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U'REN MAY RUN AS INDEPENDENT

DOUBTS ADVISABILITY OF HIS ENTERING THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES IN MAY

HAS NOT ALWAYS STOOD BY PARTY

May Find Family Rows in Ranks of Organization to be to His Own Advantage in Campaign for Governor.

W. S. U'ren, candidate for governor of Oregon, may not enter the Republican primary and become a contestant for the nomination. This does not mean that Mr. U'ren will relinquish his ambition to be the executive head of the state. It just means that he may determine to become an independent candidate, and take his chances next November with the Republican, Democratic, Socialist and Prohibition nominees in the general election. Mr. U'ren will make up his mind and will voice his decision as to the manner in which he is to become a candidate before February 1.

Mr. U'ren was not inclined to discuss the matter when seen today, but admitted that he is considering the idea of making the race as an independent, and may not go into the primaries.

"Some of my friends, and some of my political enemies have told me that I should stay out of the primaries—that it would not be fair for me to enter, for the reason that I have not always supported the straight Republican ticket, and that the men who have always supported the Republican nominees are entitled to all of the honors of the party, as a party, can bestow. Now I want to be fair to my opponents and if I am convinced that I will be acting unfairly to them by entering the race for the Republican nomination, I will certainly run solely as an independent."

It is reported here that Mr. U'ren is firm in the belief that he could win the nomination without a struggle, but he fears the results after the primary election is over. He realizes the weakness of the primary law in the manner in which it has affected the nominee of the majority party in Oregon for governor, and said today that the primary law in Oregon has served its purpose and that it should be succeeded by the single-election plan. It is considered likely that Mr. U'ren is banking to some extent on the usual disaffection in Republican ranks after the family fights of a primary election, and hopes to profit thereby by running as an independent, for as a non-partisan candidate he would probably obtain all of the votes that would be cast for him in a primary election and would gain a percentage of dissatisfied Republican and Democrats.

Pioneer Dies And Leaves Host Of Grandchildren

Leaving four daughters, twenty-seven grand children, forty-two great grand children, William J. Howlett a pioneer of 1851, died at his home at Eagle Creek, Wednesday from pneumonia, at eighty-three years, nine months and thirty days.

Mr. Howlett was born in Jennings county, Ind., and crossed the plains in 1851. His father having died on the way, the family continued the journey according to the plans of the father. Arriving here they bought a homestead right to a quarter section of land on which his mother resided until near the time of her death in 1899, at the age of eighty-seven years.

In 1854 Mr. Howlett took up his present farm where he has since lived. Shortly before this he made a trip to the California mines. He was united in marriage September 20, 1854 to Miss Sabina Markwood who came here in 1853. To Mr. and Mrs. Howlett were born four children, Mrs. Viola A. Douglas, of Portland; Mrs. Mary Jane Douglas, of St. Joseph, Oregon; Mrs. Louise F. Cooke, of Damascus, Ore.; and Mrs. Lydia Woodlee of Estacada, Oregon.

Mr. Howlett was justice of peace fourteen years and school director and clerk for many years. The last few years he has lived a retired life. He was a devoted Christian for many years and an elder in the Christian Adventist church. Funeral services were conducted at his home by Rev. A. G. Dix, of Portland. A large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects. Six of his grandsons, William W. Cooke, Ray Woodie, Walter Douglas, Edd Douglas, Guy Woodie and Roy Douglas acted as pallbearers. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

CARVER STARTS HIS CREWS OUT

GETS DATA ON NEW SECTION THROUGH WHICH ROAD IS TO GO LATER

DOES NOT LIKE HIS FRANCHISE

Has Nothing to do With Measure Now Passed to Its Second Reading by Council and Does Not Want It.

Surveying crews for the Portland & Oregon City railroad were thrown into the field between Clackamas and Logan, and made a preliminary profile of the route between these two points. This move, taken in connection with the recent threat of Stephen Carver, chief promoter of the line, to the effect that if the Oregon City council did not give him the kind of a franchise he desired he would change the route of his line, is taken as an indication that the new interurban is to tap virgin fields in Clackamas county instead of competing with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for Oregon City business.

The franchise sought by the Portland & Oregon City was vetoed by Mayor Jones and turned down by the council at the last meeting held in December. Last Wednesday a substitute franchise was prepared for the route by City Attorney Schuebel, passed to second reading, and the line given 90 days in which to accept it. It was following this action that the road sent out its surveyors. The Portland & Oregon City has announced that the new franchise is not acceptable.

Though Mr. Carver was not in the city today, associates of his intimates that east side business men who are interested in the Carver road would rather see the line run in new territory than run to Oregon City, and the opening up of a new traffic route would bring more business to the east side.

If the Carver road builds up the Clackamas valley to Logan it will be in a position to secure and handle a tremendous amount of freight, mainly farm produce; and will also get practically all the business of the Clear Creek Creamery, one of the largest butter concerns in the state, it is said. Farmers throughout the Clackamas valley are willing to offer a substantial bonus to the new line if it will build in their direction, according to report.

Only an employer can work over eight hours a day any more; he usually has to work more than that long or go broke.

SWIM IN ICY WATER

TWO MEN BRAVE COLD WILLAMETTE AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—Swimming from the Hawthorne bridge to the Broadway bridge, a distance of over a mile, in the icy waters of the Willamette river yesterday afternoon, was the feat accomplished by John W. McMurray, of the Multnomah club, and H. A. Ludwig, a Los Angeles, Cal. swimming instructor, who is wintering in Portland. This swim was the longest midwinter event ever staged on the Pacific coast, and the swimmers, aided by a swift current, made the extraordinary fast time of 27 minutes. McMurray finished about 100 yards ahead of Ludwig and was nearly all in at the end. Both had to be helped into the two boats, which followed the two swimmers the entire length of the course. It was promptly 2:30 o'clock when the two swimmers dove into the water, just south of the Hawthorne bridge, at the word go. The row boats went in advance of the swimmers and kept within an oar's length of them, all the time. It was just a few minutes later, when they passed under the Morrison bridge.

MARKETS, CREDITS TALKED BY FARMERS

"Public Markets" and "Rural Credits" were the main topics of discussion before the Farmers' Equity Saturday at the county meeting in the city. W. S. U'ren spoke on the markets and went thoroughly into the subject. H. D. Starkwater, who has just returned from a trip through Europe studying the financing system of the farmers in the Old World countries, talked of the methods of establishing credits in those countries for the benefit of the farmers. At the meeting the following officers were chosen: President, S. L. Castro; vice president, J. H. Bowerman; secretary-treasurer, F. G. Buchanan; board of directors, W. J. Bowerman, J. C. Boyer, William Grisenthwaite.

LOG HITS OLD MAN

Joseph Schwartz of Redland, 60 years of age, was struck by a rolling log while at work on his place and both bones of the left leg were broken. He was hauling some old timber off of the place when one of the logs became loosened and rolled against his leg, snapping the bones. The injuries are not serious except in account of the age of Mr. Schwartz and it will probably take some time for the bones to knit. Dr. Guy Mount attended the case.

NEW TEACHER CHOSEN FOR EASTHAM SCHOOL

Miss Margaret Neilson of Astoria, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the faculty of the Eastham school by the Oregon City board. At the meeting Monday night, a great deal of routine business was transacted. The resignation of Miss Lillian M. Anderson, a teacher of the fourth grade at the Eastham building, was accepted and the new member of the faculty selected. Miss Neilson will graduate from the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth this month.

START FIGHT ON CIGARETTE

PROBATION OFFICER BEGINS WORK IN PORTLAND TO ENFORCE LAW

WILL MAKE APPEAL TO ALL CLASSES

Forces intend to Enlist Aid of all Organizations in Effort to Put a Stop to Violations of the Statutes of State

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—A "swat-the-cigarette" campaign, looking toward the weeding out of the habit among the youth of the city, will be launched at a daylight mass meeting to be held at the County Public Library Saturday afternoon, January 24. Probation Officer McIntosh is sending out invitations to the various women's clubs, parent organization, social workers, Grocers' association, city commissioners and even to the juvenile clubs, including the Newsboys' club and the members of the Boy Government of Portland. The purpose of the meeting is explained in the invitations, and all organizations are asked to be represented. Juvenile Judge Gatens will preside as chairman.

The time has come for a public demonstration against the cigarette habit among the boys of the city," declared McIntosh today. "Upward of 50 per cent of the youth of the city are addicted to the use of the cigarette, and the evil is constantly growing. "I admit that it is beyond the control of our limited force, and I am going to ask the help of the city government, the school authorities, and the parents themselves. Our deputies are constantly making arrests of both dealers and smokers, but in spite of the effort there is no appreciable difference in the situation. We arrested and convicted 11 dealers a short time ago. Before their cases had been disposed of in the courts, 10 other cases were pending, and we could have brought 20 more. "At this meeting we will put the matter up to the public and ask for help. The police heretofore have done little or nothing. Under the new ordinance, which prohibits the sale of cigarettes to all youths under 21 years of age, even on written orders, we hope to get some results, but we want to take the matter up more intimately with the school authorities and the parents."

"It has been suggested that cigarette smoking be a matter to be reported upon by the teachers when sending home department cards. If a boy is known to be a smoker, the matter could be put up to the parent directly in this manner and good results might follow." Deputy McIntosh mentions Dr. Brown Tynan as one of the most earnest workers on behalf of the meeting for the eradication of the cigarette evil. The proposed meeting is called for the purpose of securing the ideas of all classes as to the best manner of handling the situation, which is believed to be grave.

RAISE HUMANS LIKE CATTLE AND HOGS

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 10.—Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, urged the keeping of human pedigrees before the race betterment conference here today.

These pedigrees, he said, ought, in his opinion, to be physical, mental and moral records. He also was in favor of human stock shows, with blue ribbons for perfectly developed men and women.

"The way to stimulate right living," he continued, "is to establish a eugenic record—a pedigree book. Persons who had been pronounced perfect could register themselves and their children. Ultimately we would have a line of people showing the results of the movement toward race betterment."

"We want good men and women. Why not go about getting them as we do to get fine sheep or hogs?"

GRANGE OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN FOR YEAR

At a meeting of Abernethy Grange No. 346, held at Parkrose, Oregon, on December 27th, 1913, the following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: L. D. Jones, master, Clackamas, Oregon; Mrs. Henry Clyde, overseer; Mrs. Emma Jones, lecturer, Clackamas, Oregon; Mrs. Christina Rivers, steward; Gussie Rivera, assistant steward; Rev. L. J. Jones, chaplain; Professor M. J. Clapp, secretary, Parkrose, Oregon; Faxon Hayford, gatekeeper; Mrs. Faxon Hayford, Miss Marie Holmes, Pomona; Mrs. E. D. Fellows, Flora; Mrs. Hattie Robinson, lady assistant steward; Mrs. M. D. Jones, musician.

Portland's comparatively small and decreasing foreign and Alaska trade is a sad sign if not a shame. In this particular Portland is still astonishingly "slow."

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Lillian Wink, of New Era, is visiting friends in Oregon City.

Mrs. Arthur King, of Canby, was a local visitor the fore part of the week.

W. A. Proctor, of Boring, was in the county seat the fore part of the week.

Frank Ferguson, of Clackamas Heights, who is ill with pneumonia, is much better.

G. W. Gelles, a resident of the Central Point district, was in Oregon City the latter part of the week.

D. N. Brower, of Clackamas station, who has been ill for several days, is improving.

George H. Gregory was a visitor from Molalla the fore part of the week.

G. Engle, of Molalla, spent Friday in Oregon City. He will spend the week-end in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Devore, of Estacada, were in Portland and Oregon City visitors the fore part of the week.

Edward K. Gregory, of Greenwood, passed through town Monday on his way from Portland to his home.

Miss Hazel Bachart passed through Oregon City Monday on a trip from Portland to her home in Aurora.

Arthur Seaton, Edward Satter, and George Boyd, all of Canby, spent the week-end in Oregon City.

John Humphrys left the fore part of the week to take charge of a fish hatchery at Marmot.

Edwin Foster, of this city, has left for Mt. Angel in the interest of the Clackamas Southern.

Fred Wilkinson, formerly of Canemah, but now a resident of Firwood, spent Tuesday in Oregon City attending to business matters.

Mrs. D. A. Tanner has returned to her home in Seattle, Wash., after visiting with friends in Liberal and Redland in this county.

J. P. Herman, of Genesee, Ida., is visiting his parents near Beaver Creek. He will return to Idaho sometime in February.

Miss Edna Spence, a teacher in the schools at Union Hall, spent the week-end visiting at the home of her sister, Miss Grace Spence.

William Fouts has returned to this city after an absence of several years during which time he was employed in a Puget Sound mill. He will work for a local paper company.

Judge Grant H. Dimick returned from Pendleton Saturday. He spoke before the Farmer's Union while there and is well satisfied with the political outlook in that part of the state.

William J. Brown is spending the greater part of this month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brown, of the Highland district. His home is in southern Oregon.

Miss Sanders, who has been ill with the grippe for several days, is better.

Frank Ferguson, of Clackamas Heights, is slowly improving. He has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Mary Coffman, a former resident of the Redland district but now of Astoria, passed through Oregon City Thursday on her way to her former home where she will visit friends for the rest of the week.

Walter L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Beaverton, passed through Oregon City Friday afternoon on his way to southeastern Clackamas where he will inspect timber holdings of his father.

Walter Thomas and his mother, Mrs. W. L. Thomas, both of Portland, passed through Oregon City Tuesday afternoon on their way to New Era where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Thomas' son, William Thomas.

Mrs. J. H. Robbins, of Portland, a pioneer of 1845, is visiting her son, D. C. Robbins, of this city. Grant Robbins arrived from Baker Friday and is spending the latter part of the week here. Grant Robbins and D. C. Robbins are brothers.

Fred V. Drake, a rancher of the Hood River district and a good road booster of that county, passed through Oregon City Friday in an automobile trip to Salem. He reports poor roads in Clackamas county with but few exceptions.

Mrs. G. W. Bradley and her son, Albert, formerly of Oregon City but now of Klamath Falls, were in town the latter part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and their son are spending several days in Portland where Mr. Bradley is buying cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sombers, of the Redland district, were in Oregon City Saturday afternoon. They are on their way to Portland where they will spend the remainder of the month visiting with Mr. Sombers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Sombers.

AFRICAN RAILROAD TROUBLE IS SERIOUS

PRETORIA, South Africa, Jan. 10.—The railroad strike situation was alarming today throughout South Africa.

It developed with paralyzing suddenness. The railroad men were called out several days ago but failed generally to respond. The public's impression was that the strike was a flimsy and no trouble was expected. The leaders, however, appealed yesterday to the Johannesburg Trades Federation. Officials of the organization immediately began working through its representatives and by nightfall the utmost bitterness seemed to saturate practically the entire working class population.

Some people mistake notoriety for fame.

TRIES TO GET HER OUT OF WAY

PARTY WOULD HAVE ESCAPED BUT GIRL FALLS BETWEEN TIES OF TRESTLE

ONLY ONE NEIGHBOR SEES ACCIDENT

Too Far Ahead to Give Aid But Close Enough to See Both Struck by Train and Thrown to Ground

CANBY, Ore., Jan. 8.—(Special)—That Melvina Hagen deliberately turned about and faced the oncoming locomotive in a frantic effort to save the life of his companion, Miss Alma Summerfield, and lost his own in the attempt was brought out in the testimony of Andrew Howland in the coroner's inquest held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock over the bodies of the two, who were killed near here by the Shasta Limited. The Southern Pacific Railway company was held blameless.

Andrew Howland, who lives between Harlow and Aurora, was returning to his home from Canby and passed the three, the two Summerfield girls and Hagen, between the bridge and this city. He reached the south side of the trestle just as the train started across the bridge and turned and saw the tragedy. Before the train came in sight the three were walking side-by-side, and, when they noticed the engine coming, all started to run, he says.

In the opinion of Howland, all would have been saved but the older Summerfield either fainted or tripped. Hagen saw her fall and quickly turned about and made a frantic effort to snatch up the form of the sinking girl but the few seconds which were spent in the attempt made it impossible for Hagen to escape the onrushing engine.

Engineer C. H. Kenny testified that at first he saw something ahead which he supposed was a large white piece of paper and was within 100 feet of the party before he realized his danger. He says that he made a desperate attempt to stop the train but it was too late although the engine was brought to a standstill before it had crossed the bridge.

JAPAN BURIED BY VOLCANO

FAMINE FOLLOWS RIVERS OF LAVA FLOWING FROM YAWNING MOUTHS

MILLIONS ARE IN NEED OF FOOD

Greatest Disaster of Recent Years Strikes Oriental Nation and Dumbfounds Its People—Devastation

TOKIO, Jan. 13.—Japan is heretically meeting a double affliction—famine in the north and earthquake and volcanic eruptions in the south.

Ten million people are in need of food in the Hokkaido Province and there have been many deaths from starvation. In the south the islands of Kishin and Shikoku are in the grip of serious disturbances. Craters have suddenly discharged great volumes of flaming rocks and ashes, carrying destruction and terrifying the southern part of the empire. Ashes are falling as far north as Osaka.

Although the fate of the inhabitants of Sakura Island is not certain it is believed that a majority of them have escaped in boats to the mainland. Many of the people of Sakura have escaped from the danger zone in a maimed and burned condition.

Probably a spinster remains a Miss because she was unable to make a hit. Ignorance is the inspiration of nearly all arguments.



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RAILROAD GIVES UP TRUST IDEA

DECIDES TO RELINQUISH ALL AMBITIONS TO CONTROL OTHER COMPANIES

AGREEMENT MADE WITH DEPARTMENT

Will Give Up Holdings in Lines Now Working Under the Interlocking Directorate System—Demands

ALL TAXES MUST BE PAID APRIL 1

ONLY WAY PROPERTY OWNER CAN ESCAPE TOILS OF THE INTEREST CHARGES

FORMER RULING IS NOW REVERSED

Law is Considerably Muddled But Officer Believes He Now Has Original Intention of the Statute

All taxes must be paid by April 1 in order to escape the interest imposed by the new revenue law.

Under an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford to Captain J. A. Tufts, county treasurer, in which the former statement of the office is reversed, the law is construed to charge interest on the deferred payments although it allows the taxpayer to pay but one-half of his assessments at a time.

The peculiar features of the law, as the attorney general sees them, are that it makes all taxes due on April 1. If the first half is not paid at that time, the treasurer must charge one per cent a month against the property until September 1. If the first half is paid on April 1, the one per cent a month interest is charged against the remaining half until September 1.

If any remains after September 1 or if the taxpayer has not met the second half when it falls due, the county treasurer is instructed to charge against the property the one per cent per month for the five months, and in addition, 10 per cent in the way of penalty for the deferred payment. The taxes, too, then draw interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum until they are paid.

Under the provisions of the statute as construed by the attorney general, the legislature allows the taxpayer to pay one-half of his taxes at a time but charges him for the privilege. In order to escape all interest, he must pay all of his taxes in a lump sum on April 1. Unless he does do that, he faces the accruing interest at the rate of one per cent a month and the penalty if he fails to meet the second payment on time.

The first ruling that the county treasurer received from the office of the attorney general showed that the intention of the law must have been to apply the interest only after the second payment became due. The correction has been made to guide the treasurer in the collection of the taxes for the year.

HUSBAND SHIFTLESS; WIFE WANTS DIVORCE

Because her husband had shiftless habits, a violent temper, and a tendency toward profanity, Rose Heffen brought suit in the circuit court of the county against James O. Heffen Saturday.

She alleges that, on several occasions, he used vile and indecent language to her and that he was subject to violent fits of rage. She also claims that he spent his money recklessly and that she had little to provide for the household expenses. They were married at Irondale, Wash., April 23, 1913.

A. F. Jones asked for divorce from E. G. Jones on the grounds of desertion. They were married at Portland, December 4, 1885.

Marion I. Gutman sued for a decree against William D. Gutman for desertion. The complaint recites their marriage at Portland August 1, 1893.

Anna Cortes McCord against James E. McCord is the title of an action brought in the circuit court for divorce. They were married at Oakland, Cal., June 2, 1910. The complaint recites desertion as the grounds for the suit and asks the court for a decree of \$20 monthly alimony.

ESTACADA WINS GAME

ESTACADA, Ore., Jan. 13.—The Estacada Commercial club basketball team in a one-sided game defeated the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. team, 18 to 54, played in the park pavilion here Saturday evening. The lineup was as follows: Estacada—Center, Morton; forwards, E. Horner and H. Horner; guards, Kilgore and F. Horner. Sellwood—Center, Daniels; forwards, Jones and Kobrman; guards, Tucker and Nieldie.

Wisdom increases, but the mystery of life remains unsolved.