

# ANNOUNCEMENT!

Messrs. Frank H. Sherwood, of Ranier, and E. Adin Ross, of St. Helens, beg to announce to the people of St. Helens and vicinity that they have leased two store rooms in the new bank annex at St. Helens, and will soon open an up-to-date furniture and undertaking parlor.

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**SHERWOOD & ROSS, St. Helens, Oregon**

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Before the next issue of the Mist is published the voters of the United States will have said who shall control the affairs of the Government for the next four years. Whether it shall be the democratic policy of free trade or the Republican policy of protection. So far as the Progressive party is concerned it has already been defeated; that is the so-called Progressive party led by Mr. Roosevelt. It has been conceded by all parties that there is no chance for Roosevelt to be elected, unless there should happen to be a landslide, and there is no possible chance for that. So the real issue is whether or not the Democratic party led by Wilson shall be placed in power or the Republican party led by Taft shall again pilot the ship of state for another four years of prosperity. That is the only issue in this campaign. All the talk of Progressive policies is for the purpose of catching votes, for every man running is progressive so far as his idea of Progress goes. For the great body of Republicans who are satisfied with the most prosperous times in the history of the nation, with all departments of government running smoothly and legislation being enacted for the benefit of the entire people, Mr. Taft represents greater Progressive policies than does either of the other two men who are claiming to be the real Progress-

ives. This is a time for reflection on the part of every voter. Call to your side the ever faithful wife who goes with you through adversity and prosperity; consult with her as to your needs. Call to mind the many blessings that you and yours have enjoyed under Republican prosperity; note the many improvements made by you in your farm or home; count up the wages you have received under the protective policy of the Republicans and then ask yourself whether or not you will take a chance on a change to a policy that cannot help but bring on a depression. There can be no denying the fact that a change such as is proposed by the Democratic party will bring on hard times, even if their policy is correct. There can be no such radical change in the policy of government as is proposed without a resulting change in the policy of the business interests of the country. Money will be called in and it will be hard to get hold of until conditions have adjusted themselves to the new condition. Of course the Republicans do not believe that Free Trade will reduce the cost of living nor raise the wages, but on the contrary do believe that it will at least reduce the wages of the working man and make business conditions in all lines dull and stagnant. That is the whole question. You fellows who are tying your hope to the Roosevelt party, not one of you will say that you have a chance of electing your man and you every one will admit that the chances are very largely in favor of Wilson being elected with your man in the field, so it behooves each and every one of you who are sincere in your ideas of Protection, to cast aside your personal feelings of high regard and respect for Mr. Roosevelt and vote to give yourselves the chance to make a good living and have good times by continuing in power the Grand Party. This can only be done by casting your ballot on next Tuesday for William Howard Taft.

On an extra page of the Mist this week appears the ballot which the voters will have to vote next Tuesday. It is some ballot too. It contains the names of all candidates on each ticket and also some 37 measures to be decided by the people. The majority of the measures are like Greek or China to a great many voters and reference to the voters pamphlet should be resorted to before casting a vote on them. There are a few however which need no investigation, such as the woman suffrage question and the abolishment of capital punishment. There is one referendum measure which should by all means receive the careful consideration of the voter, the one numbered 314 and 315 which provides for enlarging the authority of the Railroad Commission so as to include all public utilities, such as street railways, telegraph and telephone companies and the like. This bill was passed by the last legislature and patterned after the famous LaFollette law of Wisconsin, but a few of the Portland politicians think that the state at large does not need such regulation and that Portland is the only place in the state where such a law is needed. The people are almost unanimous in their belief that the Railroad Commission as at present constituted has been a great benefit to the people and has saved many thousands of dollars to shippers. There can be no question about the efficiency and good work of the commission. But these few job hunters in the city of Portland think they should have a special commission to regulate their affairs and get them some more good fat positions and that the rest of the state should do likewise if they want any regulation of public utilities. The measure should receive the undivided support of every man who believes that public utility corporations should be regulated in the state.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church St. Helens will meet with Mrs. Chas. Blakesley, Wednesday Nov. 6th.

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