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AMENDMENT AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS FOR MONDAY Proposed Change in the City Charter Will Be Decided at Polls

MEASURE NEEDED TO IMPROVE STREETS

Voters Will Decide Monday Upon Bonding System of Securing Street Work

CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IS SHOWN IN ELECTION

Amendment Requires Careful Consideration by the Voter

Considerable interest is being manifested in the special election to be held next Monday, June 17, for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendment to the city charter. The amendment in final form was printed in last week's issue of The Mail, and all who have not already done so should be sure to read and study the measure carefully before Monday. Whether it carries or not, it is to be hoped that the citizens will take an intelligent interest in the matter, and that the vote will be heavy.

As stated last week, the council has given the problem of street improvement considerable time and attention during the past two months, and have become convinced that the plan they are submitting to the people, as embodied in the proposed amendment, is the most logical one that applies under local conditions. Most of those who have given the measure careful consideration also favor it, and it is thought that the amendment will get an easy majority at the polls Monday.

The proposed change in the charter is designed to provide for a bonding system of street improvement. It embodies the essential provisions of the Bancroft Act, and makes possible the improvement of streets by a direct assessment on the property abutting on the improved streets, instead of a levy against the town's general fund. The advantages of this is that only those directly benefitted by the improvement are charged for the work, and at the same time the property owners affected have a voice in deciding upon the work. Further, by providing for the issue of bonds, the amendment makes easier the payment of the assessment against the property affected, allowing ten years for complete settlement. In every way the proposed measure appears feasible and just, and certainly merits the most careful consideration by the voter.

TWO STAYTON TEAMS WIN GAMES SUNDAY

Mill City and Aumsville Ballmen Are Defeated by Local Aggregations

The Stayton ball team brought home the bacon from Mill City Sunday, winning 5 to 0 from the timber town. The game was a good one, being largely a pitcher's battle, in which Cole for Stayton had a little the better of Goode for Mill City. The heavier hitting and clever fielding of the locals also contributed to the victory.

The first three innings were without scores, but Stayton glommed a lone tally in the fourth and then duplicated the performance in the fifth. Until the eighth the score was 2 to 0, but in the next to the last frame a trio made the circuit, cinching the game. Mill City on one or two occasions appeared dangerous, but the timely fielding of the locals held them runless. Rock copped another chance to be a hero, when with two down and bases full, he lined out a drive, scoring two.

Rose City Merry At Its Annual Festival

Portland is busy this week entertaining its guests from outside points, both in Oregon and outside the state lines. Thousands of visitors are thronging the city, enjoying the annual Rose Festival, its varied entertainments, parades and show of prize roses.

Never before has the annual event been on such a big scale, with such attractive features and the number of visitors is greater than at any previous Festival. Each year this flower fete grows in importance and interest. Business men are keeping open house and entertaining their out-of-town customers, while practically every household in the city has guests from outside who have come to see the Festival. Seattle has sent a big delegation of boosters and from far Pasadena comes a motor car to be entered in the decorated auto parade.

WASHINGTON MEN PLAN BANK FOR AUMSVILLE

Rosenberg Bros. will open a State Bank in the Aumsville office building owned by A. P. Speer, says the Record. They have leased this building for six months, until they can put up a good building of their own. They will buy property and build as soon as convenient.

The Rosenberg Bros. have been out looking over the country south of town and thought it looked good. They came into town Wednesday and made a quick bargain with Speer. Speer offered to build a concrete building for them but they said they wanted to own their own building. They were in the banking business in Washington for six years.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The home of Jos. Zuber, two and a half miles east of town, was the scene of an enjoyable surprise party Sunday, the occasion being Mrs. Zuber's birthday. About seventy-five friends gathered, each bringing a full supply of good things, and a bountiful meal was spread with the eatables thus furnished. Singing, cards and dancing were indulged in until a late hour, after which the guests dispersed, tired but happy.

FISHING PARTIES NUMEROUS SUNDAY

Busy Business Men Take a Day Off and Scour Neighboring Streams for Trout

A SUCCESSFUL TIME FOR ALL DILIGENT FISHERMEN

Wondrous Tales of Prowess With Hook Now Circulating

The week-end was a glorious time for the local anglers, and almost everyone who had pep enough to hold a pole was busily splashing in the waters of the Santiam or neighboring creeks. Wondrous tales of prowess with the hook have been circulating since; but as some of these were backed by actual (though fishy) evidence, we will not cast any aspersions upon their veracity. We can't enumerate all the fishing parties that were organized, let alone the many individual anglers who preferred to have no one along to contradict their story when they got back. One bunch of young bucks who couldn't wait until Sunday muzzed up the river near Stringtown Saturday morning and brought back a generous catch of good-sized ones. But Sunday was the big day.

Warren Richardson and Wes Riggs went up to Silver Creek Falls, and are alleged to have exceeded the speed limit both going, coming and while there. Be that as it may, they got a good catch and came home satisfied. Dr. Beauchamp, Lura Thomas and Gus Eksman made up an auto fishing party and journeyed to Thomas Creek for a day's outing. It was a day's outing alright, as they left before day-break and got back after dark. They copped plenty of fish also.

Harry Downing drove L. L. Thomas, Geo. Davie and Bill Sestak with a row-boat up to Mehama, from which place they cruised down stream, fishing all the way, while Downing drove back with the wagon. He had a little excitement all to himself, as the team ran away with him and didn't do a thing to the wagon. On Monday the lure of the fish still held, and two other parties went out. Clarence Beauchamp and John Steinberger brought a heavy catch down from Silver Creek Falls, while a party including Roy Mullinix, Jack Jones, Theo. Rizzo, Joe Fisher, B. Hill, and Floyd Robertson, muzzed up Thomas Creek very successfully. The genial Clarence presented The Mail with a generous helping from his overflowing basket. It is understood that all the parties took plenty of bait along.

LAST STEEL ON NEW \$60,000 STAYTON BRIDGE SWINGS INTO PLACE, AND SANTIAM IS SPANNED

Structure Will Be Entirely Completed and Ready for Service Within a Week

To-day the last of the steel in the \$60,000 bridge over the Santiam at this point was riveted into place, and before many days teams will be crossing the new structure. We have been assured by the foreman that before next week's issue of the Mail the bridge will be open to the public. This will be welcome news indeed to the people of both Linn and Marion counties. The ferry, which has done its work

The President of the United States On the Stump In New Jersey



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WITH the spectacular tours of New Jersey made by the three principal candidates for the Republican presidential nomination the climax of the pre-election primary campaign was reached. President Taft, like his two competitors, covered the state. Before he became president he was not a particularly effective public speaker, but during his four years of office he has become accustomed to the platform, his voice has grown stronger, and he has now the air of a seasoned campaigner. The photograph here reproduced shows him driving a point home by a characteristic gesture.

STAYTON WILL SECURE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Announcement has just been made that the local postoffice has been designated as a postal savings bank by the federal postoffice department, and Postmaster Watters has been notified to that effect. The communication to the postmaster did not name a date for establishing the bank here, but it is probable that several months will elapse before the system is inaugurated.

ENTERTAINED AT CARDS

Mrs. Jos. Korinek was the charming hostess at a pleasant affair Saturday evening, participated in by the members of the Elden Club and a few invited guests. The time was enjoyably passed at Five Hundred, and a dainty luncheon was served at a late hour. Mrs. G. F. Korinek captured the prize for the highest score.

WA HI CLUB MEETING

The ladies of the Wa Hi club met at the home of Mrs. B. Wagner last Wednesday afternoon, and had an enjoyable time. The afternoon was spent in visiting and cleaning gooseberries for the hostess, which was the cause of much merriment. At the usual hour a delicious lunch was served. The visitors were Mrs. R. Downing of Salem and Miss Walk of Union Hill. Mrs. Hill, Secretary.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT STAYTON SCHOOL

Local Eighth Grade Graduates Will Receive Their Diplomas

A fitting program at the Opera house Friday night will mark the close of the school year at the Stayton school. A nine months' term is just completed, and a three month's vacation will now be enjoyed before work is again resumed in the fall. Miss Nora Crabtree the principal, will remain here for at least part of the summer, Miss Tapscott leaves for Salem Saturday, while Misses Smith and Mack go to Portland the first of the week. Miss Cross is giving up teaching to engage in a somewhat different line of work, but she will continue to reside here. The exercises Friday night will include an appropriate address by L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent, and a short program. Misses Gladys Hill and Nellie Shreve will render a piano duet, while the class poem will be given by Miss Vera Funk. Miss Clara

SCHOOL ELECTION ON MONDAY ALSO

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Issues Letter to the School Patrons

ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY

More Importance Should Be Attached To Gathering, says Alderman

L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has issued a circular letter calling attention to the annual school meeting and election to be held next Monday, June 17th. The letter is as follows:

To the Patrons of Oregon Schools: We do not attach sufficient importance to our annual school meeting. This year our annual meeting occurs June 17. On this day one director and the clerk are to be elected in every school district in Oregon, a matter of much importance to each community. I should be very glad, indeed, to find that many of the Oregon school districts were making the day of the annual school meeting an important occasion, and at the same time taking advantage of being together to talk over the problems of the schools.

The voting for director and clerk will take place at the school house. It should be remembered that women already have the privilege of suffrage in school elections. If all the women of the community will pick their lined baskets, and assemble at the school house on the morning of June 17, I am confident that the men will be there also when the sun reaches the meridian. Of course, the members of the family under voting age will have to have dinner. So all will spread out their lunches under some pleasant shade, and enjoy dinner together.

After a good dinner all will be in the right frame of mind for selecting the officers, and discussing school affairs. The patrons will have this opportunity to investigate the conditions of the schoolhouse and grounds, and see what repairs are needed; whether the school house is properly heated, lighted and ventilated, and what books and pictures are most needed. Let us make June 17 a red letter day for our district!

Yours for better schools,
L. R. ALDERMAN,
Sup't. Public Instruction.