopping in this city. Ed. Gilmer, of Salem, was a Sunday visitor in our city.

MASONIC DEDICATION.

Rainier Lodge Dedicate the Building as a Masonic Temple.

Friday evening, March 30th, marked a new epoch in the history of Rainier lodge No. 24, A. F. & A. M. The occasion was the dedication of their new temple, and it is one in which the members of that order and the people of Rainier can well boast and feel proud of.

Then came the social part of the occasion, and after half an hour of chat and music the assemblage was directed to the lower hall, where at three tables, the entire length of the building, completely loaded with everything which was pleasing to the palate, and which did not suffer for want of consumers.

REUBEN.

H. C. Brown left here for Portland to be gone several weeks. Miss Grace Archibald is stopping at Mrs. Martha Fowler's at Reuben. S. A. Fowler is making some improvements on his land at Reuben.

PERIS.

Mrs. Ella Roberts proved up on her claim Monday. S. Rock has the wagon-road fever, and is making a new road across his place. Born—To the wife of E. S. Vansberg, a boy. Mother and child doing nicely.

A Denial.

VERNONIA, Or., April 2nd, 1894. [EDITOR MIST].—It having reached my ears that Mr. Schoonover and others are circulating a report to the effect that I was a party to the emphy hanging in Vernonia a few weeks ago, I wish to say in the first place that I did not have anything to do with the hanging, nor did I know of any such act being contemplated.

A WINNING TICKET

The Columbia County G. O. P. Has Named It.

WEDNESDAY IS A GALA DAY.

The Big Convention was Harmonious to the End, and Everybody are Happy.

Shortly after 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, T. C. Watts, chairman of the Columbia county republican central committee, stepped upon the floor at the opera-house, and with his usual quiet-making manner addressed the thirty-three persons elected as delegates to the convention by requesting them to "come to order."

W. H. Conyers then arose, and in a few complimentary words, placed in nomination for temporary chairman, H. L. Warren, of Clatskanie. J. G. Watts, of Scappoose, was elected temporary secretary, and Geo. Mayer, of Mayer, elected temporary assistant secretary.

The chairman then appointed a committee on order of business, which was composed of W. D. Connel, Chas. Blakesley, and Norman Merrill. The chairman then appointed, as a committee on credentials, Martin White, Dr. H. R. Cliff, and H. C. Brown, after which a thirty-minute recess was declared.

The committees, after arranging their business, returned to the hall and the meeting was again convened by the chairman. The committee on business recommended that the chairman and secretaries be retained as permanent, and the reports of both committees were read and accepted, after which the regular nominating and balloting for candidates was begun, with the following result:

First in order was the election of a candidate for representative, which resulted in the election of T. J. Cleaton, who was nominated on the first ballot. Then came the nominations for clerk, which resulted in the election of Hon. Judson Wood, of Auburn precinct, on the first ballot.

Next in order was the nomination for sheriff, and Charles F. Doan, of Rainier precinct, was elected on the first ballot.

Philip Frakes, of Scappoose precinct, was elected as a candidate for commissioner on the first ballot. The office of assessor was hotly contested, and after balloting the fourth time, Martin White, of Oak Point precinct, was elected candidate for that office.

Then came the choice of a man to fill the office of county treasurer, and as there was but one name proposed, that of John Downing, of Gillton, that gentleman was elected a candidate for that office by acclamation.

Will Meserve, of Beaver Falls precinct, was elected by acclamation as the candidate for county surveyor. A state central committee was then elected in the person of Dr. H. R. Cliff, by acclamation.

The delegates to the state convention were then elected, and the vote resulted as follows: Norman Merrill, R. U. McNutt, W. J. Rice, W. D. Connel, Dr. H. R. Cliff, W. H. Conyers. The delegates to the sixth judicial district convention are as follows, and were elected by acclamation: A. H. Blakesley, D. Blanchard, H. C. Brown, Jas. Hodge, M. F. Hazen, John Dolan.

The county central committee is composed of one delegate from each precinct in the county, and its members are as follows: J. G. Watts, Scappoose; W. J. Rice, Union; H. C. Brown, Deer Island; L. J. Meserve, Beaver Falls; S. B. Rose, Auburn; Jas. Hodge, Nehalem; S. Kinder, Sherman; H. L. Warren, Clatskanie; A. Croaker, Oak Point; J. Despain, Apiary; D. Blanchard, Rainier; T. Colvin, Marshall.

At the close of the business the following resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted: WHEREAS: The republican party was organized and has existed for the especial purpose of maintaining a government, in which the common people should be represented, and the policies of which the people should help to mould; and

WHEREAS: We are in favor of the people, themselves, helping to run the campaign and politics of our country, instead of having it run and managed by a few; and

WHEREAS: We desire to give the people a better chance to wield their influence, from the different places in the county; therefore be it

RAINIER CONVENTION.

Delegates from the Several Republican Clubs Meet at Rainier.

Pursuant to call, delegates from a goodly number of clubs throughout the county met at the hall in Rainier Monday last, and were called to order by A. H. Blakesley, J. G. Watts being elected temporary secretary after which the objects of the meeting were briefly outlined by Mr. Daggert, of the Gillton club. Upon motion the names and credentials of the delegates from the various local clubs were then presented as follows:

Thos. B. Reed club of Houlton—J. B. Godfrey, A. B. Little, Geo. Perry, C. I. Hazen; membership 31. Lincoln club of Gillton—J. Dolan, H. Olson, W. B. Daggert, Jas. Cox, M. F. Hazen; membership 46. Rainier club—H. H. Doan, Miles Sherin, C. W. Mosser, W. M. Perry, T. Woodruff; membership 45.

The Independent club of Scappoose—J. G. Watts, Jas. Holaday, H. West and W. W. West by proxy; membership 27. Beaver Falls club—L. J. Meserve, A. K. Morgan, O. E. Wonderly, J. Boals by proxy; membership 43.

McKinley club of St. Helens—A. H. Blakesley, C. W. Blakesley, D. J. Switzer and H. R. Cliff by proxy; membership 25. Apiary club—Oliver Anderson, S. T. Grindle, J. H. Splain; membership 23.

Upon motion, the temporary officers were declared permanent for the day, and in order to harmoniously blend the workings of the different organizations, it was moved and carried that the Columbia county republican club deem the chairman of the county central committee its president, and suggest that said central committee endorse the secretary of this club.

Upon motion, the convention went into a committee of the whole to draft a constitution and bylaws, and adopted the following:

Name.—This organization shall be known as the Columbia county republican club, of Oregon composition. Said organization shall consist of as many local clubs as may be organized in the county, acting under their several local names without number.

Objects.—The objects of this organization are to closely unite in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love, the members, friends, and well-wishers of the republican party in Columbia county; to bring its members, their families and friends, together in a harmonious body that they may study together and discuss in an intelligent, honest way, their needs, and demands of our country, and discuss and adopt such measures as will best subserve their interest, and do the greatest good for the country and our people.

Officers.—The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, and secretary, who shall be treasurer pro tem., and an executive committee consisting of one delegate from each local club, to be elected by them at their regular meetings in January, April, July, and October, except the president, who shall hold his term of office for two years.

Meetings.—Shall be held on the first Tuesday of each and every month, at such places as the delegates may from time to time select.

Members of the county meeting.—The members of the county meeting shall consist of delegates from each division hereof, to be elected on the last meeting of the division in each month, as follows: One delegate-at-large, and one for each ten members, or fractions thereof over six, based upon members above the age of fifteen years.

Legislation.—This constitution may be changed by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the county club.

Finances.—The finances necessary to carry on this club shall come from such donations as persons having an interest in our cause shall make.

Upon motion, the constitution, as adopted, was ordered printed and distributed among the local clubs. Moved and carried that whenever delegates are elected, the several secretaries of the local clubs are urgently requested to notify the secretary of the central club.

Upon motion, the election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows:

M. F. Hazen, of Gillton, vice-president. W. M. Perry, of Rainier, secretary.

Upon motion, the next meeting was appointed at St. Helens.

Upon motion, a committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of L. J. Meserve, M. F. Hazen, and W. M. Perry, and, after a short recess, the following were submitted and enthusiastically adopted, viz:

WHEREAS: We, the people of Columbia county, believe the present financial and commercial embarrassment to be largely attributable to the democratic and populist parties, as indicated by recent elections; and

WHEREAS: We are earnestly desirous of being instrumental in bringing relief to all classes of people, and restoring old-time prosperity; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That we heartily endorse the principles and platform of the republican party, and pledge ourselves to give united and harmonious support to said principles, and all deserving candidates of Columbia county and state of Oregon, put forward as nominees by the said republican party; and

RESOLVED: That we will endeavor to thwart and overthrow what we deem fallacies and errors of judgment of our political opponents, thereby lessening the danger of further imminent peril to which our institutions are subjected; and

RESOLVED: That we are not presuming to make recommendations to, or in any way impair the duties and privileges of our legislators, but intend and desire to be law-abiding, without cavil or reproach, manifesting our rights and desires at the ballot box; always abiding its results peaceably, and in the language of the lamented Lincoln, "With malice toward none; with charity for all doing the right as God gives us to see the right."

The convention then adjourned to meet in the schoolhouse in the evening, where a very interesting ratification meeting was held, enlivened by patriotic and humorous songs, until a late hour.

THAT ROAD TO ASTORIA.

H. W. Baxter Goes to Omaha to Close Negotiations.

Some people have an idea that the Astoria railroad project has gone where other similar projects went, to say the Oregonian, probably because they have heard but little of the matter recently. Those most interested in the road, however, have kept quietly at perfecting the preliminary arrangements, and now the Astoria railroad is nearer a fact than ever before.

Baxter, who returned from San Francisco the other day, was questioned concerning the progress made, and replied: "The prospect for a road to Astoria was never more promising than now, and I am confident that the road will soon be completed. The people of Astoria are well along with their share of the work, having secured the greatest part of the right-of-way. Now they are getting the subsidy in shape. I will leave for Omaha Tuesday morning, and may possibly go on to New York in the interest of the new road. I expect to have the matter practically settled within five days. When the actual work of construction will commence I cannot say, but it will probably be immediately after my return, in two or three weeks."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Republicans have good reason to feel encouraged over the tariff outlook in the senate. The only thing that the republican members of the senate finance committee insisted upon in connection with the reporting of the bill to the senate was that the debate should not begin until Monday, April 2, and they carried their point. The bill as reported is in such an unsatisfactory shape that it cannot be passed by the senate until material changes are made.

This is admitted even by those democrats who are most anxious for it to pass. That gives the republicans a good fighting chance to defeat the bill outright, and it will be taken advantage of to the fullest extent. A democratic senator who desires the bill to pass remarked to another senator: "If the republicans are shrewd enough to vote solidly against striking out the income tax they can defeat the bill, as there are at least seven democrats who will never vote for the bill with that clause in it." There may be something in that, but great commercial pressure is being brought to bear upon republican senators for the purpose of getting them to vote to strike out the income tax. So far, no binding agreement has been made by republican senators as to how they shall vote, but it is probable that some sort of an arrangement will be made to keep their votes together.

Although there is an individual here who styles himself "The local representative of Coxe's commonwealth army," and he has been around the capitol distributing maps and pamphlets relating to the proposed march on Washington to whoever would accept them, the whole business is regarded by congressmen generally as nothing more than a hoax, although the populists are accused of believing in the scheme. Coxe's army will probably turn out to be about the same sort of an army as did the 100,000 men that Henry Waterson once upon a time threatened to bring to Washington and forcibly inaugurate Samuel J. Tilden, president. General Waterson changed his mind before the time arrived, and if General Coxe doesn't change his mind he will probably consent to have at least three ciphers struck out of his figures representing the strength of his army before he gets here with it.

Chairman Manley, of the republican national committee, was in this city this week. He says the committee is anxious to hear from any republican who has a suggestion to offer, either for or against the proposed change in allotting the representation at national conventions, which will materially reduce the representation of the hopelessly democratic states, and that nothing will be definitely decided until it is endorsed by the sentiment of the party.

The County Treasurer

Can be seen at St. Helens on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week.

NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, February 15, 1894. Complaint having been filed at this office on the 6th day of September, 1893, by Christian F. Larson against Charles Johnson, for abandoning his homestead entry No. 9455, dated August 14, 1891, upon the north 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of section 23, township 6, north range 5, west, in Clatskanie county, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office, in Oregon City, Oregon, on the 24th day of April, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. D. W. A. A. G. Register. PETER FAQUET, Receiver.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia county. Chas. F. Muecke, plaintiff, vs. Geo. S. Dippold, Martin S. Dippold, and M. Frances Dippold, defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled court and cause, by the 15th day of May, 1894, it being the first day of the regular term of said court, next following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons; and if you fail to answer the said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit: For judgment against the defendants, Geo. S. Dippold and Martin S. Dippold, for \$400, with interest from the 18th day of December, 1891, at eight per cent per annum, and \$100 attorney's fees, and costs. And for a decree of court declaring the deed made by defendant Martin S. Dippold to defendant M. Frances Dippold, defendant, null and void, and setting the same aside, and ordering said land sold to pay said judgment. Said suit is brought upon a promissory note given for the purchase money of said land, under an agreement of defendant, Martin S. Dippold, to mortgage the same to plaintiff as security for the payment of said note, which said land was, in violation of said agreement, conveyed by defendant Martin S. Dippold to defendant M. Frances Dippold, his wife, without consideration, and with full knowledge of the violation of said agreement. This summons is published by an order of the judge of said court, made on the 27th day of March, 1894. DILLARD & COLE, Attorneys for plaintiff.

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