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MAUD McELMURRY WINS MAXWELL

Hurrah, the race is over! The Polk County Post's big subscription campaign has come and gone, and the strain under which everyone connected with it has been laboring during the past few weeks is happily relieved. And now that the end has come, and the results are announced, everyone is pleased and satisfied.

Naturally the greatest struggle was for the grand capital prize—the Maxwell touring car, now worth on the local market \$1330. It represented handsome and liberal compensation for the successful contestant. The secondary prizes, also, will be truly enjoyed by those winning and possessing them. All were prizes of real merit. But the Post was willing to pay liberally for good work, and certainly received it, for never has there been a more successful subscription campaign conducted in southern Polk county than the one just concluded by this newspaper.

The aggregate vote totals reached enormous figures, and our records show by actual count that our family of readers has been nearly trippled, by far the majority of whom reside in Independence and tributary trade territory.

As to the contest itself, the figures show for themselves. To those whose energy has carried them through this campaign to success The Post extends hearty congratulations. We are proud of all participants in this campaign, and we hope the winners, who have just claimed their prizes by right of conquest, will, in turn, be proud of their rewards.

In addition to the beauty and intrinsic value of the prizes which have been awarded there are other considerations to be taken into count.

In their individual campaigns the candidates have made new and pleasant acquaintances. Many have formed more correct ideas along business lines and most of them have developed a sense of observation that will pay future dividends. The competition was a splendid training and a valuable experience to all who participated. It overcame inherent timidity; it taught the value of courage, self-reliance, perseverance, resourcefulness, all of which must be understood by those who would experience life's richest rewards.

Of course, it is inevitable in a race of this kind that all cannot win the grand capital prize. Right or wrong, Nature's rule of the survival of the fittest must apply here, as elsewhere. Gladly would we suspend the rule and give away a dozen automobiles to as many willing workers, but automobiles come so high nowadays that we had to be content with only one to give away.

During the campaign we have dealt largely with ladies. Our relations with them have been very pleasant. They, in turn, have dealt with an organization which has endeavored to make the campaign one long to be remembered for its wholesome character and fair dealings.

To old and new readers of The Post contributing to the success of this campaign the management is truly grateful and indebted. On behalf of the candidates and the paper this acknowledgement is made, with a sincere "thank you" thrown in for better measure.

The campaign was brought to a close promptly at 9 o'clock last Saturday night, strictly in accord with the rules set forth in the opening announcement. In the presence of the contestants and other interested parties, the judges unlocked the ballot box which had been placed in the Farmers State Bank during the week, thus enabling all candidates to make their reports direct and secretly. The voting value of reports made during the week was determined by the judges, and added to the totals published in The Post last week.

On the basis of total votes received by each candidate the awards were made in the manner indicated by the signed report of the judges appearing elsewhere in this issue.

The judges have the thanks of The Post for the time they spent in counting.

MICKIE SAYS

WHASSET? DID I HEAR A VOICE HOLLERIN' FER U'L MICKIE? REMEMBER, FOLKS, I'M READY T' GALLOP TO ANY PLACE IN TOWN AFTER ADS ER JOBWORX MOST ANY TIME—AN' IF I'M TOO BUSY, I'LL SEND TH' BOSS!



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES TO BE HELD MONDAY

Once more the boys of '61 will "fall in" and to the music of fife and drum proudly march behind Old Glory. Monday is Memorial day and members of the G. A. R., W. R. C., Spanish-American and World War veterans will assemble at the G. A. R. at nine o'clock and march to the training school where beginning at 9:30 pupils will render a program in harmony with the day and Prof. J. B. V. Butler will deliver an address. Then the procession will move to the Willamette river where the W. R. C. will perform the memorial rites for departed sailors. Independence business houses will close during the occasion.

In the afternoon the veterans will be the guests of the Normal at Monmouth.

AWARD OF PRIZES BY ADVISORY BOARD

Independence, Ore., May 22, 1920.—We, the undersigned, acting in the capacity of judges in The Polk County Post's prize automobile subscription campaign, now closed, after canvassing the findings in the sealed ballot box, and adding the results thereof to the totals last published in The Polk County Post (issue of May 21, 1920) do hereby declare, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following contestants to be the winners:

- Maude McElmurry 2,907,540
- Winner of the Maxwell Touring Car, valued at \$1230.00
- Mrs. Gail Alexander 1,256,050
- Winner of the Free Vacation Trip to Yellowstone Park, 5-day tour of same.
- Alma Sanderson 1,069,510
- Winner of Diamond Ring, valued at \$125.00.
- Faye Johnson 740,920
- Winner of Columbia Grafonola valued at \$100.00.
- Louise Bauman 709,000
- Winner of the purse of gold, value \$50.00.
- Carroll Smith 655,650
- Winner of the purse of gold, value \$25.00.

(Signed: H. C. DUNSMORE, B. F. SWOPE, W. H. WALKER, W. LEWIS ROSE, Major, VERD HILL.

MEN WHO RUN BANKS COME TO INDEPENDENCE

Group Two of the Oregon Bankers' association is meeting in Independence today. It comprises the district consisting of the counties of Marion, Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk, Lincoln. At noon the visitors were the guests of the Monmouth National Bank, the Independence National Bank and the Farmers State Bank. This afternoon a business session is being held at the Isis. There will be a number of addresses on banking subjects followed by interesting discussions.

Wm. H. MACK DIES SUDDENLY OF APOPLEXY

This community was greatly (Continued on last page.)

SUNDAY, MAY 30—(Afternoon and Evening)

CONSTANCE TALMADGE

in "THE VEILED ADVENTURE"

A laughing romantic comedy plus drama. By day she was a manicurist—at night she was a society girl. He said he had no use for a woman who would steal or lie and that no woman could get him to elope with him. She made him change his mind! Better find how she does it, girls.

Jeff and Mutt Comedy and Fox News

MONDAY, MAY 31 AND TUESDAY, JUNE 1

"Wit Wins"

With Florence Billings. The story of a beautiful girl who was caught in the whirlpool of financial strife. She staked her life, love and honor in a battle of wits. An unconventional mystery drama.

Also the fifth episode of the great serial,

'Smashing Barriers'

THE LIVING GRAVE

A smashing melodrama of risk and romance in the great outdoors, in the lumber camps, the football field and the mountains. 15 weeks of adventure!

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JUNE 2-3

ELSIE JANIS

IN

"The Imp"

The thrilling adventures of a female "Jimmy Valentine." She had friends, wealth and position—and a mania for crime. A society belle by day and a thief by night. The story of a girl with a double personality—a female "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Rolin Comedy and Pathe News

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

NORMA TALMADGE

in "THE FORBIDDEN CITY"

A thrilling story of old China showing Miss Talmadge as San San and Toy. A Chinese mandarin offered San San to the Emperor but when they found her half American baby the Emperor ordered San San to the "Hall of Flashing Spears."

Comedy and International News

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

FRANK KEENAN

in "TODD OF THE TIMES."

Todd's dream was to be managing editor of The Times. When he ceased dreaming and started aggressive action, then his dream was realized. A splendid mixture of comedy and drama with a leading role which fits Frank Keenan like a glove.

Herold Lloyd Comedy and Ford Weekly

ISIS THEATRE INDEPENDENCE

SUMMER CHAUTAUQUA IN INDEPENDENCE

Independence is in the midst of its five days summer Chautauqua. The program of yesterday and today has been splendid and the attendance has been exceptionally large.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the afternoon begins with a concert prelude by the Overseas orchestra. This is followed by a lecture "Human Life in Relation to Americanization" by M. Pirie Beyea R. N., first volunteer American Red Cross nurse. In the evening there is a concert by the Overseas orchestra.

CIRCULATION LARGE

The recent Polk County Post subscription contest was a success, inasmuch as the object was attained. The Post wanted more readers and it got them. It was not satisfied with three, four, five or six hundred subscribers but wanted more and got them. In fact it got more than anticipated and most of them are here—Independence, Buena Vista, Suver, Monmouth, Airlie, Kings Valley, Hoskins, Greenwood.

GOVERNOR ASKED TO COMPEL OBEYANCE OF ROAD LAW

Determined that the State Highway Commission shall comply with the law and route the West Side Highway thru Polk County accordingly, Independence and Dallas have combined to indicate to the above named commission that it will not be permitted to designate a different route than the one authorized by law. With this aim in view petitions are being circulated addressed to the Governor in which he is respectfully requested to compel his subordinates "to keep faith with the people of this county."

To His Excellency, Governor Ben W. Olcott, Salem, Oregon:

When the measure known as the road bonding act was proposed at the 1917 session of the Oregon Legislature, much opposition was encountered in the House of Representatives. Numerous conferences were held between sponsors of the bill and members of the House, and a draft of the proposed act was submitted and discussed. No provision was made at first as to which if any towns in Polk county should be on the Pacific Highway, and the favorable vote of a majority of the Representatives could not be counted on. To secure the support of the Representatives from Polk county, viz., Hon. Conrad Stafrin, of Dallas, and Hon. Walter V. Fuller of Dallas, the proponents of the measure then agreed with these members that Dallas, Monmouth and Independence should be on the Highway, and changed the draft of the bill to effectuate this understanding. Messrs. Stafrin and Fuller then joined with 35 other Representatives in introducing the bill, which was passed by the House on February 17th, later passed by the Senate, and is now designated as Chapter 423, Laws of 1917.

On the passage of the bill in the House, 32 members, including the Polk county delegation voted yea, 27 members, including six who signed the bill, voted nay, and one member, who also joined in introducing the bill, was absent. Without the affirmative vote of both Stafrin and Fuller, the bill would have failed to pass. The measure was then submitted to the voters of the State, under referendum provisions contained in it, and in the vigorous campaign which ensued your petitioners definitely understood that the approval of the act would place the 3 towns named on the Pacific Highway, and voted with this understanding. The measure received the approval of the electorate, and was proclaimed to be a law. The State Highway Commission then adopted a route for the Highway, running from Bellevue, Yamhill county, through Ballston, Dallas, Monmouth and Independence, in Polk county, and a map showing this location was given out and published. Later, and after changes in the personnel of the Commission, this route was abandoned, the Commission announcing that the road would be constructed from Amity by way of Holmes' Gap, Rickreall and Monmouth to Corvallis, with a "stub," or "spur," to Independence. Dallas would not be on the Pacific Highway; but a post road, with the assistance of the Federal Government and the County of Polk should be constructed from Salem to Dallas.

Surveys were then made, and contracts let for the proposed Salem-Dallas post road, and for disconnected stretches of the proposed Pacific Highway.

Recently the Commission announced that the Highway shall run south from Monmouth, and not by way of Independence, and has ordered the County Court to prepare the road for paving. This the County (Continued on last page)

JOHNSON WINS STATE WOOD CARRIES POLK

Johnson carried Oregon but Wood won in Polk. The total county vote was Wood 1050, Johnson 505, Hoover 284, Lowden 203. McAloo, the only Democrat on the ballot received 486.

For delegates at large to the Republican convention, Boyd, Carey, Rand and McCamant led in Polk. McCamant, Carey, Rand and Olson were elected. T. M. Crawford and Will E. Purdy were elected as Democratic delegates, the other two being yet in doubt.

For Republican delegates from the first district, Walter L. Tooze Jr. carried every county, including Polk. The other place is yet in doubt.

Vote for U. S. senator: Abraham 593, Stanfield 1179, Chamberlain 624, Starkweather 298. Stanfield and Chamberlain nominated. Secretary of State: Koser 770, Jones 352, Parsons 260, Lockley 220, Wood 170, Schulderman 127, Coburn 86. Koser nominated. There was no Democratic candidate on the ballot.

For Joint Representative, D. E. Fletcher defeated Geo. W. Gerlinger by a vote of 1179 to 758. The nomination assures election. Mr. Fletcher has probably received the Democratic nomination also.

Perry O. Powell, Republican, and L. D. Brown, Democrat, are the nominees for Polk County Representative.

For county commissioner the Republican vote was Hart 782, Teal 702, Wolverson 603. Democratic Gardner 468, White 268.

For surveyor, Edgar J. Howe won the Republican nomination by a vote of 947 to 742.

J. N. Helgeson, Republican, and E. K. Piasecki, Democrat, will fight it out this fall for district attorney.

The following Republicans were nominated without opposition: Floyd D. Moore, clerk; John W. Orr, sheriff; Fred J. Holman, assessor; Josiah Wills, school superintendent; A. V. R. Snyder, treasurer; Robert L. Chapman, coroner. There were no Democrats on the ballot for these offices.

All the measures on the ballot carried in the state. The Polk county vote was as follows:

- Extending Eminent Domain Over Roads and Ways—Yes, 1778; no, 946.
- Limitation of Four Per Cent State Indebtedness for Permanent Roads—Yes, 1908; no, 1063.
- Restoring Capital Punishment—Yes, 1843; no, 1169.
- Crook and Curry Counties Bonding Amendment—Yes, 1238; no, 905.
- Successor to Governor—Yes, 148; no, 1339.
- Higher Educational Tax Act—Yes, 1905; no, 1202.
- Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Educational Aid Revenue Bill—Yes, 1550; no, 1355.
- State Elementary School Fund Tax—Yes, 2093; no, 962.
- Blind School Tax Measure—Yes, 1954; no, 987.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE HITS INDEPENDENCE HARD

The gasoline shortage became very acute in Independence this week. The Standard tanks were empty and the Union held on to Wednesday afternoon when the Sayles Motor Co. was obliged to limit the amount to each customer. They are expecting a supply in today. F. C. McLean announces that he has been assured by the Standard Oil Co. that the Ace Garage will be supplied with a liberal amount of gasoline Monday which will be sold at two cents below the price before the shortage.

DOCTORS OF THREE COUNTIES HOLD MEETING HERE

The Polk-Marion-Yamhill Medical Society was held here Tuesday evening with about thirty M. D.s in attendance. There was a banquet at the Beaver hotel, the board being laden with well prepared dishes. The speakers of the evening were Drs. Richard Dillehunt and J. Guy Strohen of Portland. The subjects were: "The Treatment of War Injuries as Applied to Industrial Injuries," and "Routine Wassermanns." The next meeting will be held in Dallas.