

No Candidates File For Places on City Ticket

Primary Nominating Election Called for Next Monday Goes By Default and Candidates Will Seek Places on Ballot by Petition--Prefer to Run Independently of Party Lines

How to hold an election without any candidates is the question which is now perplexing City Recorder Howe.

Officers to be elected at the regular city election in December include the mayor, three councilmen, city recorder and city treasurer.

LAND HERE MOST VALUABLE IN STATE

Hood River county can boast of having the most valuable and therefore the highest priced land in the state.

The report shows the total farm acreage in the state to have been 12,890,383 acres on August 31.

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Election Returns Will Be Received

The News will be the first newspaper to publish the election returns in this county.

In the regular issue published next Wednesday morning will be given the result of the national, state and county elections so far as they shall be known up to a late hour Tuesday evening.

The News has made arrangements whereby it will cooperate with the Commercial Club in securing a complete series of bulletins through the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The News will keep its forms open as late as possible and will be in the mails as usual the first thing the next morning.

Returns will be received over a special leased wire which will be installed by the Western Union Telegraph Company in the Commercial Club auditorium.

The returns will probably begin coming over the wire from the Eastern states about eight o'clock or soon after.

The News will receive the bulletins in conjunction with the Commercial Club and they will be placed in type as fast as received.

In order to serve its subscribers in town and valley, the News will also be prepared to answer telephone calls and give out such information as it may receive.

Economical Management Frees County From Debt

Deficit of \$34,644.17 Carried Over From Last Year Is Wiped out and County's Financial Condition Is Excellent--Figures Show Businesslike Administration by Present County Court

Although an attempt is being made to make political capital out of alleged extravagance in the conduct of the county's affairs, actual figures obtained from the county clerk's office show that the county administration during the present year has been the most economical since Hood River became a county.

The general county levy for all purposes this year, exclusive of special district levies, was 10.8 mills. This was only five tenths of a mill larger than last year.

Attempts to give the impression that the county is laboring under a heavy indebtedness entailed by extravagant methods and that a change should therefore be made, is not supported by the facts.

free from debt and has a balance in the general fund of \$22,282.51. The only indebtedness which must be met from this fund is that levied for state purposes.

Last year the levy for road purposes in the county was five mills. The sum thus raised was \$45,921.50. The amount expended for road purposes in excess of this amount was \$17,862.86.

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DECISIVE VICTORY FOR DRYS FORESEEN

Speaking at the U. B. church Sunday evening, Professor Gibson predicted that the vote in favor of a dry city would be four to one.

There was a large attendance at the meeting, which was held for the discussion of saloons. Rev. J. B. Parsons introduced E. O. Hall, contractor and builder, as the first speaker.

Mr. Hall told some of his own experiences and undertook to show that saloons would hurt every legitimate business by decreasing the efficiency of a large proportion of the laboring men.

Professor Gibson spoke in behalf of a decisive victory for the drys. He said that every citizen in favor of keeping the city free from saloons should make it a point to vote and to get all his neighbors in favor of a dry town to do likewise.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Gibson highly commended the reform work of Governor West and said that the citizens of the state should let Governor West know that they are behind him.

Mr. Parsons made a few remarks, declaring the saloon to be the greatest menace of the day.

Initiative Is Threatened Mr. Mason called attention to a recent editorial in the Glacier reflecting upon the initiative and also to a paid advertisement (so marked) inserted in the News last week by interests who are attempting to secure passage of the Majority Rule Amendment.

SUFFRAGIST WILL MAKE SPEECH HERE

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, who is said to be one of the most eloquent woman orators of the East, will address the people of Hood River on the subject of equal suffrage at the Commercial Club Hall next Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8 o'clock.

A voter's first duty is now the study of proposed laws.

Big Crowd Hears Debate on Single Tax Measure

Heilbronner Hall Is Packed to Limit of Its Capacity When Shields and U'Ren Discuss Proposition to Be Submitted on Ballot--Many Lively Tilts Make Debate One of Intense Interest

Before a packed house, W. S. U'Ren and Charles H. Shields debated the proposed graduated single tax at Heilbronner Hall Friday evening.

The hall filled early, many persons having come in from the country and from the valley towns to hear the debate. All the seats were occupied when A. I. Mason opened the meeting.

Mr. U'Ren made the first 40 minute speech. He explained the purpose of the single tax and said that instead of increasing the tax on the farmer it would materially decrease it.

The speaker said that the tax roll of Clackamas county had been extended on the basis of the single tax in order to show what the effect would be.

U'Ren said the single tax had worked successfully in British Columbia and read a number of letters received from city and county officials where the tax had been tried.

Touching upon the campaign that is being waged in behalf of single tax, Mr. U'Ren admitted that it was being liberally financed by the Fels Commission Fund.

In this connection Mr. U'Ren made the allegation that Mr. Shields and other opponents of the single tax were being employed by the big capitalists of Portland.

bitter fight against the tax and that they were doing so. He charged that Mr. Shields came from Seattle to perform his "missionary" work for a substantial consideration.

Mr. Shields Attacks Measure Mr. Shields opened his speech by declaring that the present system of taxation has been evolved as the result of centuries of experience.

"The principle of the single tax has been repudiated the world over," declared Mr. Shields. "It is fundamentally unjust and economically unsound."

Mr. Shields declared that the single tax measure was not the result of any public demand, but that the Fels Fund Commission was attempting to foist it upon the state of Oregon.

U'Ren's allegation that the single tax was a success in British Columbia, Mr. Shields declared that it was not the Simon pure single tax.

Shields answered U'Ren's questions about who was paying him by declaring that he was only being reimbursed to the amount of what his salary would be during his absence.

U'Ren then denied that the single tax would confiscate land or reduce its value. He said that the tax was levied in such a manner that the tendency would be to break up large holdings of unimproved land.

"But I will tell you in a word what my object is," he continued. "I intend to help make such laws in Oregon that no man can get a dollar."

COUNTY TEACHERS GO ON RECORD IN IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Felicitating each other upon living and working in an ideal rural community and declaring their opinion upon several matters of special importance to the educational life of the county, the teachers in session at the institute last week adopted before adjournment the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by the teachers of Hood River county: I. That we declare our hearty harmony with the one idea emphasized during these sessions, namely that the school should be made closely responsive to the needs of the individual, the home and the community.

An Ideal Rural Civilization II. That we felicitate each other that we live and work and grow in a community in which social status is determined by true merit.

IV. That we have profound faith in the lasting benefit to the school children resulting from the School Children's Fair held this year and urge that it be made a permanent institution.

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V. That we thank our instructors and entertainers for the knowledge and inspiration brought to us and invite them to visit our community often.

VI. That we place ourselves on record as opposed to the present plan of Eighth Grade Examinations, that we believe a system of local promotion should replace this present plan.

VII. That we favor the adoption of some plan of union by which Domestic Science and Manual Training may be taught in all the schools of the county.

VIII. That we tender Mr. Alderman our sympathy in his accident; our regret in his inability to meet with us and assure him of our cooperation in his educational plans.

IX. That we feel that this, the first county institute held in Hood River county has been a complete success; that we commend our county superintendent, Professor Thompson, for his efforts, which have made such a result possible.

L. B. GIBSON, DELLA RUSH, GEO. TOSKIN.

NERVES UNSTRUNG; WOULD KILL JUDGE

Douglas S. Dufur, a court stenographer of Portland, who has frequently visited Hood River as official court stenographer for Judge Bradshaw, was examined to determine his mental competency at the county jail in Portland the last of the week.

An insanity complaint was issued against Dufur, following the report that while in a semi-intoxicated condition in a saloon he displayed a revolver and announced his intention of killing Circuit Judge Gatens and members of his family.

LOCAL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Anna Lenz to W. H. Stimpson and Robert Walstrom, 40 acres in Middle Valley.

Warren E. Davenport to Columbia Tie and Timber Company, 39 acres in Belmont district.

Myrtle A. Gilliam to Mary C. Zilliacus, ten acres in Barrett district.

John A. Hammond to his wife, lot 6, block 3, Stranahan's first addition.

Sumner D. Cameron to A. C. Pierce, lot at Odell, \$700.

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News Snapshots Of the Week

Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt was shot by a maniac named Schrank while on his way to make a speech in Milwaukee.

The Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Giants for the world's baseball championship by four games to three.

Turkey declared war against the Balkan states, and fighting was reported all along the border.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

JOHN SCHRANK

BECKER JURY OUT FOR A RIDE

ABDULLAH PASHA