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T. R. WON'T RUN, DECLARES 'CHIEF'

PRESIDENT ABBOTT OF OUTLOOK SAYS ROOSEVELT IS SURE OF GROUND.

HIS PLAN IS TO DISCOURAGE TALK

Former Chief Executive To Take No Part In Pre-convention Contests—Relations With Taft Cordial.

CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is not a candidate for President, according to Lawrence F. Abbott, president of the Outlook Company, of New York, with whom Mr. Roosevelt is actively associated. This statement is made today in the Local Press, a weekly newspaper published here, the home of Mr. Abbott.

The statement was brought out, the editor of the Local Press says, when he asked Mr. Abbott whether Mr. Roosevelt was a candidate.

"You must understand, to begin with," Mr. Abbott says, in what is termed a "disinterested statement," "that while I may give an answer to your question, I say solely on my own responsibility and without any consultation with Mr. Roosevelt.

"You ask me whether Mr. Roosevelt is a candidate for the Presidency. I answer, no. He is not a candidate; he does not desire to be a candidate; he has discouraged and is discouraging in every possible way all talk of his candidacy; and he will take no active share of any kind in the contests of various candidates—contests which are always in evidence for two or three months preceding any National Convention."

Mr. Abbott then reviews Mr. Roosevelt's connection with National politics during the past three years. "In order to understand the political situation with regard to the Presidential nomination next summer," and then tells how President Roosevelt declined the Republican nomination in 1908, which he very easily could have had, and how Mr. Taft's nomination and election were brought about.

THE OUTLET

PERPETRATED BY WALT McDUGALL

WHY DO ALL THE GIRLS IN THE FASHION PLATES POSE LIKE THIS?



CHURCHES MAKE FIGHT FOR SHAW

RESOLUTION URGING HIS RETENTION ADOPTED BY FOUR CONGREGATIONS.

CALLED MOST 'EFFICIENT OFFICER'

Baptists Commend Outgoing Council And Pledge Support To New Council And Mayor.

Several of the churches took a hand last night in the fight for a chief of police and, with one exception, they endorsed Chief Shaw. There were fairly good attendances, and the following resolution was adopted by all the congregations that held meetings, except that of the First Baptist.

"Resolved, That the members of this church most heartily endorse and commend the City Council of Oregon City, for their action in retaining the present chief of police, E. L. Shaw, in his present position as we consider that he has made the most efficient police officer that Oregon City has ever had.

"We believe that the city should show its commendation of all efficient officers by retaining them in office."

This resolution was adopted by the congregations of the Congregational church, the First Presbyterian church, the United Brethren church and the Methodist church.

The same resolution was offered at a meeting at the First Baptist church, but the following substitute was adopted:

"Resolved, That the First Baptist church of Oregon City most heartily commends the efforts of the outgoing city council in its work of enforcing the laws of Oregon City during the past year, and pledges to the incoming Mayor and new council our hearty support in their attempt during the coming year to give the city a good clean government."

The pastor, Rev. Landsborough, presided over the meeting at the First Presbyterian church and A. L. Frost was secretary. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote. The resolution also was adopted by a unanimous vote by the congregation of the United Brethren church.

'MY APPOINTMENTS SURE TO STAND', SAYS DIMICK

OREGON CITY AND HOLLADAY TO PLAY

BURNS EXPECTED TO GO TO WORK

Trained to the minute, chuck full of confidence in their ability to bring home the championship of the whole Willamette Valley, the members of the Oregon City Football team are anxiously awaiting the referee's whistle to sound on the Columbus Club grounds at Portland next Sunday. It will be the signal for a second clash this season between the local prides and the Holladay Athletic Club of Portland.

Along in the forepart of the season these two teams met on the Canemah Park grounds. After the smoke or rather mud had cleared away neither was declared the winner. It was a no-score game, bitterly fought throughout and replete with brilliant plays by individual lights.

Since then the Falls City aggregation has met the best independent teams from Portland and has yet to taste defeat. The locals have never had their goal-line crossed.

Holladay won the city championship of Portland last Sunday when they defeated McLoughlin by a score of 5 to 0. McLoughlin was beaten earlier in the season by Oregon City, score 3 to 0.

Even on paper the coming game looks like the best match of the season. Holladay will be reinforced by the addition of Cole, Camp and Yett.

A large crowd of local football fans from this city will journey to the City of Roses with the boys to root for the home team.

All local "bugs" who contemplate making the trip are requested to leave with the team on the 12:30 p. m. car from Oregon City.

Manager White expects a large following and wants them to meet with the eleven at the O. W. P. freight depot and take car from there.

SHAW DECLARES HE WILL NOT QUIT

ANDRESEN AND MEYER ANSWER CHARGE OF MAYOR REGARDING CITY'S FINANCES BEING IN BAD SHAPE.

Mayor Dimick said Thursday night that owing to his having been busy all day trying a case in court he did not have time to file his appointments with the City Recorder and instruct his appointees to go to work. He, however, declared that as soon as he had the opportunity he would do so, and that he had no doubt as to his ultimate success. Charles E. Burns, appointed chief by the Mayor, will probably assume his duties tomorrow. Jack Frost and W. W. Bradley, it is said, will start work as night policemen then. The present chief of police, E. L. Shaw, said Thursday that he intended to remain chief until the council had approved the appointment of his successor. So it is reasonably certain that Oregon City will have two chiefs for a time, at least.

F. J. Meyer, president of the Council, and chairman of the Finance Committee, said that the present chief would hold on until the appointment of his successor was confirmed by the council. He declared that the eight members of the council who had stood out against the confirming of the appointments of the Mayor had no intention of receding from the position taken at the meeting Wednesday night. "We have the power of regulating the pay of any officer the Mayor may appoint," said Mr. Meyer.

Mr. Meyer and former president of the City Council and chairman of the Finance Committee, William Andresen, took exception to a statement of the Mayor regarding the finances of the city. Mayor Dimick in his statement said:

"In the first place the street warrants and general fund warrants cannot be cashed at a bank, neither can the warrants be sold in the open market, and the law allows me to have work bids asked for public comfort toilets and only one bid was received and other contractors stated that they would not do any work for a city and be paid in city warrants where the warrants could not be sold, and I may say that there is no other town in Oregon that has been so carelessly and so negligently run wherein its warrant indebtedness goes begging to such an extent that the warrants cannot be sold."

"The First National Bank," said Mr. Andresen, "is taking care of all warrants presented by patrons of the bank. They are not taken at a discount, but at par. The bank of Oregon City is not taking the warrants, because, as I understand it, it has all the bonds the law allows it to carry. It carries county, school and water bonds. The warrant indebtedness of Oregon City does not amount to nearly as much as that of other Willamette Valley towns of the same size. There is a much larger indebtedness of the same character in Albany, Corvallis and Eugene. The total indebtedness of this city, not including the water bonds is in the neighborhood of \$100,000."

"So difficult has it been to make assessments for street improvements, on account of the grading and rock, the assessments were deferred until the work was done and bids by the cubic yard were received. The assessments for Madison street were made before the work was done and the people were dissatisfied. The \$29,500, with the money due for assessments, will take up all warrants in street improvements. Then there is every reason to believe that all the banks will take up the warrants as before."

"When I became a member of the City Council six years ago (Mr. Dimick had just gone out as Mayor) the general fund warrants ran for three years. Now they are taken up in less than one year. The indebtedness of the city has increased, but the income has increased in proportion or more. The tax rate of eight mills has prevailed all the time."

"The First National Bank takes up all warrants of patrons," said Mr. Meyer, present chairman of the Finance Committee. "The reason the warrants have not been cashed as readily as before is that more than \$200,000 of them used for the improvement of streets, have been thrown on the market at once. There has been to some extent a shortage of money, and the banks have been compelled to look after the interests of other customers. The contractors, needing money to do their work, have not held the warrants. The warrants, however, are cashed at par and there has been none sold at a discount. So far as the financial condition of Oregon City is concerned there is no city in the state that

GOVERNOR DECIDES ON HANGMAN'S DAY

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—Friday, December 13 1912, has been set aside by Governor West as "hangman's day" if the proposed initiative measure to abolish capital punishment fails to carry at an election of the people in November.

In granting a reprieve to Mike Morgan who was convicted of murder in the first degree, he set Friday, December 13, as the day for the execution of Morgan today, and will follow the same course in connection with all other murderers who come to prison to be hanged.

WINTER SPORTS TOWN'S DELIGHT

SNOWBALLING AND SLEIGHING BECOME POPULAR PASTIMES ON STREETS.

CHILDREN HAVE FUN COASTING

Liveryman, With His Jangling Sleigh Bells, Makes Hundreds Envious — Snow More Than Two Inches.

The maddest boy in town Thursday was the boy who had received a pair of roller skates from Santa Claus instead of a good strong sled. His more fortunate playmates were quick to take advantage of the snow and every street in town with any slope at all to it was promptly pre-empted by crowds of laughing youngsters.

Snow is not so common an occurrence here that the flurry could pass unnoticed. In the earlier part of the day, the town wore a surly after-holiday appearance, which together with the unusual cold made the streets somewhat deserted. The first few scattering snowflakes, however,

FERDINAND CHARLES. Whose Morganatic Wife May Be Raised to Royal Rank.



HILL MEN HERE SEEKING RAILWAY

FREQUENT VISITS TO CITY THOUGHT TO MEAN CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

LARGE PURCHASES IN PORTLAND

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Likely To Change Hands — Terminals Bought.

The report that the Hill interests have purchased the O. W. P. and are negotiating for the entire Portland properties in and about Portland is strengthened by the fact that President B. S. Josselyn of the P. R. L. & P. Company is known to have been in frequent consultation with the representatives of a large financial interest during the past four months. This man has spent much time in Portland during that period and he and Mr. Josselyn and occasionally other representatives of the interests he represents, have made frequent trips over the O. W. P. line in Mr. Josselyn's private car. They have been to Oregon City several times to inspect the power plant on the West Side. Employees of the road say that special parties have been taken out over the lines in the Josselyn car more frequently during the past few months than ever before in the history of the road.

J. J. Hill is known to have the greatest confidence in the future of Portland, and to be a firm believer in the statement frequently made by John F. Stevens, when he was head of the Hill lines in Oregon—that Portland is destined to be the greatest city on the Pacific Coast. Every action of Mr. Hill has demonstrated his great confidence in the future of Portland and Oregon. The building of the North Bank road, the Oregon Trunk, the purchase of the Oregon Electric and the United Railways properties have all indicated his belief in the future growth of Oregon.

In connection with Hill's ownership of the Oregon Electric and the United Railways it is significant that neither of those companies has its own power resources, but both are dependent upon the power plants of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company at Oregon City, and on the Clackamas. The purchase of the Portland Railway, Light & Power properties would assure the Hill electric lines their own power and would be in line with Mr. Hill's policy.

It is recognized by all railroadmen that the O. W. P. property is the best and most available terminal proposition in Portland, and taken in connection with the Inman-Toulson mill site, adjoining the freight yards south of Hawthorne bridge, is an ideal terminal for a large rail line. The lines follow the Willamette river to Oregon City, run up the Clackamas to Casadero, and cut across the country to Fairview on the Columbia river and to a connection with the main line of the O. W. R. & N. Company.

It is known that within the past year complete examinations of the O. W. P. properties have been made by

CHARTER BOARD TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

The charter board, named by ex-Mayor Brownell, and the former City Council, will meet tonight in the Council Chamber to continue its work. The board decided at meetings before the holidays upon a business form of government. Mayor Dimick also has expressed himself as being in favor of a business form of government and it is probable that he and the board can agree upon a plan. The Mayor thinks the city should have a business manager. The board can only recommend a revised charter to be voted upon by the people. If it is adopted, officers as provided in the charter will be voted upon at the next general election.

2 HELD ON CHARGE OF STEALING WATCH

Tom Maloney and George Henry, charged with robbery, were held over to the grand jury in bonds of \$250 each by Justice of the Peace Samson Thursday. The men are accused of having stolen a watch from Frank Soldat at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. They were arrested by Policeman Green. Soldat said that he was approached by the men who asked him the time. When he took his watch from his pocket they seized it, he declares. The watch was recovered.

WIFE SAYS HUSBAND GAVE HER BLACK EYE

Catherine Sauer, through her attorneys, Brownell and Stone, filed suit Thursday for a divorce from William F. Sauer, alleging cruelty. They were married September 11, 1901. The plaintiff alleges that her husband frequently beat her, and that while they were living in Portland July 27, 1911 he threw her out of their home and blackened her eyes by beating her with his fist. She asks \$25 a month alimony and \$100 attorney's fee.

COUNTY COURT TO MAKE LEVY TODAY

The County Court announced Thursday that the tax levy would be made today. Because of the increase in the state tax levy and the act requiring the county court to raise \$8 per capita for school children, there will be an increase over the levy last year. The court will name the road supervisors in the fifty-five districts next Thursday. It is expected that at least three-fourths of the present supervisors will be reappointed.

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ORCHESTRA TO HAVE REHEARSAL TONIGHT

The Philharmonic Orchestra will take up rehearsals again, beginning tonight at 8 o'clock in the lecture room of the Congregational church.

There is every indication that before the season closes Oregon City will possess one of the finest orchestras in the state. When players will drive fifteen miles on a winter night for the privilege of practicing with the orchestra, there must indeed be a spirit of loyalty that makes success a certainty.

There are two women in the organization. Miss Vida Williams, pianist, and Mrs. John Crawford, cellist soloist. Oregon City has for a long time needed an institution of this sort, not alone for the pleasure it gives, but for its educational value to the community at large.

STUART FUNERAL TO BE HELD TODAY

The remains of the late J. A. Stuart, who died at his home at Seaside Tuesday, arrived in this city Thursday, and were taken to the I. O. O. F. hall where the funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. S. A. Hayworth, pastor of the Baptist church, will officiate and he will be assisted by the I. O. O. F., the order of which the deceased had been a member many years, he being one of the oldest members. The interment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

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