

NEW CHARTER CARRIES BY A LARGE VOTE

For the past two months interest has centered around the proposed new charter for Florence. While the work of preparing it has been delayed some, in no instance could those who have had charge of presenting it to the voters be considered responsible for such delay.

The printed copies arrived about March 20th and Recorder Severy rushed them to the voters. Soon after they were distributed and read, it was acknowledged by most everyone that the new charter would pass easily, and the result of Tuesday's election shows 149 for, and 24 against, or over 6 to 1 in favor of it.

It was also a foregone conclusion that candidates of the caucus would be elected, although other special tickets might be in the field.

Dr. Geo. P. Edwards, as president, A. O. Knowles and Mrs. Mabel Slemmons as trustees had published statements that they would not accept, while Mrs. Stella A. Goude, gave out information she was not to be a candidate for recorder.

The vote on city officials resulted in the election of Geo. W. Evans, Mayor; Wm. Brynd, D. M. Kyle, Fred E. Meyers and D. W. Reeseman, councilmen; D. E. Severy, recorder; Clark McLaughlin, marshal.

The referendum of Stock Ordinance 88 lost the result showing 139 for the ordinance and 34 against it, about 4 to 1 in favor of its passage.

A total of 178 votes were cast during the day, which is less than

last year, when 213 votes were cast.

While in the last few days a small amount of rivalry was developed in the contest for city offices it is the general opinion that an efficient set of city officials have been chosen and it should now be the part of every one who desires to see Florence advance to support these men in their official capacity.

The new charter and Stock Ordinance No. 88 went into effect as soon as the polls were closed Tuesday afternoon and now governs the town of Florence.

NEW BALLOT BOX FOR CITY ELECTION

Last year there was a new ballot box provided for the city election, but the growth of the town, woman suffrage and strong interest in the city election prove that it was not large enough to meet the demands, as it was only by crowding them in the box, that it was possible to take care of all the ballots cast.

In conversation with Judge Severy he remarked that the first city ballot box was an empty chalk box, but this year another one has been made about four times as large as the one used at last city election, and if Florence continued a rapid growth it might be necessary to make a new ballot box each year.

Attorney Walter B. Jones, of Eugene was in Florence several days on business, leaving Tuesday morning. "Nothing political" Mr. Jones remarked.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Edna Morris and Urban Shrode, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris on Duncan Slough, Wednesday April 15th 1914.

RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL PROCLAMATION

Be it known unto all the people that Empress Rhododendra VII who is now on her way to take possession of the Siuslaw empire hath instructed her commissioners, the undersigned, to make known unto her subjects certain changes in the plans of the Festival to be held at Florence on May 21st and 22nd.

It is her wish that while some of the orators from the various provinces may be allowed to discuss the subject of County division at that time, the principal feature of the Festival shall be celebration of important events and improvements which have taken place in her empire since the reign of Rhododendra VI, particularly the incoming of a railroad to the Siuslaw valley and the improvement of the harbor of the empire.

The Empress wishes to congratulate her faithful subjects on their good fortune in securing these improvements, and her Prime minister will at the time of the Festival, outline to her people plans for certain enterprises which her majesty desires to see established in the future.

Empress Rhododendra desires the Queens of the various province, Mapelton, Glenada, Acme, Florence, North Fork to attend the Festival accompanied by all the people in gala attire. Each Queen should have two Maids of Honor, Standard Bearer, a Court Jester and the Capt. of her army attend her.

The boat in which they come should be gaily decorated and should carry on board a large banner showing the name of the province. Each Queen may adopt the colors for her flag or standard. If possible she should have some musicians in the company. The Florence Queen will be the hostess of the occasion and will give a banquet to the Empress and visiting Queens.

By order of her Majesty Rhododendra VII.
WM. KYLE
WM. BRYND
GEO. P. EDWARDS
Commissioners

(Signed)

SUPERVISOR VAN BIBBER RESIGNS

Miss Goldie Van Bibber, supervisor of school district number 5, known the county and state over for her extraordinary success in reconstructing the rural school conditions of western Lane county, yesterday resigned her position, the resignation to take effect June 1 of this year. A letter to this effect and stating her reasons for such an action was read at the meeting in the office of the county superintendent E. J. Moore, of the Lane county board of education. The board was completely surprised at the news. A successor has not been elected.

In brief Miss Van Bibber outlined her reasons for resigning and the expression of appreciation for the hearty co-operation of the board with her in her work. Not to leave school work but to improve herself by further education is the desire that has prompted Miss Van Bibber. She will re-enter the University of Oregon, where she was formerly a student, and will take a pre-medical course. This, she states, is not with the intention of becoming a physician, but to fit herself for the better teaching of hygiene in the rural schools and the improvement in general of sanitation of school buildings and the grounds about them.

After three years' endeavor in the territory of western Lane

county, Miss Van Bibber has found conditions and problems that she believes will necessitate further training to enable her to solve them. This she has made clear in her letter to E. J. Moore, which is in part:

"Because I stand for progress and frequent periods of study for teachers, I feel under obligations to act on my own advice. I believe that the qualifications for supervisors ought to be raised and am willing to take the initiative in raising my own standards. 'I have found problems in my work which are of sufficient importance to warrant my taking a year of special study for their solution.'"

Unanimously the members of the Lane county board of education expressed their deep regard for the "girl supervisor" and the successes she has accomplished. Her place, they feel, will be hard to fill for she has set and maintained a high standard. Miss Van Bibber has found the schools in her district scattered all over the western end of the county, some of them miles apart, and to visit them she has often walked miles in the mud and across swollen streams and has ridden horseback in rainy weather.

Miss Van Bibber formerly lived in Grant county, in eastern Oregon, where her mother and brother now reside. She expects they will move to Eugene next fall. Mrs. Van Bibber will keep house while Miss Van Bibber and her brother continue at school.—Eugene Register.

Frank Chance and his New York Americans promise to go some this year.

Miss Goldie VanBibber who took up the school work in this supervisory district in 1911 and has struggled with the pioneer conditions of the schools and by hard work inspired and helped to bring many of them to a condition where they have become standardized, has sent in her resignation to take effect with the close of this school year. The reason she gives, should also be an incentive to those with whom she worked for the past three years, to better educational conditions in Western Lane County.

While the teachers, pupils and people of this section regret the action of Miss VanBibber, the inspiration received as a result of the wonderful work she has accomplished will be part of a future.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION IN EUGENE

A convention of the Lane County Drys is being called to meet on the afternoon of Friday April 10, at Eugene to choose county officers and plan for getting out a full vote. The gathering will be non-partisan, and will not endorse or aid any party or candidate. The Ministerial Union and the W. C. T. U. are joining in calling the meeting.

Oregon Drys lost in 1910 through carelessness and indifference. Out of 237,000 males qualified to vote, only 117,000 went to the polls, and but 104,000 voted either way on prohibition.

The bad citizenship of the best people lost the day. If Oregon can hatch these "goose eggs" in 1914 the state will be dry. If not, it will be wet again.

There are 400,000 qualified electors this time. If the old ratio vote, and the same ratio hold for wet and dry, the count would be 100,000 wet, 70,000 dry, and 22,000 voting but not on this question.

In other words, 15,000 wets must change in order to tie. Either that, or 30,000 stay-at-home drys must be got to the polls. It is easier to get 30,000 stay-at-home drys out than to change 3,000 wets.

A big vote is dry; a light vote is wet, argue the drys, and for this reason they will center upon getting the vote out. This neces-

sitates organization. The hit or miss plan lets a dozen urge one to come out, while a dozen are urged by no one.

The afternoon meeting will plan this work. Every church, Sunday School, women's organization, civic league, etc., should send representatives.

In the evening Ex-Governor M. R. Patterson of Tennessee will address a monster temperance mass meeting in the First M. E. Church at 7:30.

This will mark the opening of the strictly non-partisan prohibition amendment campaign in Lane county.

WORK OF SAYING FREDERICK CARGO CONTINUING

Since the Frederick went onto the jetty last week the work of taking of the cargo has continued. So far a large share of the load has been removed, and includes the construction cars, of the steam shovels and a great amount of other material.

It is now believed under favorable weather conditions all of the cargo and the barge will be saved.

The trout season opened April 1st. Partial abstract of game fish laws:—Open season for trout over six inches, April 1st to October 31; bag limit 76 fish or 50 pounds in any one day. Open season for trout over 10 inches long all year; bag limit 50 trout or 50 pounds in one day.

It is always unlawful to fish without a license on person or to fish by any means other than hook and line.

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