

POLITICAL POT HERE IS BOILING

Past Week Sees Much Interest Aroused in Big Issues of Day--"Blue Sky Law" Fails of Endorsement at People's Forum after Spirited Discussion--Taft-Sherman Forces Organize for Action--Exposition of Democratic Platform Given at Church--Woman's Suffrage Rally Is Held.

During the past week the political pot hereabouts has taken to boiling with a vengeance and events have come fast and frequently. Another spirited meeting of the People's Forum, at which the measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon next month were discussed, was held Friday.

500 corporations which applied for licenses about 250 were refused, 231 were still under investigation and only 19 licenses were granted. He further stated that the manner in which the law should operate was largely left to the discretion of the commissioners and that the law was therefore capable of abuse.

platforms will be presented. Rev. J. G. Tate will be the speaker when the Progressive platform is up for consideration. In opening the meeting Rev. MacDonald said that it had been the policy of the Unitarian Church to take an active interest in civic affairs and that the discussion of politics from a civic standpoint was within the province of the church's activities.

FINDS STUDYING LAWS IS BIG JOB

Studying the 40-odd laws submitted to Oregon voters this year with a view to voting upon them intelligently is a pretty hard job, even for a Hood River orchardist, so Roy D. Smith declared at the People's Forum Friday, and he looks with apprehension upon the rate at which the initiative measures are increasing each year.

W. E. MERCER ALMOST SHOOTING BIG BEAR

W. E. Mercer came within an ace of killing a bear in his dooryard a few nights ago. However, as Mr. Mercer did not bag Bruin, he has not boasted much of the exploit. It has been left for his friends to pass the story along and it reached the News about as follows: Mr. Mercer was awakened in the middle of the night by hearing some large animal prowling about the house apparently in an effort to gain admittance. It occasionally growled in a way which convinced Mr. Mercer that it was a bear and a big one.

Expert Approves Plan for New Water System

Edwin A. Taylor Reports to Council That There Is Flow of a Million Gallons a Day from Tucker's Spring--Additional Source Available Nearby--Elevation of Headworks Advised--Also Changes.

In order to insure having the new water system ready for next summer, Edwin A. Taylor, consulting engineer, employed by the city to go over the 1910 plans and specifications, submitted a partial report to the city council at its meeting Monday. In summing up his findings he says in part: "I approve the general plans for the new system and consider it adequate to supply your city with one million gallons of pure water daily, and to give the city ample fire protection. With a per capita consumption of 125 gallons per day, this will supply a population of 8,000."

flow of both springs through the conduit as planned would require the raising of the elevation of the headworks or the lowering of the hydraulic grade line in the conduit. Each added foot in head means considerable added capacity to the conduit. "One important item is the elevation of the water surface at the intake. This should be high enough to insure the full capacity of the conduit, but not so high as to lose any of the flow from the spring."

That the "Blue Sky Law" to be submitted to the voters of Oregon next month is good in its general principles but that it is not being submitted in the form calculated to bring the best results, was the trend of opinion in the debate held at the People's Forum Friday evening. The law providing for the creation of the office of lieutenant governor was unanimously endorsed.

Lieutenant Governor Needed The act to create the office of lieutenant governor, who should also act as president of the Senate, was brought up and favorably discussed. A. I. Mason said that under the present system of electing a president of the Senate the position was secured through log rolling, that the candidates for the position would every year make sweeping promises of committee places which resulted in appropriations being made which annually involved unnecessary expenditure of many thousands of dollars.

Mr. Wilbur briefly traced the history of the Democratic Party and declared that although it had been in the minority most of the time since the Civil War it stands for the principles of government which helped to establish the Nation upon a firm foundation. Turning to the platform upon which Mr. Wilson stands, the speaker discussed clearly and concisely the stand which it takes upon the live issues of the day.

ANOTHER STEAMBOAT LINE HERE PLANNED

With a view to extending the service through to Pasco and Lewiston as soon as The Dalles-Celilo canal has been completed, which will be in about two years, a new company just organized is contemplating the establishment in the near future of a steamboat line from Astoria to The Dalles, having the steamers stop at Portland on both the up and down trips. Within the next few days the matter will be settled definitely and the line started if the plans is looked upon favorably.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Alfred W. Boorman to Karl Heinrich, lots 8 and 9, Barrett Sipma Addition, \$2000. Oregon Lumber Company to Anton Flint, lot 40, 1st Addition to Riverside Park, nine and one-half acres. Beatrice W. Gramps to Henry H. Gramps and wife, 80 acres in Upper Valley. E. L. Plummer to B. E. Youmans, 20 acres west of Oak Grove. B. A. Itami to K. S. Yokota and G. I. Tokagi, 10 acres at Oak Grove, \$6,650.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM IS DISCUSSED AT CHURCH

Explanation of the Democratic platform this year, praise for Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic nominee, and an interesting discussion of some of the issues raised were features of the evening meeting at the Unitarian church Sunday, when Attorney George R. Wilbur was the principal speaker. This was the first of a series of five meetings to be held at the church for the discussion of the political platforms presented this year.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. H. DAY Mrs. J. H. Day died Saturday evening at her home in Pine Grove. She had been in poor health for some time, but was seriously ill for only a few days previous to her death. The funeral was held yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock from Bartmess' Undertaking Parlor and interment was made in Idlewild Cemetery. Mrs. Day was 54 years old. She came to Hood River from Portland with her husband in 1910. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Everett C., and a brother, Oscar Vanderbilt. The degree team of the local Rebekahs made the trip to Mount Hood by automobile the last of the week and initiated a class of six. The initiates were Lura Miller, Clara Miller, Leah Booth, Clarissa Welch, Josie Doggett and E. C. Miller.

GOOD PROGRESS ON CITY IMPROVEMENTS

Rapid progress has been made during the past couple of weeks on the many improvements being made in the city, as a result of which Hood River will be one of the most up-to-date and attractive cities on the coast. With the favorable weather conditions, contractors on the street improvements and new water system have kept busy and under the direction of City Surveyor Morse the work has been carried on without a hitch. Most conspicuous among the improvements is the laying of sidewalks and curbs on Oak street, in addition to which the parkings have been reduced to grades. E. O. Hall had the contract for sidewalks and curbs, while John Zolls had the contract for grading. These improvements between Fifth and Tenth streets will be completed this week. The sidewalks and curbs having been installed, Mr. Zolls will complete the grading in preparation for the paving of the street with an asphalt macadam. It is too late for this to be undertaken this fall, but it will be started early in the Spring.



News Snapshots Of the Week

W. Gibson, a lawyer, was held without bail by Judge Herbert Royce at Middletown, N. Y., for the murder of Mrs. Rosa Szabo, a client of his, who met death while boating with him on Greenwood lake.

The Vanderbilt cup race, the American automobile classic, was run at Milwaukee. Ralph De Palma drove one of the cars "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz and "Leftie Louie" Rosenberg were arrested in New York for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, completing the roundup of those accused. Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson returned from the Arctic and told of his discovery of a tribe of blond Eskimos. Katherine Wallace swam across the Delaware river at Philadelphia with her hands and feet tied. Burton Booth, Clarissa Welch, Josie Doggett and E. C. Miller.

ELECTRIC COMPANY DOUBLES CAPACITY

Extensive improvements that will double the capacity of the power and light plant of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company are now under way and will be pushed to an early completion. The work which is being carried on under the direction of Albert S. Hall, general manager of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company and Geo. S. Lahey, construction superintendent for the Pacific Power and Light Company, includes the rebuilding and enlarging of the company's dam on the Hood River, overhauling the bridge and pipe line, the installation of huge new transformers and setting up another 300 horsepower generator.

Work on the bridge is about completed and the crew of men is now engaged at work on the dam, which will practically be a new structure when finished. With the installation of larger headgates the pipe line will be increased to its maximum capacity and enabled to furnish power for the additional generator to be installed. A new intake and screen for protecting the water wheel from debris and floating ice will be placed at the headgates and a more efficient fish ladder constructed.

The mammoth transformers which the company will place in the powerhouse will make it possible to more than double the capacity of electrical energy received over the high tension line from White River, enabling that plant to efficiently handle both the business at The Dalles and Hood River independent of the local plant. The company is taking this step to properly protect its largely increased power and light business, more particularly the power furnished for cold storage purposes to the big plants of the Davidson Fruit Company, the National Apple Company and the Hood River Apple & Storage Company which must have uninterrupted service. The increase of the use of electrical energy in these big institutions and many other smaller ones about the city and valley has caused an increase of over 100 per cent in the power business of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company alone. Added to this is the right consumption of many new consumers in all parts of the city and valley. Roughly estimated the company has built over twenty miles of new line in the valley this summer.

Repairs were recently made to the water wheel of the Hood River plant, the Hood River district being served by the plant on the White River during the shutdown. The local company's smaller plant farther up the Hood River has also been placed in condition for use in an emergency. With the improvements completed it is expected that the Hood River district will be supplied with an electrical service that will take care of any increase in its needs for power and light for several years.

Methodist Church Sunday School at 10 a. m. Frenching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Theme: morning, "The Question of an Imprisoned Prophet." The Rev. H. O. Perry, district superintendent, will occupy the pulpit in the evening. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services. W. B. Young, Pastor.

The stork brought Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Volstorff on the Heights a daughter Monday morning.