

### ASSESSOR NOT OUT TO SUCCEED SELF

#### Henry E. Reed's Statement Comes as Surprise.

### MAJOR WELCH CANDIDATE

#### Veteran of World and Spanish Wars Has Long Record in Office of County Assessor.

Henry E. Reed, county assessor, announced yesterday that he will not be a candidate for nomination in the May primaries. Following Mr. Reed's announcement, Major Hiram U. Welch filed his declaration for the nomination. Mr. Reed's decision not to seek re-nomination came as a surprise, for it was generally believed that he would run and opposition against him, if any, would be nominal.

Throughout the period of the war there was not a drive of any character in which Mr. Reed was not a participant. He was identified with more war drives in an executive capacity than any other citizen in Oregon, or possibly on the coast. In making his decision Mr. Reed said:

"I am now completing the last year of my second term, making all eight years of continuous service. In deciding not to run again I am adhering to the decision made when re-elected in 1916 not to seek the third term. I have no plans for the immediate future, but by the first of next year will either accept one of several offers that have been made to me or engage in business on my own account."

#### Major Welch is Veteran.

Major Welch has been connected with the assessor's office continuously since March 1, 1899, with the exception of the time he was in the Spanish and world wars and on the Mexican border. Ten years ago he served six months as county assessor to complete an unexpired term. Major Welch was born in Grundy county, Illinois, October 29, 1870, and moved with his parents to Lebanon, Or., in 1881. He was educated in the public schools and at Willamette university. In 1890 he came to Portland.

For 25 years Major Welch has been interested in military affairs and it was then that he enlisted as a private in battery A, Oregon national guard. He was a second lieutenant in this battery in the Spanish war, which became a unit of the United States volunteer artillery. In 1898 he became captain of the battery and continued in that capacity until resigning in 1913.

#### Commission Held in World War.

During the world war he was appointed captain of field artillery in the national army and sent to Camp Jackson in 1918. Later he was transferred to Camp Taylor and promoted to major. At the time of the armistice he was in command of a regiment of artillery awaiting overseas orders. Upon being mustered out he returned to the assessor's office and resumed his connection with the Oregon national guard as major in the inspector-general's department.

In view of his long service, he has adopted as his slogan, "Long experience in the assessor's office a sure guarantee of efficient service." Major Welch's platform follows:

"Uphold the constitution, laws and institutions of the United States and of the state of Oregon.  
"Favor such legislation as will give the taxpayers complete insight into the sources of governmental funds and their expenditure, to the end that waste and extravagance shall be eliminated.  
"Practice the fullest measure of economy consistent with efficient service.  
"Favor law enforcement.  
"Give my undivided time and attention to the office of county assessor and discharge my duties with courtesy and efficiency.  
"To manage the office as to merit for it and its responsibilities the confidence and esteem of the public."

### \$111,000 WANTED BY CITY

#### PAYMENT OF BILL OWED BY STATE TO BE ASKED.

### Council Decides to Take Matter Involving The Cedars to Governor if Necessary.

The state of Oregon has \$111,000 belonging to the city of Portland, and City Commissioner Mann has been unable to collect it, according to evidence which was brought out at the meeting of the city council yesterday.

The money is due the city for the care of state patients at The Cedars, the municipal detention home for women near Troutdale. At the last meeting of the state health board Commissioner Mann presented his bill, which was approved and ordered paid.

Yesterday Mayor Baker asked Commissioner Mann if he had collected the money; Commissioner Mann said that the money was in the hands of Dr. David N. Roberg, secretary of the state health board, and that Dr. Roberg did not wish to turn the money over to the city until the state emergency board had met and given the state board of health additional funds.

The outcome of the meeting of the city council was to instruct Commissioner Mann to follow the matter to conclusion, calling on Governor O'cott, if need be, to learn why the city should not receive the money which is due.

### CLARK'S DEBTS ASSUMED

#### FATHER TO REPAY WHAT YOUNG SUICIDE OWED.

#### Parent Appointed Administrator. Tangled Financial Affairs Will Be Unraveled.

Initial steps toward straightening out the complicated financial affairs of Russell S. Clark, who murdered and suicided, were taken yesterday when Matt Clark, father of the dead man, was appointed administrator of the estates of both Russell Clark and Mrs. Clark, in an order signed by Circuit Judge Tazewell.

The father said he would make a thorough investigation of his dead son's finances and has announced he would repay every cent which Russell

might have owed at the time of his death.  
The expensive suite of offices which the young auto dealer had in the Yeon building will be closed up and F. E. Manchester, business associate of the young man in the Manchester-Clark company, will assist the father in the work of untangling the affairs of the dead man's estate.  
The father expects to learn more concerning the young man's business affairs during the next few days inasmuch as he is now empowered to get statements from all banks where his son transacted business.  
Conflicting reports concerning the sum of money which Russell Clark procured from McGarner, Bates and Lively through fraudulent warehouse



Major Hiram U. Welch, who announces candidacy for county assessor.

receipts for stored automobiles still leave the exact sum of his forgeries uncertain. Reports from Pendleton continue to state that he procured approximately \$40,000 from this firm through the forged receipts, while officials of the company insisted yesterday their loss will not exceed \$50,000.

The young suicide is also known to have been in debt to the Western Bond & Mortgage company although the exact amount will not be known until the father, as administrator of the estate, completes his investigations.

Funeral services for Russell Clark were held yesterday afternoon at Holman's chapel. Final obsequies were at the Portland crematorium. Both services were private. Mrs. Clark's funeral will not be held until after the arrival of the father from Houston, Texas, who is now en route to Portland.

### CHINESE GREET NEW YEAR

#### QUARTERS GAILY DECORATED FOR BIG CELEBRATION.

#### Both Old and Young Turn Out in Holiday Attire - Fantastic Lanterns Make Appearance.

Chinese new year opened yesterday with banqueting, exchange of gifts and all the more sober observances of a Mongolian deity.

It was the beginning of the biggest celebration of the year for the Chinese and the shops had a holiday look with flags adding an appearance of oriental gaiety. Old and young were in holiday attire, the children exhibiting many a new toy or other trinket.

Some of the Chinese beauties, usually raising, ventured to make their appearance on the streets, bedecked in their best silks.

The celebration will continue for a couple of weeks, with various lodges and organizations giving banquets and continuing the revelry day and night. All lights went low in Chinatown again until the celebration has ended. Public halls, long headquarters and various other establishments are adorned with fantastic lanterns, brilliant with quaint oriental decorations.

Chinese restaurants were also doing a big business in assisting in the celebration, and Americans who wished to visit Chinatown in gala attire also participated in the feasting at some of the popular establishments.

Yesterday marked the beginning of the ninth year of the republic from the Mongolian way of thinking. The Chinese new year begins with the establishment of the republic. Previously the years had been designated by emperor's reigns.

The Chinese year is measured by the phases of the moon. Its commencement, however, is regulated by the sun. Chinese new year falls on the first new moon after the sun enters Aquarius. This makes it come not before January 21 and not after February 19.

### BAPTISTS SEEK \$1,045,000

#### W. O. SIMS TO DIRECT DRIVE FOR FUND IN OREGON.

#### Money Is State's Apportionment in New World Plan Being Launched.

Oregon's apportionment for the \$106,000,000 New World plan of the northern Baptists, announced yesterday afternoon at a meeting of representative men and women of the northwestern states in the Hotel Portland, is \$1,045,000. W. O. Sims, an attorney of this city and member of the White Temple, has been chosen as state director.

Dr. H. R. Heath, who presided at morning and afternoon sessions of ministers, laymen and women in conference on the big campaign, also announced the quota for other northwestern states, as follows:

Western Washington, \$530,000; Eastern Washington, \$430,000; Idaho, \$287,000; Montana, \$290,000; Utah's quota is \$75,000; Colorado \$1,021,000; Southern California's allotment is \$3,400,000 and that of Northern California is \$1,854,000; Nevada, \$51,000 and Arizona, \$210,000.

Dr. O. C. Wright of Oregon, in announcing this state's acceptance of its quota, given for the first time at yesterday's conference, said that it will be subscribed, as Oregon has subscribed every other fund asked of its people. He was particularly pleased with the acceptance of Mr. Sims, who, he said, has had much experience in handling drives for the Red Cross and other organizations.

The funds to be derived from this campaign will be used in general evangelical work.

The wives of Siamese noblemen cut their hair so that it stands straight on on their heads. The average length is about one inch and a half.

### RUSSIAN SOLDIERS PRAISED BY PRINCE

#### Poor Leadership Blamed for Disasters.

### AUSTRIAN LEADERS RAPPED

#### Mixture of Races Greatest Trouble With Hapsburg Empire, Says Frederick.

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BERLIN, Feb. 19.—(Special Cable.)—While the Germans anticipated tremendous military victories over the Russians, and the early disasters into which the Russians had been unaccountably lured, the Russian army had been under-rated. Final military estimates of the Russian soldier appear in one section of the forthcoming book of the former German crown prince. Another section of the book is devoted by him to appraisal of the Austro-Hungarian fighting men.

#### BY EX-CROWN PRINCE WILHELM

My personal knowledge of the Russian soldier dates from before the war. In two trips to Russia I had ample opportunity to observe the military establishment there. The impression I then obtained of the Russian army was quite excellent. It was composed of men of the first class physically, all coming from strong, healthy country people, and they were splendidly disciplined and trained.

The open, loyal-hearted nature of the men was especially noticeable. There remained the patriarchal tone of the officers toward the men which had always existed. Among the military establishments there was a tremendous difference between those of the privileged guard regiments and those of the line, and a great abyss between officers who had risen from the non-commissioned class and those who had been graduated from the Junker schools.

#### Officers Not Educated.

What struck me especially was the low average education of the officers as judged by our standards. Thus in infantry regiments it often happened that not an officer could speak any other language than his own, except the regimental commander.

According to my view, the Russian army, before the outbreak of the war, was underrated by us. I now think the reason its successes did not measure up to its strength may be found in faulty higher leadership. The only really excellent Russian leader was undoubtedly the Grand Duke Nicolaus Nicholovitch.

Such annihilation of troops as befell the Russians in the battles of Tannenberg and the Mazurian boges would hardly have been possible without French leadership. According to the verdict of all the German officers who fought in the east, the Russian artillery was good and clever. It had resemblance to the French artillery, but it suffered the frequent handicap of shortage of munitions.

Russian cavalry was of middling quality, but the Cossacks who made themselves particularly noticeable, proved a veritable plague for our rearward lines of communication and supplies. They were very good patrol riders and good shots. On their little horses they got ahead over the most difficult terrain, shooting from horseback and thus killing many of our own brave patrol riders.

#### Russian Infantry Brave.

The Russian infantry was exceedingly brave, both in attack and in defense. Accustomed to iron discipline, the soldiers followed strictly the orders given to them. Prospective losses never deterred them. Accidents for attack were anticipated throughout the Russian army, and the losses suffered by the infantry were quite unexpected. This fact in the last analysis, explains why the shock strength of the huge Russian army was so soon exhausted, relatively.

Our people gave the Russian soldier the nickname of "Panje." When a Russian was taken prisoner he behaved like a big, honest hearted child. His attitude toward our officers, in matters of discipline, respect and general behavior was the same as toward his own officers. He recognized without question the authority of an officer.

Had Germany and Russia been united, the world war would never have occurred. Unfortunately the last bound together the two empires were torn by bungling hands. In Russia chaos reigned and Germany lost the ground. It could have been otherwise.

In estimating the Austro-Hungarian soldiers one must not forget that neither European state had so many different peoples within its border as had the former Hapsburg empire.

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Correspondingly the quality of the soldiers was most varied. But the large Austrian army was a good one. I recall that the great kaiser maneuvers in Hungary for example in respect to the plan, the execution and the performance of the troops, made a very favorable impression.

#### Staff System Ponderous.

But there were also shortcomings which for a long time rendered the Austrian army inefficient. The courteous attitude of the Austrian officers in intercourse was undeniably attractive. In service they were perhaps not energetic enough. Owing to this fault there a circumstantial and ponderous transmission of general staff orders, which General von Hoetzendorf, field marshal of the Austrian army, was not able to correct entirely. Care of the men also left much to be wished.

The main difficulty with which the Austrian army had to contend, however, was the great number of nationalities represented in the ranks. I recall a conversation with a young Austrian commander, who lamented his troubles to me.

"I have in my command," he said, "Germans, Croatsians, Bosnians, Poles and Hungarians. German is the language in which orders are given, but most of my men don't understand German, so I must rely on interpreters. If interpreters are killed I am at a loss how to proceed."

These difficulties, in my opinion, were not taken sufficiently into account in estimates of the fighting value of the Austro-Hungarian army. Without doubt, that army performed great things in the war. In the beginning, for instance, it bore the brunt of the battle against Russia. In the extraordinary mountain fighting on the Italian front, much heroism was displayed by the Austrian troops. Undoubtedly the Germans, Austrians, Tyroleans and Hungarians fought best in the Austrian army.

In the technical field the Austrian army management recorded respectable performance. I refer especially to the handling of the heavy mortar batteries and to the brilliant technical layout of position in the eternal snows. Let one man be thought of in this place, General von Hoetzendorf. He was a leader of extraordinary ability, and he appreciated the value of the great maneuvers that should be effected.

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### ANOTHER HOLIDAY COMING

#### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY IS TO BE OBSERVED.

#### School Buildings to Be Used in Housing Homeless Shriners During Convention.

Schools in Portland will observe next Monday as a legal holiday in honor of Washington's birthday, and classes will be in session only an hour and a half, during which time patriotic programs will be given. This was the ruling of the school board at yesterday's meeting.

A delegation from the Central Labor council appeared and the chairman, Otto Hartwig, was given a hearing with regard to what had been understood to be compulsory composition work on the value of service in the United States army. Mr. Hartwig requested that it be made clear to teachers that the matter was voluntary instead of compulsory, as Assistant City Superintendent C. A. Rice had explained in a communication to the board.

The essay contest in question is being conducted by the army and apparently has met with objections in some homes.

A resolution prepared by Director A. C. Newell stating the board's attitude with regard to further use of the Polytechnic schools facilities by the federal board for vocational education for soldiers was adopted. This states that "the district will cooperate in every way possible insofar as it does not impair the efficiency of the instruction to regular pupils of the Benson school and provided cooperation does not require of this district any unusual expense."

The board voted to permit the Shriners during the coming national convention to use Lincoln, Shattuck, Couch and possibly the Washington high and Gris' Polytechnic schools for the housing of visitors. It also voted to install hot water heaters in all school buildings at this time, particularly at Alameda and Gregory Heights, Beaumont and Multnomah will also get improvements.

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