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BESSIE MURPHY TAKES THE LEAD IN RACE FOR FINE PIANO

Anna Tate of Sublimity in Second Place.—General Interest in the Contest and Friends of Candidates are Coming to their Support. Not yet too late for Dark Horse to win.

UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE.

Miss Bessie Murphy, Stayton	8,000
Miss Anna Tate, Sublimity	5,100
Miss Rhea Bevier, Gates	2,000
Miss Edith Von Behren, Aumsville	1,800
Miss Jessie Goodman, Stayton	800
Miss Ina Ashby, Union Hill	100
Miss Jennie King, Shaw	100
Miss Nora Murphy, Stayton	100
Miss Ivy Leffler, Stayton	100
Miss Lillie Blakely, Stayton	100

The Stayton Mail's \$1,000 Piano Contest opened with a rush. It seemed that the paper had hardly had time to reach its readers in all parts of its field before the ballots began to arrive. They came from Linn county, from the Santiam country, from Sublimity, Aumsville, and in fact from nearly all directions. Up to the present time the contest seems to be between Stayton and Sublimity. Early in the balloting Miss Bessie Murphy of this city took the lead and is now at the head of the list with nearly 3,000 votes to spare. Miss Anna Tate of Sublimity is in second place with more than 5,000 votes and the report comes from Sublimity that Miss Tate's friends and neighbors will do all in their power to capture the beautiful Valley Gem piano for her. Gates and the Santiam country seem to be supporting Miss Rhea Bevier, who is third in the race. So far, The Mail's Linn county readers have done but little toward centering on a candidate. Aumsville seems inclined to support Miss Von Behren, although it is understood the young lady has done but little personal work as yet.

From week to week there will be announcements of special prizes for the best work during short periods of time. The entire contest will be marked by a liberal policy of gift-giving on the part of The Mail and local business men. Everybody will be rewarded, nobody will work without being fully paid.

And here let us say a word about the first prize. Although Miss Murphy and Miss Tate have made a good start they are not by any means out of reach. It is not impossible for some young lady not yet mentioned to climb to first place before the next paper appears, simply by getting out among her friends and asking their support.

At the head of this article is printed an unofficial estimate of the standing of contestants. It is approximately correct but in the confusion of starting so many contestants there is always a possibility of error, so that it is best to be on the safe side with a few hundred votes to spare.

Any lady who would like to own the beautiful Valley Gem piano, now on display at Beauchamp's drug store, and who has been unable to get an earlier start, should lose no more time. Eleven new subscribers will entitle anyone to 7,700 votes, 2,600 more than Miss Tate has and only 300 less than Miss Murphy's total. It is still a free-for-all race and the most industrious and most ambitious lady will win.

Phone, write or call for full particulars and supplies. Subscribers paying at the office may have their votes credited to any candidate they wish.

The following schedule will govern the issuance of votes:

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

One year (\$1.50)	700 votes
Two years (\$3.00)	1500 votes
Three " (\$4.50)	2500 votes
Four " (\$6.00)	3500 votes
Five " (\$7.50)	5000 votes

(During the contest no subscriptions accepted for less than one year.)

OLD SUBSCRIPTIONS.

All money turned in on old subscriptions will count as well as cash turned in on new subscriptions. Here is a schedule that will show how many votes will be allowed for paid in advance subscriptions of subscribers now on our list:

One year (\$1.50)	200 votes
Two years (\$3.00)	500 votes
Three " (\$4.50)	800 votes
Four " (\$6.00)	1100 votes
Five " (\$7.50)	1500 votes

CLOSES 3 P. M. DECEMBER 24
The contest is on today and will continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of December 24th. Promptly at 3 p. m. the big ballot box will be closed and no more votes will be accepted.

FULL LIST OF PRIZES

The Rewards Offered by the Stayton Mail for a Little Work Among Friends of Contestants.

First Prize—Valley Gem, Cabinet Grand Piano, valued at \$400. Now on display at Beauchamp's Drug Store, Stayton.

Second Prize—Order on the Salem Music Company for \$150, which will be accepted on or before February 15 at its full face value as the first payment on any piano, organ, player piano or other instrument manufactured by the Baldwin Piano company.

Third Prize—Order for \$125, same as above.

Fourth Prize—\$100 same as above.

All below the Fourth—Order for \$50 same as above.

All prize winners will have the option of a 10 per cent cash commission on every dollar turned in to the contest manager, in lieu of the orders on the Salem Music company.

In addition to the above prizes, it is planned to offer other prizes for the young lady receiving the largest number of votes within stated periods during the contest.

EXTRA!

On all money turned in on new subscriptions from Oct. 27 to 5 p. m., Nov. 2nd, The Mail will pay a cash commission of 5 per cent in addition to all other prizes offered.

TO BUILD NEW OFFICE.

Dr. H. A. Beauchamp has leased from Geo. Keech the corner on Ida street just west of the MAIL office and will commence the construction of an office building at once. The new building will be a wooden structure but will be substantially constructed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Dr. Pintler spent Sunday in Portland. Joe Brewer was a Salem visitor today.

Sam Fulton was over from Aumsville Wednesday.

Sherm Swank was over from Aumsville Wednesday.

W. L. Freres was a Salem visitor Saturday evening.

Henry Smith has returned from a business trip to Salem.

M. Meiser family from near Scio were here Wednesday doing some trading.

Tom Malanophy has returned to his old home at Olex, Or., after a few days visit here.

Rev. Jameson will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Dennis Caldwell made a business trip to Albany Tuesday returning the following morning.

It is reported that new charges of poisoning cattle have been filed against A Hornbuckle.

Mrs. W. E. Thomas returned Monday from Portland, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Smallman and two children.

Mrs. Frank VanEhrman broke a bone in one of her forearms the first of the week, Dr. Thompson being called to attend her.

Orlin Jackman and wife are here from Portland for a visit with A. L. Shreve and family. Mrs. Jackman is a sister of Mr. Shreve.

Miss Hazel Ullom will give a party on Monday evening in honor of Miss Erma Townsend of Salem, who is the guest of Miss Ullom.

John A. Carson, Republican nominee for the state senate, came over from Salem Monday with Assessor Fred J. Rice in the latter's automobile.

Mrs. Cyrus Clara has returned from Fox Valley, where she spent the summer and will leave in a few days for Whitcomb, Wash, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Kate McKinney.

W. Turley and son and A. M. White, all from Iowa, were here Thursday to look over the country. J. T. Kearns took the visitors out through the Waldo Hills country which they declared the finest farming land they had ever seen.

C. E. Schaefer, living near Stayton on the Linn county side of the river, brought to the MAIL office on Saturday a cluster of blackberry vines well loaded with berries and some fine samples of walnuts. He states that he has never seen berries so thick on the vines at this time of year, although he has lived in this part of the country for thirty years. The berries and nuts were grown on the Schaefer farm.

T. H. Thomas and wife and young son drove over Sunday from the Jordan Valley. Mr. Thomas recently trapped a bear that weighed about 80 pounds and also killed two fine deer. Mr. Thomas states that Holland, Briggs & Ayery have a crew of men at work cutting a trail up Thomas creek for fire protection. Working on this crew are Byron Wolf, Henry Hickey, Warren Burton and Frank Gallagher, known up in the Jordan country as "the man who killed the bear."

SCHOOL REPORT.

Principal Clarence Phillips of the Stayton Public Schools, has supplied the MAIL with the report of the schools for the month ending Oct. 7th, from which the following facts are gleaned: Number of pupils Oct. 7th, boys 83, girls 82.

Number of days taught during the month, 10 1/2.
Whole number days attendance, 1576 1/2.
Whole number days absence 53 1/2.
Whole number times late 10.
Number pupils neither absent nor late 130.
Average daily attendance, 157.65.
Per cent of attendance, 96.6.

Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh

Is guaranteed to cure any cut, bruise or sprain on man or beast. If it does not do so, money will be refunded. For sale by MRS. W. A. WRIGHT, 33 1/2

DR. C. H. BREWER LEAVES FOR SALEM.

Dr. C. H. Brewer has completed the task of moving his personal effects and library to Salem, where he is now located in the practice of medicine. Dr. Brewer is a graduate of the Willamette University Medical College and of the New York Post-Graduate Medical College. He has been located in Stayton in the practice of his profession for about twelve years and in that time has built up a splendid practice. He has specialized in surgery and has been very successful in handling a large number of delicate and difficult cases. He has a host of friends here who will wish him all possible success in his new location. The Dr. has offices in the U. S. National Bank building at Salem.

TWO DEATHS IN STAYTON.

Two deaths have occurred in Stayton within the past week, that of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Covert on Tuesday morning and Joseph Cox on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Covert died from cancer of the bowels. Her age was about 82. Mrs. Clough of this city is a daughter of the deceased. Interment was at Mill City.

Jos. Cox had been in poor health for about a year and his demise was not unexpected. He was about 76 years of age and had lived in this part of the valley for many years, being well and favorably known to all the old residents. He leaves several children, among them Mrs. T. H. Thomas of Jordan Valley.

STILL LIKES OREGON.

THE MAIL has received a series of postcard views of Idaho Falls and an interesting letter from Cliff Harold, who is now in the employ of the Averill Machinery company and stationed at Idaho Falls. He writes: "Lots of sage brush land here and we don't get much rain but lots of dust. Weather has been very nice here this fall but is getting cold now. Stayton raises the best draft horses as I have not seen any place yet that beats Stayton for that. Good big horses are high everywhere at any time of year. I miss those big fine apples at Stayton and often wish I had one. Receive the Stayton MAIL every week and it is like a letter from home. Would like to be down there now and kill my share of China pheasants but tell my friends they can do that for me this fall. I will shoot prairie chickens here to make up for the Chinas. Best wishes to all."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

JACOB SPANIOI—Tinning and plumbing of all kinds. 33tf

FOR RENT—Furnished house, five rooms. Inquire of MISS GOWIN. tf

F. H. Thompson, M. D., physician and surgeon, Stayton, Oregon. 43

Roscoe W. Ballantyne, teacher of piano and organ, Stayton, Ore. 27tf

FOR SALE—15 head high grade Jersey cows and heifers. Five miles east of Stayton. J. W. APPLE. 364p

FOR SALE—Complete wood saw outfit, including six horse engine, eight horse boiler, etc. Address P. O. Box 134, Stayton. 36tf

Pay your electric light bill within five days after the end of the month and get a discount of five per cent. Stayton Electric Light Co. 35tf

FOR SALE—Good oak posts 15-cents; also three young sows with pig. E. E. LEE, 37 1/2p

Opposite Ves. Downing's.

Wanted—We have a customer for some cheap land near Stayton, 80 to 160 acres BETHCHEL & BYNON, Salem, Oregon.

Thoroughbred pigs, about 100 lbs., Berkshire, Price \$20. Must be sold at once. Write or phone to F. HERRLING.

FOR EXCHANGE—For typewriter, set of 20 volumes Masterpieces of the World's Literature, published by the American Literary Society. See W. A. Weddle, Stayton, Or. 12

THE REBECCAS will serve dinner from 12 to 4 on Thanksgiving day, November 24, in their new lodge room in the new I. O. O. F. hall. Everybody invited. 38t3

By order of Noble Grand.

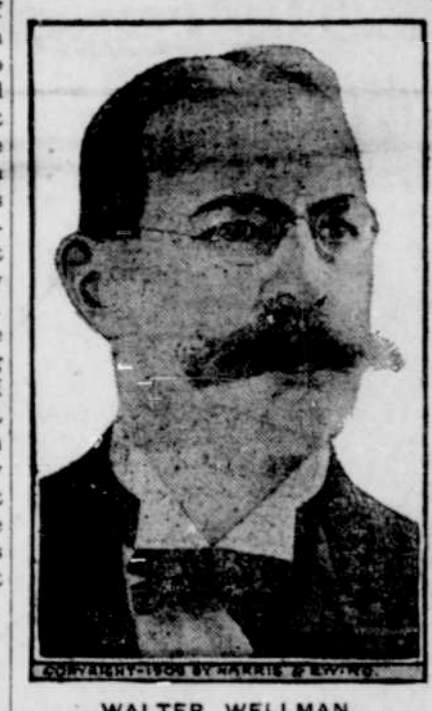
EVANS FIRED BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BUILD RAILROAD AS HE AGREED.

Capt. F. Evans of the Santiam Valley Development company, who promoted the Astoria, Seaside and Tillamook Railway, is cleared of all blame or responsibility for the financial troubles of the National Public Utilities Corporation, by the publication in the Philadelphia North American of the official minutes of the corporation. The Utilities Corporation is the concern which agreed to finance the building of the Astoria road but which promptly fired Capt. Evans when he wanted money to construct the road as he had agreed with the Astoria and Portland people to do. The corporation did not want to build a railroad, it simply wanted glowing reports upon which to base its stock selling operations. Evans would send in no crooked reports and was replaced by a man who would play the game. The following is from the Philadelphia North American: "Capt. F. L. Evans, the man who brought the Oregon paper railroad east, had been sent back as chief engineer to send eastward such regular reports as might encourage the stock selling. But Capt. Evans had nursed the notion that some of the money collected in the east ought to be sent west for actual construction work. That apparently was something that had never entered the minds of the promoters. It appears that they had figured on forwarding Capt. Evans his salary, and when he showed a desire to earn that salary by doing something else than writing glowing reports there was a hurried call for a special meeting of Tener's executive committee. . . . Capt. Evans had sent on a requisition for \$21,000 to spend as a starter on the construction of the \$2,000,000 railroad. That requisition was thoroughly discussed and it was put down on the minutes that 'Capt. Evans was using very poor judgment in the management of the affairs of the company, in the expenditure of money and in running up indebtedness for the company without authority.' The secretary was instructed to wire Capt. Evans at Astoria to cancel all contracts and cease all construction for the present and to dispense with the entire force, including Mr. Rogers and the stenographer. . . . With Evans fired the problem was to get a man that could be trusted in the west to send on the 'right kind' of reports and not spend money for construction."

WELLMAN IS UNDAUNTED.

Aeronaut Ready to Try Flight of Atlantic Once More.

Atlantic City—Walter Wellman and the five men who attempted to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible balloon were given an enthusiastic welcome on their arrival here. While he made no definite announcement concerning



WALTER WELLMAN.

his acceptance of the offer of the hotel men who backed the America enterprise, Wellman, as well as the other men who made the trip, declared they were ready to try the hazardous voyage again in a specially constructed dirigible.

DR. CRIPPEN FOUND GUILTY

London—After a trial lasting only five days and a deliberation by the jury of only 24 minutes, Dr. Hawley H. Crippen was found guilty of the murder of his wife, well known as an actress under the name of Belle Elmore, and Crippen was sentenced to be hanged. The execution will take place in all probability on either November 14, or November 15. The speed with which the case was considered was characteristic of British procedure.

Abolish Insurance Grant.

Olympia, Wash.—John H. Schively, state insurance commissioner, in a letter to Governor Hay, which the Governor has indorsed and forwarded to Chairman J. D. Bassett, of the State Insurance Code Commission, recommends that Washington abolish the "state grant" of charging insurance companies for the examination of their books.

Expert Testimony

What Local Musicians Think of the Valley Gem Piano to Be Given Away by The Stayton Mail on Saturday, December 24, 1910.

R. W. BALLANTYNE, Instructor in Music:

"Back of the Valley Gem is the warranty of one of the oldest and strongest piano houses in the United States. The instrument you propose giving away on December 24 to some young lady in this vicinity, is substantially constructed, has a rich, full tone and is a piano that any lady should be proud to own. The walnut case is a beauty."

MISS BESS ALEXANDER:

"The piano is carefully built and will never acquire that loose tin-pan jingle that some instruments get after they have been used for a time. The tone is sweet and melodious and the case very handsome."

MISS HALLIE SHELLEY:

"It is a splendid piano. It has a beautiful tone and the metallic quality so often found in new instruments is not present in the Valley Gem."

FLOYD ROBERTSON:

"It has a beautiful tone and the best touch I have ever seen in a new instrument."