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Preparations Complete For Primary Election

Registration Shows 1243 Voters on Books; 928 Republicans, 191 Democrats, 42 Prohibitionists, 32 Socialists and 50 Scattering

Preparations have about been completed by the county authorities for the primary election which will be held next Saturday, Sept. 24th. The total registration which was compiled yesterday shows that 1243 voters have registered, 928 of whom have given their political preference as Republican and 191 as Democratic. Forty-two Prohibitionists are registered, 32 Socialists and 46 Independents. Four are given as scattering having refused to declare their politics.

According to the registration 75 per cent of the voters of the county are Republicans and 25 per cent of other political beliefs. The largest total registration is in Hood River Center precinct as is also the largest Democratic registration. The largest number of Republicans are in West Hood River precinct which is also second in the total registration. Baldwin follows West Hood River, having gained greatly since the last election. East Hood River comes next, then South Hood River, Falls and Odell precincts. The Democratic registration in all the precincts except Center is about the same, 25 declaring for Democratic principles in East, West and South, 15 in Odell and 25 in Falls and Baldwin. In Center precinct the Democratic registration is 80. Center also has the greatest number of Socialists registered.

On Saturday the polls will open at 12 noon and close at 7 p. m. It is urged on voters to bear this in mind and not put off voting until late in the day. The polling place for East precinct will be as usual in town, although not yet designated. For West it will be in the city hall and for Center on the heights. South Hood River voters will vote in the Barrett school house and Odell voters will cast their ballot either in Odd Fellows hall or at the school house. Voters in Baldwin will go to Mount Hood post office and those in Falls precinct will cast their ballots at Cascade Locks.

It is announced by County Clerk Culbertson that in order to conform to the law voters will be registered Saturday morning at the office of G. D. Culbertson & Co., in the Elliot

IRRIGATING COMPANY DISCUSSES FINANCES

A meeting of the stockholders of the East Fork Irrigating Company was held Saturday afternoon in the assembly room of the new Commercial Club rooms for the purpose of taking action on re-bonding, and also discussing the financial affairs of the company. Virgil Winchell, president of the company, presided, and a large number of the stockholders were present.

After listening to the suggestions of a number of the stockholders, a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to prepare a plan for adjusting the financial affairs of the company, and report to an adjourned meeting to be held today. The committee is C. B. Bone, J. C. Porter, E. F. Batten, J. L. Carter and T. A. Decker.

GOV. BENSON IMPROVING RAPIDLY SAYS PHYSICIAN

In order to allay the apprehension that F. W. Benson is not in physical condition to assume the duties of the office of secretary of state, for which he is a candidate on the Republican assembly ticket, Dr. George Culver, his physician, states that he is improving rapidly and that his physical condition is practically 100 per cent better than it was one week ago and that he has been making steady progress for the last two months.

Dr. Culver says: "Our only reason now for keeping the governor here is to get him in such shape that he will be physically equal to any amount of strain that may be put upon him when he goes back to his work."

building, where they can swear in their registration. This will have to be done before the polls open.

A full election board for each precinct was appointed by the county court some time ago, and notification sent them of their appointment. It is asked that they be on hand promptly in order to facilitate the voting on account of the short time allowed voters to cast their ballots in the primary election.

It is stated that the sentiment among Republicans in the past few days is turning toward the regular Republican candidates on account of the influence their election will have in keeping the state in the stalwart Republican column regardless of the anti-assembly movement.

Candidates are getting their final say on their attitude for county offices, and for the rest of the week it is expected that the campaign will be a lively one.

MARION COOK STOW AUTHOR PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Marion Cook Stow, wife of Charles M. Stow, of the Oregonian editorial department, and well known in this city, died Friday morning in the home of her father, C. M. Cook, 345 East Thirteenth street, Portland. She is survived by Mr. Stow, mother, father and two brothers, Walter M. Cook, with the Ladd & Tilton Bank, and Frank R. Cook, of the Pacific Hardware & Steel Company. The funeral was held Sunday from Holman's undertaking rooms. The body was cremated.

Mrs. Stow was born in Ohio and came to Oregon with her parents when young and received her education in the public schools of Portland. She was widely known as a writer of verse, being the author of two well known volumes—"Where Flows Hood River" and "Voices of the City." A prose story, entitled "The Child and the Dream," was another piece of work from her facile pen. Mrs. Stow leaves a large circle of friends who mourn her death. She had been ill but a short time. Death was due to tuberculosis.

Mrs. Stow was an ardent admirer of Hood River's scenic beauties and an enthusiast in regard to its fruit culture, and spent several summers here. It was during this time that she gathered the material for "Where Flows Hood River," which had a large sale here and also in Portland.

Miss Smith Entertains for Guest

Miss Hazel Smith gave a delightful house party Saturday evening in honor of Miss Bessie Cutchforth of Portland who is her guest for the week. After meeting Miss Cutchforth the guests spent the evening in playing games, listening to music and in partaking of dainty refreshments served by the hostess. The ladies invited to meet Miss Cutchforth were Miss Hulda Weber, Miss Jessie Reynolds, Miss Adah Hicks, Miss Lydia Johnson, Miss Cora Weber and Miss Mabel Young.

The Real Issue of the Primary Election

(BY THE EDITOR)

The primary election Saturday will in many respects be the most important occasion on which the voters of Oregon have exercised the right of franchise, for it will decide whether the rank and file of the Republican party are for or against party organization; it will decide whether the people of this state will go on record as in favor of the movement to disrupt the organization that has given to the United States the greatest era of prosperity and progress of which the world has any knowledge.

The element of the Republican party in Oregon which is supporting the principles that have accomplished this great achievement is the assembly. Its candidates are for supporting the established order of things in opposition to unrest, discontent, Populism, or in its more high sounding title "Nationalism." The American people are proverbially fickle minded and prone to forgetfulness. It takes but a few years to wipe off the slate of penury and bring on the season of plenty under a wise administration. Therefore to refresh the memories of those who are intent on destroying the party that has given them an administration on which they have waxed fat we subjoin a schedule showing the increase in prices for farm products in March 1910 over March 1896, taken from the Congressional Record:

Increase from March 1896 to March 1910
Corn advanced 118.4 per cent
Wheat advanced 88.1 per cent
Cotton advanced 92.2 per cent
Oats advanced 132.2 per cent
Rye advanced 117.1 per cent
Barley advanced 126.8 per cent
Hay advanced 49.5 per cent
The price of the above products practically doubled.

As showing the increase in the purchasing power of farm products "ten bushels of corn equaled in value 70 pounds of Rio coffee in March 1910, and 21 pounds in March 1896. Ten bushels of corn equaled in value 16 gallons of New Orleans molasses in March 1910 and 8 gallons in March 1896. Ten bushels of corn equaled in value 131 pounds of sugar in March 1910 and 59 pounds in March 1896. Ten bushels of corn equaled in value 80 yards of brown sheetings in March 1910 and 51 yards in March 1896. Ten bushels of corn equaled in value 16 yards of cashmere all-wool dress goods in March 1910 and 14 yards in March 1896," etc.

It seems strange that a people will revolt against an organization's administration that has caused this unparalleled record for American products. As we have said, however, the explanation lies in the fact that they have forgotten; that in their prosperous condition they feel secure and are chasing after false prophets. The average man judges from the surface. He forgets to reason that disaster follows the disruption of the established and the substitution of the uncertain, the theoretical or the altruistic.

The rise of the movement which has become known in the past few days as "Nationalism" is already a serious menace to business conditions. While just named its mutterings were heard six months ago and already the hands of capital are on the purse strings nervously awaiting the danger signal. In the money markets of the east and middle west bonds of sterling value have gone begging and gilt edged railroad securities have sold below par. Money in the middle west has been difficult to secure at 8 per cent and in some districts the rate of interest has risen to 12. The banks are quietly strengthening their reserve funds and are cautiously watching the growing condition with distrust.

It is not that capital so much fears a change of power from one party to another, as a change from one party to NO PARTY. A possible change to a movement with nothing behind it but the mob and an empty name; without achievement; without a definite purpose and without prestige except that acquired through printer's ink. A movement simply as it is named, "insurgency."

This is the condition that calls for a wise deliberation on the part of the voters of Oregon, and it applies to every city and hamlet in the state. The Republican voter should think twice before casting his ballot to disrupt the organization that has showered him with prosperity; to make it possible to bring on a disastrous business condition and to place the state in the columns of Populism, discontent and headless political turmoil.

The result of the coming primary election is not a matter of gaining a local victory. It will be national in its significance and define clearly whether the people of the state want a continuance of the prosperous Republican policy or a change to uncertainty. Also the question is not a matter of supporting or opposing individual candidates; it is a matter of supporting the element that stands for upholding the Republican administration and the organization of the party. The assembly candidates represent this element in Oregon and the voter will do well to forget factional differences and support them on a broader issue than assembly or anti-assembly.

Open House To-Day at Commercial Club Rooms

Guests Will Be Received Informally From 2 to 10 P. M.--Invitation Extended to All Residents Who Will Be Feasted and Entertained

The formal opening of the Commercial Club rooms and reception tonight promises to be one of the most interesting and auspicious affairs in the history of social events in the valley, and it is expected that it will be largely attended.

Open house will be kept from 2 in the afternoon till 10 in the evening and guests will be received by a large reception committee which will endeavor to make all welcome. The affair is open to everybody, and the directors of the Club want it again impressed upon residents of all sections of the city and valley that they are cordially invited to be present.

A special program of soloists has been arranged, the committee on ar-

rangements being fortunate in securing for this part of the program Mrs. Chas. H. Henney, Mrs. Peyton Davidson, Mrs. Frank E. Deems, J. Adrian Epping and O. T. Wedemeyer.

In addition to the ladies' committee appointed, consisting of Mrs. J. H. Heilbronner, Mrs. R. H. Wallace, Mrs. Friday and Mrs. N. W. Bone, the reception committee will be augmented by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Derby, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hartwig and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Early, the latter being the directors of the club and their wives.

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and evening.

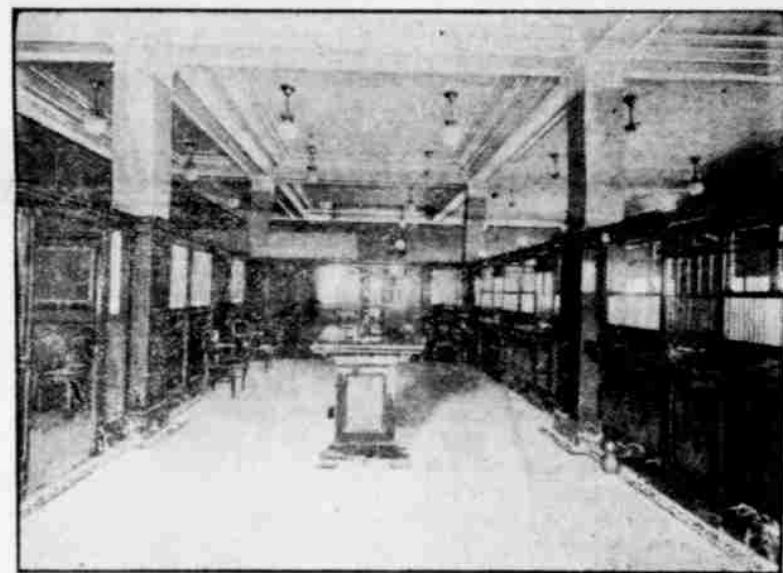
NEW BANKING ROOM BIG AND HANDSOME

The new banking room of the First National Bank, which is now completed, is one of the handsomest in the state, and also one of the most commodious. With a depth of nearly 75 feet, it is 40 feet wide and its appointments are both attractive and substantial.

A tile floor with an artistic border covers the lobby, in the center of

are reached by a private stairway from a room fitted up for patrons on the banking floor, who deposit valuables for safe keeping. The vault doors are fitted with double locks, and a knowledge of both combination and time locks is necessary to open them.

Entering the banking room on the right is the apartment of the cashier, with receiving and paying tellers, bookkeepers and other attaches on the right. On the left is the president's room, directors' room and the apartments for patrons. The ceiling



THE FIRST NATIONAL'S NEW BANKING ROOM

which is a hardwood double desk of unique design. The woodwork of the various apartments for employees and officers of the institution is a rich mahogany with marble base boards. Artistic brass wickets with marble change counters are supplied for the money handling part of the bank's business, while steel wire cages protect the funds when brought out of the vaults. The latter are big double affairs with a foundation extending down to the ground, and containing safety deposit boxes on the basement floor. The latter

is handsomely finished with a beamed effect and tinted. Drop electric lights with brass hangings and frosted globes furnish ample light. The entrance to the bank is plain but rich and the whole is indicative of good taste and progressiveness.

PINE GROVEITES HEAR NOTED LECTURER

The first of the lecture courses at Pine Grove Grange hall on scientific and economic questions was given last Saturday evening by Rev. Herbert Bigelow, pastor of the Vine street Congregational church at Cincinnati, Ohio. A small audience, not at all complimentary to the intelligence of the people of Hood River valley or its University Club, was present. His topic was "Primitive Christianity, Pure and Undeified," drawing the line between Christianity and Churchianity, which in Mr. Bigelow's mind is a new religion, based on an equitable taxation of "land tax values."

Rev. Bigelow is an orator of the first rank, combined with being a philosopher of the Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips and Lyman Trumbull school, and along with this he is a teacher, the most essential thing in a crisis like the present.

The lecture was classic in every respect, and without doubt was the best that will be presented to the people of Pine Grove, Hood River or elsewhere during the fall or next winter.

PAND STAL.

Friends Gave Them Housewarming
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culbertson were agreeably surprised by the advent of a number of their friends who tendered them a housewarming and shower of many useful and valuable presents at their new home Friday evening. The guests made merry after presenting their gifts and gave the new additions to the ranks of married life a jolly evening. Refreshments appetizing and in abundance were produced and time and space forgotten in the enjoyment of an evening of pleasure.

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured for Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

The opening of the new Pennsylvania station in the heart of New York city was one of the important events of the week. It is said to be the largest and most beautiful railway depot in the world. Walter Wellman with a crew of five promises to start for Europe in his dirigible America Sept. 20. Mexico is celebrating its centenary of independence with festivals at Juarez. Theodore Roosevelt was entertained by the Hamilton club at Chicago and in a number of other middle western cities. John A. Mead was elected governor of Vermont by the Republicans with reduced majorities. Cardinal Vannutelli, the pope's legate, is attending the eucharistic congress at Montreal. James R. Keene, the noted stockbroker, is said to be recovering from a serious illness.