

REFERENDUM AND FAIR.

It is doubtful if the people will veto the Fair appropriation, even if the referendum be invoked, as is proposed at Albany. The appropriation is probably larger than it should have been. A sum half as large would have been more reasonable and more within the limit, of what the vast mass of people would deem proper. But over against these considerations is that vital fact that the amount has already been fixed by the legislature, and at a figure where it must stand or fall. Thousands who would vote for a smaller appropriation will not vote against the larger one if it means absolute veto of any appropriation. They would not wish to see the state humiliated by defeat of the appropriation altogether, especially after the half million appropriation has been used as a basis for securing liberal appropriations by other states for the fair. These reasons, even if the matter comes to a vote will probably result in an endorsement by the people of the legislature's action.

COURT TODAY.

Judge Hamilton Arrived—Corvallis Boy Abroad—Other News.

An afternoon tea was given at the Gatch home Thursday, in honor of Mrs. N. H. Wheeler of Seattle. The guests were: Mesdames Withycombe, Cordley, Lake, Pritchard, Berchtold, Crawford, Nichols, Phillips, Hayward, Horner, Skelton, Coote, Avery, Keady, Spangler, Callahan, Yates, Gibbs and Irvine, Misses Snell, Chamberlain and Crawford.

A fine picture of Herman Tartar, with biographical sketch and the announcement that he had been appointed Deputy Food and Dairy Commissioner of Oregon, appeared in Wednesday's Portland Telegram and also in yesterday's Oregonian.

F. D. McLouth of Corvallis and Miss Colista Murray of Portland, were contesting artists for a prize of \$250 offered by the 1905 Fair committee for the best sketch typical of the event the Fair is to commemorate. There were thirteen other competitors for the prize. All the sketches were rejected by the committee and the prize increased to \$500. Those who saw the sketch of Mr. McLouth declare it to have been a very fine one.

Judge James Hamilton arrived yesterday and at nine o'clock this morning convenes the circuit court in the usual preliminary session that has done so much to abbreviate court sessions and reduce court expenses in Benton. His friends, and they are of all political parties, believe that Judge Hamilton is one democrat in the first district of Oregon that, if nominated, for congress would be sure to defeat any opponent. His record as district attorney and Circuit judge, together with his wide personal popularity would make him an almost invincible candidate. It is understood however, that he has no ambition to go to congress.

HIS ILLNESS.

Serious Condition of Bay Rickard—Two Physicians Attend Him.

Bay Rickard is seriously ill at his home near Philomath. His condition is so distressing that his father and other relatives are at the bedside. His malady is stomach trouble. Last Sunday he ate a considerable quantity of sausage and some time afterward was seized with violent pains in the stomach. Vomiting began on Monday and has continued with more or less violence ever since.

Dr. Cathey who is associated with Dr. Newth of Philomath in the case, came in from a visit yesterday morning, and reports no change for the better. The ailment is diagnosed as inflammation of the inner lining of the stomach. It's character is considered more distressing than dangerous.

Bridge Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by me up to 1 o'clock p m Wednesday, April 1, 1903, for the construction of a bridge and grade at Stewart's Hill on the Corvallis-Albany road, in accordance with the plans, specifications and instructions to bidders on file in my office.

Each bidder shall be required to deposit with his bid 5 per cent of the amount of such bid as by law required, the court reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

THOMAS A. JONES, County Surveyor.

HERMANN WAS HERE.

Met Old Constituents—Brethren Were Kind—Something About Him.

Binger Hermann, at 23 a member of the lower house in the Oregon legislature, at 25 a member of the state senate, for 12 years a member of congress from Oregon, for six years commissioner of the general land office of the United States, and now a candidate for the republican nomination for congress from the first Oregon district, arrived on the Westside train from Portland Wednesday, and spent a day among his old constituents. He left Thursday for his home at Roseburg.

His presence in town made a flutter among his political brethren. "Hermann's in town" went from lip to lip always with a significant expression. Of course they were kind to the man who has spent so much of his life among the great men at Washington. They made his stay as pleasant as could be, and incidentally allowed signs to be seen that an onlooker would naturally interpret as indicating that there is a fair prospect that the Benton delegation yet to be named for the coming congressional convention of the republicans is likely as not to be for Mr Hermann. As far as known, Mr. Hermann told no one that he was a candidate for congress, but it is very certain that his name will be before the convention, and that he will have a goodly number of supporters.

Few men in Oregon have had as many of the good things in a political way as has the statesman from Douglas. He entered political life in his early twenties. He has been in many a political race, and has been defeated but once, at Albany when the late congressman Tongue, after a terrible ballot battle, won out, over him for congress.

Mr. Hermann was born in West Maryland, February 19, 1843, and is now sixty years of age. His father was Dr. Henry Hermann, who led a colony into Oregon territory, arriving in the autumn of 1858, settling in the Coquille river valley, being among the very first settlers in the region. The country was a wilderness and in homemaking it was necessary to clear away the dense forest. The nearest postoffice was 30 miles distant, and there were no methods of communication except by trail and canoe.

Binger Hermann did not arrive in Oregon with his father. At the age of sixteen, with his mother and the rest of the family he came the following year, arriving a month or two after the admission of Oregon into the union, February 14th, 1869. For two years thereafter, Young Hermann assisted in clearing the land for the family home, and then began to teach school. His first school was the second taught in Coos county. The few pupils lived throughout the dense forest region embracing the Coquille river valley, and wherein there are now perhaps twenty school districts, with a population of several thousand.

Later, he taught school in various parts of Douglas county, and then began the study of law in the office of the late Governor Chadwick. He was admitted to the bar by the supreme court in the autumn of 1866. The only surviving judge of what was then the supreme court is Judge Boise of the third judicial district. At the same time he was sworn in as a member of the lower house of the Oregon legislature. At that session J. H. Mitchell appeared for the first time as a candidate for the United States senate. Governor A. C. Gibbs was the caucus nominee of the republican party. The senatorial battle was not unlike those that are fought in the present day, and resulted in the defeat of both the caucus nominee and Mr. Mitchell. In the last moments of the session Henry W. Corbett was elected as a compromise candidate.

Two years later, Mr. Hermann was elected to the state senate and served four years, from the district embracing Coos, Douglas and Curry counties. In 1874, he was nominated and elected to congress, succeeding M. C. George, now a circuit judge in Portland. The convention that named him was held in Portland, and S. L. Kline of Corvallis was one of the delegates from Benton, and was a supporter of Mr. Hermann. The democratic candidate was Hon. John Myers now of Portland.

For five successive terms thereafter, Mr. Hermann was renominated and re-elected to congress. His term of continuous service covered a period of 12 years. Of these eight were as the sole congressman from Oregon, and four years as member from the first Oregon district. In most instances his nomination was by acclamation. Among the democratic candidates defeated by him were, John M. Gearin Robert A. Miller and W. D. Fenton. After his defeat at the Albany

convention for the nomination for congress, Mr. Hermann was appointed by President McKinley as commissioner of the general land office. The two had served for several years together in congress, and it was by reason of this that the coveted plum fell to the Oregon man. He served in the place throughout the McKinley administration and under the Roosevelt regime until his retirement the first of last February, the facts of which are recent history. A fact that undoubtedly confronts his friends, is that Mr. Hermann's nomination would, under the circumstances, be a slap at the Roosevelt administration.

Clark—Gortner.

The marriage of Edwin M. Clark and Miss Jose A. Gortner, was solemnized at the residence of Dr. H. T. Hoople at Vale, Saturday evening, March 14th, at nine o'clock, Rev. H. E. Carter of the M. E. church officiating. Only a few relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. The wedding march was played by Mrs. H. T. Hoople who at the close of the ceremony sang very effectively, "O Promise Me."

The bride was beautifully gowned in white organdie profusely trimmed in tucks and lace, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. After congratulations the company sat down to a delightful luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will make their future home in the beautiful little town of Vale, where the groom is connected with the Vale Commercial Company, and the bride is a very successful music teacher. The congratulations of hosts of friends in Benton county are extended to them in their new relation.

WHY SO MANY MILLS.

Levied for Corvallis Public Schools Board was Busted.

There has been general wonder at why so many mills were levied this year for the Corvallis public schools. The levy is nine and one-half mills. The sum it raises is \$6,000. The reason so much money is required is that two months ago the board spent its last dollar. The levy last year was not enough to carry the school through the current year. The expense per month for teacher's salaries and incidentals is \$500. The board was confronted with the fact that six months salaries or \$3,000 in money was needed for this year. That nine months salaries or \$4,500 would be necessary next year. Also that construction of toilets and connection with the sewer would cost about \$1,000. That makes \$8,500 of outlay in sight that the board had to provide for, besides the \$1450 necessary for payment of a bond and interest on outstanding bonds. Even the \$6,000 levied will not be sufficient to carry the district through to the end of the next school year, as will be seen by the above figures.

Market Report.

Portland.

Wheat valley 78 to Flour 3 60 to \$3 70 per bill. Potatoes .50 to 60 per sack Eggs Oregon. 15 per doz. Butter 40 to 44 c per roll. Creamery 60 to 65 per roll.

Corvallis.

Wheat 68 per bushel. Oats 29 to 30 Flour 95 c per sack Butter 30 to 40 per roll Creamery 70 per rdll Eggs 12 1/2 c per doz Chickens 12 1/2 to 15 per pound. Lard 15 c per lb

Reduction in Water Rates.

We are proposing to reduce the rates on water, and to arrange with all consumers so that all may be treated the same. To do this we must insist on all bills being paid in advance or by the 10 of the month as our rules and regulations call for, and as all other cities require. We have no desire to have any troubles with any consumer, but to treat all alike. Our rules must be enforced. If anything should happen that the water is not used after being paid for, the money will be refunded.

Very Truly Yours, Corvallis Water Co.

Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by me up to one o'clock p m Wednesday April 1, 1903 for the construction of one mile of road between Philomath and Corvallis, in accordance with plans and specifications on file in my office at the court house. Each bidder is required to deposit with his bid five per cent of the amount thereof, as by law required, the County Court reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Thomas A. Jones, County Surveyor.

RAISING VALUATIONS THERE.

Clackamas Wants Lower Levy—Will Double Present Valuations.

Benton is not the only county that is raising the valuation of property in the assessment. An Oregon City dispatch to the Oregonian says:

"County Assessor James F. Nelson today announced that the valuation of property would be doubled all over the county. This has been urged for a long time, as the low valuation and the consequent high levy has a tendency to depreciate the value of real estate and also discourages immigration. Assessor Nelson will raise the assessment on railroads and corporations more than double, and there is no doubt but that these properties have been assessed at entirely too low a figure in the past.

"Clackamas county has a 32-mill levy this year, and this is believed to be the highest in the state. Doubling the valuation will not reduce the levy one-half next year but it will lower it considerably and the taxes are sure to be high for several years on account of the heavy county debt that must be paid."

Gracie.

The following lines, written by a college student, are a young friend's tribute to little Gracie Cooper, who lost her life in the terrible accident, last Wednesday afternoon.

Goodbye little Gracie Our sunbeam, our hope! How vacant your dear little place— How silent the world now your sweet voice is stilled! How lonely, since absent your face! Goodbye, little Gracie, Your dark shining eyes Are closed on this harsh world of pain. With beckoning hands and wee waiting feet; You are waiting and watching to guide us above, And, darling, we'll see you again. Goodbye, little Gracie! Your wandering feet Now walk with the angels of light Forever, through darkness, your dear little face Will gleam like a star In the world's dreary night. Goodbye, angel Gracie! Our gifts of sweet flowers To you, little darling, are given; We've moistened your grave With warm tears of love Sweet Gracie, goodbye. We'll meet you in Heaven.

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E. E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. NOTARY PUBLIC. Office in Zierolf Building, Corvallis, Or.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Hayes, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of James Hayes, deceased, by the county court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of James Hayes, deceased, are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at her residence one mile west of Corvallis, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon. Dated this March 14, 1903. Caroline Hayes, Administratrix of the estate of James Hayes, deceased.

To Land Buyers.

I can sell you any kind or size of farm, stock or dairy ranch, with or without stock; also city properties, acreage near town, business propositions, etc. Farms and ranches \$10 to \$40 per acre.

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