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FRED HOLLISTER FOR CONGRESS

The Monitor believes that the best interests of western Oregon should be considered in voting for our representative in congress. It is time that we cut out the politics and do something for ourselves.

Our present representative, Willis C. Hawley, can do nothing. While it has been charged that he hasn't the ability, the Monitor believes that it is because he is a "standpatter." As such he has no influence with the progressive republicans and democrats who rule the nation today. To return Mr. Hawley to congress would be a serious mistake.

On the other hand, Fred Hollister is progressive and would be one of the majority. He is able and aggressive and considering the undisputable fact that all the benefits that can be secured for Oregon within the next two years must be thru the grace of a democratic president and a democratic congress, Fred Hollister should be elected.

(None of the newspapers quoted below are democratic)

Eight years of mediocre representation ought to satisfy the First district that a change is needed, and that partisanship should be abandoned and a live, energetic, progressive man of ability sent to Washington in the person of Frederick Hollister of Coos Bay.—Aurora Observer.

Fred Hollister, candidate for Congress, was in the city Tuesday getting further acquainted with our citizens. He added many to his already large number of supporters and admirers in this section, which he will undoubtedly carry by a large majority. The voters see in him a means toward getting what they want in Washington. They find in him a man of energy and exceptional ability and talent. They know that he is a man of probity and that his sympathies are with the rank and file. He is fairly alive and no "stick" and his election would mean representation in the fullest sense of the word. If elevated to the position of Congressman he will not get the "big head" and will always be found on the job fighting for Oregon.—Woodburn Independent.

When a public official asks to be returned to any office he can only properly ask it on the record he has made and it should only be given him if the record justifies it. Measuring Hawley by that standard he will fail of reelection. What he has done for Oregon the past eight years amounts to much less than what he is paid. Had he but served his district with half the zeal he served his party boss he would not now be left naked in his misery.—Ashland Tidings.

Don't be deceived by the silent, sleuthful, ambiguous attitude assumed by Hawley with reference to the Liquor quest on. Any man who will not come out in these times of intense interest in the great reform and tell openly and above-board where he

stands on this question has a purpose in mind.—Pacific Patriot.

Mr. Hawley, it is beginning to appear, has reached the end of his string. Seven thousand five hundred dollars a year is too big a salary to pay a man who cannot find time to stay on a job. The people of this district cannot afford to pay a man such a salary to stay in Washington and attend the ball games or devote his time to the business of an insurance organization. The danger to the district from an unperformed service is even greater than the expense of an overpaid employe. Mr. Hawley has now been on the payroll at Washington eight years. He asks to be retained two years more. Have the people of this district been represented? Can they re-elect Mr. Hawley upon his record? Should such a congressman be elected solely upon the plea that he is a republican? It is up to the independent voters of the First Oregon district to decide in November whether this member from Oregon shall be continued in the list of those "not voting" or whether a man will take his place who will answer "yes" or "nay" when the roll is called.—Eugene Guard.

In advocating the election of Frederick Hollister, we feel from personal acquaintance and from intimate knowledge of his past, and from advices from his business associates without regard to party that if elected in November we will have a congressman who will do all in his power for us as well as for all other parts of this district.

Mr. Hollister is a tireless worker—a man of undoubted honesty—has a faculty of doing things, and is a man of the people. He will be our congressman.

For eight years we have had no representation and the Leader earnestly urges every voter in Curry county to vote for Frederick Hollister at the November election.—Curry County Leader.

ORGANIZATION IS PLANNED

HOPGROWERS TO UNITE

Several Meetings Held and Committees Appointed To Solicit For Members

For the purpose of organizing all the hop growers of California, Oregon and Washington into one body to fight the speculators and to demand a substantial and profitable price for hops, E. L. Cunningham, Charles Crawford, P. E. Blalack and George Howlett of Ukiah and Hopland, California, have been in this vicinity for ten days and have met with much encouragement. Two meetings have already been held in Salem and one in Independence.

"I have roughly estimated," said Mr. Blalack, that there are invested today on the Pacific coast (in the hop growing industry), including lands, teams, tools, kilns and coolers, not less than \$50,000,000, and that there is spent each year in the maintenance of that property and in the production of our annual crop of hops not less than \$7,500,000. In the financing and marketing of the crop the hop grower has heretofore been at the mercy of the unscrupulous dealer, that is the short-seller and gambler, and this year's conditions of the market is a good sample of the evils that arise out of such deplorable conditions.

"In my judgment there is only one way to remedy this, and that is to organize quickly every hop producing county on the Pacific coast. Select from each of these counties one or two of the best men to meet with similar selections from other counties. Have these men meet and organize a central association composed only of the county membership, whose functions shall be the purchase of our supplies and the sale of our hops at a fair and just price. The county organizations to care for local conditions and uphold the hands of the parent organization, and if there are not brains enough, loyalty enough and money enough in this organization to do this promptly and effectively, we had better quit the hop business and get a job herding sheep."

Monday's meeting in Salem was a very enthusiastic one. L. H. McMahan of Salem acted as chairman and Fred Stump of Suver was secretary. It was unanimously voted to organize and the following articles of agreement were adopted and signed by those present:

"We, the undersigned, hop growers of the state of Oregon, bind ourselves mutually together as an organization to be known as the 'Oregon Hop Growers' Association."

"The object of this association is for the collection and dissemination of useful information concerning the growth, harvest and the sale of our hops to the best advantage and for the mutual protection of its members."

"The plan is for a similar organization exclusively of hop growers to be formed in every hop-growing section on the Pacific coast to the organization of which we pledge ourselves to make every effort."

"When the percentage of the hop-growing counties so organized is satisfactory to the board of directors it is the intention to organize a Pacific Coast Hop Growers' association membership in which shall consist only of the county associations. The parent association shall be formed at a meeting to be later designated held at some convenient central point to be attended by delegates duly selected by each of the county associations of Washington, Oregon and California."

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GEORGE L. WHITEAKER DIES

After a Brave Fight of Over Two Years He At Last Succumbs; Funeral Services

George L. Whiteaker succumbed to the ravages of disease at the home of his mother, Mrs. N. A. Whiteaker, in this city Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. Just as humanity was awakening into activity for the Sabbath a life passed from suffering earth to a peaceful beyond.

George L. Whiteaker was born in Polk county, and at the time of his death was 39 years and 7 months old. He had lived here until two years ago when he went to Arizona in pursuit of health, returning to Independence, the home of his childhood, only a few weeks ago to await the summons to come where suffering was no more.

Tho' his death was daily expected, a great sorrow was cast over the city because two bright little children were left without father or mother, the latter passing away some years before.

The beautiful and impressive funeral services were conducted in Calvary Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Dr. J. R. N. Bell, of Corvallis, paid the last pretty tributes to the deceased in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, who had brought many beautiful floral offerings. Messrs. McIntosh and McIntire and Mesdames Paddeck and Knapp touchingly rendered "Thy Will, Not Mine, O Lord." Mrs. George Conkey sang "Rock of Ages" with sympathetic appeal, the quartette closing the service with "Nearer My God, To Thee." and the body was then tenderly borne to its last resting place in the Odd Fellows cemetery near this city.

Relatives surviving the deceased are: Mother, Mrs. N. A. Whiteaker, five brothers and two sisters, and two children, Velma, age 13, and Earl, age 15. Their sorrow is intense but with the thought of the rest in the world beyond they remember the lines: "Mourn not the dead though like the flower

Just opening to the morning ray Nipped by disease's cruel power, They fell from love's embrace away Where breathes no chill or tainted air, Where falls no darkness of the tomb They prove the loving Savior's care And blossom in immortal bloom." V. S.

OREGONA QUILTS

On the arrival here of the steamer Oregon last night she was withdrawn from the Portland-Salem-Independence route until there is an increased movement of freight. The steamer Grahama will leave Portland Monday, Wednesday and Friday for all points as far as Independence, so there will be a service to Willamette river territory.—Portland Oregonian.

BOOTH DALLAS SUNDAY

Senator Booth promised Rev. G. H. Bennett, of the Methodist church of Dallas, that he would go to Dallas some Sunday and make a non-political talk. In fulfillment of this promise, and though nearly worn out from his active campaign work, and though having set next Sunday aside as a day of rest, Senator Booth has, after much persuasion, consented to go to Dallas next Sunday evening and make this address. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Methodist church in the Armory at Dallas and will commence at eight o'clock p. m.

FUNNY

This accounts for it. The Independence Monitor claims it has a humorous column.—Dallas Observer.

The Monitor does not deny it. However, the Observer will learn next Tuesday that the voters of Polk county consider that the Observer has had several columns of humor twice a week quite recently.

ED BROWN KILLS FRIEND

SHOOTING AN ACCIDENT

Robert Matzke the Victim; Brown Thought Him Burglar and Shot In the Dark

Salem, Or.—Mistaking him for a burglar, Edward F. Brown, a well-to-do rancher of Polk county, living on the Dallas road, about eight miles from Salem, early today fatally shot his friend since childhood, Robert Matzke, proprietor of a garage of this city. Matzke died four hours after the shooting in the Salem hospital. Brown, who has a wife and several children, is on the verge of collapse as a result of the tragedy.

Matzke and a party of friends motored last night to Dallas, where they had dinner. On the way back to Salem Matzke stopped at Brown's home, telling the members of his party that he would pass only a few minutes with his friend. That was about 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Matzke, who had virtually made Brown's home his own and was considered almost a member of the family, carried a key to the rear door, through which he entered the house.

Brown, aroused from sleep, asked: "Who's that?" "Robbers," replied Matzke, jokingly.

Brown hurried into the parlor and seized a shotgun. There was no light in the house, and Matzke, not knowing his friend had the weapon, shouted:

"Throw up your hands, I'm a burglar."

Brown fired and Matzke, unconscious, fell, a part of his head being torn away. Members of the automobile party hurried to the house and did everything possible for the wounded man until the arrival of Dr. W. B. Morse and Claude S. Bell of this city.

Matzke was taken by the physician to the Salem hospital, where he died at ten o'clock. He was about 30 years old and opened his garage here about three months ago. Before that he worked for John Maurer, who conducts a garage.

Mr. Matzke came to Salem about two and one-half years ago from Lacrosse, Wis., where he had several brothers and sisters. Mr. Brown and Mr. Matzke were boyhood chums in the Wisconsin city. Mr. Brown was the first to come to Oregon, and when Mr. Matzke came here the old friendship was renewed. The automobile man frequently passed Sunday night at the home of the rancher. Mr. Matzke was not married.

The body was taken in charge by Coroner Clough, who said tonight that an inquest probably would not be necessary. The body will be held pending instructions from Mr. Matzke's relatives in Lacrosse. Mr. Brown will not be arrested.—Oregonian.

MRS. WIENERT DEAD

Mrs. Wienert, wife of a farmer living near Airlie, died at the family home at the age of fifty years of pneumonia, last Saturday. She leaves a family of seven boys and four girls. Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, of Independence, conducted funeral services at Airlie.—Telegraph.

ELECTION RETURNS

Election returns will be received until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning by J. S. Cooper, Jr., in his "music house." Nobody barred and everybody allowed to shout for the winners.

There are two candidates for governor named Smith. The right one has "democrat" after his name. (Paid Adv.)

POLK COUNTY REGISTRATION

Total Number Is 6792 of Which 3569 Are Republicans and Democrats 2040

The total registration in Polk county was 6792 divided as follows: Republicans 3569, democrats 2040, prohibitionists 585, socialists 194, progressives 76 and miscellaneous 329.

First Independence—republicans 169, democrats 105, prohibitionists 21, socialists 21, progressives 4, miscellaneous 11.

Second Independence—republicans 180, democrats 93, prohibitionists 14, socialists 3, miscellaneous 21.

Third Independence—republicans 151, democrats 89, prohibitionists 9, socialists 7, miscellaneous 12.

Fourth Independence—republicans 125, democrats 79, prohibitionists 8, socialists 9, progressives 2, miscellaneous 11.

Southeast Monmouth—republicans 64, democrats 47, prohibitionists 23, socialists 9, progressives 1, miscellaneous 2.

Northeast Monmouth—republicans 79, democrats 65, prohibitionists 29, socialists 1, progressives 1, miscellaneous 3.

West Luckiamute—republicans 69, democrats 63, prohibitionists 11, socialists 1, progressives 9, miscellaneous 2.

East Luckiamute—republicans 54, democrats 44, prohibitionists 11, miscellaneous 3.

Suver—republicans 40, democrats 25, prohibitionists 12, socialists 3, miscellaneous 2.

Buena Vista—republicans 81, democrats 55, prohibitionists 35, socialists 5, progressives 4, miscellaneous 6.

SUPREME JUDGES

Vote for McBride, Bean, Harris, republicans, and Ramsey, democrat. For circuit judge, pick Harry H. Bell.

ROBINSON RE-ELECTED

There is no doubt but what Asa B. Robinson will be re-elected. Independence alone will give him over 500 majority. Every charge of any consequence made against him has proved false. Tales told or published at the eleventh hour should not fool anybody.

CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS HERE

GETS HEARTY APPLAUSE

"Never Loser" Greets All As It Ever Was; Confident Of Return To Senate

Senator George E. Chamberlain paid Independence a visit Wednesday. He greeted everybody with his hearty handshake and cheery smile and demonstrated without a doubt that he has not lost any of the popularity which for twenty years has carried him into every office he was a candidate for.

At two o'clock he addressed a large crowd in the Isis theater. He explained fully what he had done and accomplished for Oregon and was liberally applauded at the end of every paragraph. He did not enter into any criticism of his opponents or oppo-



nent as the Senator says there are only two candidates for the U. S. senate—himself and another whom he does not name in person. A close friend of the senator, however, says that Bill Hanley will be second in the race. Both running a poor third. If Hanley gets more votes than Booth it will be a great surprise to politicians in this ward. Chamberlain is very sure that he will win as usual and there is no denying the fact that he is stronger than he was a month ago.

A SURE WINNER

