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### BOILING FINDS STUDYING POLITICAL POT HERE IS

Past Week Sees Much Interest Aroused in Big Issues a view to voting upon them Intelligence Is Issues a view to voting upon them Intelligence Issues a view to voting upon them Intelligence Issues Iss of Day -- "Blue Sky Law" Fails of Endorsement at People's Forum after Spirited Discussion == Taft= Sherman Forces Organize for Action -- Exposition of lng each year. Democratic Platform Given at Church=Woman's Suffrage Rally Is Held.

come fast and frequently.

People's Forum, at which the meas- which the law should operate was Donald said that it had been the polures to be submitted to the voters largely left to the discretion of the key of the Unitarian Church to take of Oregon next month were dis- commissioners and that the law was an active interest in civic affairs and cussed, was held Friday.

a club with a view to enlisting all amended measure.

meeting until a later date.

Sunday evening the Democratic the one to adopt Party, in the person of Attorney George R. Wilbur, held the floor at The act to create the office of lieuthe Unitarian church and an expost- tenant governor, who should also zation of a public forum in this city tlow of the Democratic Party plat- act as president of the Senate, was for the discussion of the political is form was given

gists were edified by lectures given ent system of electing a president of Mr. Wilbur briefly traced the his at the Commercial Club auditorium the Senate the position was secured tory of the Democratic Party and by Dr. Chapman of Washington and through log rolling, that the candideclared that although it had been Mrs. Ehrgott of Portland.

gressives will be in evidence, when mittee places which resulted in ap- principles of government which help-Hon. Arthur E. Clarke, Progressive propriations being made which an-ed to establish the Nation upon a candidate for United States Senator, qually involved unnecessary expendi- firm foundation. Turning to the will address a public meeting at the ture of many thousands of dollars, platform upon which Mr. Wilson Commercial Club, according to an He said that if the office were made stands, the speaker discussed clearly official announcement by the local elective it would do away with all and concisely the stand which it Progressive Party appearing in antithis log rolling and greatly expedite takes upon the live issues of the day. other column.

submitted to the voters of Oregon The necessity of such an official in direct presidential primaries. next month is good in its general case of the governor's disability was principles but that it is not being also brought up. law providing for the creation of the labor troubles, abolishing capital form. office of lieutenant governor was punishment, prohibiting the employ- Following the address there was a unantmously endorsed.

the meeting and the discussion was meetings, a spirited one throughout. The principal discussion of the evening was DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM IS on the "Blue Sky Law." Attorney John Baker took the affimative, while Attorney George R, Wilbur presented some arguments against the bill as submitted this year. After platform this year, praise for Wood they had started the discussion opin- row Wilson, the Democratic nomiions were freely expressed.

Attorney Baker, in his argument, showed the need of such a law to ures of the evening meeting at the protect investors against wildcat Unitarian church Sunday, when At- Mrs. Day was 54 years old. She came schemes. He said that the desire to torney George R. Wilbur was the get big returns on investments was principal speaker. a common human falling and that This was the first of a series of five husband she leaves one son, Everett many thousands of dollars are lost meetings to be held at the church for in Oregon every year through the op. the discussion of the political plateration of companies which would forms presented this year. Next be absolutely barred from the state Sunday evening Mrs. Minnie Brewen als made the trip to Mount Hood by under the restrictions of the pro- King and J. D. McLucas will talk automobile the last of the week and posed "Blue Sky Law." He spoke on the Socialist platform. On Octo- initiated a class of six. The initiates of swindles effected in the oil region ber 13 the Prohibition platform will were Lura Miller, Clara Miller, Leah of swindles effected in the oil region of Ohio where he formerly lived, and be the topic and at subsequent meetalso referred to the Columbia River lugs the Republican and Progressive and E. C. Miller. Orchards Company, whose operations were recently bared in the courts. He said the new law would put a curb on such trresponsible and often criminal corporations. He said the present Oregon laws on this subject are very inadequate.

Attorney Wilbur granted that the purpose of the law is a good one, but contended that when a close study of the working of the law is made that it is found to be distinctly cumbersome and that it would place a heavy burden upon the small corporations in this state. Mr. Wilbur said that the law would tend to discourage the organization of corporations, even those which would foster legitimate business enterprises, for the reason that an enormous amount of red tape is required before the corporation can be organized, before it can sell its stock, and that the frequent reports and fees required would also be burdensome. No distinction is made between small and large corporations and none between those which intend to sell stock to the public and those which are only private enterprises and intended to be closed corporations. Mr. Wilbur referred to the working of a similar law in Kansas, where he said that of

only 19 licenses were granted. He sideration,

Another spirited meeting of the further stated that the manner in therefore capable of abuse. He ad-| that the discussion of politics from a Saturday afternoon local support- vocated the defeat of this bill and civic standpoint was within the ers of Taft and Sherman foregath- the submission at a subsequent elec- province of the church's activities. ered at the courthouse and organized tion of another simplified and

Lieutenant Governor Needed

Monday evening the equal suffra- A. I. Mason said that under the pres- and commended the movement. the business of the Senate.

ment of convicts by private persons general discussion in which several Valley. There was a good attendance at or firms and prohibiting public street of the citizens present participated.

# DISCUSSED AT CHURCH

Explanation of the Democratic some of the Issues raised were feat-

During the past week the political | 500 corporations which applied for platforms will be presented. Rev. J. pot hereabouts has taken to boiling licenses about 250 were refused, 231 G. Tate will be the speaker when the with a vengeance and events have were still under investigation and Progressive platform is up for con-

In opening the meeting Rev. Mac-

In prefacing his remarks Attorney Wilbur said that politics have under Republicans in the county and to Following Mr. Wilbur's arguments gone a change. Formerly the naarrange for some rousing Taft meet there was a general discussion of this tional political platforms have been bill, which is one of the important fraught with controversy and preju-Saturday evening the Woodrow submitted this year. All agreed that dice. There has been in them no Wilson Club was scheduled to meet, Oregon should have such a law, but morals, much less religion. He said but it was decided to postpone this several expressed doubt as to wheth- that in the present campaign there er the bill as presented this year is was a strong tendency towards discussing the issues in an unprejudiced and independent manner.

The speaker referred to the organi brought up and favorably discussed. sues of the day, especially in Oregon,

dates for the position would every in the minority most of the time Next Saturday evening the Pro- year make sweeping promises of com- since the Civil War it stands for the

Special attention was paid to the There would be a maximum addi- tariff, the trusts, states' rights, pub-That the "Blue Sky Law" to be tional expense involved of only \$400. licity of campaign contributions and

In conclusion Mr. Wilbur spoke of Wilson as a caudidate, declaring submitted in the form calculated to The measures to be discussed next that his practical as well as theoretbring the best results, was the trend Friday will include the following: Ical experience in the political world of opinion in the debate held at the The bill abolishing the State Senate fitted him preeminently to carry out People's Forum Friday evening. The and those prohibiting picketing in the policies enunciated in the plat-

#### 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 lots 21 and 28, 1st Addition to River. Portland and The Dalles. time, but was seriously ill for only a side Park. few days previous to her death. The John C, Hibbard to Anna M, Wylfuneral was held yesterday morning lie, 15 acres east of Dec, \$1100. nee, and an interesting discussion of at 10:30 o'clock from Bartmess' Undertaking Parlors and interment tree, 160 acres south of Blancher. was made in Idlewilde Cemetery. to Hood River from Portland with (Mineral Springs) her busband in 1910. Besides ber C, and a brother, Oscar Vanderbilt.

The degree team of the local Rebek-

Studying the 40-odd laws submitprehension upon the rate at which about as follows: the initiative measures are increas-

you what it's a big job studying all cer that it was a bear and a big one. wasn't half as big as the one this shotgun. Having armed bimself day. In summing up his findings he duit. year. If they keep on growing with this he ventured to take the says in part: they'll be bigger than the family offensive. Quietly opening a door Bible and then I don't know what on the opposite side of the house the new system and consider it ade- take. This should be high enough to with apprehension upon what the prowling, he crept forward with the million gallons of pure water daily, but not so high as to lose any of the result may be. I don't believe that gun cocked and ready for immediate and to give the city ample fire pro- flow from the spring." one-tenth of one per cent of the vot- action. In the dim light he saw a tection. With a per capita consumpers in the state will study these pro- big animal close to the house. Raisposed laws enough to vote intelli- ing the gun to his shoulder he cov- supply a population of 8,000. gently upon them in November."

remarks. He said he was a member unmistakable. It was a pig. appear. He said that the 90 mem- owner turns up. bers of the legislature had to con sider approximately 1200 proposed measures in about 30 days actual working time. Compared to this be declared it was greatly to be preferred to submit 50 measures to the entire voting population of the state done by the legislature.

# OF REAL ESTATE

Alfred W. Boorman to Karl Heln-

Oregon Lumber Company to Anton Filnt, lot 40, 1st Addition to Riverside Park, nine and one-half acres.

Gramps and wife, 80 acres in Upper

E. L. Plummer to B. E. Youmans, 20 acres west of Oak Grove.

\$6,650.

Dean L. Rowntree to W. H. Rown-

Francis M. Jackson to Frances R. Jackson, 10 acres on East Side.

Charles W. Holman, a member of lished at Dallas, Texas, was in the ing agency.

#### W. E. MERCER ALMOST SHOOTS BIG BEAR

W. E. Mercer came within an ace ted to Oregon voters this year with of killing a bear in his dooryard a gently is a pretty hard job, even for Mercer did not bag Bruin, he has not a Hood River orchardist, so Roy D. bonsted much of the exploit. It has Smith declared at the People's For- been left for his friends to pass the um Friday, and he looks with ap- story along and it reached the News

Mr. Mercer was awakened in the middle of the night by hearing some "I am certainly in favor of the int- large animal prowling about the we poor farmers will do. I look from that on which Bruin was quate to supply your city with one insure the full capacity of the conduit, ered the brute. As his finger was A. I. Mason took up the defense of about to press the trigger, however, the initiative in reply to Mr. Smith's the animal gave a grunt which was

of the "third house" at the legisla- During the brief period in which ture during its last session and that Mr. Mercer was readjusting his ideas covered by the present plans." if anyone had seen the manner in to the altered situation, the pig dewhich the laws were made there cided to get out of the danger zone they would be most emphatically in and made good his escape. It was favor of the initiative measure, bur- later corralled by F. C. Sherrieb, who densome though it may sometimes is now holding the animal until the water analyzed, as I understand that Electric Company are now under

### ANOTHER STEAMBOAT LINE HERE PLANNED

With a view to extending the servin time for serious consideration, ice through to Pasco and Lewiston maintaining that although only a as soon as The Dalles-Cellio canal spring may be piped to the headrelatively small proportion might has been completed, which will be in works if necessary some time in the vote upon the measures, a much about two years, a new company more representative consideration just organized is contemplating the would be given them than could be establishment in the near future of a steamboat line from Astoria to The Dalles, having the steamers stop at GOOD PROGRESS ON 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 plan is looked upon favorably.

is claimed that she can make the run and return the next. On the alter-B. A. Itami to K. S. Yokota and nate days the steamer Tahoma will provements is the laying of sidewalks G. I. Tokagi, 10 acres at Oak Grove, take care of the traffic, although she and curbs on Oak street, in addition H. Mortoka to Wesley F. Shannon, the route, plying at present between duced to grades. E. O. Hall had the

This will be the first time that steamers ever have operated from for grading. These improvements Astoria to The Dalles via Portland. between Fifth and Tenth streets will It is said the matter has been receiving favorable consideration because walks and curbs having been install-Sheriff to William H. Chipping, of the big volume of traffic which has ed, Mr. Zolls will complete the grad-26 82 acres on East Side, \$17,806, been moving lately between The ing in preparation for the paving of Dalles and Astoria.

A passenger from Portland to Park dale last week took a straw vote on the trains coming and going with the editorial staff of "Farm and the following results: For single tax Ranch," a farmer's magazine pub- 16, against single tax 48; for woman suffrage 42, against 19. A vote of valley the last of the week studying women only showed nine in favor the co operative Union here. Fruit and seven against woman suffrage. Several women refused to express an opinion for or against.

## Expert Approves Plan for New Water System

Flow of a Million Gallons a Day from Tucker's Spring -- Additional Source Available Nearby -- Elevation of Headworks Advised -- Also Changes.

tion of 125 gailons per day, this will

"As now planned, both the supply and storage can be increased when necessary and the distribution can be extended as the city grows without destroying any of the structures

Regarding the Tucker Springs supply Mr. Taylor says:

"I have measured the flow from reports regarding the purity of the

about 1,000 feet south of Tucker the rebuilding and enlarging of the

"To force the whole of the present

Rapid progress has been made dur-The steamer Monarch, formerly ing the past couple of weeks on the rich, lots 8 and 9, Barrett Sipma Ad. the Charles R, Spencer, and one of many improvements being made in the speedlest craft on the river, will the city, as a result of which Hood be operated by the new company on River will be one of the most up-tothe proposed route in the event that date and attractive cities on the the plans should be carried out. It coast. With the favorable weather conditions, contractors on the street Beatrice W. Gramps to Henry H. from Astoria to The Dalles, stopping improvements and new water system at Portland, in a day without over- have kept busy and under the direcexerting herself. As now outlined tion of City Surveyor Morse the work she will complete the run one day has been carried on without a hitch.

Most conspicuous among the imwill not take in the Astoria part of to which the parkings have been recontract for sidewalks and curbs, while John Zolls had the contract be completed this week. The sidethe street with an asphalt macadam. It is too late for this to be undertak en this Fall, but it will be started early in the Spring.

Grading of Prospect Avenue and construction of sidewalks and curbs has also been completed. John Zolls laid the sidewalks and curbs, while Dobson and Hatch did the

Mr. Zolls has also finished the sidewalks on the north side of State street from Ninth street to Tenth street, or from W. J. Baker's place to and including Frank Cram's property. This was done on private contracts.

Much of the pipe which will constitute the new distributing system has been laid including the following: On Cascade avenue between 13th and 16th streets, 13th street between Cascade and State streets, State street from 9th to 13th street, 12th street from State to May street, May from 11th to 12th. Eugene from 9th to 12th and from 12th street to the reservoir. Connections at the reservoir were made Wednesday night and the water was turned off from early in the evening until about six o'clock Thursday morning.

Superintendent Smith of the water department began making connections with the houses Saturday. The laying of the water pipes in-

side the paving district, which inwill start this week.

which have just been let include W. B. Young, Pastor. walks on Eleventh street between May and Pine streets and on Ninth street from the High School to the J. F. Volstorff on the Heights a

In order to insure having the new | flow of both springs through the tlative," said Mr. Smith, "but I do house apparently in an effort to gain water system ready for next sum- conduit as planned would require believe that there ought to be a dead admittance. It occasionally growled mer, Edwin A. Taylor, consulting the raising of the elevation of the line or a sky line somewhere. I tell in a way which convinced Mr. Mer- engineer, employed by the city to go headworks or the lowering of the over the 1910 plans and specifica- hydraulic grade line in the conduit. these measures this year. I still He hastly got out of bed, slid into tions, submitted a partial report to Each added foot in head means conhave my last year's book and it his clothes and loaded the family the city council at its meeting Mon-siderable added capacity to the con-

> "One important item is the eleva-"I approve the general plans for tion of the water surface at the in-

Mr. Taylor recommends some minor changes in the plans and specifications, but on the whole he gives them the stamp of his approval.

#### **ELECTRIC COMPANY** DOUBLES CAPACITY

Extensive improvements that will double the capacity of the power and Tucker Spring, but have not had the light plant of the Hood River Gas & the city has had several satisfactory way and will be pushed to an early completion. The work which is bewater. There is no danger of any ing carried on under the direction of present pollution and the danger of Albert S. Hall, general manager of future pollution is very remote and the Hood River Gas & Electric Comand can be guarded against if threat- pany and Geo. S. Lahey, construction superintendent for the Pacific "A smaller spring on private land Power and Light Company, includes 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 ngaged 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 beadgates 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 blg 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 light 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 vailey 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 suppled 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. Preaching 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 630 cludes the business section of town, p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday Additional contracts for sidewalks ally invited to attend these services. evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordi-

> The stork brought Mr. and Mrs. daughter Monday morning.



News Snapshots Of the Week

"Gpy the Blood" Horowitz and "Leftle Louis" Rosenberg were arrested in New York for the murder of Herman Rosentina, completing the roundup of those accused. Dr. Vilhjalmar 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 fled. Burton W. Gibson, a lawyer, was held without ball 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.