

Oregon Historical Society Auditorium

CANDIDATES WILL SOON BE APPEARING

This is the year of primary election and already candidates have begun to put out feelers to ascertain the wishes of the "dear people." A number of politicians always get interested in the "dear people" election years. Other years they are not so much concerned.

Besides the Republican and Democratic primaries on May 21, there will be a special election held for the purpose of voting on eight proposed measures, four of which provide for additional taxation. Another for the repeal of the law abolishing the death penalty and another, if adopted, provides that the president of the state senate shall become governor in case of a vacancy.

George Chamberlain (Democrat) is a candidate to succeed himself as U. S. Senator and there is no great hankering among either Democrats or Republicans to go up against him. Bob Stanfield, who made an unsuccessful fight against Senator McNary two years ago, may receive the Republican nomination.

There is already six Republican hats in the ring for secretary of state.

Other than judge all county offices will be filled this year, including district attorney and two representatives in the legislature. For district attorney, E. K. Piasecki, incumbent, will probably seek re-election as a Democrat. Cecil Swope is being urged to go after the Republican nomination. John S. Bohannon has been suggested as a good man to send to the legislature. Clerk Moore and Superintendent Wills will be candidates to succeed themselves via the Republican route. If Sheriff Orr has had enough, there is much talk favorable to the heavy-weight constable from Monmouth, J. H. Moran, being drafted for the place. A commissioner is also to be elected and it is told that Monmouth will present one of its leading citizens for the place.

ACE GARAGE RE-MODELED; NOW HAS "ROOMY" OFFICE

H. Hirschberg, owner of the building occupied by the Ace Garage, has had the building remodeled and the Ace now has a very comfortable office which is not only convenient to the Ace but to the public as well. Mr. McLean, proprietor, and his secretary, Walter Plant, are industrious young men and by their efforts have increased the patronage of the garage to such an extent that additional help had to be secured.

JUDGE AND MRS. N. L. BUTLER WILL MOVE TO DALLAS

Having disposed of their residence property in Independence to S. Taylor Jones and purchased a home in Dallas, Judge and Mrs. N. L. Butler, honored and highly respected residents of Independence, will move to Dallas within a few days. There is much regret that the Judge and his wife are to leave. They have been wise in counsel and progressive in action. Their many friends wish them much happiness in their new home.

ALL WILL NOT BE HOPS; FRUIT RAISING PROMINENT

(Editor Post)—For a while it was a general talk about putting out hops, hops, hops, and of course the price is a great inducement and those that do will surely make a neat little fortune. But other people of other traits have wakened up. Those that have the "taste of fruit" say that they have heard the whispers of canneries here, and canneries there, and canneries everywhere, and they say "that cannery rhyme sounds mighty fine to me, for 'we can can that golden fruit' and ship it across the sea." So all that whispering is leading those that have the "taste of fruit", hiring teams and tractors, preparing the ground for such things as will bring forth that "golden fruit" to be canned by the canneries, who will employ our wives, daughters and sons so it can be shipped across the seas.

FRANCIS BROWN.

SLOW DOWN FAST BOYS

The road between Independence and Monmouth is becoming a very popular place for the boys to "let'er out" and go some faster than the law permits. Collisions and turnovers are becoming very frequent and unless there is a decided change to a more safe and sane mode of travel over this particular stretch of road, it will be necessary for the proper authorities to take such steps as will abate the nuisance.

CITY COUNCIL TO COMBAT SPEEDING ON STREETS

The honorable mayor and city council toiled in regular session Wednesday night.

It was agreed to take drastic action to stop speeding upon the streets of the city. A list of alleged offenders is in the hands of the chief of police. He will first warn and if this does no good, arrests will be made.

The health committee will consult with the physicians and cooperate with them to prevent the entrance of epidemics.

John Bramburg was given a contract to build a "brace wall" on the Main street fill and will receive \$240 for the work.

2nd HAND STORES COMBINED; STEVENS & CO. HAVE MOVED

Stevens & Co., who have conducted a second hand store on Main street near the Beaver Hotel for several months, have purchased Smith's second hand store on C street, and this week combined the two and will occupy Smith's old stand on C street. Stevens & Co. now have the only second hand store in Independence. Mr. Stevens has had years of experience in this particular line of business, is pleasant and honorable to deal with, and he and his associates will be well patronized. They will buy and sell new and second hand furniture and hardware and the public is most cordially invited to call upon them.

COSTUMES AT HARD TIMES LEAP YEAR VAL PARTY

"Forewarned is forearmed." So don't forget the things you may be fined for if you don't obey the "rules and regulations" at the Hard Times Leap Year Valentine party next Wednesday evening.

"Women must wear cotton dresses or something equally appropriate."

"There hose must not be silk and they must be mismatched."

"Jewelry will not be allowed."

"Poughdle dorgs must be left at home."

"Every gent must wear there old close with patches."

"Biled shirts and dude kollers must be left to hum."

"No necktys will be aloud."

"Every gent and lady must wear a red heart in some conspicuous place."

"Audience must not smile when bride and groom enter but use them with due reverence."

"The parson has grate skill in tying of knots and we beseech your liberal patronage in same."

Prizes will be given for the most comical couple in the grand march, also for the most comical acting man and woman thruout the entire evening."

"The phun will commence at 8:15 p. m. If you are late the inspectors may get you."

The evening is planned simply for a merry mixer for Civic Club members and their husbands or some representative. Each Club member is privileged to invite a couple of friends, the lady being a non-Club member.

The fines will be very small and no admission is charged. The party will be given at the K. of P. Hall.

"The hull Club will interduce strangers and look arter bashful fellars."

"Kum and hev sym phun."

RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS AS EDITOR-PUBLISHER

After 27 years as editor and publisher of the Jefferson Review, G. W. Humphrey retires. Rheumatism drove Mr. Humphrey out, otherwise he would have hung on for another 27 years. H. D. Mars purchased the Review.

—SUNDAY AND MONDAY, FEB. 8-9—
(Including Sunday Matinee.)

"BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY"

Are you tired of commonplace films. Then see this one—the extraordinary story of Dolores, the swimming girl of the Canadian wilds, and 'Wapi, the Killer,' the great dog who fights the fight of his fighting life, to save her from men of prey more heartless than the beasts of the forest. 16 kinds of wild animals play a unique part in the story. A tale of love and villainy—unique, beautiful, daring!

—TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10-11—

CHARLES RAY

in "BILL HENRY."

Gosh all tarnation, but Bill was mad! He meant nothing but good. Fact was, he had the grandest little rheumatism cure that ever brought relief to sufferin' humanity. And then to think that his very first "prospect" chased him off the place. Mad! Bill just had to go and do something desperate, and he did! He fell in love, became a regular fightin' hero and made more money than you'd ever dream.

FATTY ARBUCKLE

in "CAMPING OUT."

The greatest half hour's laugh you have ever seen.

—THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEB. 12-13—

DOUG FAIRBANKS

in "WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY."

This is a genuine novelty. We have come to expect great things from Doug Fairbanks; we sometimes wonder where he can possibly get any more new ideas from. Yet he comes along with a picture like this and simply carries us off our feet. "When the Clouds Roll By" is so new and original in story and action, so far away from anything that has been attempted before, that we go on record now with the prediction that every laugh-loving, thrill-loving, man, woman and child in town will be talking about Fairbanks and his picture before the week is half over.

—SATURDAY, FEB. 14—

JOHN CUMBERLAND

in "THE GAY OLD DOG."

HEROLD LLOYD COMEDY,

"Two Scrambled."

Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

A MAN'S PRAYER

(From the Michigan Tradesman.)

Teach me that 60 minutes make an hour, 16 ounces make one pound, and 100 cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clean conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and daunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant, I beseech thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing so may not stick a gaff where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, and reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

And then when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps and the crunching of the hearse's wheels in the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: Here lies a man.

WHO CARES ANYHOW

Polk county's school supervisor has resigned to accept the deputy county clerkship and fear is expressed that "there may be some difficulty in getting a capable man to fill the place."

The average Polk county citizen won't care much if the position is never filled.

CITIZENS ASK COURT ABOUT ROAD WORK

(From the Monmouth Herald) There was a gathering of citizens interested in road and highway matters Wednesday morning to attend the session of the county court in Dallas. Something like fifty people were present and they were from Airlie, Suver, Elkins, Monmouth, Falls City and other places. All were interested in roads and the subject was brought up as soon as the two members of the court put in an appearance.

Wm. Riddell, Jr., led off as spokesman for the visitors. The assemblage was present, he told the court, for a matter of information. They were interested in the construction of the Pacific highway south of Monmouth and a delegation from Elkins and vicinity had visited the highway commission last Monday. Engineer Nunn had told them that the road south from Monmouth had been definitely located except the exact place where the Luckiamute was to be crossed. This was to be east of the Helmick bridge and the department was now watching the course of the river in winter that they might be better able to judge where the bridge could best be built.

But the commission would not have any money for the necessary grading until after the May election. People interested in the highway believed some of the preliminary grading should be done at once. There were two or three hills to be cut down and if this was done at once, it would have time to settle and be better fitted for traffic during the coming winter and would be ready to pave a year hence. For this reason they were appealing to the court.

The court replied that it did not know the road south of Monmouth had been definitely located, that no official information to this effect had come to them from the commission. Also that the road between Rickreall, Monmouth and Independence had already used up about \$32,000 which would have to come out of the \$40,000 to be provided when the bonds which the county had voted had been sold. True, they admitted in response to questions, the commission had not asked them for the money, therefore the bonds had not been sold and they were saving for the county the interest on the money.

Ira C. Powell suggested to the court that this is the season of the year when a road program is formulated and asked if the court did not deem it proper for the court to balance up their credits and assets and formulate a program on what they had to spend for the year. Harvey Dickenson of Elkins said the engineer had assured them that while they could not go at the work until later in the year, if the county would take up some of the grading the commission would set the grade stakes and do what they could to help. J. H. Ulrich of Airlie said he had been over a considerable part of the county during the past few weeks and had found everywhere an intense desire to have the roads improved in accordance with promises that had been made. It was said that the state highway should come first as it was a feeder to the other roads and for this reason he urged the work be undertaken this month if possible.

Ralph Dodson of Elkins also addressed the court, saying the people had paid taxes for roads and if they had not paid enough were willing to pay more, but they wanted roads and wanted them badly. G. A. Peterson of Suver told one or two good stories and detailed his experience with a section of road near his farm where automobiles stalled three or four at a time. He said his instinct was to keep as far away from that particular road as possible for inevitably as soon as he neared it he was called on for assistance.

Falls City people inquired into the status of the Dallas, Falls City (Continued on Page 4.)

A HUSTLE-BUSTLE IN INDEPENDENCE

Say, can't you see the hustle and bustle about this city? You're blind if you can't. Lots of folks moving in, too; all the empty store buildings filling up. You ought to climb aboard the boosters' wagon and go 'long for a ride.

Besides the evidences of prosperity in town, everything is moving in the country. Farmers are "fixin' for the year's work quite happy with the idea that the financial returns will be good. A number of "deals in dirt" are in embryo. Two at least, were made within the past few days. T. R. Hefley sold his fine farm north of Independence and Mr. Mitty, who recently purchased the Ballard place, south of Independence, has sold it again.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS VERY ACTIVE AND EVENTFUL WEEK

There has been much activity in the Baptist church for the past three weeks. A new pastor has been installed, interesting and fruitful revival services have been conducted by Rev. Driver and a number of new members have been added.

The ordination of the pastor, H. L. Proppe, which was to have taken place this week was postponed. Representatives of the church from various parts of the state were present. On Wednesday the church enjoyed a "home coming" or get acquainted meeting, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Proppe, in order that they might know their congregation better and in turn that the congregation might become better acquainted with their pastor and his wife. The occasion was also in celebration of his birthday. The tables were laden with all the good things prosperous farmers can produce with added dishes of town fixin's. It was one of the biggest spreads that ever satisfied a hungry crowd in Independence. During the week new members of the church were baptized.

Rev. Proppe will preach Sunday morning and evening.

I. M. BUS GOES OVER; PASSENGERS ESCAPE INJURY

Last Sunday the Independence-Monmouth bus experienced another miraculous escape. A Ford attempted to pass between the bus and another car. The bus driver apprehended there was not enough room for the Ford to pass and pulled out too far, so over went the bus. Passengers, suit cases, traveling bags, all sorts and sizes, flew in every direction. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

THE AUTO UTILITIES CO. ENTERS INDEPENDENCE

The Auto Utilities Co. has opened a branch in Independence, occupying the McBeth building on C street. The Maxwell car will be sold and a number are now on display.

U. G. Berry, formerly of Portland, will be the resident manager and Mr. and Mrs. Berry will make their home here. He comes highly recommended and they will be a valuable addition to the population of our city. Mr. and Mrs. Berry are the parents of Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, Jr.

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor February 5, 1915)

Ben C. Crow resigned as pastor of the Christian church.

Asa B. Robinson, Sr., died at his home in Independent aged 85.

Valley & Siletz railroad right-of-way purchased.

Law firm of Butler & Hurley dissolved.

COUNTY CLERK ISSUING LICENCES FOR "SHEP"

One of the state courts having declared the dog tax law constitutional, County Clerk Moore has begun to issue dog licences. A good dog is worth the tax.

Question for D'bate

Did the earth pig see his shadow?