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## ISSUES FOR CITY ELECTION

### NUMBER DIFFERENCES

Problems That Will Enter Into Campaign and Make Them Paramount To Men

With the city election only a few days over three weeks away, much discussion concerning the same is going on and issues are being brought out which will have an important bearing on the outcome.

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion regarding the number of saloons Independence should have during the next year. The city council is preparing to take off the limit which if accomplished will give every fellow a chance to open up a saloon if he can put up the licence money. Some argue that two saloons are enough, which contention is backed by most of the "drys" in the town. Others declare that the city ought to take all the licence money it can get in the one year before the drouth.

The paving proposition will be another red hot issue. There are three factions on this question. Those who want to pave if possible as is now being done, those who would pave only if 51 per cent of abutting property owners petition for it, and those who do not want paving at all.

Another acute question is the city marshalship. A number desire a change in this office and propose to fight for it. Then the water question is another. Many citizens believe that the city should have better fire protection and would take drastic steps to obtain it.

So altogether Independence may expect a lively election which may prove to be exciting before it is over.

### RAY WINS PRIZE

Ray Grounds, last year a graduate of the Buena Vista schools, won the first prize of \$15 offered by the W. C. T. U. of the state for the best essay on the advantages of a "dry" Oregon. Ray took for his subject, "How Oregon Dry Will Affect Industrial and Economical Conditions," and the whole article was filled with meaty contentions that were very convincing.

## RACING FOR THANKSGIVING

Four Events Billed For Afternoon For Worth While Purse To Be Interesting

Independence will have four good running races on Thanksgiving Day which will start promptly at two o'clock, rain or shine. A small admittance fee will be charged. First there will be a race for three-year-olds and over, four and a half furlongs, open to Polk, Marion, Linn, Benton and Lincoln county horses. The purse will be \$50. Then a half mile dash for a \$40 purse, three-eighths dash for saddle horses for a \$30 purse and pony race for a distance satisfactory to the entries. All purses divided 60, 30 and 10. No entrance fee. All races weight for age except the first one which is a handicap. Entries close at eight o'clock the night before.

## SHIPPING PRUNES

Rickreall, Or.—Several tons of dried fruit, principally prunes, have been shipped out of Polk county. The prunes that were sold brought a high price, the amount varying considerably. Early contracts for the crop were frequent. The crop this season was estimated to be 65 per cent of that of last season, owing to early frosts in the spring injuring the blossoms and hindering the development of the fruit.—Salem's Oregonian.

## WILL STILL HANG

The relic of barbarism hanging will still be in vogue in Oregon for two years more at least. The constitutional amendment to abolish capital punishment was defeated by a few hundred votes.

## CHAMBERLAIN

Sometime, when Chamberlain dies, if he ever does, maybe there will be a chance for some other Democrat to be elected in Oregon. Why it is so, nobody knows, but it is a fact that no other Democrat has ever been elected in this state when running on the same ticket with Chamberlain. He seems to be a Jonah to the party, but a Jonah that always wins. He is a hoodoo to the others, but always gets the persimmon. He is so well known that his name on the ballot completely overshadows every other candidate. If he should decide ever to locate in New York he could be President. If he lived in Germany, and Kaisers were elected, he would be wearing William's crown the next day after the first ballot was taken on kings. From this on, we are going to vote for Chamberlain until death separates us.—Salem Messenger.

## ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD

### HOP GROWERS UNITE

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall" Seems To Be Prevailing Sentiment

Over 100 hop growers in attendance at this afternoon's meeting unanimously voted to form a permanent organization and elected Temporary Chairman L. H. McMahan and Temporary Secretary Fred N. Stump as permanent president and secretary, respectively; C. A. McLaughlin, of Independence, vice-president and President McMahan, C. A. McLaughlin, Fred Stump, secretary, W. Kirkwood of Yamhill county, E. V. Paul of Polk county, J. L. Clark of Lane county, Marion Palmer of Marion county, C. L. Code and R. A. Newport of Polk county, as a board of directors to report a set of by-laws for adoption at the next meeting of the organization, to be held in Salem at ten o'clock Saturday morning, November 21, and this board of directors to serve as the Oregon delegation to attend the tri-state convention for the purpose of forming the Pacific coast association.

Not in spite of the fact, but rather because of the fact that the state of Oregon was voted "dry" at Tuesday's election, the hop growers of Oregon see all the more reason why they should organize for the purpose of preserving and safeguarding the future interests of the industry on the coast and at a meeting which was called at 10 o'clock this morning and is still in session at the time of going to press this afternoon, resolutions were adopted as was also the report of the committee of five representative growers of all of the counties in the Willamette valley favoring permanent organization.

There were 75 growers in attendance at the morning session, which was devoted mostly to a general discussion of the reasons and purposes of the organization, and the afternoon's attendance was greatly augmented by the delegations from Lane and Polk counties, L. H. McMahan, who acted as chairman of the former meeting of growers was chosen to officiate in the same capacity at the present meeting, and Fred N. Stump, of Suver, was also selected to serve as secretary of the meeting. The committee on permanent organization was composed of M. L. Jones of Brooks as chairman, W. H. Murphy of Buena Vista, Mr. Kirkwood of Amity, Mr. Beckwith and C. A. McLaughlin of Polk county.

Reports of a most encouraging nature are being received from all hop-growing sections of the coast and the growers all seem to be enthusiastic over the movement. The sub-committee upon the solicitation of membership of Yamhill county reported that "we have had no trouble at all in getting all of the growers we have had time to see sign up. We think there will be no trouble in getting 100 per cent of our growers in Yamhill county."

The Polk county committee also reported that "all have signed up in the Independence district and the Luckiamute district except one Japanese grower and he is now in Japan trying to sell his hops and will sign up as soon as he returns. Sied Beck, an extensive Chinese grower of hops in the Independence district, whom we did not think we could get, has signed up with the organization and is enthusiastic over it." Mr. Palmer, president of the People's Bank of Silverton, and also an extensive hop-grower of that district, reported that all of the growers of that part of Marion county would come into the organization and spoke very favorably of it himself.—Salem Capital Journal.

## MAY KEEP'EM AFTER SCHOOL

Attorney General Crawford So Rules When Buena Vista Pedagog Asks Him

Declaring that six hours constitutes a school day and that the teacher exceeded his authority in keeping their sons after four o'clock, two Buena Vista mothers went to the school house and took them home.

Prof. Dykstra took the matter up with Attorney General Crawford and asked him regarding the legality of the claim that a pupil could not be kept in school more than six hours a day. The Attorney General ruled that a teacher did not exceed his right in keeping a pupil in more than six hours; that it was a matter for the school officers to decide. In other words, if the school board does not object, a teacher may keep a pupil in all night if necessary and parents cannot stop it.

## STAMPS FOUND

\$350 worth of stamps stolen from the Airlie postoffice some time ago were found near that place last week in a ditch. As they were in a box, most of the stamps were not injured.

## DALLAS GETS BLANKE

In the election last week Dallas did not get a look in, the only candidate for office, outside of coroner, residing in the county seat being defeated. The representative and county treasurer come from Falls City, the sheriff from Rickreall, the clerk from Independence, the commissioner from Spring Valley and the surveyor from Black Rock.—Dallas Observer.

## LOTS OF BUSINESS

Airlie, Or.—The activity of the farmers in the country surrounding Airlie has increased the amount of freight to be handled by the Southern Pacific station here. For the last two months farm products have been shipped to the Portland markets in large quantities. During the winter months many hogs and much poultry will be sent out. Potatoes already have been shipped, but the crop was lighter than usual this year.—Oregonian.

## HENKLE ELECTED

Owing to an error in the report of the vote for Monmouth, the Monitor as well as most everybody else has E. T. Henkle defeated while as a matter of fact he was elected by a substantial majority. He carried Independence by 131 and Monmouth by 4 which overturned his loss in Suver and Buena Vista. Mr. Henkle will make a good official and the voters will never regret their choice.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Polk County Teachers' Institute will be held in Dallas, November 18, 19 and 20, under the direction of County Superintendent Seymour. All teachers are required to be present at all sessions and there will be no school in this county on these days.

## NEW PREACHER

The Presbyterian church of this city, which for several weeks has had no regular pastor, has called Rev. Grover C. Birchett, a young minister from Washington. It is expected that Rev. Birchett will arrive in Independence some time this week and will preach for the first time Sunday morning. He is a man of family and will live in the manse.

## COMPLAINING

Parties at Airlie have complained to the state railroad commission regarding the train service of the I. & M. which recently was started. In their complaint they allege that they have no connections with Dallas and want the old system back again. The Monitor always leads.

## FOXY LAWYER NOSING 'ROUND

### ON C STREET PAVING

Notice of Assessment Now Having Been Given, Legal Sharp May Say "Don't Pay"

Official notice has been served upon C street property owners of their assessment for paving and while outwardly everything seems quiet and serene and that there will be a peaceful acceptance of the assessment, still there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction that the innocent bystander cannot help but hear when he puts his ear to the ground. Perchance nothing will occur and the assessments be met without resort to arms, but there is no denying the fact that an attorney of ability is "seeing what he can see," and upon his decision depends whether or not legal methods will be employed to prevent the payment of the assessment by certain parties. A few more days will tell. A legal victory for the remonstrators against payment of the assessment would prove costly to the city as then the tax payers would have to pay the bills instead of the C street property owners.

## GET TOGETHER

Hop growers in the Independence district are enthusiastically boosting for the success of their proposed organization and almost all of them have joined and are advising all other growers to do the same. They believe that the hop industry will be ruined unless they can present a united front to the enemy—which is the speculator. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" is an apt motto to which all believe is a true one as far as the hop industry is concerned. In their opinion, the entrance of Oregon into the bevy of "dry" states does the industry considerable injury as it helps to increase the area of "dry" territory decreasing the demand for hops, but in spite of the evident intention of the whole country to gradually become "dry," the hop industry has many more years yet to live if the growers can unite and as one man say to the speculator: "Either give us a profitable price or find another job. We have not a bale of hops to sell you at a loss. Skiddoo!"

H. B. Fletcher received the following letter yesterday from George Hewlett, the California grower who has been spending his time and money in an effort to get the organization perfected: "What is the grower going to do with his hops unless he organizes? Oregon will be separate and distinct from California and Washington. The grower will act through his own selected director. Could there be anything fairer? He will be able to buy his supplies at cost. He will save in the handling of his hops and he will get a fair and just price for his hops through the association where he will not get five cents a pound for his hops individually. In fact I am told that hops will bring these prices in Oregon shortly. My position is very clear. I have over 1400 bales of hops. I pooled my hops last year and got stuck. I have 821 bales of hops this year, and I have been raising hops for twenty-one years. There is no reason for the low prices but what can I do about it alone without your assistance?"

## FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bingman recently attended a family reunion at Oak Grove which was a very enjoyable affair. There were four generations present.



## WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS

Buying Presents EARLY Helps EVERYBODY

## FIRE!

Fire destroyed a small building in the rear of Cook's market Tuesday night. Two dozen chickens and 800 pounds of bacon and ham were burned, making a loss of about \$200, which was covered by insurance. While the bacon and ham made a good blaze for a few minutes, a few splashes of water removed all danger of its spreading to neighboring buildings.

## NEW INDUSTRY

J. O. Hunnicutt, living south of town, has been experimenting with sugar cane this year, and finds that it grows very well in this country. He is making sorghum molasses which tastes like more.

## INDEPENDENCE CHALLENGES

The Independence town football team has sent a challenge to Dallas for a game, to be played at Independence on Turkey day. The conditions are that Fenton be barred from the contest, but that will not be considered at all. There is no team here, but it is thought that if the inducements are enough a team might be practiced up in a few days for this game. There is some good material here if all of the fellows would try out. The High School hasn't any game, and if they don't arrange any, this would be some excitement for the holiday.—Dallas Observer.

## MRS. WHITNEY DEAD

Mrs. Hattie Whitney, a pioneer of Oregon, died in Monmouth one day last week at an advanced age. She had been blind since she was four years old.

## STOP! STOP! CONSIDER!

### REASON FOR YOUR ILL

When Misfortune Strikes You Today, Take This Hint; Just Think What It Is

Today—if you die, get drunk, your wife finds a strange colored hair on your coat, you noticed worms in your breakfast food after most of it had been eaten, the children catch lice, your wife opens your lady friend's letter by mistake, somebody steals your Monitor before you have time to run home with it, you pay the same bill twice, somebody has told the preacher that once upon a time you was a member of his church, wife sends Johnnie after 65 cents, somebody starts a prohibition argument in your place of business, your umbrella is borrowed without your consent or you get a phone message saying that you are the happy father of triplets—just stop and think what it is.

## PAVING FINISHED

When rain permits Contractor Kibbe to put on the surface of the half block of paving on C street between Main and the bridge, he will then have finished his work in Independence. He has been steadily employed since August and has provided work for a large number of men during all that time. Independence now has at least thirty blocks of paved streets which is more than has any other city of its size in the United States.

## DISTRICT COURT

The Waltman damage case against the city of Independence has been postponed until the February term of court. Mrs. Waltman was not well enough physically to be present and submit her testimony.

The Hunnicutt case was started yesterday and is now going on.

It is rumored that the grand jury is investigating those acting in behalf of the "republican county central committee" who circulated handbills several weeks before election casting reflections upon the record of County Clerk Robinson, which it is alleged was contrary to the election laws.

Good times coming.

THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY.



—Caption in New York Evening Sun.

"SITTING UP."



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.