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No Cause for Change

E. B. Tongue Has Made Good in His Office and Should be Re-Elected

This will probably be the last issue of the Mist to reach the majority of the Republican voters of Columbia county before the Primary election. There is one office to be filled by the voters which is of great importance and the candidates for which should be carefully and thoroughly examined as to the fitness and capability of such candidate. We refer to the office of District Attorney for the Fifth Judicial District, comprising Clackamas, Clatsop, Washington, and Columbia Counties. For the nomination for this office two men have offered themselves, E. B. Tongue, the present officer and W. Norblad of Astoria. This paper is strongly in favor of Mr. Tongue for several reasons and we are quite anxious that the people of Columbia County should know exactly the conditions before casting a ballot. Mr. Tongue has been raised within the borders of the district where he now lives and performs the duty of District Attorney. His father was one of the most highly honored citizens of the State of Oregon. No word of unfairness or of a performance of duty has ever been whispered against E. B. Tongue in public life, that is, anything that could be substantiated, and no word of scandal or anything attacking or even hinting at his integrity has ever been said with any semblance of truth. His record as a citizen and a public officer can be searched from the time of his childhood to the present day and nothing can be found to mar the record. He has made good with vengeance in the office of District Attorney. He is the most thorough and successful prosecutor of criminals in the State of Oregon, with no exceptions. He is the endorsement of 90 per cent of the lawyers of the district and both the circuit Judges of this district. He has served the people in this office only one term and is now asking for a second term, which any man is entitled to. There is some idle talk going the rounds that he failed in his duty at Oregon City in the Hill Murder case, but a careful investigation of this matter is convincing enough to show without fear of contradiction that if Mr. Tongue could have had the man Harvey and go to trial on the evidence produced would have betrayed his trust to the people and violated his duty as an officer, in addition to costing the county thousands of dollars of useless expense. The testimony furnished by the detectives who were working for reward in that case would not be sufficient to convict a man stealing chickens, let alone convicting of murder. Any person using that case as an argument against Mr. Tongue is either doing it maliciously or else because he does not know what he is talking about, and if you, Mr. Tongue, are interested and will take the time to investigate, you will very quickly see that there is nothing in it. With a record such as Mr. Tongue has made as District Attorney and as a private citizen why in the world should there be a change in the office, especially so where the

other candidate is an unknown quantity. Mr. Norblad may be a first class lawyer and a straight forward citizen, but he is a new comer and unknown to any in the district except in the county of clatsop and from reports coming from down the river he is going to have a hard time to carry his own county. We do not undertake to say that it is on any account of the unfitness of Mr. Norblad, but more for the reason that Mr. Tongue has made good and there is no cause for a change. Take this office into serious consideration, Mr. Republican Voter, before you cast your ballot and decide whether or not you want a change when the conditions are such as they are. You have an efficient, capable, honest and industrious man now filling the position and you know that if you re-elect him he will continue to be so, while on the other hand you are experimenting with a stranger to you. Study the matter.

REUBEN NOTES

Hon. E. B. Tongue of Hillsboro Ore. was in town last Friday, interviewing the voters of this precinct.

W. A. Hall and George Conroy of Clatskanie, was in this part of the County Tuesday, feeling the pulse of the voters.

J. H. Collins our County School Superintendent visited in districts No. 29 and 28 on Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Wasser and Mrs. P. S. Linton were Kalama visitors Wednesday.

Born: To the wife of M. C. Hoven at Goble Ore. April 7th a daughter.

Frank Bishop of Goble arrived from Portland Tuesday with his automobile.

School Fairs

The Columbia County School Fair will be held this year, August 29 and 30 at Clatskanie. It is hoped that every boy and every girl in our public schools, who is old enough, will raise something or make something to be exhibited at this fair.

First and second prizes will be offered for the best of the following:

Potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, field corn, sweet corn, pop corn, musk melons, watermelons, cabbage, onions, beets, turnips, grain selections, sweet peas, asters, bouquet of flowers, pint jar of fruit, glass of jelly, bread, bird house, piece of furniture, mechanical toy, labor-saving device, penmanship, map of Oregon, mending, darning, apron, dress, chickens, ducks, pigs.

The products or articles entered for prizes must be raised or made by the pupils alone who make the exhibits.

The co-operation of every parent and every teacher is respectfully solicited in this movement.

J. H. Collins County School Supt.

A BARGAIN

FOR SALE-12 acres of land about 6 miles from Rainier; contains nearly 2,000,000 feet of timber. Can be bought for a trifle more than the assessed valuation. Call on or address the Mist St. Helens.

Local Mention

T. A. Cloninger, of Scappoose, was attending to business in St. Helens during the week. Tom has been having a hard tussle with the doctors during the past few months, having been on the operating table on two different occasions, but is now looking much better and says he feels fine.

James Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bacon, of Warren, was hit by a train on a bridge near Scappoose, last Wednesday night and instantly killed. It appeared at the coroner's investigation that he was caught while trying to cross the bridge and was apparently out of the way with the exception of his head which was caught by the engine and horribly mangled. Funeral services were held at Warren Friday where burial took place.

The registration in Columbia County this year is very light, there being only 1890 names on the books. Of this number there are 1399 Republicans, 285 democrats, 24 Prohibitionists, 88 Socialists, 79 Independents and 15 who refused to give their party affiliation.

The work on the Strand has been completed and now we have a fine thoroughfare along the business portions of the water front. All levelled and macadamized, with cement sidewalks certainly presents a very much improved appearance. It is now up to the business men to keep the sidewalks clear of boxes and wood piles. The total cost of this improvement including crossings is less than \$1000.

County Court Proceedings

Wednesday, April 3, 1912, 5th Judicial Day. Court came pursuant to adjournment. Orders all present. Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had: Matter of Bids for Special Road Improvement in Districts No. 15 and 16.

On this day it appearing to the Court that the plans and specifications prepared in accordance with advertisement for such special improvements do not conform with the resolutions adopted by the votes at their special road meeting, it is ordered by the Court that all bids on file for such improvements be returned to the respective bidders. It is further ordered that a committee consisting of Geo. Olsen and Gust Gustafson, together with the assistance of an engineer, where necessary be and it is hereby appointed to prepare new specifications for said districts No 15 and 16. Matter of bids for special road improvement in districts No 11, 12 and 13.

On this day bids for special road improvement in above named districts were opened and examined as follows:

List No. 12. Andrew Johnston, New portion of Foster Road for \$6.90 per rod W. J. Birkenfeld New portion of Foster Road for \$8.00 per rod Continued on Page 3

A TAX-PAYER, NOT A TAX-DODGER

A Mis-statement of the Facts Fairly Answered.

The voters in casting their ballot at the primary election April 19th, should support our local candidate for Coroner. F. H.

Sherwood has been a resident and tax payer of Rainier for the last five years. He established the first undertaking parlors in the county and has invested considerable money in a County Morgue, for the proper care and attention of the work that comes under this office, which is the only place in the county, where dead bodies can be properly taken care of.

Mr. Sherwood is not connected with any other business than that of Coroner and Funeral Director, devoting his entire time to the duties of his office.

Mr. White, his opponent is a groceryman at Houlton, and is not a tax payer and has no equipment to handle so important an office. And we recommend to the voters of Columbia County, and especially Rainier, F. H. Sherwood for Coroner.—Review.

I am a firm believer in clean politics and have avoided all personalities but as the above article is so misleading and untrue, an answer is deemed necessary to put myself in the right light before the voters of the county.

The only qualifications advanced for Mr. Sherwood is that he has his money invested in a building which he uses for a morgue.

[According to the Assessment of all of Columbia County Mr. Sherwood pays taxes on a building valued at \$500 but in his campaign literature he tells you this building cost more than \$2000.]

The only argument against me is that I am in the grocery business and that I do not pay any taxes. The facts are that I am in the general merchandise and undertaking business, and my taxes this year were nearly three times the amount paid by Mr. Sherwood as I did not give in property worth \$2000.00 at one-fourth of its value. I have had about 20 years experience in the undertaking business and if nominated and elected as Coroner I will have the time, the place, the equipment and the experience to properly handle all the business of the office. T. S. White.

FOR SALE--A 3 inch wagon, good order. Cheap. Call on A. B. Swift, one mile west of Warren. 4-1-5-1.

PETITION

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon.

We the undersigned owners of the property abutting on the streets described hereinafter, most respectfully petition your honorable body to improve said street as follows; Commencing at the point of intersecting of Hemlock and Willamette Streets and extending northerly along said Hemlock Street to the limits of the City, the road way 16 feet in width as graded and improved, be further improved by placing crushed rock thereon to a depth of about 6 inches and then to be rolled and covered with fine rock or screenings, and that all of said improvements be made at the expense of the said abutting property and your petitioners will ever pray etc.

E. W. Ketel, Pete Felton, Elon Felton, F. A. George, J. H. Cronkite, Edwin Ross, Wm. Brinn, E. C. Robertson, T. B. Lott, J. Skuza, C. C. Cassott, C. W. Sherman, N. A. Sherman, Elsie H. Brinn, John G. Pringle, C. E. Lake, Elizabeth Isbister.

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