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## SPECIAL ELECTION MONDAY, JUNE 24

Charter Amendments to be Voted on made Necessary by a Law Passed by the Last Legislature

Next Monday, June 24, is the date fixed for holding the special election as set forth in the notice of election on page 3 of this issue of the Mail.

The primary object of holding this election is to adjust the Charter of the town to harmonize with the state constitution, the principal feature of which involves the election of officers. It will be remembered that the town of Stayton was unable to hold its regular election last Dec. for the election of town officers. This was on account of an amendment to Article II. of the constitution of the state, adopted by the people at the special election held June 4, 1917.

The following is the amendment referred to:

"That Article II. of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, be and the same is hereby amended by adding, another Section after Section 14, said section to be designated as Section 14-a, and to read as follows:

Sec. 14-a. Incorporated cities and towns shall hold their nominating and regular elections for their several elective officers at the same time that the primary and general biennial elections for State and county officers are held, and the election precincts and officers shall be the same for all elections held at the same time. All provisions of the charters and ordinances of incorporated cities and towns pertaining to the holding of elections shall continue in full force and effect except so far as they relate to the time of holding such elections. Every officer who, at the time of the adoption of this amendment, is the duly qualified incumbent of an elective office of an incorporated city or

town shall hold his office for the term for which he was elected and until his successor is elected and qualified. The Legislature, and cities and towns, shall enact such supplementary legislation as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this amendment into effect."

It will be observed that this amendment to the state constitution requires the legislature and cities and towns to enact such supplementary legislation as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this amendment into effect.

Provision has also been made for a direct primary and registration of voters. The direct primary will do away entirely with the old convention way of nominating candidates for town officers. This plan has been in use in the city of Salem for several years and is well liked there. The registration of voters will be under the state law and when the voting precincts are adjusted to conform with the new boundaries of the town all legal voters who heretofore registered in Stayton precinct will be required to register under the state law, the same registration being used for the town as that used for state purposes.

The election will be held at the town hall on Third St. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock a. m. and will close promptly at 6 o'clock p. m.

J. P. Davie, Jos. Fisher and W. W. Elder were appointed by the council as judges of election. Every legal voter residing within the town of Stayton, Oregon, including the territory recently annexed to said town should go to the polls and vote.

## The Howell Bee Hive Club Picnic

Friday June 14 was a day long to be remembered by the Howell Bee Hive Club as that was the day they held their picnic and the dinner, the quilt sale, the program, the refreshment stand, in fact everything connected with the event was par excellence. The picnic was held at the Howell School house, four miles east of Stayton on the Mehama road and it is an ideal spot for such occasions. The attendance was good but not as large from town as it should have been to show our appreciation of the help being given the Red Cross by the Howell ladies.

A splendid time was had by all present, the program was of a patriotic nature throughout and was well rendered. It consisted of songs, solos and recitations by local talent and Mrs. F. T. Porter of Salem gave two readings which were much enjoyed.

The Hon. Louis Lachmund was the orator of the day and his address rang 100 per cent American and as the district service flag was to be dedicated at that time, it was unfurled to the breezes above the speaker's head shortly after he began his address and it revealed to the crowd 12 stars, 3 of which represent boys who are now in France and the one gold star representing the boy who has passed into the great beyond.

Two quilts were auctioned off, Mrs. Steward and Mrs. Malone being the lucky ones. Mrs. Malone immediately gave her quilt to the Mehama auxiliary to be sold at their Fourth of July celebration. The dinner was served Cafeteria style and was such as the ladies in that neighborhood are famed for, and all who have tasted any of their cooking know it is fit for a king. A goodly sum was realized from the refreshment stand. All the net proceeds are to be used for the Red Cross. A detailed financial report will be given next week.

## Marion County Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Lewis Stout of Mehama, Marion County, Oregon died June 18, 1918. She was born in Ohio, January 14th., 1845. At the age of nine years she came to Oregon with her parents, who settled near Oakland, in Douglas county. She was married to Lewis Stout on October 26th., 1866, and moved to Marion county near Mehama, where they lived on the "Old Place" until 1888, when they moved to Mehama, which has been their residence as well as home for all the family ever since. Mrs. Stout was widely known throughout the county and to her many friends and acquaintances, her death will be keenly mourned. Her memory will linger long in the minds of those who knew her, for to know her was to love her. The personality of the Master was exemplified in her life by the spirit of self-sacrifice, to do good to others and be of service to her fellow creatures, was her chief aim in life. To her the altruistic spirit was a second nature, for never was there a time in her own busy life of looking after the welfare and caring for her own family of nine children, that she has hesitated for an instant to go the aid of a friend or neighbor in sickness or in need, whether it was in the cold grey dawn of winter or in the hot sultry evening, she was ever ready to assist those in distress. It mattered not what the nature of the trouble was, sometimes it was to usher into the world the new born babe, or to relieve the suffering of one just departing, the motive was the same.

Her devotion to her family was unparalleled, never was there a mother, who by her own conduct, tried to lead her children in the path of rectitude as did she. Always exacting and condemning when they did wrong and just as kind and sympathetic when they did good and by her own example guarded by the dictates of her conscience, did she ever try to live the life as exemplified by Master whom she always served. Her life was well spent. The world is vastly better for her having lived in it. Her spirit has passed to that other land where dwelleth only the good, but that influence exerted by her pure and spotless life over all those who intimately knew her, still lives.

"It singeth low in every heart,  
We hear it each and all—  
A song of those who answer not,  
However we may call.  
They throng the silence of the breast.

We see them as of yore.  
The kind, the good, the true, the sweet.

Who walk with us no more.  
Tis hard to take the burden up,  
When these have laid it down;  
They brightened all the joys of life,  
They softened every frown.  
But oh! tis good to think of them,  
When we are troubled sore,  
Thanks be to God that such has been,  
Although they are no more."

### Please Remember

That Rev. W. Nicholl of Howell Prairie, who is building the rooms on the parsonage, will preach in the M. E. church on Sunday, at 8 p. m. Don't fail to hear him.

Geo. Boedigheimer came home from Camp Lewis and spent Sunday with his wife and other friends.

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## IMPORTANT MASS MEETING The Law of the Land

Friday evening June 21 at 8 o'clock a mass meeting will be held in the high school for the purpose of launching the War Savings Stamp drive. Outside speakers will be present. It is imperative that we raise our quota by immediately buying these stamps or by pledging ourselves to buy our allotment before the close of this year.

We are out to win this war and it requires money to do it so it is up to us to loan our government the necessary money to finance the war. Be sure and attend the meeting Friday evening, each school district is a district separate and apart in this drive and all are asked to attend this meeting.

### School Meeting Held

The annual school meeting of Dist. No. 77 was held in the High school auditorium Monday afternoon. About sixty were present.

After the reading of the report of the clerk, George Keech was elected director and W. A. Weddle clerk.

The annual budget was read and a motion that a tax be levied to raise the amount specified in the budget as necessary to properly conduct the schools, carried by a vote of 46 to 4.

Mme. Petrova, the famous Russian actress, will appear at the Star Theatre in an adaptation from George Broadhurst's well known play, "The Law of the Land," which had a sensationally long run on Broadway a short time ago. This is a Paramount photoplay directed by Maurice Tourneur. The story is of a woman, tried beyond her strength, who shoots the brute of a man who attempts to beat her boy. The verdict of any jury would have been against her for the circumstantial evidence was never clearer against the vilest criminal,—but the verdict of the Inspector who was sent to look up the case—well, you must see that for yourself to appreciate it at the Star Theatre, on Saturday June 22nd.

You are invited to celebrate July 4, 1918 at Lebanon Oregon. Program begins at 9:30 a. m. with a Grand military and civic parade. Several companies of Oregon Volunteer Guards participating. Games and races for cash prizes. Ball game at 4:30 p. m. free. Music by band. Oration by prominent speaker. Rest and refreshment room in charge of Red Cross. Commissary in charge of churches, hotels and restaurants. Come and enjoy the day at Lebanon Oregon.

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