

WEBSTER'S SUCCESSION PLAN ASSEMBLY PLAN

Webster's Successor Will Not Say Whether He Will Be County Judge Candidate.

SILENCE MIXES ASPIRANTS

John C. Shillock, Disappointed in Losing Bill, Says Governor Had Pledged Bench to Him. Friends Are Puzzled.

T. J. Cleeton, who will succeed County Judge Webster next Tuesday, declined yesterday to say whether he favors county assembly. He also refused to commit himself when asked if he would be a candidate for County Judge in the general election next fall. The reticence of Mr. Cleeton in defining his position either respecting the assembly which will be held in July, or his probable candidacy for election to the office to which he has been appointed, will set the other aspirants for this office to wondering what may be expected of him later in the contest. There are several candidates for the County Judgeship. Among them, John C. Shillock, who was one of the disappointed aspirants for the appointment received by Mr. Cleeton, said yesterday that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for this office. Mr. Shillock does not disguise the fact that he is greatly disappointed in the action of the governor in appointing Cleeton.

Pledge Violated Asserted.

"Of course I was disappointed," said Mr. Shillock. "Through my brother, who assisted in the management of Governor Benson's campaign in 1908, I received the promise that when Judge Webster resigned I would be appointed his successor. Naturally, with my friends, I relied upon this promise. In fact, the Governor held out for me, I am informed, until only a few days ago, when influence was brought to bear upon him and resulted in the action he has announced."

"I am not ready at this time," said Mr. Cleeton, "to make any statement as to my plans. I have not yet decided whether I shall accept the nomination for County Judge next fall. Neither do I wish to discuss the assembly, or whether, if I shall decide to be a candidate to succeed myself, that I will seek its endorsement. It will be my purpose immediately to take hold of the office, acquaint myself with its duties and discharge the responsibilities to the best of my ability."

Cleeton Lost Before.

Although a resident of this city since 1909, Mr. Cleeton did not come into prominence politically as a candidate for office until the winter of 1907-8, when his name was considered in connection with the nomination of the County Attorney to succeed W. C. Bristol. As was the case with Schuchert and George C. Brownell, of Oregon City; G. O. Bingham, H. H. Burnett and J. H. McNary, of Seaside, the nomination of Mr. Cleeton to this office was not confirmed. The withdrawal of Mr. Cleeton's name is reported to have followed a report which stated that the County Attorney General had advised the Attorney-General by T. C. Becker, Assistant United States Attorney, who was connected with the land fraud prosecutions in this city.

Mr. Cleeton, a few months later, was a delegate to the Multnomah County Republican assembly which was held in the Seaside-Hirsch hall on March 1, 1909. This gathering consisted of 240 delegates, elected by precinct mass meetings. No attempt was made to recommend or endorse candidates for office. He was not one of the only ones of contention, the meeting adopting a platform.

DEBT OF CHURCH IS PAID

Evangelical Lutherans in Ladd's Addition Dedicate Structure.

Dedicated services of the new edifice of the First United Evangelical Church, East Sixteenth and Poplar streets, Ladd's Addition, were completed yesterday afternoon. Professor D. M. Metzger, of Dallas College, preached on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. There was special music. At the morning services the sum of \$380 was raised toward paying off the debt.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a platform meeting was held. Professor Metzger, Rev. H. C. Shaffer, Rev. J. Bowersox, Rev. H. Pratt, Rev. E. C. Poling, and others from neighborhood churches, delivered short addresses. A solo was sung by H. Barendsen. The choir, consisting of 12 members, was assisted by Rev. C. Poling, district elder. Rev. A. A. Winter, former pastor, occupied the pulpit last evening. During the day music enough was raised to practically clear the debt. The building is an attractive structure of concrete blocks.

The church was founded by Rev. C. E. Poling. The new building was started by Rev. A. A. Winter and completed under the direction of Rev. H. A. Deck, the present pastor, the cost being about \$35,000. It is located in a growing residential district. For the next three weeks revival meetings will be conducted under the charge of the pastor.

VIEW OF LINTON CLIFF BEFORE HUGE BLAST, AND THE SCENE AFTER FOUR TONS OF POWDER HAD DEMOLISHED THE ROCK BED.



BEFORE THE BLAST.



AFTER THE BLAST.

BLAST CRUMBLES CLIFF

120,000 TONS OF ROCK MOVED BY SATURDAY'S BLAST.

Fifty Persons Will Be Occupied a Year Crushing Stone and Placing It On Road.

According to an estimate made yesterday by Superintendent Briggs, of the Linton rock quarry, about 80,000 cubic yards of rock was displaced from the face of the cliff near the prison by the big blast set off Saturday afternoon. This amounts to about 120,000 tons.

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Lower Steps for Streetcars Viewed by Several Writers

Physicians Say Ten-Inch Steps Are Too High—Londoner Scolds Portland Women—Car-Step Exhibit Tomorrow.

A copy of this letter from physicians of this city, sent yesterday to Mayor Simon: To the Honorable Joseph Simon, Mayor of Portland—Fully appreciating the effort which Mrs. Larowe is making for the welfare and protection of those who, of necessity, are obliged to traverse the streets of this city, the steps of which are a few inches high, the lowest are nine inches, the medium 14 inches and the highest 18 inches, we have the honor to advise you that the request for lower car steps will be granted.

Portland, Feb. 19.—(To the Editor.)—I fully agree with Mrs. Larowe's commendation in regard to women being asked to go to the street cars at Twenty-fourth and Sevier streets, February 22, at 4 P. M. I, so expressed myself immediately after the meeting, but let us go, nevertheless. We do not want to place before the street cars any burden upon which to hang excuses for our absence. The company also gave an invitation to women, and I hope there will be a large delegation of practical men there, to whom the excuse that the motor is too large, or the curves too sharp, or the obstructions in the street too high, to admit of lower steps will not suffice. All we can say when we attend the meeting is that we want, at the very least, the first step 12 inches from the street level.

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POLICE PLAN BIG FUND

PENSION SYSTEM TO BE STARTED WITH GRAND BALL.

Armory Will Be Rendezvous for Lovers of "Light Fantastic" on Tuesday Evening Next.

After waiting in vain for a number of years for the City Council to make provisions in the way of pensions for policemen who through the performance of their duties have become temporarily or permanently sick, wounded or disabled, the rank and file of the force have decided to arouse the public interest in their needs.

With this purpose in view the Portland Police Athletic Association has decided to give a ball at the Armory, Tuesday evening, the sum derived from the sale of tickets at \$1 each to be the nucleus out of which it is hoped the fund will grow.

The committee in charge has arranged for a musical programme to be furnished by the police band, which will be augmented in size to 60 pieces. In addition to this it is proposed to have the Armory gaily decorated and that souvenir programmes be talked by the members of the force, embossed and tied with a rich silk cord will be given away.

As a mark of esteem for Jailer Ben Branch, whose white hair and furrowed face bespeak his 70 years and the record of longest service in the department, police number 55, worn by Branch, has been adopted as the official emblem of the ball and appears on the tickets and programmes.

The proposed plan for the ball has met with the sanction and encouragement of Mayor Simon, Police Commissioner Michel, Clark and Brown and Chief of Police Cox. Chief Cox will lead the grand march.

The committee appointed to manage the affair is composed of the following: Sergeant Joe Keller, chairman; Patrolman Thomas J. Casey, Edward Burke, A. L. Drexsey, Tom Swensson and Edgar A. Manning.

Lincoln County Court Busy.

NEWPORT, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The February term of Lincoln County Circuit Court has just been completed, many cases having been carried over until the August term. Divorces were granted to Mrs. O. C. Graves, of Newport; Charles Hill, chief of police, Newport; and Mrs. E. W. Cousins, Mrs. James Watts, Mrs. A. Fulton, Mrs. John W. Mungler, Mr. Thomas E. Darrett and Mrs. Alfred Bailey, of Toledo. R. E. Beard, of Newport, indicted for burglary, failed to appear, forfeiting \$400 cash bonds. Andrew Smith got judgment for sale of attached property in default Mrs. E. W. Cousins. Mrs. James Watts, of Newport, indicted for burglary, failed to appear, forfeiting \$400 cash bonds. Andrew Smith got judgment for sale of attached property in default Mrs. E. W. Cousins.

Portland, Feb. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Right is right and wrong is wrong, and the proposition of asking the women of Portland to go to the street cars Tuesday at 4 P. M. to test the car steps is a most vital request of lowering the height of the street cars, which would care to have his wife, daughter, sister or mother visit the cars on the day and time designated to make a show of themselves for the benefit of the many spectators, who would in all probability be there out of curiosity and to attend the "free show" given by the street car company to display the ability of the women of Portland in mounting and dismounting the several car steps there for that purpose.

Portland, Feb. 19.—(To the Editor.)—I am from London, England, and am astonished at the women of Portland fighting so trifling affair as high street car steps.

ANNEXATION PLAN SEES OPPOSITION

Multnomah Officials Doubt Advisability of Enlarging County.

MEANS HEAVY ROAD TAX

In Comparison With Area Proposed to Be Added, Clackamas Territory Presents Only \$13,000,000 on Financial Returns.

Of direct interest to the taxpayers of this county, particularly of the city, is the proposal to annex to Multnomah County that part of Clackamas County lying north of the Clackamas River and west of the Willamette River, between the mouth of the Clackamas and the mouth of the Tualatin.

The territory proposed to be added to this county equals the present area of Multnomah County, but the estimated assessable values of only \$13,000,000. In other words, say prominent Multnomah County officials, it is proposed to add a territory which has assessable values of about \$20,000,000, territory equal in area and representing assessable values of only \$13,000,000.

Area and Expense Doubled.

It is insisted that if the annexation scheme is carried through, the area of Multnomah County will be doubled, virtually, and the expense of maintaining roads will be more than doubled. On an average between \$50,000 and \$500,000 annually have been expended for road construction in this county. To make and maintain these improvements in the territory proposed to be annexed, it is estimated, would cost a greater amount than the reason that road and bridge construction in that part of Clackamas County is more expensive than in any section of this county as it is now constituted.

The bulk of this increased expense in taxes would be exacted from the taxpayers of Portland, who now pay 92 per cent of the taxes raised for county purposes, including the building of roads. In addition, territory of increased value, the taxpayers of this city will be required to pay even a greater proportion of the cost of these improvements in that district than the reason that territory to be added will not carry the same proportion of the cost as is carried by the same character of land in this county.

Organized Opposition Planned.

"The total assessable values of Clackamas County are about \$22,000,000," said J. J. Jack, assessor of that county, yesterday, "and the value of the property in the district seeking to secede is about \$13,000,000. While probably nine-tenths of the people of this county, north of the Clackamas, favor annexation to Multnomah, their vote, if secured, will be opposed in the election by a majority of the voters of the entire county. I have been informed that an organized effort will be made in opposition to the campaign of the annexationists."

Multnomah County is now spending annually between \$180,000 and \$200,000 on its roads, and the proposed territory, if added, would increase this expenditure to \$360,000. The territory proposed to be added to this county will be more than doubled, since there are now only 100 miles of roads in Multnomah County, while at the same time there are a great many costly improvements to be made. Property owners in the City of Portland now pay 92 per cent of the taxes raised in this county. They will be required to pay more than that proportion of the increased tax for these improvements, which will be necessary if the additional territory is annexed.

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TRESTLE WORK HASTENED

Iron Soon to Be Laid on New Branch Through Milwaukie.

Rapid progress is being made on the trestle in Milwaukie that will carry the bridge across the Willamette River at the mouth of the Scott farm and the center of Milwaukie. If the work is pushed, it is estimated that the West Side trains may enter Portland over this new line the latter part of the year. Grading on the cut-off has been completed on the East Side and iron for the track assembled near Willsburg ready to be laid.

PUSH CLUBS CO-OPERATE

Subject of Bridge Draws to Come Before United Meeting.

Arrangements are being made to hold a mass meeting in some central hall this month to consider the question of negotiating the opening and closing of the bridge draws. It will be a demonstration of the sentiment of the people on that important topic, and the meeting will

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WHITE TEMPLE MAKES CALL

Tentative Offer Believed to Have Been Made by Portland Church for Successor to Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

CONFERENCE IS CLOSED

ADVENTISTS TO FOUND MEDICAL COLLEGE SOUTH.

Outside Institutions Breed Infidelity, Says Elder Irwin—Steps Taken to Clear \$48,000 Debt.

The North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, in closing yesterday, voted unanimously to endorse the establishment of a medical college at Long Beach, Cal., which will be under the direction of the Seventh Day Adventists. The conference also took steps to wipe out the \$48,000 debt of the Portland Sanatorium at Mount Tabor.

Elder George A. Irwin, vice-president of the general conference, brought the establishment of the California medical college to the attention of the delegates, saying the church needs a place where young men and women can receive a medical education in an institution that would not destroy their faith. He declared that medical colleges maintained outside the church produce infidelity among their students and he could not recommend young men of the Seventh Day Adventists to attend them. The conference of the Pacific Coast were asked to appropriate \$1000 each to start the college.

The bookmen's convention will open Thursday, February 24, and continue until March 2. During this convention addresses will be delivered on the best methods of reaching the public. Stereopticon views will be shown during the convention.

WORK ON SAWMILL BEGINS

Portland Man Will Erect \$8000 Plant Near Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The construction of an \$8000 sawmill with a capacity of 40,000 feet a day to give employment to 10 men, was begun this week near Sara in this county. The plant is being built by the Stone & Newell Lumber Company, both proprietors being Portland men. It is expected to begin operations by May 1.

The religion of Jesus Christ is beginning to turn the destiny of Japan and to shape the course of the great awakening Chinese Empire. It is also responsible for the great reform movement in Turkey. What Gladstone and other great statesmen were powerless to do in Turkey, without precipitating the world into an international war, all agencies of the Congregational Church in Constantinople has accomplished. The movement is now being carried on by the new Sultan of Turkey, who has declared that Christianity and Mohammedanism should have equal rights. Five years ago such a declaration would have been considered an insane and an epoch-making error. The closing months of 1909 and the first few months of 1910 will go down in history. We shall no longer fear the "yellow peril" if China, in weakening into conservatism, shall open her arms to Jesus Christ.

It is believed that only 2000 buffaloes are now in existence.

Lawrence has every improvement to be found in other residence tracts. It will have improvements which can be found in no other residence addition of Portland.
Take Rose City Park or Montaville Caves Office on the grounds