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FARMERS THE NEED OF OREGON-BOOTH

UNOPPOSED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE MAKES NON-POLITICAL TALK TO LIVE WIRES

"FARMS SHOULD GROW BEFORE CITY"

Senator Booth is taken on tour of town under guidance of members of party—meets many persons

On invitation of many prominent members of his party Robert A. Booth, of Eugene, unopposed candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator, was an Oregon City visitor yesterday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Booth, who was entertained by a number of women of the city accompanying them to a luncheon at the Women's Relief corps, while Mr. Booth was being piloted around town getting acquainted and was addressing the Live Wires of the Commercial club at their regular weekly luncheon.

The Live Wires being a non-political organization Senator Booth was careful to inject nothing of a political nature into his remarks before the members of that organization. Nothing that he said could be taken as an attempt to boost his own candidacy, his only reference to it being in a peculiar vein. His talk was confined almost entirely to the necessity of increasing the farming population of Oregon. He urged upon the Live Wires that they devote at least part of their energy to this end. He was well received and was applauded generously at the conclusion of his remarks.

"Growth of rural population must come first, and thereafter will come growth of the cities and towns and of manufacturing," said the speaker. "There has been altogether too much tendency on the part of our people to forsake farm life for the luxuries of the city with the result that our urban population has been altogether out of proportion to our agricultural growth in population. This is not a natural condition. One of the causes of it is the fact that speculators have bought up land in large quantities and are holding it at prohibitive prices, or at least at prices that those who would actually like to settle on the land do not care to pay."

"The Panama canal has turned all eyes towards the Pacific coast and we expect a large immigration. I cannot urge upon you too strongly the necessity of doing everything in our power to attract people of the hardy races of northern Europe as these are the people who will become producers from the soil. We do not need and should not want population of the character which congests the cities. The future of Oregon rests in the cultivation of its present waste acreage."

"It is not a fact that all of our city dwellers have already exploited the farmer too much? Is it time that we went out of our way to do everything in our power to encourage him. In this connection a system of rural credit is important and essential. The United States government borrowed money at two and three per cent for construction of the Panama canal and what is more important than that the government should secure more of this money and loan it to farmers at actual cost, giving them an opportunity to escape paying from 7 to 10 per cent as they do now?"

From this Mr. Booth went on to speak of the great part which the lumber industry must play in the future of the state, predicting that in 20 years from now the cut in Oregon would be at least 10 times as great as in 1912, bringing into the state annually from the inside a sum equal to the national debt. But in this connection he reiterated that the basis of permanent prosperity for the state is agriculture.

In the afternoon Senator Booth was accompanied around the city by various Republicans who saw to it that he was given every opportunity to demonstrate his powers in the "handshaking contest," as he himself humorously called the present method of conducting political campaigns in his talk before the Live Wires. He is a genial, companionable sort of man and made a good impression on all with whom he came in contact. He returned to Portland in the late afternoon.

The balance of the time before the primary will be devoted to getting acquainted with voters in the lower Columbia river counties and those portions of eastern Oregon most easily reached. In the fall Mr. Booth plans to make a more extended tour of the state, covering every city, town and hamlet. He realizes that the chief strength of his principal opponent, George E. Chamberlain, Democrat, lies in his ability as a handshaker and is going to show up all over the state himself with a view to coming in personal contact with every voter in Oregon if possible. The fall campaign will be a speech-making tour as well.

GIRL OF 10 YEARS IS CHAMPION SPELLER

Little Miss Elma Kammerer, age 10 years, a pupil in the sixth grade of the Dry Land school, is the best speller in eight school districts in the Molalla country. This was decided at the spelling bee held at Molalla Tuesday in which the Molalla, Bear Creek, Trangle Creek, Russellville, Dicky's Prairie, Eagle and Dry Land schools were each represented by a team of their four best spellers. The Dry Land school was awarded the first prize of \$3 by the Molalla Parent-Teacher association. The second prize was won by Elmer Derby, of Molalla and the prize of \$2 was given to that school. Supervisor Vedder conducted the bee.

KINSEY AND RAGAN GET \$2,000 VERDICT

CASE WHICH WAS BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT SINCE SATURDAY SETTLED

W. T. Kinsey and M. H. Ragan were awarded a verdict of \$2,000 against Peter Henry and his mother, Anna Henry, by a jury in the circuit court Wednesday. The jury returned its verdict at 5:30 o'clock. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants sold them a farm in the Damascus country through fraud and misrepresentation. The case opened in the circuit court Saturday and it was not until noon Wednesday that Judge Eakin completed his instruction to the jury. The plaintiff attempted to prove that the farm was soggy, that it was poorly drained, and that the soil was worn out. The defendant introduced a number of the farmers of that district to testify that the property in question was as good as any in the neighborhood and well worth the purchase price.

Tuesday the jury viewed the property and upon returning to Oregon City heard the arguments of the attorneys until about 10 o'clock that evening.

'DRYS' OF COUNTY HOLD CONVENTION

PROHIBITION DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF CLACKAMAS MEET IN CITY

REV. JACK WARE ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Representatives for State Gathering in Portland Next Week Are Elected—Assembly Endorses Movement

The Clackamas County Prohibition convention met in Oregon City Tuesday in the Methodist church.

About 25 delegates were present, representing every part of Clackamas county. The principal business transacted was the selection of delegates for the state convention which will convene in Portland May 5 and 6. The following will represent Clackamas county: Rev. T. B. Ford, Rev. T. W. Milliken, Rev. C. H. Wooley, of Clackamas; Frank Parker, of Maple Lane; Mrs. J. G. Eberly, Mrs. E. B. Andrews, Rev. R. L. Dunn, of Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. William Mackrell, of Molalla; C. A. Lewis, of Oak Grove; Rev. C. C. Coop, of Viola; L. Tenny, of Redland; William Haines, of Oswego; Burgess Ford, of Estacada; Rev. Eldridge, of Sherwood; Mrs. George DeBok, of Willamette; H. A. Burdett, of Canby; John R. Penden, of Canby; A. J. Ware, of Oregon City; A. J. Dillow; Rev. R. L. Dunn, of Gladstone; J. Bowerman, of Sunnyside; Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Joslyn, of Canby; S. MacDonald; Mr. and Mrs. B. Lee Paget, of Oak Grove; Mrs. Bertha Parker; Mrs. Brun and Mrs. O. A. Hollingsworth.

The county convention passed a resolution endorsing the Oregonian movement and pledging the support of the Clackamas county organization to any movement or measure which would aid in carrying out the amendment to the state constitution. Rev. Jack Ware was elected chairman of the county central committee and was chairman of the convention Tuesday. The delegates will hold their next meeting subsequent to the primaries at the call of the chairman. No resolutions were passed endorsing any candidate for either county or state offices and it was the prevailing opinion among the delegates that the Clackamas county representatives at the state convention would oppose any such movement before the primaries at the state convention.

MILWAUKIE MERCHANT HELD FOR EXAMINATION

William Crawford, owner of the Elmer Mercantile company of Milwaukie, was brought to the county jail Wednesday evening where he will be held until he can be examined for insanity.

Crawford came home early in the evening when he suddenly began to cry. His wife called neighbors to her aid but they were unable to pacify the man. Sheriff Mass was notified and Crawford was brought to the county seat. It is thought that constant brooding over religion was the cause of the trouble.

Crawford, who is about 35 years of age, recently came from Milwaukie from the eastern part of the state. Besides a wife he has a child living at Milwaukie.

MAN CHARGED WITH BEATING HIS SON

C. C. Kamrar, who lives near Milwaukie was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault and battery upon the complaint of A. E. Neate. The case was taken before the justice court but was continued until the officials can investigate further. Neate, who is a humane officer, claims that Kamrar beat his son, Jay Kamrar.

WOMEN INDORSE ROAD BOND PLAN

THAT THEY WILL ORGANIZE FOR PERMANENT ROADS, IS REPORTED

REGISTRATION OF WOMEN SHOWS GAIN

Defeat of Permanent Road Bond Issue Means Isolation for Farmers' Wives for Next 20 Years—Comfort Wanted

"It is whispered about that the women of Clackamas county in no small numbers are taking an unprecedented interest in the proposed bond issue which is to be decided at the coming primary election on May 15th. The rumor is current that the women of both town and country want permanent roads and that organizations will be formed within the next two weeks at various points over the county, with a view to assisting in the fight for permanent roads. The nature of the organizations and the plan of campaign has not yet been made public. It is a well known fact however, that the women of the county are just as vitally interested in the road bond issue as are the men. This much can be gathered from remarks that have been dropped in the county clerk's office where registration of the women has been unusually heavy of late.

With better judgment than is sometimes shown by the men the women realize that the first duty in the fight for good roads is that of registering and in the last few days they have been coming in fast. They realize that the bonding scheme is the ideal system to secure permanent roads, and the identical way in which all railroads, canals, street railroads, sewer systems and most paved streets are constructed, and that it is a plan which needs cause no alarm among the calamity howlers of the community.

But there are other reasons why our women are interested. If the bonding system of building permanent highways is voted down in Clackamas county it will be necessary to wallow around in mud roads for the next twenty years, and you know what that means to the women folks on the farm. It means stay at home. You know what that means. It means isolation. It means to be cut off from social intercourse with the friends and neighbors the larger part of the year. With mud roads, the average woman in the country does not get to town once a month. Bad roads make country life undesirable. It drives boys and girls away from the farm and into the cities. A good system of permanent highways in any county doubles and quadruples the comforts of life while they are in this world. Some will say, vote down the bond issue on account of high taxes and get your comforts in the next world. Good roads mean what every woman wants—better society, better morals, better conditions here and now.

Good roads mean better markets all the year round for what is raised on the farm. They mean less torture and agony for human beings and less cruelty to animals. There is not an improvement in society, there is not an improvement in the home, there is not an improvement in the church nor the school that is not brought about by women. There will be no improvement in our public roads unless women make up their minds to go to the polls and fight this battle for progress.

No woman is satisfied to stand still, or stick in the mud, or remain in an old rut of conservatism. They will demand almost unanimously that our main highways shall be made passable summer and winter, so that children can go to school, the family can go to church, and the products of the soil can be taken to market. In every county where a bond election has been held and carried for good roads, it has received the almost unanimous support of women voters. It is a safe prediction that the women of Clackamas county will not line up with the mossbacks.

WOMAN TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Mrs. Liza McCordall has been taken from her home near Parkplace to the state hospital at Salem to receive treatment for insanity. After an examination the doctors could not determine what the cause of the insanity but it is thought that homesickness is responsible. She is 64 years old.

THIRD CREW TO WORK ON PIPE LINE SURVEY

OBJECT OF EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEN IS TO HURRY COMPLETION OF WORK

In order to hurry the completion of the permanent pipe line survey from the south fork of the Clackamas river to Oregon City, a third crew will probably be set to work within a few days. The new group of surveyors, which will bring the total number in the field up to about 18 men, will be stationed at Estacada and will work both ways from that town. The two crews which are now employed started from Springwater ridge and from the intake of the line. Engineer H. A. Randa, who is in charge of the work, was in Oregon City Tuesday and reports that the survey is progressing satisfactorily.

PLAN BEGUN TO UNITE BIG DAYS

SCHEME OF CONSOLIDATING CELEBRATION MEETS WITH FAVOR OF SOCIETY

JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING TONIGHT

Commercial Club, Live Wires and Rose Society, Will Discuss Suggestion at Joint Meeting

The first step in the plan of consolidating the annual Rose Show and Booster Day into one big celebration was taken up Wednesday afternoon when the matter was thoroughly discussed by the Rose society and Thursday evening set as the time for a joint meeting of the committee from the Rose society, the Live Wires and the publicity department of the Commercial club.

The members of the Rose society took up every angle of the plan of uniting the two events and but little opposition developed. "Only at first was any opposition evident. By the time the meeting was over every lady present seemed in favor of the plan," said Mrs. J. J. Cooke, president of the society.

The date for Booster Day was recently set as May 5 and 9, but owing to the fact that no preparation has been made now although that date is the latter part of next week, many members of the Commercial club are of the opinion that it would be necessary for the postponement of Booster Day even if it were given this year as it has been in the past. All the members of the Rose society ask is that the date for combined celebration be postponed until roses are plentiful.

At the meeting of the Rose society it was suggested that the two affairs be consolidated into one day which would be filled with the best of what had been formerly spread over several days. O. E. Freytag, of the publicity department of the Commercial club said Wednesday that it was the plan of the members of the club to combine the two celebrations into two days, one of which would be the rose show and the other the Booster Day parade and stock show.

The date and the number of days in the united celebrations will probably be the matters discussed at the meeting of the committees of the three organizations interested Thursday evening.

The reason for the consolidation is to furnish better programs to the public as well as to save money. "We can arrange a higher class parade, give better prizes, and have as much music in the united celebration for less money than we could if the attractions were scattered over a number of days," said Mr. Freytag Wednesday afternoon.

Welsh Gets Decision. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 28.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of England, was given the decision over Louie Cross, of New York, at Vernon arena tonight at the end of their 20 round fight.

ROAD POLICY KEY TO STATE SUCCESS

WASHINGTON HAS OUTSTRIPPED OREGON IN PROGRESS, GROWTH AND IN HIGHWAYS

PERMANENT ROADS BUILT UP STATE

Enterprise is Pledged to True Benefits of Clackamas County and Will Try to Show Value of Good Roads

The Enterprise proposes to leave no stone unturned in the coming fight for permanent highways for Clackamas county. From now on until the votes are counted, on the evening of May 15th, 1914, this paper will urge affirmative action in the matter, and will drive home cold hard facts and comparisons in favor of the bond issue, because it firmly believes that in the adoption of the bond issue lies the future of Clackamas county.

There is no argument against good roads; neither is there real argument against the bonding plan of building permanent highways. It's the ideal system worked out in minutest detail to meet conditions right here in Oregon. It is a system which has been eagerly adopted by other counties of the state, as the real solution of the mud-hole question—over a burning question in this Willamette valley.

Washington has left Oregon far behind in the race for development, notwithstanding the fact that Washington is 30 years younger than is our own state. She has 1,250,000 population and is jumping ahead today in gigantic strides; Oregon has about 700,000 though ten per cent larger, 20 years older and with greater wealth and resources.

Incidentally for ten years the state of Washington has been engaged in building permanent highways, many of them hard surfaced. The people of that state have tried good roads. They know what good roads will do for a community. They are everlastingly building more good roads in Washington and today nearly every county in that progressive state is building a great system of hard surface highways. Millions are spent each year.

They have discovered up there that while it pays to pave the streets of the cities, it is even more profitable to pave the county roads. A most natural conclusion when you think it over. Why shouldn't the same condition be found right here at home? City pavement help the townsmen but is of little use to the farmer. There is hardly a farmer in Clackamas county today who at some time during the winter, finds it extremely hard to get them from home for any distance. And most certainly it is distance that counts with the farmer and his heavy load of produce.

Thanks to a judicious selection of permanent roads to be constructed under the bond issue, this deplorable condition can be remedied and practically every farmer in the county will be benefited, either directly or indirectly. And the city man, with his paved streets already laid down and paid for, will dig up his pro rata on the county's permanent highways, like a good fellow, for the city owes it to the county to help construct good roads for the benefit of all. It is a clear case of mutual benefit.

Sentiment in favor of the bonds is spreading all over the county for the citizens are awakening to the fact that in the bonding scheme lies the future of old Clackamas.

GAS CONCERN PUTS MORE MEN TO WORK

The Clackamas Gas company has increased its force of men which is laying mains in the hill section, to about 75 men who will probably continue the work until it is completed in that part of town.

The first work was done on Seventh street several weeks ago and a two-inch pipe, one of the main lines in that part of town, was laid almost the entire length of the street. At the present time the company is working on High, Center, Washington, Monroe and Seventh streets.

NOTE IN BOTTLE MAY SOLVE HILL MURDER

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES LETTER IN CATSUP BOTTLE FOUND IN RIVER

What is regarded variously as either a possible clue to the murderer of the Hill family, at Ardenwald, several years ago, a practical joke or the ravings of a self-deluded maniac, is a note, found in a catsup bottle in the Willamette river near the Sellwood car barns, April 12, and now being investigated by Sheriff Mass, of Clackamas county. Herbert Dahlke, son of William Dahlke, of 666 Elm avenue, Sellwood, while playing with three other boys in the vicinity, found the bottle where it had been washed ashore. The paper was spotted with water that had leaked in and the writing was barely legible.

The boys took the bottle home and Mr. Dahlke dried out the sheets. The writer said that he had been hanged for two years by the memory of the crime which he said he had perpetrated, and that he was about to take his life. He also said that he hoped his body would not be found. He signed the name, "Patrick O'Neil."

MAILS TO UNITE FARMS AND CITIES

PLAN IS WORKED OUT TO ELIMINATE MIDDLEMAN IN HANDLING PRODUCE

PARCEL POST IS KEY OF NEW SCHEME

Higher Price for Producer, Lower for Consumer and More Satisfaction for All is Promise of Promoters

A plan to bring the farmers of Clackamas county in closer touch with the consumer through the parcel post is being worked out by the publicity department of the commercial club and a number of Portland organizations.

A number of persons have written the various commercial bodies throughout the Willamette valley asking that some step be taken which would do away with the profit of the middleman in the handling of produce. Portland organizations were the next to take an interest in the plan and they have written the various clubs in the valley asking that they obtain the names of farmers who wish to market their produce direct to the consumer.

As soon as the names of the farmers come into the Portland headquarters of the league, the names and addresses of the producers will be assigned to the townspeople who desire to purchase the products direct. O. E. Freytag, secretary of the publicity department, requests that all farmers who would like to join in the plan to send their names to the commercial club, in Oregon City.

The backers of the new plan argue that by bringing the producer and the consumer close together through the mails, the producer will not only secure a higher price for his products and the consumer a lower price, but also the produce itself will be fresher and cleaner than when it goes through the hands of the commission men as at present. It is planned to market all varieties of farm produce including vegetables, fruit, chickens and meat by this method.

FARMERS TESTIFY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Peter Henry and Anna Henry presented their testimony Monday in the \$6100 suit filed against them in the circuit court by W. T. Kinsey and M. H. Ragan on the grounds that property sold in the Damascus section, in which the land in dispute is situated, was sold for the price of \$12,000 and that the sale was made by fraud.

The case opened Saturday and that day was spent by the attorneys for the plaintiff in attempting to prove that the farm was not worth its purchase price as represented. Monday the defendant introduced a number of farmers from the Damascus section, in which the land in dispute is situated, to show that the property was all that was said for it. Among those who appeared Monday are Emil Wise, Ed Siefert, Charles Prekstek, A. H. Rittra, E. Kettle, J. Kettle and W. R. Dallas.

VILLA IS OPPOSED TO WAR WITH U. S.

MEXICO HAS TROUBLES OF HER OWN SHE CAN SETTLE IN TIME, HE SAYS

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 23.—On his arrival here late today General Villa, the rebel leader, said: "We do not want war with the United States or any other foreign nation. Mexico has troubles of her own, but she can settle them if given time."

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED. Mary L. Graham has been appointed the administrator of the estate of Margaret Martin. The estate is valued at \$1600.

RIDDLE OF THE CHANGED FRONT

GRANGE IN 1912 FAVORED VERMEASURE IT NOW SEEMS TO OPPOSE

FARMERS BACKED BONDING LAW

State Grange Master and Others Prominent in Organization Endorsed Law in Official State Pamphlet

There is no organization in the state that should be boosting more earnestly for permanent hard surfaced roads from the market places into the farming districts than the grange organizations. The subordinate granges together with the state grange have heretofore been consistent boosters for permanent improvement of public roads under the bonding system, and in 1912 and prior to that date the granges throughout the state were warm advocates of bonding for permanent road construction, but now since the master of the state grange has changed front and claims to oppose the bonding system, the members of the subordinate granges have changed front also and are now to be opposed to bonding for good road construction.

Who prepared the bonding bill that was submitted to the legal voters in 1912, authorizing the bonding of counties for permanent road improvement? Who furnished the argument and signed it and caused it to be printed in the official pamphlet that was sent out to every registered voter in the state, demanding the passing of the bonding act and placing the work of road construction under a state highway engineer at a salary of \$3,500.00 a year, and at the same time called for an appropriation of \$12,000.00 for the maintenance of the department? The answer is the State Grange, representing the subordinate granges. The attention of the legal voters is called to page 101 of the official pamphlet which was issued prior to the election of 1912, wherein Mr. Spence, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Leedy, and Mr. Mason submitted in behalf of the State Grange inter alia the following:

"This bill further provides for a competent state highway engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the proper construction of permanent county roads and bridges, thus enabling counties to avoid the present inefficient and unsatisfactory work of engineers and supervisors with little or no practical experience or knowledge. The object of these grange bills is to encourage and promote the construction of good permanent roads, radiating from market centers out and into the rural communities and such other roads as the business interests of the county require.

"These bills were carefully drawn by the grange committee after advising and consulting with the best authorities on road laws and road construction in the state, and we believe if enacted into laws will benefit all interested in the development of the state that can never be accomplished without the construction of good, permanent roads, built economically and scientifically."

After these road measures were defeated for the reason that they did not provide for serial bonds, Mr. Spence was one of the most active men around the legislature working in the interests of the bonding measure, which was thereafter enacted, and which is now upon the statute books. Why should Mr. Spence change front and be a "trimmer" simply because a few chronic kickers jump into the newspapers and fight what these grange measures stand for and the operation of the same, when as a matter of fact the present bonding question which will be voted upon by the legal voters of Clackamas county on the 15th day of May, are for the direct benefit of the producer and consumer alike? Under this law the bonding for good roads cannot exceed \$20.00 on each thousand dollar valuation on any property, and who among the grangers can consistently fight a proposition of such small import when they are deriving such great benefits, unless it would be the few timber companies or the railroad companies and other large corporations who would be compelled to shoulder the larger part of the cost of these permanent road improvements.

SUIT AGAINST CITY IN CIRCUIT COURT

The suit of George Wilson against the city of Oregon City was argued before Judge Eakin Friday afternoon and a verdict will be sent the city later.

The plaintiff claimed that through difference in estimates in street work done on Jackson, Sixteenth, and John Q. Adams street he is entitled to receive \$530. John McCabe represented the plaintiff and Chris Schobel the city.

FINAL SPELLING BEE SET FOR MAY 16

The final spelling bee in which the champions of each district will compete for the county championship, will be held May 16 in Oregon City at the high school building. The last match is scheduled at Wilsonville this week. By that time each of the best spellers of the 17 districts will be determined.

A SUPPORTER OF THE GOOD ROADS BILL.

