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VOTERS HEAR REPUBLICANS

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY POSITIONS TALK TO PEOPLE IN MANY PRECINCTS.

ARE GREETED WARMLY

County Convention Will Be Held in Oregon City Next Saturday Afternoon to Elect Delegates to State Convention.

Candidates on the Republican ticket for county offices addressed the voters of Harmony at the schoolhouse Tuesday night, and Wednesday night went to Needy, where they talked in Thompson's hall. Thursday night's meeting was held at Frog Pond schoolhouse in Tualatin precinct, and tonight the candidates will go to Viola. The week of campaigning will close Saturday night at Barlow. Chairman Stipp, of the Republican county central committee, has arranged the following itinerary for next week:

Logan, Monday, May 11; Colton, Tuesday, May 12; Highland, Tuesday, May 12; Oswego, Wednesday, May 13; Pleasant Hill, Thursday, May 14; Springfield, Friday, May 15; Estacada, Saturday, May 16. All of these meetings will be held in the evening at 8 o'clock except the Colton meeting, which is scheduled for 1 o'clock in the afternoon of next Tuesday.

C. W. Pope, W. H. Howell, J. C. Bradley, H. W. Trombath, G. A. Brown, R. Koerner and T. F. Ryan have been elected delegates from Oregon City No. 1 precinct to the Republican county convention, which will be held in Oregon City next Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

REPUBLICANS ON STUMP.

Candidates for County Offices Hold Meetings Every Night This Week.

The Republicans of Clackamas County opened their campaign Monday night in Eagle Creek, and most of the candidates banded together and delivered addresses in support of the cause. The itinerary for this week was Harmony on Tuesday, Needy on Wednesday and Tualatin on Thursday. The candidates go to Viola on Friday and Barlow on Saturday.

The Republicans are entirely sanguine of success in the coming June election. The Democrats will make a strenuous effort to defeat the Republican nominees for sheriff, assessor and commissioner, but without any tangible hope of success. There seems to be a well grounded disposition on the part of the Republicans of Clackamas County this year to vote the ticket straight from United States Senator down to Constable, and party success is apparently unquestioned.

The county convention of the Republicans of Clackamas will be held in Oregon City at 1 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. It is very probable that the delegation of eleven to the state convention will be pledged to the support of C. G. Huntley for delegate to the national convention at Chicago. The prospects for Mr. Huntley's election as delegate are bright, as it is evident there is a willingness on the part of the delegates from the northern and central portions of the Willamette Valley to give one delegate to Clackamas.

County Convention Tomorrow.
The Republican county convention will be held tomorrow to elect delegates to the state convention. It is improbable that instructions will be given the delegation for Taft, or any other candidate, and there is an indication that a split delegation will be chosen. Of the eleven delegates, at least three may be Bourne men.

Highland Socialists Organize.
The Clackamas County Socialists held their regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon in Knapp's Hall. The attendance was fair and several new members were admitted. A charter for a precinct branch of the Socialist party was voted to the members at Highland. Several short addresses were made by various members and the meeting closed by an address on "Organization," by Elijah Coalman, candidate for Representative. The Socialists adjourned to meet the first Sunday in June.

DEMOCRATS OPEN CAMPAIGN.

Make Dates for First Week in Eastern Clackamas.

The Democratic stalwarts of Clackamas are starting into the campaign preceding the June election, with a determination to make the fur fly and the fact that they are in an almost hopeless minority in Clackamas County is nothing to them. Chairman Cooke and Secretary Eby, of the central committee, have arranged the following itinerary for the first of their three weeks campaign, as follows: Monday, May 11, Damascus; Tuesday, May 12, Eagle Creek; Wednesday, May 13, Sandy; Thursday, May 14, Cherrystone and George; Friday, May 15, Estacada; Saturday, May 16, Logan. All of these meetings will be held in the evening and on Thursday the party will divide, some of the candidates going to Cherrystone and others to George. The Democrats have no candidates this year for the offices of clerk, treasurer,

school superintendent or surveyor. The Democratic county central committee held a love feast Monday. Harvey G. Starkweather was elected state committeeman. The untrifled will make a three weeks campaign of Clackamas County commencing next Monday and promise to make it warm. State Senator Hedges is prominently mentioned as a delegate from Oregon to the national convention in Denver.

On Trial for Wife Beating.
Seth P. Smith, charged with wife beating, entered a plea of guilty and his case was set for trial Saturday. Smith was arrested Tuesday night upon complaint of Ernest Frost, in whose home Mrs. Smith and her children found refuge. He has been intoxicated a number of times, and when in this condition abuses his family. In default of \$250 bonds, he has been committed to the county jail.

Mrs. Esther Abbie Smith, fearing her husband would do her bodily injury if an opportunity offered, yesterday obtained a restraining order forbidding him to interfere with her in any way. Mrs. Smith entered suit



William H. Mattoon, candidate on the Republican ticket for Commissioner, comes from Viola, and in the primaries he had the almost unanimous support of the people of Eastern Clackamas where he is best known. Mr. Mattoon has many qualifications for the office to which he has been nominated and one of these is the success he has made of his own private interests. He favors good roads, and an economical administration of the affairs of the county. The people's interests will be carefully guarded by Mr. Mattoon during the four years he will be upon the bench.

for a divorce, stating that he threatened to kill her, and would cut her throat Tuesday night, but for the interference of neighbors. She says he locked her out of doors in her night clothes, that though earning good wages, he has squandered them in drink and failed to provide for his family of four children. The injured wife asks for \$30 a month alimony.

MADISON STREET IS IN FINE CONDITION

COUNCIL WILL ENACT A FIRE LIMIT ORDINANCE, TAKING IN FIVE BLOCKS.

The city fathers held a long session Wednesday night and transacted a vast amount of business, adjourning at a late hour until Friday evening of next week, when a meeting will be held to take up unfinished matters. The Madison street improvement, which was made at a cost of \$18,000 is complete and Contractor Harry Jones has been paid for the work except \$4000, which is held for 35 days pending the final approval and acceptance of the improvement by the council.

There will be no other street improvements for awhile, with the exception of the improvement of Eleventh street, which has already been ordered and should have been made long ago. This proposed improvement has been held up, however, and Wednesday night an ordinance was enacted repealing the vacation of a portion of this street, and also making the whole thoroughfare Eleventh street, abolishing the name of Moss street, by which a portion of the street has been designated.

S. Kilpatrick asked the council to hold up the final payment to Contractor Jones on the Madison street, stating that rock had been dumped on his property, breaking down his fences, and he wants a settlement from the contractor. The matter was referred to a committee.

The ordinance granted to the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company permission to construct switches and side tracks to connect with the main track of the O. W. P. & Ry. Co. was read first time, and the ordinance establishing fire limits was ordered drawn by a special committee. The fire limits will extend from Third to Eighth streets and will not embrace the Hawley property nor the woolen mills.

The resignation of City Engineer H. H. Johnson was accepted.

The petition for the improvement of Taylor street was denied as the money is not available.

Matlock on Prohibition.
J. D. Matlock, mayor of Eugene, will aid the local option element in Clackamas County to force the saloon out of business, in a speech at the Shively Theatre Friday evening, May 15. He will talk on "Civic Righteousness," with special reference to the campaign for Prohibition.

RAILWAY TO MOLALLA FROM OREGON CITY

F. M. Swift, Backed Heavily By Eastern Capital, May Take Over Local Project and Start Construction Next Fall

Assurance is given for the construction of an electric railway from Oregon City to a point near Marquam, in the southern end of Clackamas County, through the Molalla section of the county, by F. M. Swift, who has for some months been promoting the establishment of a plant for the manufacture of cement. It is reported that there are immense deposits of material for the manufacture of cement near Marquam and Mr. Swift, who is heavily backed by Eastern capital, has obtained possession of practically all of the land that embrace the deposits, and has already expended about \$10,000 in development work.

Mr. Swift had tentative plans laid for the construction of a railway from his plant to Mt. Angel. The distance is short. He had made his surveys and had also looked over the field from the Molalla country, with terminus at Canby. Aside from the surveys nothing definite had been accomplished, when Mr. Swift met Lewellyn Adams, a well known merchant of this city, and Mr. Adams called his attention to the project of the Oregon City, Beaver Creek and Molalla Railway, which was formed two years ago by local men, with the object of building a steam railroad from Oregon City to Molalla and Willhoit Springs, through Mullino, Beaver Creek and Liberal. Mr. Swift lost no time in getting into touch with local promoters, and as a result it is very probable that the work they have done will be diverted to the Swift project, and he will take up their right of way and building a line from Oregon City, starting up the Abernethy and running to Marquam.

Engineer Loring, representing Mr.

Swift, is now in the field looking over the situation, and if the farmers along the proposed route do not stand in their own light, the prospects for the construction of the road will be bright. Mr. Swift is much impressed with the possibilities of the proposed line, believing that the rich territory would make the road pay from the start. He proposes to ship barrels of cement daily and by coming to Oregon City will have the advantage of either rail or water transportation. The right of way has already been secured from Marquam to Mullino, and nearly through Buckner Creek, and construction is expected to commence next fall.

Mr. Loring was in the city yesterday and stated that it is not Mr. Swift's intention to stop at Marquam, but that the road will be built on to Scotts Mills, where there are large deposits of coal and that rights of way have already been obtained nearly to Scotts Mills. It is more than probable that the railway will be extended on to the timber belt, and tap the rich resources of timber in southern Clackamas.

Stilas Wright, of Liberal, has agreed to give the company the necessary ground for depot privileges, and C. T. Howard, of Mullino, has also come to the front with all of the ground for the depot and side tracks that is required. Joseph Meyers, of Marquam, has promised the depot grounds at his town. These are three points where the site of the depot grounds have been definitely determined. The railway will pass within one-quarter mile of Molalla corner, but the depot there has not yet been located.

CHARLES PALMER DROWNED.

Logger Falls into Pond at Noon's Sawmill.

Charles Palmer was drowned Monday morning at Noon's sawmill four miles east of Molalla corner. He was floating logs in the mill pond, when he lost his balance and fell off, and drowned in sight of the logging crew. It is known that Palmer was able to swim and it was accordingly supposed that his rescue could be effected without difficulty, but it is presumed that he was seized with a cramp or was struck by some obstacle and he quickly sank out of sight. The body was recovered. Palmer was 20 years of age, and had no relatives in this community so far as is known. He was a recent arrival at the sawmill. The information concerning the sad affair was communicated to Coroner Holman and after ascertaining the facts, he concluded that an inquest was unnecessary.

LICENSE TOWN DOGS.

Rod and Gun Club Will Help Impartial Enforcement of Law.

The Oregon City Rod and Gun Club got in action Friday and passed resolutions declaring it the sense of the association that every dog in Oregon City should be licensed. The recent edict of Mayor Carl which ordered the strict enforcement of the dog license ordinance was fully discussed and a committee consisting of Bert Roake, John F. Clark, J. J. Cooke, Charles Wright and George Ely, was appointed to confer with the Mayor and offer the assistance of the Rod and Gun Club in insisting that the provisions of the ordinance be strictly complied with. It is stated by the officers of the club that there is no objection among the members to the law, except that in the past a remarkable low percentage of the owners of dogs have cheerfully paid their licenses and hundreds of diseased and unlicensed dogs have been allowed to roam the streets at will.

The following officers were chosen: John F. Clark, president; J. J. Cooke, vice-president; Charles Wright, secretary; C. G. Miller, treasurer. Bert Roake, T. P. Randall and George Campbell were appointed a committee on grounds. The West Oregon City grounds that were used last year were not satisfactory and while the committee has no definite location in view, they hope to secure a place with a clear skylight.

Myers Buys Undertaking Business.

The firm of Shank & Bissel have sold their undertaking business to Tom J. Myers of this city, formerly in the employ of J. P. Finley & Son of Portland. Mr. Shank will continue in charge of the business until June 1, and, with his wife, will spend the summer in Southern Oregon, where they have property interests, and they will visit friends in Eastern Oregon before returning to Oregon City.

Grand Theatre Opens.

The Grand Theatre was opened Saturday night in the Stratton building by Schram & Simmons. The building was formerly occupied by Mellin's furniture store and has been fitted up with an electric piano and other necessary paraphernalia for a moving picture show. This is the second affair of this kind to be installed in Oregon City.

for the last 15 years. He is survived by a widow and six children, as follows: Mrs. J. W. Johnson, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Etta McCoy, of Forest Grove; Miss Anna Fisher, J. D. C. D. and August Fisher of Oregon City. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Rev. W. R. Kraxberger, pastor of the German Lutheran Church, officiating. The body was interred in Mountain View cemetery.

PAPERMAKERS BEAT SALEM.

Win Game from Capital City and Score a Shut-out.
The Papermakers returned from Salem Sunday night, having won from the Capital team by a score of 4 to 0. Robinson was in fine form and shut out the lawmakers, while Kelt was very efficient at the receiving end. The battery for Salem was Jerman and Heyser. Oregon City secured six hits and one error was registered against them, while Salem had four hits and as many errors. The Papermakers now have a percentage of 600, having won three games and lost two, one to the Frakes and one to Vancouver.



James U. Campbell is one of the best known men in politics in Clackamas, and his re-nomination for Representative was a conclusive endorsement of his record in the legislature two years ago. Mr. Campbell was for several years chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and he was an energetic leader. No candidate for the legislature could be better qualified than he, and his watchfulness at the last session was responsible for the pruning down and defeat of many useless appropriations.

The Frakes lead with a percentage of 1000, playing four games and winning all of them, while St. John follows with a record of four won and one lost, its percentage being 800. Woodburn has a percentage of 714 with five games won and two lost. Vancouver has made an even break, winning three and losing the same number. Their percentage is 500. Salem follows next in the list with a percentage of 429, winning three and losing four, and then comes East Portland, winning three, and losing five showing a percentage of 375. The Albina wanderers have lost every one of the seven games played.

GLADSTONE TO ISSUE BONDS FOR BUILDINGS

WORK WILL SOON COMMENCE ON NEW SCHOOL HOUSE FOR OCCUPANCY NEXT FALL.

By a vote of 52 to 1 the taxpayers of the new Gladstone school district Monday afternoon voted to issue bonds to the amount of \$5000 for the purpose of constructing a school building. The election was held at the Gladstone Depot and much interest was taken. In the evening at the residence of Charles T. Tooze, the patrons of the district held a meeting to select a site for the school building, and it was decided by a unanimous vote to build on block 36, consisting of eight lots. The Gladstone Real Estate Association, through H. E. Cross, offered seven of these lots without charge and the remaining lot, which is owned by private interests, will probably be purchased. The directors of the district were authorized to proceed at once with the erection of an eight room two-story building, and have the four ground rooms completed in time for the opening of school next fall. The people of Gladstone are very enthusiastic over their prospects for a new school, and every man, woman and child is taking a close interest in proceedings.

Olson Sued by School District.
Suit was instituted here yesterday by School District No. 105, of Willamette, against Otto F. Olson, for \$5,425.27, this being the amount that Olson is alleged to be short in his accounts when he was arrested for embezzling the district funds.

Letter List.
List of unclaimed letters at the postoffice, Oregon City:
Women's List—Keats, Mrs. H. L.; Keneson, Miss Zilla.
Men's List—Brown, Burton; Casedy, G. W.; Flowers, J. R.; Godfrey, Frank; Helrins, Lorenzo; Knighten, Henry; O'Donnel, Rick; Sullivan, Walter E.

The Papermakers of the Tri-City League will play at Woodburn next Sunday afternoon, going up against one of the strongest teams in the league. Marshall, who pitched for McCredie, when the Portland team beat the Chicago White Sox in California, will probably be in the box for Woodburn.

PRISON CELL OLSON'S FATE

WILLAMETTE EX-SCHOOL CLERK PLEADS GUILTY AND IS SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

COURT IS MERCIFUL

Embezzler and Forger Given Indeterminate Sentence by Judge McBride and Will Probably be Out in Two Years.

Otto F. Olson Tuesday morning entered a plea of guilty to the charge of forging the name of Rudolph Koerner to a promissory note in favor of H. C. Stevens for \$250, and was given an indeterminate sentence by Judge McBride. Under the statute upon which the indictment was based, the penalty is not less than two years in the state penitentiary nor more than 20 years, and it is usual for the Governor to pardon a criminal serving an indeterminate sentence at the expiration of the minimum time. In case Olson proves a model prisoner he will probably be released in two years.

Olson's attorney, George C. Brownell, presented a lengthy statement from Dr. House, a Portland alienist, in which it was stated that Olson's mind was such that he could not distinguish between right and wrong. In passing sentence Judge McBride reviewed the case briefly, expressing sympathy for Olson's family. Olson was taken to Salem Tuesday afternoon.

Olsen was for many years superintendent of the West Side power plant of the Portland General Electric Company and was the trusted clerk of the school district of Willamette, where he resided. The directors of the district had such faith in Olson that they permitted him to handle the public funds in a very unbusinesslike manner, and he managed to embezzle something like \$4000 before his peculations were discovered.

Instead of making warrants payable to the persons in whose favor they were appropriated, the money was placed directly in the clerk's hands for disbursement, and when several thousand dollars was given him to pay off the bonded indebtedness of the district, he calmly put the money in his pocket and, paying the interest on the bonds, he managed to keep secret the fact that the debt was not paid for about two years, when the directors, growing suspicious over the failure of the bonding company to return the papers, made some investigations of their own, disclosing Olson's guilt.

He was arrested on the night of February 13 at his home and has been in the County jail ever since. Efforts to obtain bail for him were futile, and the unfortunate man, broken in health and spirit, declared his willingness to plead guilty and take his medicine, but his family and friends demurred and until Monday he had resolved to fight the case.

After his arrest, it was discovered that the school district was only one of the financial sufferers. He had borrowed money right and left from his friends and in more than one instance had forged the names of others to notes. It is stated that he even robbed the Methodist Church, of which he was trustee and financial agent, in this manner. He obtained \$250 from H. C. Stevens on a note signed by himself and Rudolph Koerner, forging the name of the latter, and this is the particular case upon which he was to be tried, although District Attorney Hedges returned an indictment against him on the school funds embezzlement.

Handicraftsman Returns.

John Nelson Wisner, whose handicraft work is well known in Portland, and who has had a studio on the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds during the past Winter, has removed to Oregon City and will remain here during the Summer at least. Mr. Wisner, who was formerly field superintendent of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, has executed some remarkably beautiful work with metals, and his silver, brass and copper bowls have been universally admired.

Exhibits Fine Collection.

A fine collection of spear points is shown in the display windows of Geo. A. Harding's drug store. The arrow heads are owned by H. C. Stevens, and are magnificent in form, size and color, and form only about one-fourth of his whole collection, which is probably the finest in the Northwest. Mr. Stevens' collection is distinctive, in that all of the spear points were made by Indians of the Willamette Valley, residing at or near Oregon City and the specimens were gathered in many years of patient endeavor.

Attended S. S. Convention.

The following Clackamas County people have returned from Forest Grove, where they attended the State Sunday School Convention: Mrs. C. A. Nash, Mrs. S. P. Davis, Mrs. W. W. Mars, Mrs. George Osborne, Miss Ivah Gordon, Miss Isia Gibson, Miss Jean White, Mrs. T. E. Gault, W. W. Bruce, Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Smith, W. J. Lewellen, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Newton, A. W. Fankhauser, Miss Lulu Miller.