

CANDIDATES WARM FOR RAPID FINISH

With Election but 8 Days Off, Aspirants for Office Are Working Feverishly.

STRAW VOTE BOYS ACTIVE

Tests Thus Far Show Baker Leading Daily in Main Contest—Baker Victory Best for Candidates for Commissioner.

Only eight actual campaign working days remain before the city election June 4. The candidates are warming up for a lively finish.

Next week will be the busiest of the campaign. There will be meetings every night in various parts of the city. The straw-vote boys will be particularly busy.

Speaking of straw votes, the Anti-Blue Law League is preparing to take a concerted straw vote in all parts of the city in the next few days.

These votes will be counted Saturday. Next week a second straw vote will be taken to indicate just how the voters feel about the campaign in the final week.

Under the auspices of the Multnomah Commercial Club, a debate on the \$6,000,000 road-bond issue will be held in the L. J. Day clubhouse.

George L. Baker, candidate for Mayor, called attention yesterday to the fact that he had been misunderstood in a quotation attributed to him.

Two Commissioners are to be elected in any case, but the election of Mr. Baker as Mayor will create a third vacancy.

There are 16 candidates. He feels that the man thus selected will represent the true choice of the people.

All seven candidates for Mayor will speak at a meeting in the Helix Theater tomorrow night. The candidates will speak mainly upon parks and playgrounds.

Friends of Robert G. Dieck, Commissioner of Public Works, who is the only Commissioner seeking re-election, are conducting a quiet but really effective campaign in his behalf.

Speaking at a meeting of the Women's Research Club at the Portland Hotel yesterday, B. J. Josselyn, candidate for Mayor, discussed rumors that he is not a fully qualified resident.

Dr. J. P. Truax suffers broken bones when car overturns. GRANTS PASS, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Dr. J. P. Truax, Mayor of Grants Pass, was injured when his car overturned on a newly graded stretch of road near the city limits.

WHEAT CROPS IN DANGER Losses in Fall and Winter Grain in Asotin Are Felt. ASOTIN, Wash., May 24.—(Special.)—The fall and winter wheat crops in Asotin are in danger of being ruined by a late spring frost.

Officers Have Salmon Feast. Harvey L. Moreland, auditor of the Oregon Fish and Game Association, has furnished a fighting man for every war in which the United States has been engaged.

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PATRIOTIC EXERCISES MARK FLAGRAISING AT SUNNYSIDE HOME.



MEMBERS OF BEN BUTLER POST ATTENDING FLAGRAISING AT HOME OF MRS. J. H. HEUSTIS.

Mid the strains of the "Star-Spangled Banner," a large American flag was hoisted to its eminence at the top of a staff in the yard of Mrs. J. H. Heustis, corner of East Thirty-fifth and Madison streets.

Washington, May 24.—The greatest campaign the Red Cross ever has waged, designed to raise \$100,000,000 to care for American soldiers who fight democracy's battle on European fields.

Government Cruisers Work on Douglas County Grant Lands. ROSEBURG, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Three crews of Government cruisers arrived in Roseburg from Portland today and later left for distant parts of Douglas County.

Pythian Sisters Meet. Temples of Upper Willamette Valley Gather at Corvallis. CORVALLIS, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—The 10 temples of the Pythian Sisters in this district met in Corvallis today for their annual convention.

Dish Towels Provided for Members of Third Oregon. Army and Navy Auxiliary Also Proposes That Hotels Hold Merchants' Lunch to Raise Mess Funds for Guardsmen.

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TRENCH LIFE TOLD

Captain Beith Introduces British Tommy to Portland. AUTHOR'S TALK THRILLS Description of Assembling "The First One Hundred Thousand" and Converting Recruits Into Formidable Force Striking.

The British Tommy, as he fights and frolics, a very whimsical, courageous and likeable chap, was introduced to all Portland last night at the Helix Theater by Captain Ian Hay Beith.

Captain Beith, whose book, "The First One Hundred Thousand," remains one of the striking literary contributions of the war, was with the first British expeditionary force to enter France, and his lecture dealt with the making of soldiers from that raw but willing material which answered the call.

The men who did not wait to count the cost or to reason why, but came at once, the first "one hundred thousand," was Captain Beith's introduction. The men, who eight months later, heard and heeded Lord Kitchener's instruction: "I can't send you any reinforcements for at least six months; you must try and hold out."

From the perplexities of the first few months, the constant drilling, striving for a recognition of discipline, was evolved the typical British soldier. "Less than a year later," the Captain said with pride, "in the opening assault at the great battle of Loos, up to that time the greatest battle in history, I saw those same men march forth, rank upon rank, many of them to their deaths, as steadily as the most seasoned troops and they were the first "one hundred thousand."

The routine of trench warfare, from the breathless watch upon the parapets for the attack that may be launched by the dark hour before dawn through the day and into the night again, was described intimately, with that touch of kindly humor and keen observation that won such instant recognition for the qualities of Captain Beith's work as an author.

And once he spoke of "our battles," he said with a sigh, "I am frequently interrupted by the applause or laughter of those who heard him. How a certain regiment of fusiliers went to the front to take the "old" trenches, and booted that pigskin right into the German trenches—which, needless to say, they took. And how the Tommies, hating the steel helmets because of consequent discomfort, inveighed against these obvious protections, so that one man was killed in a Norfolk village. The material damage is believed to be negligible."

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MEN!

HIGH RENT AND LARGE OVERHEAD SWELL THE PRICE OF YOUR SPRING SUIT. COME UPSTAIRS TO ME

REDUCE THE SWELLING

I am upstairs, saving \$10,000 a year in rent for your benefit. Toddle upstairs or ride to 2d floor—See the

MEN'S and YOUNG MEN'S SUITS \$15

HATS \$2.00-\$3.00

JIMMY DUNN EILERS BUILDING 207 W. ALDER

TRADE UPSTAIRS SAVE \$10.00 OPEN SATURDAYS UNTIL 10 P.M.

GERMAN FLYERS ESCAPE DESPITE PURSUIT BY BRITISH. Bombs Dropped in Eastern Counties by Enemy, Apparently Ignorant of Position.

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