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HANDOUT FOR JOBS.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY MEN SEEK FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

Chances of City Attorney A. S. Dresser For Register of Land Office Are Good—L. L. Porter Wants to Be Surveyor-General.

Two Clackamas County men are candidates for federal appointments, both of which will probably be made within a week or ten days. City Attorney A. S. Dresser expects to succeed C. B. Moores as Register of the land office and it is believed that he stands excellent chances of success. Previous to Mr. Moores' appointment five years ago last October, Mr. Dresser was a candidate for the place, but Mr. Moores received it. Ever since the last election people have been looking for the appointment of Moores' successor. The senatorial campaign shut off everything else but the appointment is sure to be made very soon. Mr. Moores is a candidate for reappointment. He has made an exceptional record as Register and is a personal friend of Senator Fulton. But personal friendship does not count for much in these troublesome political times. It is freely reported that Senator Mitchell made a solemn promise to Mr. Dresser that he should be the next Register of the Oregon City land office and Mr. Dresser is confident of securing the place. There does not seem to be many candidates for this position. Eli Maddock, a former sheriff of this county, has been mentioned, but it is safe to say that if it goes to Clackamas County, Mr. Dresser will be the man. Charles W. Nottingham, joint representative from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, is mentioned. He had much to do

with Fulton's election and is in a great degree responsible for the success of the gentleman from Clatsop County. Mr. Dresser was a partner of Judge McBride before the elevation of the latter to the circuit bench. Later he was a law partner of State Senator George C. Brownell. He is a man of sound judicial mind and there is no question of his ability.

There are rumors afloat of a combination made during the late senatorial fight, whereby Mr. Moores, who is from Salem, would receive a reappointment, in exchange for the votes of Senators Farrar, Croisan and Hobson, of Marion County, for Fulton, but this is doubted. Register Moores has no knowledge of it and it is not plain just what the Marion County delegation would gain by such a combination. Besides, Farrar wants something himself. But the question will be settled in a very few days at most. If it is not Moores, it will probably be Dresser.

The successor of Surveyor-General Henry Meldrum will be appointed soon. Applicants for this place are H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro; M. M. Pickens, of Portland; State Senator J. J. Daly, of Corvallis, and L. L. Porter, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise and ex-state senator. The latter has been a seeker for a federal appointment ever since his defeat for the nomination of state printer. While it has been customary to appoint a surveyor or a man who has some knowledge of surveying to the office of surveyor-general, Mr. Porter has no such claim, but neither have some of the other candidates, and it is not believed that this qualification will be deemed necessary. The office pays a salary of \$2000 a year and there are ways of increasing this amount.

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DOUBLE BURDEN.

PROPERTY OWNERS WILL PAY TAXES TWICE NEXT YEAR.

New Law Changes Method of Assessment and Collection and in 1904 Taxes Will Be Payable Three Months Earlier.

Oregon tax payers will pay taxes twice in 1904. They will pay the taxes levied upon the tax roll of 1903 and also the taxes levied upon the roll of 1904. This is due to a change in law by which taxes are to be paid in the Fall of the same year the assessment is made. In order to effect this change it was necessary to make the taxes payable three months earlier or nine months later. The collection of taxes is already three months later than it should be, so the Legislature decided to make the taxes payable in the preceding Fall rather than in the succeeding Fall. Under the new arrangement the counties will have funds earlier and will save some interest on warrants. Taxpayers will feel that they are bearing a double burden the first year, but after that there will be no difference in the amount to be paid in any one year.

Under the present law the assessment is made after the first Monday in March, the assessment being filed in September, the levy thereon made the following January and the taxes collected by the first Monday in April. Thus the taxes on the assessment of 1903 are not paid until 1904.

The new law provides that the assessor shall on the first Monday of January make his assessment, and return the roll by the first Monday of July, showing all the property owned in this county on the first Monday in January.

Under the new law the County Courts must make the annual tax levy in September following the assessment. Cities and school districts must notify the County Clerks of their annual tax levies by the first day of September, instead of by the first day of February, as under the old law.

All taxes are payable by the 31st day of December of the same year. All the taxes not paid by the 31st day of December become delinquent on that day; provided, however, that if one-half of the taxes due on any parcel of land are paid by the 31st of December, the property owner may have until the following first Monday in April, and if the remainder be not then paid, it becomes delinquent, and, besides the penalty, interest at the rate of 12 per cent will be charged on such remainder from the 31st day of December. On all delinquent taxes interest is to be charged at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the date of the delinquency, and if the taxes remain delinquent 30 days, a penalty of 5 per cent will be added. On all taxes paid on or before the 31st day of December, a rebate of 2 per cent will be allowed. Under the present law the rebate is 3 per cent. On the first Monday in February the sheriff must begin the collection of delinquent taxes by levying upon personal property, and on the first Monday in April close the delinquent roll and return it to the County Court.

While it is generally said that the taxes will now be paid in the Fall, the last date is nearly in the middle of the Winter, so that nearly all farmers will have sold their products by that time. Those who prefer to pay in the Spring can secure time on the last half of their taxes by paying the first half by December 31.

Taxpayers will pay their 1903 taxes

in March, 1904, and their 1904 taxes in December, 1904.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

Randall Will Probably Take Charge of Postoffice April 1.

Tom P. Randall, who was confirmed by the United States senate as postmaster of Oregon City last Tuesday, expects to take possession of the office April 1. By that time his commission will have arrived and as soon as he secures bondsmen the office will be turned over to him. Mr. Randall is secretary of the Republican county central committee, and will probably hand in his resignation as soon as his appointment takes effect. No one has yet been mentioned as his successor. Either the chairman of the central committee may appoint or the committee may elect. As the county central committee will meet this year, on account of the congressional election, it is more than probable that Mr. Randall's successor will be elected.

Charman Property Burned.

News was received here this morning that several buildings in Portland, owned by E. E. Charman, of this city, had been destroyed by fire. The loss will be about \$5000 and insurance \$3000.

On Sunday afternoon, March 8, occurred the wedding of Mr. Robert McElhany and Miss Della Chapell at the bride's residence in this city, Rev. E. S. Bollinger of the Congregational Church officiating. The following immediate friends of the bride and groom were present: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz, Nane and Edonia Chapell, Lancelotte Burfitt, Georgie Schwartz, Mrs. Peters, Paul Nauman, Victor Nemyre. A number of valuable presents were received and bounteous luncheon was enjoyed by the invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. McElhany will make their home in Portland, Mr. McElhany being in the employ of the Southern Pacific at the car shops. The happy couple has the well wishes of a host of friends.

NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Myrtle Lodge, Degree of Honor, Celebrates Its Birthday.

The ninth anniversary of the organization of Myrtle Lodge, No. 24, Degree of Honor, was celebrated Tuesday evening in Woodmen Hall. The evening was a stormy one, but notwithstanding this fact, those present came determined to enjoy to the full measure the entertainment and banquet tendered by the lodge. Judge F. T. Ryan delivered a short address of welcome and a piano solo was rendered by Miss Edna Daulton. Mrs. Kate J. Misiner, first grand chief of honor of Oregon and organizer of Myrtle Lodge, delivered a short speech. She told of the organization and said that just nine years ago tonight she was met on the cars by two brothers of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, carrying a lantern, and was escorted to a hall of the top of a seemingly never ending hill. The hall was the same one that stands now and Mrs. Misiner here organized Myrtle Lodge with a charter list of 100. Her address was heartily received. The Misses Roake gave a vocal duet and responded to an encore and Past Grand Recorder Mrs. Ollie Stephens made a short speech for the good of the order, and was enthusiastically applauded. Miss Donna Doty gave a recitation and the Maccabee Quartette sang, and responded to two encores.

Judge Gordon E. Hayes made the address of the evening. He spoke in a happy vein and at the close of his speech the loud applause showed the appreciation of the audience. J. H. Zane, of Portland, made a few remarks and the guests were seated at the tables in the banquet hall. Oregon Grape and potted plants graced the tables and the menu was delicious. The tables were served by the ladies of Myrtle Lodge. Dancing followed the banquet, lasting until midnight.

"An Evening in Ireland" at Wilamette Hall, Friday, March 27. Refreshments served. Lots of fun. Proceeds for the Eastham School Library. Everybody invited.

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