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MEN OF CAPACITY INVITED INTO RACE

Citizens Unite in Call for 12 to Seek Office.

TRIED MEN ARE SELECTED

Representatives United in Purpose Is Object of Move.

TWO ARE NOW IN CONTEST

Tentative Acceptances Received From Others Urged to Sacrifice Time to Represent Multnomah in Lower House at Salem.

TWELVE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RUN FOR LEGISLATURE.

Ben Selling, John Gill, Amedee M. Smith, D. C. Lewis, Fielder A. Jones, Oscar W. Horne, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, E. V. Littlefield, William F. Woodward, Plowden Stott, Lee B. Hendricks and S. B. Cobb.

Citizens who are interested in having elected to the next Legislature men of known and tried business capacity and of demonstrated integrity, who, it is believed, will work together understandingly in carrying out a programme of retrenchment in public expenditures and of greater efficiency in the public service, have united in a call to 12 men to become candiates for the 12 places to be filled in the lower house from Multnomah County.

These 12 men are all well known. The standing of each is unquestioned. Several have had previous legislative experience. They represent no class or special interest. All are men who can work together on a common basis for the public good.

Men of Standing Chosen.

The list of 12 includes:

Ben Selling, ex-member of the State Senate, and prominent business man.

Amedee M. Smith, member of the Industrial Welfare Commission (unsalaried), which has in the short time since its organization made effective many rulings requiring shorter hours and minimum wage for women and children workers.

Fielder A. Jones, president of Northwestern Baseball League, and experienced executive.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith, ex-member of the Legislature, and well known as a public spirited citizen.

William F. Woodward, business man.

Lee B. Hendricks, conductor on the Shasta Limited, one of the most widely known and best informed railway men in the state.

John Gill, ex-member of the Legislature, and business man.

D. C. Lewis, of St. Johns, a well known citizen, representing the territory outside of Portland.

Oscar W. Horne, a widely known labor leader of the best type.

E. V. Littlefield, ex-circuit judge and ex-school superintendent of Yamhill County, who has a broad knowledge of educational and legal matters.

S. B. Cobb, ex-member of the Legislature and man of affairs.

Plowden Stott, an active, aggressive and well-known young lawyer, who was selected because of his ability in handling detail work in connection with legislative bills.

Time for Petitions Short.

It has been the hope of the citizens who signed the call to these men to become candidates that they will find their way clear to accept at once and undertake an active campaign for the nomination.

Counting today only nine more days remain in which to circulate the nominating petitions, which must be filed with the Secretary of State on April 10. As one of these days is a Sunday and as the formality of first filing a preliminary declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State must be complied with before petitions can be circulated, speedy action will be necessary.

Not all the men named in the call have as yet been asked if they can make the sacrifice of time and business to make the race and serve in the Legislature, if nominated and elected, in the interests of good citizenship. Others have consented, tentatively, to run if it appears to them that the public demand that they do so is sufficiently strong.

Two Announce Candidacy.

Only two on the entire list have already announced their candidacies. They are Oscar W. Horne and D. C. Lewis, both well-known men, who had entered the legislative race before the call was formulated. They were included because of their standing and known ability and because it was further desired to make the list of candidates truly a representative one, in which all classes of voters should have representation.

The movement which has led to the call of these 12 men to become candidates is purely spontaneous in its origin. It has been directed solely by the desire on the part of the citizens signing the call to establish a high standard for the Multnomah delegation in the next Legislature and to have men there, who, instead of work-

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HOUSE EXTENDS WIDOWS' PENSIONS

DEPENDENTS PHILIPPINE AND BOXER WARS INCLUDED.

Provision Made That Beneficiaries Shall Need Money and Have Married Before Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Pensions for widows and minor children of the officers and men who served in the Spanish War, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer uprising in China would be authorized by a bill which passed the House late today by a vote of 276 to 54.

The bill would grant $12 a month to the widow of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor and $2 to a month for each child under 16 years, provided that the widow shall have been married to the soldier prior to the passage of the bill. The pensions are to be limited, however, to widows without means of support other than their daily labor and an actual net income not exceeding $250 a year.

It is estimated that an appropriation of $2,500,000 will be required to pay the pensions.

LANDMARK IS DESTROYED

Gigantic Oak on Farm in Silk Creek Country Falls After Storm.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—One of the oldest and best known landmarks of the Cottage Grove country, a gigantic oak tree which grew on the Thompson Royal Oak farm in the Silk Creek country and from which the farm took the name, fell recently after apparently having withstood a heavy wind-storm. The tree was without question several centuries old. A peculiar thing in connection with the tree is that no other oaks ever grew nearby and it stood alone in a large field, a gigantic, gnarled and lonely sentry. The almost entire absence of roots makes it seem peculiar that it withstood the elements for so long. It has now been reduced to common stove wood, making about 35 tier.

GOVERNOR NAMES JUDGE

Wade Malone Chosen to Succeed Victor Moses in Benton County.

SALEM, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Governor West today appointed Wade Malone, a merchant of Corvallis, County Judge of Benton County, to succeed Victor P. Moses. Mr. Moses recently resigned to accept an appointment as postmaster. His resignation will become effective tomorrow.

Mr. Malone is a Democrat and one of the largest taxpayers of Benton County. He has taken a prominent part in building roads in his county and is a good roads enthusiast.

ELECTRIC IRON FIRE CAUSE

Current Unrestrained for Hours Starts Millinery Blaze.

Unrestrained current running for hours through an electric iron is believed responsible for the fire which Tuesday night at 11:50 did $500 damage to the millinery stock in the millinery establishment run by Mrs. A. Garton, at 4711 Sixty-seventh street Southeast.

The department put the blaze under control before the building was damaged to any extent.

LAND BOARD GIVES TIME

Warner Lake Concern Has Until December to Complete Contract.

SALEM, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The State Desert Land Board today granted the Warner Lake Irrigation Company an extension of contract to December 1, this year.

Attorney-General Crawford, in an opinion, held that the state had no authority to reimburse settlers of the old Columbia Southern irrigation project for money they paid for maintenance and interest. The board held the same view.

BANKS WANTS ELECTRICITY

Eccles Lumber Co. Petitions County Court for Franchise.

BANKS, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—A petition for a franchise to establish electric light and power service in Banks has been presented to the County Court on behalf of the Eccles Lumber Company, which is erecting a big mill here. As Banks is an unincorporated town, the company must secure a franchise from the court. The company has promised to furnish light practically at cost.

SUNSPOT GROUP FOUND

Naval Observatory Notes Phenomenon 50,000 Miles Long.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A large sun spot group about 50,000 miles long, consisting of a large circular spot and faculae, with small spots in them, has been discovered by the Naval Observatory here.

It was photographed at noon yesterday. The group is in solar north latitude.

"ORIGINAL" JOKE ORDERED

Monmouth Pupils Obey Professor and Join in Walkout.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—After being instructed by the principal to make all April jokes original, students of Monmouth High left school at 10:30 this morning, quickly prepared dinner and walked to Lucas Grove, two miles northwest of this city, where a big feast was held.

They returned at 4 o'clock.

HI GILL VOTED OUT AND IN BY WOMEN

So Says Seattle's Re-elected Mayor.

COME-BACK INSPIRATION TOLD

Visiting Executive Is Hailed as Conquering Hero.

OLD DAYS GONE, HE THINKS

Influence of Business Men Negligible Quantity in Politics, Declares Once Recalled Official, Who Pays Visit to Portland.

The women of Seattle changed their minds.

Hiram C. Gill, recalled three years ago as Mayor of the Puget Sound metropolis, largely, as he believes, by women's votes, was recently re-elected by those same votes.

That is what he told the members of the Multnomah Bar Association, as their guest at a banquet at the Multnomah last night.

His determination to "come back," Mayor Gill said, was due largely to this alleged instability of the "gentler sex."

Mayor Gill quoted Byron to illustrate his own case.

Weak Men to Beat.

"It is hard to beat 'the patient search and vigil long of him who treasures up a wrong,'" he declared. "And I had been wronged. I was recalled by women's votes, but the good women of Seattle got to thinking, they saw that an injustice had been done and they re-elected me. For my part I saw my chance and got into the race when I had a weak man to beat."

When Mayor Gill arrived in Portland yesterday he was met by Mayor Albee, Commissioners Daly and Bigelow, President Boothe, of the Bar Association, and the automobile in which he rode was escorted to the Benson Hotel by a brass band blaring triumphal music.

Visits Are Contrast.

On his last visit to Portland Mr. Gill came to defend a man charged with white slavery in Federal Court. He walked alone from the depot to the hotel, and when he wrestled with the jury the courtroom was not filled with an admiring crowd. It was empty, save of the court, its accessories, the defendant and two newspaper men.

"I didn't know that I was to be a headliner tonight," said Mayor Gill, grinning like a gargoyle at the applause which greeted him, "but such

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WILSON GETS MAINE FISH

First Salmon of Season, Sold Twice, Will Go to President Yet.

BANGOR, Me., April 1.—The Spring's first salmon taken at the Bangor pool on the Penobscot was killed by Michael Flanagan today and is now on its way to the White House kitchen.

The prize weighed 18 pounds. It was bought at $1.50 a pound by a grocer, who in turn sold it to a group of men who wished to make it a gift to President Wilson.

900 MEN RESUME WORK

Virginia Railroad Shops, Shut Down Since March 14, Active Again.

ROANOKE, Va., April 1.—Work was resumed today in the general shops of the Norfolk & Western, 900 men being returned to work on reduced time. The order affects shopmen throughout the system.

The Norfolk & Western shops had been closed since March 14, the shutdown being necessary, according to the general officers, to "get within the appropriation."

TOLLS ISSUE TO BE FORCED IN SENATE

Plan for Public Hearings Rejected.

COMMITTEE TO MEET TUESDAY

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O'Gorman Fixes Date; Administration Perforce Content.

DELAYS TO BE OPPOSED

Senator Owen, Leading Fight for Proponents of Measure, Says It Is Intended That Congress Shall Adjourn Early.

HOUSE ADDS 110,000 WORDS TO RECORD IN DAY'S TOLLS DEBATE.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(Special.)—Sam Grey, the official House stenographer, had so much time on his hands today after the tolls storm that he did a little figuring. He estimated the solons uttered 60,000 words in yesterday's debate and 50,000 more under "leave to print in the Record."

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Administration bill to repeal toll exemption for American ships in the Panama Canal, which passed the House yesterday amid spectacular scenes, reached the Senate today and was referred to the committee on inter-oceanic canals without debate.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the canals committee, who is marshalling the anti-Administration forces, announced tonight that he would call a meeting for Tuesday. Until then no formal consideration of the repeal measure or proposed amendments can develop. Although friends of President Wilson had hoped to have the canals committee meet earlier, they decided to make no effort to induce Senator O'Gorman to change his plans. They will insist, however, on action within a reasonable time.

Owen Leads Administration Fight.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, the majority member of the committee, who will lead the fight in committee for the Administration, conferred with the President today. Later he made the emphatic declaration that friends of the repeal bill would not submit to delay in preliminary consideration of the bill and flatly declared that the gauntlet of committee discharge would be hurled should an attempt be made

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FREE SILVER AND FREE TOLLS.

SIT-UP-STRAIGHT IS NEWEST MOVEMENT

ROUND SHOULDERS AND ACHING SPINES MUST GO, IS CRY.

Hygienically-Shaped Coats and Correct Streetcar Seats, Chairs and Desks Posture League's Hope.

NEW YORK, April 1.—(Special.)—The American Posture League, an organization to prevent round shoulders and aching spines, was incorporated today at Albany. It will be National in its work.

The league's staff is already assisting the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company to determine the kind of seats it should have in its new subway cars, and it is in touch with labor associations, motormen, shopgirls and factory workers, to whom it issues bulletins illustrating correct and incorrect attitudes for work and rest.

One's clothes are an important cause of bad postures, says the league, which will work to secure hygienically shaped coats and jackets as well as properly constructed chairs and desks.

"A child cannot achieve proper chest development," says a bulletin issued today, "while the shape of his school seat and his coat force him for many hours each day into faulty attitudes. Round shoulders are to be expected on a child whose clothing is supported without proper regard for the anatomy and mechanics of the shoulder."

The league was founded by Miss Jessie H. Bancroft, assistant director of physical training in the city schools.

BOND ELECTION CARRIES

Centralia, However, Turns Down Electric Franchise.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—At a special election today, the proposal to issue $118,000 in bonds to take up a like amount of outstanding warrants carried by a vote of 625 to 261.

In view of the fact, however, that a three-fifths majority was needed, the majority in favor of the proposition was slight. A 30-year franchise to the Washington Electric Company to operate over certain streets of the city was defeated by a majority of 100, one precinct returning a vote of 71 to 5 against it.

The question of ratifying the city's warrant indebtedness carried by about the same majority as the bonding proposition. Only half the registered vote was cast.

LAWNS TO BE IRRIGATED

District Is Created by Commission Within North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—The City Commission has passed an ordinance creating the second irrigation district within the limits of North Yakima to supply irrigation water for lawns and gardens from the Hubbard ditch. The first district was established last year, and takes water from the same canal. Twenty-seven city blocks are included in the new district.

The water rights for the land in question in the canal company are purchased by the city, which will construct a pipe system that will distribute the water supply to every lot. The cost of construction is assessed against the property in the same manner as are other improvements, and the additional cost of water is nominal.

LADYBUGS HELP FARMER

California to Distribute 75,000,000 but Needs More.

SACRAMENTO, April 1.—Seventy-five million lady bugs will be distributed to California farmers this Spring to prey on insect "aphids" that attack principally the melon, hop, bean and grain crops.

This announcement was made today by State Horticulturist J. A. Cook. More than 50,000,000 lady bugs already have been distributed.

"The successes of the bugs for the last two or three years has caused a demand this year that we cannot supply by 40 per cent," said Dr. Cook.

"POCKET" YIELDS $10,000

Strike Made Christmas Day Results Fortunately for Leasers.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., April 1.—(Special.)—That a single pocket of high grade ore in the Eldorado mine at Alleghany, recently discovered, yielded $10,000, is news reaching here from Sierra County.

The strike was made Christmas by the lessees of the Eldorado and the amount has been taken since then. One small shipment of sulphurets yielded gold at the rate of $40,000 a ton.

BEES DISTURBING ALBANY

Referendum Even Invoked on Poor, Little, Busy Buzzers.

ALBANY, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The referendum has been invoked on an ordinance passed by the City Council here recently making it a misdemeanor to keep bees within the city limits of Albany.

The question thus will be submitted to popular vote at the next city election, which will occur in December.

Prominent Lawyer Sent to Prison.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Augustus M. Price, for 30 years one of the most prominent lawyers in Brooklyn, was sentenced today to serve from two and a half to five years' imprisonment in Sing Sing, after pleading guilty to forging a client's name. Price's Summer home is one of the show places of New Brunswick, N. J. He was Democratic candidate for District Attorney of Suffolk County in 1911.

TWO ROADS IN RACE FOR LINE TO SOUTH

Southern Pacific and Hill Covet Route.

LIVELY STRUGGLE IS PROMISED

Project Financed by Residents of Grants Pass Is Object.

MUCH CONJECTURE RIFE

Right-of-Way Into Crescent City, Cal., Is Desired by Rival Railroads—Presence of Judge Burke Arouses Interest.

Now that the residents of Grants Pass have undertaken to finance construction of a railroad from that city southeasterly toward Crescent City, Cal., several rival railroad interests—chiefly the Southern Pacific and the Hill lines—are becoming active in the effort to secure control or possession of the property.

It is evident that the Southern Pacific wants and needs the road. It will form an important link in the Southern Pacific's proposed "all coast" line between Portland and San Francisco. Should the pending litigation intended to dissolve the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger prove successful, the Southern Pacific would be left without a direct line of its own into California. The Southern Pacific owns a half interest in the Northwestern Pacific, extending from San Francisco along the coast toward Crescent City. The Santa Fe owns the other half, but the Southern Pacific recently undertook to build a northern extension on its own resources. It is proposed to connect this extension with the line now being built from Grants Pass, thus making the Southern Pacific line complete.

Hill Line Wants Road.

Southern Oregon residents are convinced that J. J. Hill is seeking invasion of that district. The presence of Judge Burke, of Seattle, there last week and negotiations started by him for the purchase of the line between Medford and Jacksonville are considered the initial steps of Hill to construct an extension of the Oregon Trunk Line through Southern Oregon, west to the coast, thence down the coast to San Francisco, the ultimate objective point of Hill's invasion of California.

That Hill plans to enter California there is no doubt and the question is between two routes from the present terminus of the Oregon Trunk at Bend. The tier of counties in the southern part of the state west of Lake County, vastly rich in resources, including timber, fruitgrowing, stockraising, farming and mining possibilities of almost unlimited proportions, have favorably impressed the Hill interests. That route probably will be selected instead of the route south through the eastern part of California to San Francisco.

Battle for Road Pending.

Dr. Reddy, promoter of the Grants Pass-Crescent City line, now is in San Francisco. It is reported that the Southern Pacific is quietly carrying on negotiations with Dr. Reddy for taking over the Grants Pass road and that they are forced to show their hand in order to forestall the apparent activity of the Hill interests.

That a real battle for railroad domination in Southwestern Oregon is due soon is the belief of the residents of that part of the state.

The real fight seems to be over possession of the road now being built by residents of Grants Pass towards the coast. If either system gains control of that road and the rights of way, a necessary link will be available for the construction of an east-and-west line by either system through Southern Oregon to California.

White House Employe Honored.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The President and Mrs. Wilson joined a host of public officials today in extending congratulations to Warren Young, of Ohio, on his 33d anniversary as a member of the executive staff at the White House. Mr. Young's office was banked with flowers, one large bunch of which came from the President and Mrs. Wilson.

REWARD OF $25.

The Oregonian offers a reward of $25 for the name of the person who inserted the following advertisement in the issue of April 1:

GOOD teamster, steady work, $3.50 per day; apply Wednesday, 1115 Wilcox bldg.

The Oregonian accepted this advertisement over the telephone in good faith, as its custom is to accept advertisements over the telephone for the convenience of its patrons.

The advertisement was someone's idea of a practical joke.

That anyone could be so cruel as to make a joke out of the need of 150 working men to find employment is inconceivable.

The Oregonian will pay $25 gladly for the privilege of receiving the name of this "joker" and informing the world of his identity.

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