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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President: THEODORE ROOSEVELT Of New York. For Vice President: CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS Of Indiana.

Presidential Electors: J. N. Hart, of Polk. G. B. Dimick, of Clackamas. A. C. Hough, of Josephine. J. A. Fee, of Umatilla.

THE PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY.

The political pot is already seething in Clackamas County. This statement is a positive fact although it is not generally known to the people of the county. Wires are being laid and schemes are in course of formation by which the few who have for years manipulated the affairs of Clackamas county to their own political advancement and pecuniary advantage, propose to retain their self-appropriated right to name candidates for office and control the affairs of city, county and state.

In doing this these dictators do not recognize the Direct Primary Nominating Law which does not contemplate perpetuating the political boss in his dictatorial role. On the contrary, the measure which was so nearly unanimously endorsed by the people provides a different order. The power to name candidates for office, suggest and modify legislation is vested entirely with the people.

In view of the confidence that was expressed by the voters last June in the Direct Primary Law to properly regulate the making of nominations, it would seem that some of the politicians of Clackamas County had better be somewhat cautious and not resort too much to political trickery in order to carry their point. The people may refuse to ratify nominations that smack too much of machine methods.

CLACKAMAS WILL BE THERE.

Clackamas county will have a notable exhibit of its resources at the Lewis & Clark Fair at Portland in 1905. The geographical location of the county with respect to the place of exhibition and the possibilities of the county along agricultural lines warrant the making of the exhibit which should be collected and displayed at nominal cost to the county. The management of the 1905 Fair agrees to purchase all county exhibits that are made at one-half their actual cost, provided the maximum amount to be allowed any one county shall not exceed \$500. Much good will result to Clackamas county in a comprehensive exhibit of its products.

In the absence of an energetic Board of Trade or other commercial body, Clackamas county, of late years has received but little publicity and the benefits enjoyed by this locality in the way of extensive settlement of county by home-seekers have been correspondingly limited. It is, then, quite proper that some effort should be made to acquaint the Lewis and Clark Fair visitors with the fact that Clackamas county is not only on the map, but that, as one of the richest agricultural counties in the state, it offers exceptional opportunities to the industrious home-seeker. With an intelligent exhibit of the resources of the county it will be found that the benefits that will follow will amply compensate all expenditures in that behalf.

Judge Ryan is in receipt of a resolution by the Lewis & Clark State Commission, appropriating the sum of \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$200 to the four counties making the best exhibit at the fair next year. This is offered as premium money and is additional to the offer to reimburse each county \$500 when it has expended \$1000.

Watch Clackamas.

A competent general committee has been named and with the enthusiastic interest that has been taken in the project by the farmers and producers from every section of the county in the project by the farmers and producer that Clackamas county's interests will be thoroughly represented and zealously advocated at the 1905 Fair.

WOULD GRANT FRANCHISE ANYWAY.

It is clearly evident that six of the nine members of the city council are determined to pass the ordinance now under consideration by the terms of which a perpetual franchise is given the Southern Pacific Company to Railroad Avenue, an unending franchise not only to the rights now enjoyed, but additional rights as to construction of tracks and practically undisputed possession of Railroad Avenue. The railroad company's representatives have dictated or caused to be amended to their own satisfaction the ordinance as it is now pending before the council and it seems as though the time had arrived for the members of the council to assert themselves in the premises and secure to the city remunerative values for the valuable concessions proposed to be made.

At Monday night's meeting, the citizen's committee certainly relieved itself of the odium that has been credited to the members of that committee who have been charged with being actuated in their opposition to the franchise entirely because of their hostility to the South End Road. It suggested to the council that the matter of providing the underground subway crossings be eliminated from the franchise, that the cost of installing the subways be expended in the completion of the South End Road which would insure a good road properly constructed—the railroad company to receive in return a franchise for twenty-five years. But this suggestion did not appeal to the council, which, it is a safe guess, will pass the ordinance as presented and amended Monday night except the members of that body be legally enjoined. This step will in all probability be taken by the members of the citizen's committee who are just as determinedly opposed to the granting of a perpetual franchise as are the members of the council determined to give the railroad company such a franchise. Litigation is almost certain to ensue before the franchise is finally disposed of and in that event the franchise may be made the issue in the annual municipal election in December when a Mayor and three councilmen are to be elected.

"The railroad company is a party to this contract, in fact the first party, and has thus far had but little to say." The foregoing is to say the least an unusual statement for a member of a city council to make.

DO WE WANT PROHIBITION?

Next month the voters of Clackamas county will decide by their ballots whether or not we are to have prohibition in this county. As predicted last June, the adoption of the Local Option measure was but a step preliminary to introducing Prohibition in November.

It has been decided by the Anti-Saloon people that the county and not the precinct shall constitute the unit in this county. The local temperance people proposed to conduct the fight making the precinct the unit, but the State Prohibition Alliance stole a march and secured the introduction and circulation of petitions calling for a vote by the county. Clackamas county cannot be carried for strict prohibition as is proposed under the guise of Local Option. A great majority of the single precincts will go dry as they already are, but it is extremely doubtful if a single precinct in which a saloon is now operated will be carried by the prohibition people.

The saloon men contend that an undue advantage is taken by the Prohibition people in making the county rather than the precinct the unit for the reason that they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. When county is made the unit, then if prohibition does not carry the county it will be enforced in such precincts as go dry. For this reason the liquor men insist that in a spirit of fairness the precinct should be made the unit.

There exists no valid objection from any source to submitting the subject to a vote by precinct. The saloon-man favors such a plan, believing that it should rest with the precinct itself whether liquor shall be dispensed within its boundaries.

Since Prohibition does not prohibit, it is a reasonable conclusion that a regularly licensed saloon, bonded to conduct an orderly business in compliance with all legal requirements, should be tolerated in preference to the "blind pig" that experience has proven is the certain product of the introduction of Prohibition and the strict enforcement of its provisions.

Under present conditions, a saloon can be established in any precinct only when a petition, signed by a majority of the legal voters of that precinct, is presented to the county court. A remonstrance, having the same representation, defeats the application for a saloon license for any particular locality. Could anything more fair be asked?

The saloon, may therefore, be considered a necessary evil. And in considering this question, there is a business aspect to the situation. Take for instance Oregon City. Last year the aggregate of the receipts of the city was about \$9000 and of that amount \$4900 came from saloon licenses. In other words, eliminate the saloons from Oregon City and the tax levy for this municipality must be doubled in order to produce the same revenue. While the subject is not to be considered alone from a business point of view, still the result of reducing by fifty per cent the revenue of a municipality that has an indebtedness approximating \$100,000 and is already making the maximum tax levy is not difficult to foresee.

PRESBYTERY DISSOLVE RELATIONS

Rev. F. H. Mixsell is Relieved of Pastorate of Presbyterian Church.

By order of the Presbytery, held at Fairview this week, the pastoral relations existing between Rev. Frank H. Mixsell and the First Presbyterian church of this city were dissolved. The resolution adopted by the Presbytery and providing for this dissolution also, made other provision as follows: That the present elders of the church cease to act, such action to be effective October 21; that Rev. Henry Marcotte have charge of the congregational meeting to elect new elders, and to act as moderator of the church session until the next meeting of the Presbytery in April 1906, at Calvary Plains church, Washington county.

In reporting the case the Oregonian had the following: "The familiar story was again threshed out, that the young people connected with the Oregon City Church opposed the proposal that Rev. Mr. Mixsell should leave to become an evangelist missionary, and that the elders, representing the older element in the congregation, were willing that the minister should go to another field of activity."

"It is not known whether the star chamber session was a stormy one or not, as the clerical party did not take the newspaper men into their confidence, but from a report furnished last night by one of the ministers present at the meeting, the evidence heard was not of a disagreeable nature."

"Nothing was said that affected the character of Rev. Mr. Mixsell or any of the elders, or any one connected with the Oregon City church," went on this minister. "The presbytery stepped into the breach at the right time, and has brought the matter to an amicable settlement. Better to stop in just now, than wait until there is any hair-puller. Certain people expected something disagreeable at the session, but nothing of this nature came before us, and the evidence was quite a surprise. The trouble seemed a small one. But we think that a change in the pastoral relations will be beneficial both to Rev. Mr. Mixsell and the Oregon City church. Rev. Mr. Mixsell is a young man and he can easily get an appointment in this or some other area."

The following are findings of the Presbytery: "After a careful consideration of all the facts presented, we find that there is nothing in the evidence which is in any way prejudicial to the ministerial character or personal standing of the Rev. F. H. Mixsell, nor prejudicial to the personal character or standing of the elders of the church."

"Nevertheless, in view of the lack of cooperation between the pastor and the session and the strained relations in the church, for the peace and prosperity of the church, we recommend:

"First—That the pastoral relations existing between Rev. F. H. Mixsell and the First Presbyterian church of Oregon City, be dissolved, to take effect October 21, 1905.

"Second—That the Presbytery declare that the seven elders of said church cease to act, to take effect October 21, 1905.

"Third—That a congregational meeting of said church be held in the church on Wednesday, November 2, 1905, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing elders, and that the stated clerk of the Presbytery publish suitable notice of the congregational meeting in the church; that Rev. H. Marcotte be requested to act as moderator of said meeting;

"Fourth—That Rev. H. Marcotte be requested to arrange for the installation of and install the newly elected elders and be appointed moderator of the session until the Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

"Fifth—That all papers in this case, except the sessional and congregational records, be placed in the hands of the stated clerk of Presbytery.

Attest: A. J. MONTGOMERY, Stated Clerk.

Worth Attending.

The musicale that is to be given at the First Congregational church Friday evening, October 21, by the members of the faculty of Pacific University, will be a treat. This concert will be given under the auspices of the Saturday club which has the assurance that the musicale is of a high order. The members of the faculty of the Forest Grove University are capable musicians and there is little doubt but that the program of next Friday evening will be one of merit and worth.

Many Mothers of a Like Opinion.

Mrs. Pilmer, of Cardova, Iowa, says: "One of my children was subject to a cough of a serious type, and the giving of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly always brought relief. Many mothers in this neighborhood think the same as I do about this remedy and want no other kind for their children." For sale by G. A. Harding.

REPORTS ARE MADE

OFFICIALS SHOW CONDITION OF COUNTY'S FINANCES.

Indebtedness of Year Ago is Reduced—Current Expenses are Increasing.

The Enterprise was delayed this week because of preparing for publication the semi-annual reports of the county officers.

The reports which will be found on page 5, reveal an improved financial condition in county affairs. While the expenses of the county are gradually increasing because of a resumption of road improvement work throughout the county, the net indebtedness of the county has been reduced in the last twelve months.

In October, 1905, the total indebtedness of the county was \$144,908.82 and at this time the liabilities of the county aggregate \$197,277.40. The total of outstanding warrants is \$123,901.92 for the payment of which there is cash on hand and estimated unpaid taxes applicable to the amount of \$15,773.62. The current expenses of the county are increasing.

For the last six months the county government cost \$49,894.67, as against \$25,511.98 for the preceding six months, and \$29,905.72 for the corresponding half-year in 1904.

Treasurer Cahill's report shows the following balances in the various funds in his keeping on October 1: General fund, \$11,275.62; Road fund, \$1,913.89; Indigent fund, \$55.95; County School fund, \$14,909.36; State School fund, \$12,547.38.

PROPOSES BUILDING DRIVEWAY

County Judge Ryan Would Entertain 1905 Fair Visitors.

"I would be glad to interest the Multnomah county court and secure its assistance in building a driveway between Portland and Oregon City," said County Judge Ryan this week. "Such a driveway should be laid out and completed before the Lewis & Clark Fair is well started next year." continued the Clackamas county judge. "It could easily be of a circuitous itinerary, covering both sides of the river."

"The driveway could extend up the west side of the Willamette river, crossing the suspension bridge at Oregon City and thence to Portland either by the Milwaukee road or up the Clackamas river via the Hatchery. Beautiful scenery is offered along such a route. A lookout station at Elk Rock, on the dividing line of the two counties on the West Side, would furnish an excellent view-point for the tourist. Such a drive would prove popular among visitors to the 1905 Fair and would be a very material aid in acquainting visitors with the grand natural scenery this section offers."

"Along such a drive the Willamette river would be in almost constant view in addition to four snow-clad mountain peaks while the matchless scenery of the Clackamas river could also be appreciated."

Judge Ryan is of the opinion that there is sufficient travel over the roads suggested to warrant the expending of the amount of money that would be required to produce a properly completed driveway without giving the Fair features of the proposition any consideration. He will take up the matter with the members of the Multnomah county court and seek to have the driveway completed before the opening of the Fair next year. Much of the road is already in excellent condition and the balance of the roadway could be placed in proper condition at but slight cost.

COMFORTING WORDS.

Many Oregon City Households Will Find Them So.

"To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed; to be entirely free from urinary disorders is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. To tell how this great change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of Oregon City readers."

Mrs. Painter, wife of J. W. Painter, expression, living at 310 East Seventh street, Portland, says: "I have had more or less kidney trouble all my life. When quite a young girl I had a severe spell of sickness and all who knew me thought I was going to die. I finally recovered, but ever after my kidneys bothered me, there were headaches, dizziness, and could no more lie on my left side than I could fly and could not stoop to pick anything off the floor without working my self up gradually by placing my hands on my hips. In addition to this there were headaches, dizziness and trouble with the kidney secretions for all of which I doctored and used more than one remedy said to be a sure cure for such annoyances. Nothing brought me relief compared with that received from Doan's Kidney Pills. The result, stamp that remedy as one fully up to representations made for it."

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COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL CONFER.

Clackamas Assesses Railroads Higher Than Does Multnomah.

F. S. Field and Carl Brandes, county clerk and auditor, respectively, of Multnomah county, held a conference with Clerk Sleight and Recorder Stevens Tuesday afternoon with reference to the holding of a convention of the clerks and recorders of the state. It will be held at Portland, November 25 and 26. The four gentlemen are members of a committee that was appointed at a former convention of these county officers to arrange for the holding of another convention some time this year.

These officers were much pleased with the present ownership maps that are in use in the office of Assessor Nelson. By

comparing notes, it was disclosed that both railroads and street railways are assessed at a greater valuation in Clackamas county than in Multnomah. Clackamas assesses railroads at \$400 per mile and street railways at \$3500 per mile while these corporations in Multnomah county pay taxes on a valuation of only \$1000 and \$2500, respectively per mile.

This state of affairs suggests to Assessor Nelson the need for holding a convention of the assessors of the state that a more equitable assessment of corporations may be had. For a number of years the assessors of the state held conferences annually but the practice was abandoned. Assessor Nelson will agitate the holding of these conventions again for the good they are capable of doing.

CLACKAMAS POMONA GRANGE.

Fifth Degree Conferred on Large Class of Husbandmen.

The Clackamas County District Pomona Grange met Wednesday, October 12, with Clackamas Grange. The Granges of the county were reported to be in good condition except Electric Grange of Burlington, which appears to have gone out of existence. Mrs. Waldo, state lecturer, and G. B. Leady of Zigardville, master of the state Grange, were present and gave several inspiring talks.

The forenoon was taken up largely with routine work. A fine dinner was served.

In the afternoon a motion was made to retain the present officers in their respective chairs for another year. Edwin Bates, gatekeeper, resigned and Mr. Fox-Bear, steward, also resigned and Mr. Burnell, of Milwaukie, was elected to succeed him.

A resolution favoring an anti-paw law was unanimously carried. Wm. Board, of Maple Lane, introduced a resolution favoring the establishment of public urinals in Oregon City. The resolution carried and Board, Shank and Lewis were named a committee to carry it into effect.

In the evening a large class was initiated in the fifth degree. Judge Ryan, Weldon Shanks and Prof. McCann were among the numbers. The evening closed with an excellent program in charge of

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H. G. Starkweather, lecturer. The next Pomona will be held with Harding Grange, the second Wednesday in January.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed at Howell & Jones, druggists.

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