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For Congress

T. T. GEER

Candidate for Republican Congressional nomination in the Second District.

Liberal appropriations for waterways, equal opportunities and privileges for Labor and Capital, and governmental control of corporations.

Never in the history of the Pacific Northwest have the wheat exports held up as they have this season. All records for foreign shipments were broken in February, Portland leading all the wheat shipping ports of the entire United States with 2,279,792 bushels; Puget Sound was second with 2,056,332 bushels. March figures will not fall far behind those for February.

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The Oregonian has a spasm because it has learned that the primary law and statement No. 1 are a repudiation of the constitutional method of electing senators. The question bobs up "who is the biggest, the constitution of the United States, or the people who made it?" If the people are supreme and the servants of the people will not obey why not invoke the only method available to compel obedience? If the people of Oregon are wise they will stand by statement No. 1, the direct primary and the initiative and referendum, and we believe they are as sensible as the average run of individuals at least.

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We are in receipt of a copy of the Oakland, (California) Tribune, which is devoted to whitewashing Ruef and Schmitz, the boodlers and besmirching Heney and the government. If there is anything worse and more contemptible than a corrupt supreme judge who releases high criminals on technical points of law, when common horse sense and the evidence clearly convicts him, it is a newspaper that prostitutes its office as an educator and dispenser of news to the criminally rotten work of deifying crime and debasing the prosecution of it in the way the Tribune is doing. A good sized earthquake would be about due at Oakland if the evil that men do was always awarded the appropriate punishment in this life as some hold, and think was the cause of the disaster to the city on the other side of the bay. It is regretable in this Ruef and Schmitz case that these criminals and the contemptible judge who released them might not have been buried mid the ruins of that wicked city some persons more just, spared in their place.

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For Joint Representative.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for representative in the Seventeenth District, subject to the decision of the Republican voters of Clackamas and Multnomah counties at the primary election on April 17th.

If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, support a sane, business-like administration of public affairs. I will oppose graft, humbug and demagogism, and will work industriously for the people of my district. I will do my duty as I see it and will not take dictation from any men or set of men.

I will vote for the Republican voters' choice for United States senator.

C. N. McARTHUR.

Portland, Oregon, March 15, 1908.

Announcement.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate on the republican ticket for representative from the 18th district of the state of Oregon, subject to the republican primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

If elected I will observe the wishes of the people of my county and of the state and stand by statement No. 1, first, last and all the time.

I wish to state that it was not my ambition to become a candidate but was induced to do so through the influence of my friends and will therefore serve the people to the best of my ability if elected.

K. C. COUCH.

WE SHOULD ALL WORK

For the improvement of Philadelphia street from Jersey street to the water front.

Good Government League.

The good government league convention was held in Bickner's hall Tuesday evening March 24th and was called to order by acting chairman, H. W. Brice, and on motion of H. E. Collier, Tom Monahan was elected chairman for the evening, with J. P. Wrinkle secretary.

In a well worded speech calling attention to the many manly qualities of H. W. Brice, Rev. F. L. Young proposed his name as candidate for Mayor. The nomination was greeted with cheers and Mr. Brice was given the unanimous vote.

The present recorder A. M. Esson was also unanimously elected candidate to succeed himself, being proposed by ex-Governor Fletcher. In the race for treasurer C. W. Churchill was elected over J. C. Tanch, and H. E. Collier received the card for city attorney over T. T. Parker.

For councilman at large there were 356 votes cast and after the canvass of the ballot, P. J. Miller, E. C. Hurlbert and C. J. Muck were declared elected. J. J. Thrine and W. W. Windle were chosen for councilmen of the first ward and J. S. Crook and L. H. Smith for the second ward.

People's Ticket Nominate.

Monday evening the people's party gathered in the city hall for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming city election. Meeting was called to order by W. H. Basey and W. H. King was elected chairman for the evening, H. C. Hunter, secretary. Chairman King called on Judge Greene to make the opening speech. After a few preliminary speeches Judge Greene placed J. F. Hendricks in nomination and he was unanimously chosen candidate for mayor.

For councilman at large the first ballot resulted in the selection of S. L. Dobie, C. J. Muck, C. L. Johnson as candidates and for recorder A. M. Esson was unanimously chosen to succeed himself. In the race for city attorney G. J. Perkins carried off the bun. J. E. Tanch was elected candidate for treasurer.

For councilmen for the first ward G. L. Epps and A. R. Jobes; for the second ward, C. H. Bonham and H. C. Hunter captured the house. The meeting was enthusiastic and it was really the first real political open meeting of the campaign.

Notice to Voters.

C. J. Muck, not being able to qualify, has withdrawn from the race and the Good Government league nominated A. W. Davis as candidate for councilman at large in his stead.

W. C. T. U. Contest.

A large and appreciative audience listened to a sermon in elocution last Tuesday evening by seven of our St. Johns young people.

All spoke on the subject of temperance, each treating it in a different way, reflecting great credit upon themselves and Mrs. Hall, superintendent of contest work for the local union.

As each contestant did so well it must have been difficult for the judges to award the prize. It was, however, captured by Miss Ellen Vierhus, who gave "The College Oil Can" in a very acceptable manner. The song by Miss Vera Holland was very fine and showed a remarkable voice and training for so young a singer. The solo by Roy Perkins with guitar accompaniment was very acceptable.

Following are the names of the contestants:

Harry Clark—"The Gambler's Tale;" Prudence Galland— "In the Kegs;" Ella Edmondson—"Licensed to Sell;" Flora McNevins — "Taken by Surprise;" Rachel Shelter —"I've Drank my Last Glass;" Mary Godsey—"Tom John;" Ellen Vierhus—"The College Oil Can."

Birthday Party.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hewitt, Tuesday evening, March 24, 1908, the event being in honor of their son Charley's 21st birthday. The evening was spent in games and social chat after which dainty refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Mae and Mignon Thompson, Dollie Blair, Dorothy Povey, Anna Perrine, Ruby Hoover, Hazel and Nellie Robison, Mary Hewitt and Ada Holcomb; Messrs. Sidney and Tom Girdner, James O'Conuer, Andrew Blair, Gale Perrine, Geo. Donaldson, Harold Holcomb and Charley Hewitt.

A large number of beautiful and useful presents were given him by his friends, such as a Teddy bear, Noah's ark, Jack in the box, Twins, coal scuttle, chime top, humpty dumpty and others. Charley experienced the time of his life and wishes his birthday occurred at least twice a year.

Platform of Taxpayers' Ticket

ARTICLE I

A strict and absolute adherence at all times to the office prescribed by the charter of the city of St. Johns and the laws of the state of Oregon.

ARTICLE II

To guard and protect the interests of the city with the same zeal and fidelity as we would our private qusiness.

Buy a Fruit OrChard.

C. W. Potter and G. G. Goold who went to Medford recently were captured by the enterprising real estate jugglers of that prosperous community, having purchased the H. T. Hull orchard a mile and a half southwest of Medford, of 20 acres, paying $16,500, or $825 per acre, the highest price ever paid for young orchard land in the history of the Rogue River valley.

The property consists of 20 acres of 9-year-old Newtown pippins and Spitzenburg apples and d'Anjou and Howell pears. It is the north half of the 40-acre tract which was purchased by Hull & Parker from J. E. Watt last autumn for $25,000 or $12,500 and the transaction nets Mr. Hull just $4000 or $200 an acre profit in less than six months. The same land was purchased by Mr. Watt two years ago last February for $225 an acre, or 10,000, and the year before that it was sold for $150. This is a profit of $600 in three years. Eight years ago the land was purchased unplanted, for $40 an acre.

The purchasers secured one of the finest young orchards in the valley. The trees are mostly Newtown pippins with a few Spitzenbergs, and are 9 years old. They produced their first crop last year, which sold for $3300. This year it will double the production, and each year will see an increase.

Even at the price of $825 an acre the buyers will do better, say orchardists, than to buy land at $100 an acre and plant it. Next year's crop will bring them interest on the money invested and the profits will greatly increase yearly.

Mr. Potter returned with a well developed case of the grip but our friends expect to close up their business affairs and move to their new home about the 15th or 20 of April. We sincerely regret the removal of these two families from St. Johns for they are of the salt of the earth. We were in hopes if they should go from St. Johns they would select Hood River, the best apple country on earth for their new home, for then we could have simply transferred them from one bunch of good friends to another and when we took a run up to the old home we would meet them again, but away up to Medford is like going into a far country. Nevertheless, we will join with the entire community in wishing for them more than the realization of their highest hopes for success.

Congress has ordered the motto "In God we Trust" replaced on the U. S. coins the same as before Our Teddy ordered them off. Now if congress would but make it so that in the majority of cases when that is read by our people, they would not utter a lie, we would take off our hat to that honorable body.

Council Proceedings.

The Fifty-second session of the city legislature convened in the legislative chamber Tuesday evening and pulled off a lively evening's entertainment.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved a petition was presented asking for the improvement of Learned street, between John and Charleston streets. This was referred to the street committee to endeavor to have the street improved from John street to Burlington so as to avoid extra advertising, the advertisement for the whole costing no more than it would for the single block.

Petition for the privilege of running a knife gambling joint was referred to the committee on license.

Communication from the Merchants Savings & Trust company asking for an expression of approval of their bond in behalf of S. V. Davidor. This brought up the matter of the gas franchise and Attorney McAllister in behalf of his client, Mr. Davidor, asked that the council suspend action on the franchise indefinitely and permit them to go on with their work of installing their plant; stating that the plans for the gas plant had been perfected in a satisfactory manner, that a member of the manufacturing firm was at this time in Portland to sign the contract and would do so the morning following this meeting if the council would give them a favorable verdict. Mr. Capron, the agent of the manufacturers, was present with the specifications of the plant and substantiated Mr. McAllister's statement.

Then the question of the $5000 cash bond was discussed and Mr. McAllister declared that as the other bond had been accepted and the franchise granted thereon the cash bond could not be demanded by the city. This placed Brother Jobes in the position of the boy who opened the cage and allowed the bird to escape. When Davidor offered $1500 recently, promising to finish the $5000 bond, Mr. Jobes insisted with all his power that if the full $5000 could not be put up that the council should accept none, and despite the fact that a half loaf was better than none, he carried his point with the council and the $1500 were turned down and the city is just that much the loser.

After a full discussion it was decided by the council that action should be suspended indefinitely. The contract for the plant was signed Wednesday morning by a representative of the Western Gas Construction Co. of New York, and the provisions of the contract are that the delivery of the machinery will be commenced within 60 days and all will be on the ground within 90 days from the date of the signing of the contract. It was developed in the discussion that Mr. Davidor had paid $1500 on lots for a location for the plant and that the party now refused to make conveyance, and that there was now in progress a suit to force him to do so. This makes it look as if we were going to get the gas plant this summer after all.

A communication was read from H. E. Harris of the Harris Bros. Ice Machine Co. asking the city to relinquish their rights to the street running through the property recently purchased by his company from Mrs. Caples. The matter was referred to the city attorney for investigation.

The most important measure that has been brought to pass during their entire term of office, in our estimation was successfully accomplished at this time, viz.: the closing of a deal whereby the city of St. Johns acquires possession of a supply of rock sufficient to cover every foot of all the streets of the city, and is the nearest available rock to the city. It is located about 200 feet from the ferry landing on the west side of the river in the canyon and gives a down hill pull to the ferry landing. This property was purchased from the West St. Johns Land company for $1200—$200 cash, $200 in 60 days and the balance in warrants payable one and two years distant. This puts the city on easy street so far as crushed rock is concerned, and we believe there is enough rock there to enable the city to sell enough to clear the entire purchase and leave enough for the city to use for a hundred years.

The matter of lowering the water pipes as the streets are improved came up at this time and it was decided that the contractors in bidding should include the lowering of the pipes when they had been placed according to franchise by the water company and when they were not placed deep enough by the company that the water company should be the one to lower the pipes at their own expense. The attorney was directed to draw up an ordinance to this effect.

The attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance creating the office of plumbing inspector and making the city engineer ex-officio plumbing inspector without extra pay.

Committee on the improvement of Lively street reported that Father Caples thought he should receive remuneration for his property this street would cut off and that by appraisers would be the most satisfactory way to him of arriving at the amount. No action taken.

On motion of Dobie the finance committee and recorder were instructed to redeem warrants in possession of Mr. Cochran.

On motion of Dobie, Swan's bid on Burlington street improvement was held over another week.

Application of O. C. Potts for renewal of his license was favorably reported by the license committee and after the expiration of 20 days grace to give opportunity for remonstrance, action will be taken by the council.

The city attorney was instructed to draw an ordinance changing the name of Modoc and Lively streets to Willis boulevard and Depot street to Fessenden street.

Fire in Pin Town

The children of North Fillmore street are playing house on a large scale. By gathering boards they have been enabled to erect a string of flats on the back part of a residence lot and on one of these structures was put the sign, "Pin Store" from which circumstance the embryotic city derived its name.

About noon Monday the alarm of fire was sounded. The fire department responded nobly. The first company consisted of a small boy and a smaller wash basin full of water. He was soon joined by a larger company with a five pound lard pail, these two companies were not sufficient to check the "devouring element" and the "lurid flames" were licking the roof of the pin store when a general alarm was turned in. This brought out the crack company of the department, a husky lad with a two-gallon bucket. Vigorous work by the three companies put out the fire on the inside of the merchantile house, but their engines did not have force enough to reach the fire on the roof and for a time the structure seemed doomed. Just at this juncture the petticoat brigade gracefully rounded the rear end of the building and with a fine flourish of hose put the finish to the conflagration by a well-directed dash of water from a 10-pound lard pail.

Away back in the old days of the last century, when old Albia, Iowa, and the writer were young, and we belonged to hose company No. 1, we were very proud of our petticoat brigade, for they frequently gave us oyster suppers and dances and made of us the heroes of the hour. Here in St. Johns, however, the crinoline company by its promptness and dash in action saved the day.

We have not ascertained the amount of the damage but it must have been several pins and there was no insurance.

This is the first fire in pin town and the fire department is deserving of much praise for its vigorous and successful fire fighting; particularly the crinoline company.

COMMUNICATED.

Editor Review: When St. Johns was first incorporated I, with a few other property owners agitated the improvement of streets, and especially Jersey street. After about one year's hard work we accomplished our purpose, though not without the opposition of one or two who were most benefitted. Two years ago I circulated a petition for the improvement of Fessenden street from center line of Bradford street to center line of Lively street. This petition was presented at council meeting May 22, 1906 with almost 1300 feet frontage with promise from non-resident property owners, of whom Edward Campbell with 650 feet, G. H. M. Greenwald, 130 and others. May 29 a remonstrance was filed representing 1690 feet. The petition, by order of council was ordered referred back to me for more signatures. When I again presented said petition it bore the signatures of property owners representing 2477 feet. I also presented a petition for improvement of Fessenden street from Lively to Chaple street with 303 feet with no remonstrance. July 24 the council passed a resolution directing the city engineer to estimate the cost of said improvement as petitioned for. Although more than the requisite number of feet was represented, and the council had been importuned singly and collectively nothing has been done to said street and the petition now lies peacefully asleep in the vaults of our new city hall. Again this last winter while I was sick at home I prepared a petition for the improvement of Fessenden street from the river to Charleston street and procured from 1600 to 1800 feet then turned it over to Mr. Penny of Oak Park for signatures at the east end. After he had secured a number of signers he, in turn, placed it in the hands of a member of the council but when called for, lo and behold it had been lost.

Again, Mr. Editor, I have prepared a petition for some improvement, and as there is one candidate in Ward 2 who has opposed said improvement, it will be well for every voter to exact a promise from each candidate before election that he will not oppose any public improvement, but that he promise to forward any improvement, especially street work, when the property owners comply with the charter and ask for it. To the council the property owners look for their salvation. Therefore, it behooves the voters and taxpayers to study the candidates well before election, for after that it is too late.

Yours respectfully,
P. HILL.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of Ernest E. Elliott, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Mary E. Elliott was on the 3rd day of March, 1908, duly appointed by the County Court of Multnomah county, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Ernest E. Elliott, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers attached thereto, to the said administratrix in the law office of H. E. Collier, in the Holbrook building, St. Johns, Oregon, within six months from and after the date of March 27, 1908, said date being the first publication of this notice. MARY E. ELLIOTT,
Administratrix of the estate of
20-24 Ernest E. Elliott, deceased.