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RESULT OF THE ELECTION

Statement Showing the Plurality or Majority Received by the Successful Candidates

The completed returns from the elections give the result of the county vote as follows, and while the man who voted for was not elected in every instance, and not every issue which we worked for carried, we are well satisfied with the results. We would like to change some of the figures and hope to help to do so at the next election:

County Commissioner—W. L. Lightner, plurality 16,437.
 Sheriff—R. L. Stevens, plurality 4,303.
 County Clerk—F. S. Fields, majority 19,395.
 County Treasurer—John M. Lewis, majority 18,142.
 County Assessor—B. D. Sigler, majority 18,417.
 County School Superintendent—R. F. Robinson, majority 17,874.
 County Surveyor—Philo Holbrook, Jr., plurality 11,628.
 County Coroner—Ben L. Norden, plurality 14,373.
 St. Johns district:
 Justice of the Peace—O. R. Downs, majority 531.
 Constable—W. S. Basey, majority, 352.
 Official figures on the initiative and referendum vote are:
 Equal Suffrage—Majority against 8,834.
 Increasing Legislators' Salaries—Majority against 10,783.
 Location State Institutions—Majority for 1,054.
 Increasing Supreme Court—Majority against 1,838.
 Changing Time of Elections—Majority for 10,810.
 Custody of County Prisoners—Majority for 8,453.
 Compulsory Pass Bill—Majority against 5,472.
 Army Appropriation—Majority against 74.
 University Appropriation—Majority for 9,390.
 Whitemen's Fish Bill—Majority for 2,405.
 Ready Bill—Majority for 924.
 Single Tax—Majority against 492.
 Recall—Majority for 8,431.
 Senatorial Insurrection—Majority for 11,564.
 Proportional Representation—Majority for 4,901.
 Corrupt Practices Act—Majority for 7,991.
 Astoria Fish Bill—Majority for 7,298.

Grand Jury Indictment—Majority for 7,260.
 Hood River County—Majority for 8,038.
 Port of Portland Bill—Majority for 12,013.
 Official figures on prohibition in precincts 89, 90 and 91 are: For, 531; against, 507; majority for, 24.

Hood River County Officials.
 Hood River, Ore., June 7—Hood River democrats made the first move toward providing Hood River county with a set of officers yesterday, when they held a meeting and nominated S. F. Blythe for county judge, G. D. Culbertson for county clerk, L. E. Morse for sheriff, M. M. Hill for county commissioner and V. C. Brock for county treasurer. The other officers, consisting of another commissioner, superintendent of schools, assessor and coroner, were not named owing to the fact that it was decided to let the republicans participate in forming the new county government and the selection of the latter was therefore left to members of the opposite party.

Several of the more radical of those present were in favor of naming a full set of officers and recommending their appointment, but were unable to secure votes enough to see it through.—Oregonian.

Some of the other boys think it should be divided more evenly between the two parties, and there may be some hair pulling.

We would like to be accused of butting in long enough to say to the best set of fellows that ever organized a county in any state: "Just hold your breath a minute boys, and do not get warm under the collar. Take warning from the Dalles. That city has been cutting its own throat regularly for the past quarter of a century. Don't scrap, boys. Let the democrats have the first whack at it, as there is a democratic governor who was elected by the republicans to do the appointing of the first set of officers, and there are enough republicans to elect all the second set of officers, so that the democrats will have no other opportunity. Be good, boys, and let them have it this time."

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DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting Session Tuesday Evening in Which a Large Budget of Municipal Business Was Disposed of

All members were present at the ninth regular meeting of the common council in the council chamber last Tuesday evening and the mayor called the lads to order at 8:10. The first number on the program was a brief address by a representative of A. B. Long, who endeavored to interest the council in the purchase of a new fire bell. He offered a fine new McChane bell, the best bell that is on the market today, at 39 cents per pound and a 50-foot steel tower for \$105. This tower with a 1500-pound bell would cost the city \$690. The city fathers, however, are hedging, and laid the matter on the table for the present.

On motion of Hunter the time for meeting was made at 8 o'clock sharp instead of 7:30 p. m., 40 minutes late every evening.

Petition of citizens near Cedar Park to have Fessenden street placed in better condition by filling some of the big chuckholes was read, placed on file and the matter referred to the street committee.

Mr. Seales, who presented the petition, stated that the street there was so rough that it made the drivers of their delivery wagons seakick and if the street was not smoothed up he would have to hire an able seaman to drive for him. It seems there is not a full street dedicated there and until this is done there can be no permanent improvement made.

Communication from the city engineer recommending that the city adopt a standard plan and cross-section for sidewalk and street construction by ordinance so as to insure uniformity in these improvements. After some discussion the city attorney and engineer were instructed to draft an ordinance covering the matter and creating a standard for such construction.

Communication of A. R. Jones expressing his appreciation of the honor the council would confer upon him by electing him to serve the remainder of the year in place of Alderman Tyron, stated that because of the interference of his private business he would not be able to serve them. The many friends of Mr. Jones will be sorry that he could not find it convenient to accept the position.

The city engineer filed plans and profile for improvement of Polk street from Jersey to Willamette Boulevard and the matter was referred to the street committee to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Windle of the street committee reported that he thought it was necessary for the engineer to establish the property lines along Bradford street from Richmond to Fessenden in order that the committee might be able to report intelligently regarding the obstructions alleged to be on that street. On motion by Windle the engineer was instructed to perform this service.

There were two bills on the bonds for the city docks, one by our own bank, the Peninsula bank, which offers a premium of \$4287, and the other by S. A. Kean, of Chicago offering a premium of but \$600. On motion of Blinham the matter was referred to the finance committee to report at the next meeting.

In the matter of the Kellogg improvement the report of the engineer with profile was accepted and placed on file on motion of Hunter, and on motion of Johnson the engineer was directed to give Mr. Keeney grade stakes for his sidewalk so that he could finish the same.

Plans of the engineer for the improvement of Buchanan street were accepted and placed on file on motion of Davis.

Bill of Carpenter Wright for work on the treasurer's room was allowed, \$39.59, and ordered paid.

The fireworks ordinance produced some pyrotechnic display of oratory, or in the language of the street philosopher, "rag chewing." After a lengthy discussion it ended in a little ordinance granting merchants permission to sell fireworks. No change was made in the old fireworks ordinance, which compels all who would celebrate the national birthday in this time honored fashion, to call on the mayor and secure a special permit. We were not a member of the council and it does not look good to us to butt in and disturb their deliberations with our personal views, but we wished

very much to call attention to the impossibility of getting the young people, boys and men and some of the girls, to call on Mayor Brice and state the hour and place where they wish to shoot off their fireworks on that day, and also the impossibility of our good looking chief of police to capture all the young Americans who will surely celebrate the day or perish in the attempt. Why would it not be wise to make an ordinance permitting the firing of these noise producers on vacant lots away from buildings where any damage might occur, and prohibit their firing on streets where teams might become frightened and run away causing loss of life or property. We believe such action on the part of the city fathers would be favorably received by all the citizens and would save a great deal of annoyance to both the people and the officers who serve them.

The liquor ordinance made its final passage after considerable discussion and trimming by the council.

On motion of Davis council met as committee of the whole to consider candidates for councilman to succeed Mr. Tyron. After some deliberation the names of Perry J. Miller and George Epps were placed in nomination and upon the ballot being canvassed Mr. Miller was found to have received four votes, one was blank and one was for Mr. Epps. Mr. Miller was therefore declared elected.

Apostles Blown Up.
 In a game that was close and interesting up to the last half of the eighth inning the Salem team of the Tri-City League defeated the St. Johns Apostles June 7 by a score of 6 to 1. The first score was made by Edwards, of Salem, in the second inning, and this was tied by St. Johns in the third. No more scores were made until Salem landed another in the seventh, and through a series of well-placed hits and a bad throw over second, the Cherry Pickers ran four men across the home plate in the eighth.

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AN ARTICLE ON THE BIBLE

A Few New Thoughts Advanced and Published at the Request of J. H. Leiper

Editor St. Johns Review: I feel free to ask a hearing in any publication issued in the best interests of the public, for the consideration of the above topic, because in the judgment of both its friends and its foes it is the most active agency in the propagation of the christian religion and the most formidable foe of irreligion. After all, may not these two facts—which no one can truthfully deny—account for the antagonistic attitudes of the friends and foes of the Bible? That its influence on men and communities is purifying and uplifting it is folly to deny. To forbid or discourage its being read by any or all classes of people is cruel and despotic. It is snatching bread from the mouths of the starving. That there may be honest doubt as to the divine source of the bible I freely admit. But a man may be honestly wrong even in a most important matter. For the help of the honest skeptic allow me through the columns of your paper to offer some thoughts. It may add to their worth for the reader to know that the writer has made the Bible his chief study for more than fifty years.

First, the inspiration christians claim for the Bible does not make its writers mere scribes but holds them to have written "as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," so that they erred not either in the records of history, the predictions of future events or the expression of divine truth. No honest person of intelligence can or will deny that prophecy has been fulfilled. For example, the details of the crucifixion of Christ were predicted a thousand years before that awful event took place, in the 22d Psalm. Some persons hold religion responsible for the bad sayings and the bad conduct of some of the Bible characters. The Bible represents David as being "a man after God's heart" (1st Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22). Yet the inspired record preserves an account of David's double crime in the seduction of Bathsheba and the virtual murder of her husband to cover his crime. Also his rebuke of Nathan, the prophet of God; followed by accounts of most fearful demonstrations of the divine displeasure in fulfillment of Nathan's prediction, viz: "The sword shall never depart from thy house."

This is one example of many of the faithfulness of Bible history in exposing the wrong doing of its characters as well as relating their righteous acts; and both for the betterment of the race. Nor is it just and right to place such men as David in the list of reprobates because of the double crime so faithfully recorded against him. It is a matter of history that George Washington once was fined for profanity uttered in the presence of a justice, but it is well known that he was a devoted, praying christian, that he went into battle after having retired for prayer. The single case of profanity which occurred under provocation in an unguarded moment was utterly out of character with the tenor of his life. We can truthfully say of George Washington, as it is written of King David: "He was a man after God's heart."

I challenge skeptics to point to a single verse or record in the Bible where moral wrong is excused or sanctioned. Perverted interpretation and mistranslation and human depravity are responsible for the unjust assaults made upon the Bible. Skeptics discard the Bible for another reason, viz: It represents God as punishing the agents of crime notwithstanding the sin committed was a link in the chain of circumstances to bring about the consummation of the divine purpose. The most notable case of this kind is the part Judas took in securing the crucifixion of Christ, without which event the prophetic scriptures would not have been fulfilled nor the salvation of sinners accomplished. Now let us reflect that it is the motive that gives moral quality to an action. Was it the motive of Judas to furnish the world with a Savior or to obtain the thirty pieces of silver? If skeptics would know what the Divine Author of the Bible thought about the treachery of Judas a thousand years before it was committed, let them read the first twenty verses of the 10th Psalm and then read Peter's inspired application thereof as recorded in the second chapter Acts of Apostles (Continued on page 2)

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