

TAFT PETITIONS FILED AT SALEM

Papers With 3499 Names in Sharp Contrast to Those for T. R. With 1528.

131 CANDIDATES IN RACE

Few Take Advantage of Space in Official Pamphlet, Filing for Which Will Close March 9—Many Misunderstand Law.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Bearing 218 names in sharp contrast to the 1228 names on the petition for Theodore Roosevelt, the petitions for William Howard Taft for President of the United States were filed with the Secretary of State today. C. H. Williams, of the Taft campaign committee, filed the petitions in person.

The names have not been checked over by the office of the Secretary of State as yet, but the list prepared by Mr. Williams shows a total of 3499 names in nine counties. Only 1000 names are required.

The list shows the following number of signers in the respective counties: Marion, 298; Baker, 111; Douglas, 142; Linn, 35; Umatilla, 229; Wasco, 202; Washington, 89; Union, 202, and Multnomah, 297.

Several other completed petitions were received today. Notably among them were W. C. Hawley, candidate for Representative in Congress from the First District; A. W. Lafferty, candidate for Representative in Congress from the Third District; and N. J. Sinnott, candidate for Representative in Congress from the Second District.

Gettins Files Candidacy

Declaration of candidacy was filed by Fred K. Gettins, of Marshfield, who wishes to go to the upper house of the Legislature as Senator from one of the county seats. He is a Republican and subscribes to Statement No. 1. John T. Long filed his declaration as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney on the Democratic ticket from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties.

Several peculiar aspects of the present campaign have developed this early before the primaries.

There are now 121 candidates in the running who will have their names on the ballot at the primary nominating election as against 104 candidates in 1910. And in addition to the fact that there are so far 27 more candidates in the field than were in the field altogether in 1910, there are still 12 days' way before the chances for obtaining a place on the ballot will be gone.

Pamphlet Space Goes Begging. Regardless of the great number of candidates who have filed there seems every probability that there will be but very few who will have places in the official pamphlet.

The law provides that March 9 of this year shall be the last day on which candidates can file their completed petitions if they desire to appear in the pamphlet. Those who do not desire space have until March 23 to file the completed petitions.

Some of the candidates seem to be laboring under the impression, however, that space will be allowed when they simply file their original declaration, and as a result several of them have already sent in their original matter for the pamphlet when their completed petitions have not been filed, and if they are not filed by close of business Saturday, they will lose their commissions and pictures will not be given space in the publicity booklets.

Few Qualify for Pamphlets. Those who have so far filed their completed petitions and as a result have an opportunity to use space in the pamphlet, are Stephen A. Lowell, candidate for United States Senator; W. C. Hawley, A. W. Lafferty, N. J. Sinnott, all candidates for Representative to Congress from different districts; Seneca Fouts, candidate for District Attorney from Multnomah County; W. A. Bell, William Reid, W. Y. Masters, John Ditchburn and Waldemar Seton, candidates for Circuit Judge in Multnomah County; C. E. Whaler, candidate from the Ninth District; and William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, candidates for President of the United States.

Herman Wiles, of Astoria, candidate for delegate to the Democratic National convention; W. C. Benbow, of Portland, candidate for Circuit Judge; Robert S. Farrell, candidate for State Senator from Multnomah County; William Carter, candidate for District Attorney for Multnomah County; and E. L. Covert, candidate for State Senator from Multnomah County, Republicans, and William Smith, Democrat, candidate for Circuit Judge, Baker County, have all sent in matter to be published in the publicity pamphlet, but have not forwarded their completed petitions. Some of them notified the office of Secretary of State, however, that the completed petitions would be forthcoming in ample time.

Dr. Coe Would Be Delegate. Dr. Henry Waido Coe filed with Secretary of State O'Leary today his nominating petition to become a delegate to the National Republican convention in June. Eleven counties turned in completed petitions covering 1057 signers. These counties are Baker, Union, Umatilla, Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Multnomah, Columbia, Clatsop, Marion and Lane. As 500 signers only are required, the total is more than double the requirement. Dr. Coe says that that every county where his petitions were sent, to his surprise, were completed in time to file at this time. He is for Roosevelt for President, but

LA FOLLETTE WORKERS ACTIVE

Petitions for Wisconsin Man Now Have Almost Enough Names.

Thomas McCusker, official representative here for La Follette, said yesterday that sufficient signatures would be obtained to the La Follette petition to insure its being filed some time Saturday. It was about 150 signers short of the required 1000 names yesterday, but Mr. McCusker said he apprehended no trouble in completing the list today among Multnomah County Republicans.

"I was asked to sign Roosevelt's petition today—but I didn't," said Mr. McCusker.

POLE PIONEER OF 1831 CELEBRATES 74TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.



David L. Hedges.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—David L. Hedges, a pioneer of Oregon and resident of Independence, celebrated his 74th birthday anniversary Sunday, February 23. He is a native of Ohio and came from Morgan County, Ohio, by express in 1831, requiring six months for the trip. In 1832, when the Yakima Indian war broke out, he was called and served through that war. He was married to Miss Amanda J. Fudge May 20, 1840, and in 1842 they located on the present site of the town of Independence, about three and one-half miles north of this place. They have resided in Polk and Marion counties ever since. Mr. Hedges is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city and his birthday anniversary being Sunday, he was guest of the primary department of the Sunday school. The superintendent of the primary department, Mrs. Catherine Ingram, had arranged with the little girls to give Father Hedges a postcard shower. When the time came so little children presented him with cards bearing greetings. As the cards bearing greetings made his birthday offering of a penny for every year he was old. At the Hedges home a birthday dinner and family reunion was enjoyed.

McCusker yesterday. "The fact is I could not do it consistently and I plainly told the circulator so."

In view of Mr. McCusker's unceasing and enthusiastic advocacy of Roosevelt's candidacy for a "second elective term" four years ago, his action in turning down the ex-President's petition yesterday ordinarily would call for some kind of an explanation. But as manager of La Follette's campaign Mr. McCusker is standing firmly by his first choice in the pending conflict. He said yesterday he would stand by the Wisconsin man until the last ballot was taken in the Republican National convention at Chicago next June.

On the theory that if Roosevelt would be nominated by the Republicans, Judson Harmon would be the logical candidate for the Democratic party, supporters of the Ohio Governor yesterday started the circulation of petitions for placing Harmon's name on the Democratic primary ballot. This for President among three National figures in their party, petitions for Woodrow Wilson and Champ Clark being in circulation already. If either of these petitions is completed in time for filing before tomorrow afternoon, the circulators will necessarily be required to show some speed. If the petitions are not filed at Salem tomorrow, they may be filed as late as March 23, but in that event neither of the candidates will be permitted to take any share in the official pamphlet which will be published by the state.

PIONEER WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. J. B. Irvine, of Corvallis, Passes Away Suddenly.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Following an attack of the grip last Sunday, Mrs. J. B. Irvine, wife of Counselman Irvine, of this city, passed away today. Her death was not expected and none of the children except those living in Corvallis were at the bedside.

Mrs. Irvine was 74 years of age and a native of Tennessee. She was an early pioneer of Oregon, having crossed the plains by ox team in 1852. The following year she was married to J. B. Irvine and they lived for about 15 years. Two or three years after the Civil War the family moved to Corvallis, where Mr. and Mrs. Irvine have since resided. Mrs. Irvine is survived by her husband, B. Irvine, and six children.

THOMPSON MAY SIGN

Seattle Election Result Disappoints Chief Engineer.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—R. T. Thompson, chief engineer of the Port of Seattle Commission, will in all probability tender his resignation to the commission within the next few days.

Thompson, who for many years was City Engineer, bitterly opposed the Harbor Island terminal measures. It is said he is greatly disappointed at the result of the vote on the terminal bond issues Tuesday.

General H. M. Chittenden, chairman of the Port Commission, today refused to discuss the rumor that Thompson is to quit. He intimated that he had heard the rumor, but declined to talk about the matter.

Thompson was not in the office of the Port Commission today and could not be reached tonight.

RICE GOES TO JAIL

Criminal Liability of Brokers Is Established.

PLEAS OF GUILTY ARE MADE

Bernard H. Scheffels Escapes With Suspended Sentence and Four Associates Go Free—Trial Ends After Five Months.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Pleas of guilty by George Graham Rice and Bernard H. Scheffels, of the brokerage firm of H. H. Scheffels & Co., brought to a dramatic close today one of the longest trials on record in the United States Courts here.

With their associates, Charles F. Belsor, Charles E. Stone and Ralph E. Waterman, they have been on trial nearly five months for alleged conspiracy and the misuse of the mails to promote and sell mining stocks.

Rice was sentenced to a year in jail, his sentence beginning December 29 last, when he was put in the Tombs after one of the jurors had been "approached." With time off for good behavior, Rice will really spend six months and a half more in jail.

Scheffels got off with a suspended sentence. The other three defendants went free, the indictments being quashed.

The trial began on October 23, 1911, and witnesses from all parts of the country would be brought here. The jurors only two days ago protested to Judge Ray that their long absence from business was causing them to be "approached." With time off for good behavior, Rice will really spend six months and a half more in jail.

"I pleaded guilty only when all my resources and those of my friends had been exhausted. I was up against it. By going on with the case to its conclusion next Summer, I should also have jeopardized the interests of my four co-defendants, all of whom now go free."

Brokers Criminally Liable. The Government during the trial aimed at showing that the Scheffels did not conduct a legitimate brokerage business, but a scheme to defraud the defendants sought to sell stocks to customers at inflated market prices.

United States District Attorney Wilsie said tonight that the successful termination of the case "has established the criminal responsibility of brokers for practices which it had been commonly supposed could be hidden from the most to civil liberties."

Officers of the Scheffels firm in New York, Chicago, Boston, Denver and other large cities were raided simultaneously on September 25, 1910.

RECEIVERS TAKE ROAD

KANSAS CITY, MEXICO & ORIENT IN DIFFICULTY.

Almost Thousand Miles of Line Projected to Topolobampo Operated Recently at Loss.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—Creditors for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway late this afternoon filed with the clerk of the Federal court in Kansas City, Kan., an application for receivers for the road.

The application was made before Federal Judge Pollock, and on the eve of his going he received news of the death of his aunt, by burning, and that his mother, who was with her, had been severely burned in attempting to help his aunt.

Revenue Officer to Go East. ASTORIA, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—First Lieutenant E. S. Addison, executive officer of the United States revenue cutter Taboma, has received orders to proceed to Baltimore, Md., and report for duty on the revenue cutter Apache.

Farmers Give Land for Railway. EUGENE, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—So anxious are farmers along the river road northwest of Eugene to have the Portland & Eugene electric line extended to their territory that they have offered to deed to the county six feet more land along their property to make the road 65 feet in order that a 14-foot strip might be turned over to the electric company.

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The Commercial Club will endeavor to raise funds to carry out the plan by the time the new depot is completed.



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town with plenty of change in the shape of raw gold. Charles Burkhalter brought in yesterday a nugget that is a beautiful specimen of what may be found in the hills of Josephine County. It weighed a value of \$125, and exhibited at one of the local banks. This is not the only instance of digging out fine nuggets and making money rapidly without any capital invested.

ALBANY TO ERECT LIBRARY

Site and \$15,000 Donated and Committee Will Raise \$2500 More.

ALBANY, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—That this city will have a public library building of imposing size and ample for the needs of the people for years to come, is indicated by the substantial progress being made toward securing the funds. A donation of \$12,500 was obtained from the Andrew Carnegie steel magnate, to which has been added a contribution of \$2500 from Mrs. Samuel E. Young, wife of a pioneer merchant here.

The raising of an additional \$2500 is in the hands of a committee, working under the auspices of the Modern Travelers' Club of this city. The structure is to be two stories high, of either pressed brick or stone. The site was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Young.

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