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MEET MARK WEATHERFORD NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Mark V. Weatherford, a prince among men, a man of the people, speaks in Independence Sunday night at the opera house. He is a candidate for congress on the Democratic and Prohibition tickets. If all the First district knew him as does Albany—his home town—the result would be so one-sided that his opponent would feel like a negro running for office in Mississippi. There are no Republicans or Democrats, "wets" or "drys" in Albany when it comes to boosting for Mark Weatherford.

Because of the great preponderance of public sentiment in Oregon favorable to prohibition, it goes without saying that only "dry" candidates can be elected to represent it in the halls of congress. So overshadowing the liquor question and our various ideas on how to handle it, we are presented with the opportunity next Tuesday of choosing between a giant and a pigmy for a place in congress. Weatherford is the giant, Hawley the pigmy. We have been electing the pigmy so long that it has become a sort of habit with us which has been injurious to our best interests and a black eye to the state. But perhaps after ten years we've come to the place where we've realized our mistake, that the harm we did ourselves was self-inflicted, and can rise to the full height of our manhood or womanhood, forget party for a moment, and cast off our pigmy representative who has not represented us—the poor devils—but Wall Street and the capitalistic interests. In electing Weatherford, the giant, we are sending one of our own number, who ever since he was a boy on the farm has never betrayed a trust, never shirked a plain duty or failed to go down into his pocket and divide his last dollar with the needy or oppressed and who during his career as a lawyer, hundreds of times without hope of reward or fee, has stood at the bar and pleaded with judge and jury to give the poor man his rights, an equal chance or a fair hearing. Then to think that you or I—just common poor devils—would vote against him because he didn't belong to our party, his solution of the liquor problem was different from ours or because we didn't exactly agree upon some policy of government.

CLYDE ECKER.

STICK, BROTHER AND SISTER, STICK

This section of Polk county will be deprived of representation in the county court house unless the voters of Independence, Monmouth, Suver and Buena Vista present a solid front next Tuesday for Asa B. Robinson and John S. Bohannon. It is no time for partisan politics, petty grievances or personalities. If we stand united, we will likely win; if we divide, we get nothing.

REGISTRATION FIGURES

	Rep.	Dem.	Proh.	Soc.	Mis.
Independence (4)	576	360	16	38	19
Monmouth (4)	282	290	25	8	33
Luckiamute (2)	134	137	16	7	5
Eola	86	51	3	6	8
Buena Vista	131	74	7	6	2
Suver	48	36	5	1	2
Total County	3989	2113	233	170	256
Male, 3884		Female, 2882			

CROWLEY IS A SURE BET



The Dallas Observer quotes The Monitor correctly, assumes something and then denies the assumption. Neither Mr. Crowley nor his newspaper supporters have ever stated that he can abolish the superfluous office of supervisor. What we did say and repeat is that he can use his influence towards its abolishment and has reason to believe that he will be successful.

The people of Polk county have made up their minds—wisely, too—to elect Fred S. Crowley of Rickreall as county superintendent. It would not be surprising if he carried every voting precinct in the county. His opponent is Miss Almeda J. Fuller of Dallas.

SEID BACK DIES

Seid Back, America's most distinguished Chinaman, died at his home near Independence on Tuesday night at the age of 64 years. On Sept. 16 he suffered a bad fall in which he received internal injuries and never recovered from it, altho death was caused directly by pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the White Temple in Portland.

Seid Back has been a prominent factor in Oregon for nearly fifty years as an importer, a railroad contractor and a hop raiser. Coming to America a poor boy, he left a fortune at his death estimated as high as a million dollars.

Seid Back was a familiar character in Independence and was greatly respected by all. His one great hobby was to have a brilliant display of fireworks on the banks of the Willamette every Fourth of July, and he has spent as much as \$500 on a single celebration.

MAY DECIDE P. O.

The people of Independence by the way they vote on next Tuesday may indirectly choose the postmaster. According to reliable republican authority if E. E. Paddock can make a good showing for Congressman Hawley in Independence and Polk county and the nation votes Mr. Hughes in as president, Mr. Paddock will be handed the Independence postoffice. If Hawley falls down here, it will be a free-for-all fight between a half dozen aspirants. The Monitor can say for Mr. Paddock, while we on the other side in the congressional battle, that as Hawley's manager here, he has been a game and clever fighter and a hard worker and if the spoils of war are to be distributed for good and faithful service for Hawley, Mr. Paddock has earned the plum.

CRISSIE BRAMBERG IS IN THE LEAD

Miss Crissie Bramberg has a small lead over the field of a dozen already entered in the Popular Girl Contest.

Crissie Bramberg	225
Pauline Stapleton	200
Dolly Dearing	200
Helen Butler	100
Laura Baker	100
Eva Collins	100
Dorothy Childs	100
Verl Carmack	100
Helen Eaton	100
Ora Fenton	100
Eileen Hewitt	100
Thelma Whiteaker	100

Further particulars and 25 free votes on page 3 of this Monitor.

T. E. C. HALLOWE'EN

The Halloween party at the social hall of the Baptist church was a "howling" success. From eight o'clock until eleven, the hall was just teeming with people. Many a fair maid and many a strong young man was told his fate by the witch who stirred her pot. Some tried to learn how many years it would be before they were "hitched" for life by blowing at the candles. Trying to throw apples thru a horseshoe was a diversion enjoyed by many. Others bobbed for apples in a tub of water. Cider proved a very satisfying thirst quencher during the evening. And as ever, so always was the candy table with its sweets and its chews. After the stunts were finished supper was served in cafeteria style, and it was a most appetizing meal.

The Tuesday Evening Club is sure making itself famous by its joy-provoking parties. They had spent much time in decoration. The autumn leaves, the dim lights and the grinning pumpkins gave the hall a weird effect that was well in keeping with the occasion. Two or three ghosts visited the hall during the evening, a Chink was present; but the old man with his white hair and big paunch, and the old lady with the squeaky voice and lame leg were the center of amusement as long as they staid.

CHOOSING A DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The Monitor last week said what it thought about the "widow pension cases" which Mr. Piasecki and his friends have raised as an issue for the purpose of defeating Mr. Tooze for district attorney. We prefer to take the widows' word for it rather than that of some fellow peddling the tale around. The widows are not weeping and crying that they have been robbed, as it is charged, but are happy and satisfied, having received what was coming to them according to contract. Numerous stories all tarred with the same stick, concerning both Mr. Tooze and Mr. Piasecki put into circulation by over zealous friends of one to injure the other, being about equal, we dismiss them along with the

merry—not weeping—widows and bring out the real issue which the smoke and odor of the "mess" has obscured from view and which Mr. Taxpayer would like to learn something about. He has to pay the freight and all the district attorney's mistakes, thru lack of ability or inexperience, are charged to his account. He ought to use the same precaution, in selecting an attorney to look after his public (the county's) business as he does his own private business and if he wisely follows this precaution, he will choose the more experienced attorney, Mr. Tooze. In the interest of the taxpayer and for this reason alone, The Monitor recommends the election of Walter L. Tooze as district attorney.

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ASA B. ROBINSON AND HIS GOOD RECORD



"My record as County Clerk speaks for itself. If anybody thinks there is a blot on it anywhere, let him come to me, we will open up the books and see what there is to it." So speaks Asa B. Robinson. And the "blot" wouldn't be there fifteen minutes after the "books were opened up". While his official record was severely criticised two years ago, you will note that there has been no attacks made upon it this year.

"You couldn't beat Robinson with a hickory elm club," says a Republican candidate, who has been over the county and has found out. His efficient and courteous administration of the

office of County Clerk has won him an army of warm admirers, irrespective of party. The service that he has given Polk county is of such a character as to deserve a continuance.

JOHN S. BOHANNON IS FIGHTING HARD



John S. Bohannon has been making a strenuous campaign, has met with encouraging responses in every part of the county and the prospects of his election are very bright.

In the meantime his opponent, Mose, has remained in the bullrushes at Dallas and has never given the people a chance to see him to find out what he stands for or what he would do if elected. He is depending upon a sectional feeling against Independence to elect him, all because of certain improvements made

made here by the County Court which John Bohannon had nothing to do with.