

JOHN B. COFFEY IS CANDIDATE AGAIN

Multnomah County Clerk Outlines Important Changes for Betterment.

OPPOSITION NOT EXPECTED

Permanent Registration System Is Sponsored by Incumbent—Open System of Records in Work Is Pointed Out.

John B. Coffey, County Clerk of Multnomah County, yesterday announced his candidacy for re-election, subject to the Republican primary. So far he is the only candidate in the field, and it would not occasion much surprise if he were renominated and re-elected without opposition.

This would be only duplicating what happened when Mr. Coffey ran for re-election in 1914. He was not opposed for renomination on the Republican ticket and didn't have either a Democratic or Progressive opponent for election.

In the three years that Mr. Coffey has served as County Clerk, he has made many important changes for the better in the conduct of the affairs of that office. Some of these changes he has enumerated in the following statement, accompanying his announcement.

Work of Office Reviewed. In announcing my candidacy for renomination as County Clerk I will briefly review the work of the office during my incumbency. Efficient service to the public at the minimum of cost has been my aim. To accomplish this end I have given my personal attention to details shortly after I became Clerk I disposed of a private mercantile business in which I had been engaged for many years in order that the office should have my full time.

The County Clerkship cannot be conducted to the satisfaction of the public unless it receives the undivided attention of the officer in charge. To give an idea of its responsibilities it need only be stated that in the last three years ending December 31, 1915, it handled an average of more than \$387,000 per year. This sum exceeds the resources of a bank in Oregon, and it goes without saying that there must be system to prevent loss and inefficiency.

Daily Cash Report Made. A daily cash report, which forms part of the bookkeeping methods, shows the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the day, the receipts from various sources during the day, and the amount deposited in each bank. This record is open to the public, and it affords a means of ready audit of the Clerk's financial transactions.

A monthly comparative report shows the condition of the office at the beginning and end of the month, and the amount of cash on hand at the beginning and end of the month. In it are entered a statement of all papers filed and instruments recorded, together with the fees received from the various sources, and the amount of the fines and recordings.

The month covered by the report is compared with the preceding month, and notation made of the increase or decrease in the volume of business in the aggregate and with regard to the units comprising it. The amount of the current year is compared with the preceding year and similar comparisons made. A summary sets forth the distribution of the office's income, administrative expense to total receipts and the per cent of net profit to the county.

Card System Checks Fee Books. A card system operates as a check upon the fee books. From it we make the monthly differential trial balance, which readily shows the precise condition of every card in litigation, the amount of fees deposited, and the amounts earned and unearned. I installed this plan in order that the relations between the office on one hand and the litigants and their attorneys, on the other hand, might be expedited and accurately settled without unnecessary difficulty.

I have surrounded the financial management of the office with every approved safeguard. As a further protection to the public funds, and to myself as the custodian of them, I have required a monthly audit of my accounts.

Prior to the beginning of my administration persons who served as jurors or witnesses and men employed on the county road were paid either to discount their claims or wait until the 15th of the following month, when the County Court would audit and allow their wages.

Improvement Is Overcome. This caused serious inconvenience to many, particularly to the road workers, who generally lived at a distance from the Courthouse. As a further improvement, the Legislature of 1913 enacted a law authorizing the County Clerk in any month to pay the claims of the kind just enumerated.

The result has been that jurors, witnesses and road workers have been enabled to get their money without discount immediately upon the completion of their service.

As a protection to the valuable records and exhibits of which I am custodian I have established a file room with a clerk in charge. No records may now be taken from this room without a proper order, accompanied by a receipt. This system was necessary to avoid the mislaying and loss of papers where people were handing them indiscriminately and putting them back in wrong files or not putting them back at all.

Permanent Registration Backed. As president of the State Association of County Clerks I co-operated in bringing about the passage by the 1915 Legislature of a law providing for the permanent registration of voters. This will save the voters the trouble of registering every two years and will also save the county the cost of such constant registrations. Under the new registration law in Multnomah County, we keep complete data in regard to the voters, their politics, sex and place of residence, all segregated for ready access and use.

It was first elected County Clerk under a pledge to accept nothing but the flat salary of the office and to pay all fees and emoluments into the county treasury. This pledge has been faithfully kept. In the past three years I paid to the County Treasurer the sum of \$12,900, representing interest on deposit, and declaration and naturalization fees. Although the Supreme Court of Oregon has held that declaration and naturalization fees may be retained by the Clerk, I feel that the people want all fees turned into the treasury and have, accordingly, paid them to the county each month, along with the other emoluments of the office.

On the record as above outlined I will submit my candidacy to the voters in the primaries on May 19, 1916.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO SECOND TERM.



John B. Coffey

VICE STORY IS TOLD

Young Girl Confesses and 15 Are Implicated.

ALLEGED BETRAYER HELD

Man and Woman Charged With Abetting Delinquency Arrested. Paroled Juvenile Court Ward Walks Into Sorry Mess.

Declaring that Luke Dillard, suspected leader in the vice ring exposed last week by District Attorney Evans with the aid of Juvenile Court officers, endeavored to persuade her to enter an immoral life, 17-year-old Marie Hodges made a detailed confession to Deputy District Attorney Robinson yesterday.

Alleged Betrayer Jailed. It was only two days after Marie Hodges had returned to her home from a convent that she met the young man who started her on her ruinous path, she told Deputy Robinson and Probation Officer Thrasher. That was a year ago. That young man is under arrest and is said to have confessed.

TWO CANDIDATES OUT FOR CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP

W. N. Gatens Formally Announces Aspirations for Re-Election in Department No. 5 and Robert C. Wright Aspires to Department No. 1.



W. N. Gatens.



Robert C. Wright.

Two candidates for judge of the Circuit Court in Multnomah County formally announced themselves yesterday.

They were Judge W. N. Gatens, who formally announced his aspirations for re-election as judge of Department No. 5, subject to the Democratic primary, and Robert C. Wright, who will seek the Republican nomination for judge of Department No. 1, of which Judge Kavanauah is the incumbent.

Judge Gatens has been on the bench in Department No. 5 since it was created by the 1909 Legislature as an additional department in the Fourth Judicial District, to afford needed relief in handling the great mass of legal business then clogging the court calendar. At that time Judge Gatens was private secretary to Governor, now United States Senator, George H. Chamberlain, who appointed him to the new circuit judgeship. He was re-elected at the general election of 1910 by a majority of 13,685 votes, the largest polled by a Democrat in Multnomah County.

In November, of the same year, Judge Gatens was selected by the other circuit judges to take charge of the juvenile court. He handled this work in addition to his regular court duties until the juvenile court was placed under the jurisdiction of the County Court in May, 1915. Judge Gatens was born in Portland, March 26, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of this city and is a graduate of the University of Oregon. In May, 1894, he was admitted to

WELFARE COMMISSIONS DECLARED EVIL

Industrial Commission Says Attacks by Merchants Are Misleading to Public.

LACK OF PRECEDENT FELT

Denial Made of Charge That Members of Conference Were Hand-Picked and Pledge Against Radical Action Is Given.

PORTLAND, March 4.—(To the Editor.)—In view of current misinformation the Industrial Welfare Commission wishes to make the following statement:

Three years ago when the Welfare Commission was confronted with the duty of making rulings fixing minimum subsistence wages and maximum reasonable hours of labor for women, it had no precedent in the United States by which to be guided. After many months of careful investigation rulings were adopted which have since been followed by other states. It was, however, naturally impossible that the conferences held at that time could foresee all of the contingencies which would arise under the new rulings. Two years of experience have shown certain ambiguities in the original rulings which have rendered it impracticable to enforce them in many instances.

Thus, for example, certain well-known employers have employed adult women for a year at the wage rate of \$6 a week and at the expiration of that time have transferred the workers to another department to begin another period of apprenticeship at the same weekly wage. Cases are on record of adult women of fully average intelligence who have been kept for three years in a workshop at this method. This abuse has been flagrant and irritating, but was not covered by any orders of the Commission.

Abuses Are Assorted. This and several similar abuses determined the Commission to call a conference of employers, employees and representatives of the public to revise and codify the rulings of the Commission.

Such a code revision conference has now been named. A subcommittee of the conference was appointed to prepare a preliminary sketch as a basis for the revision. Such a preliminary draft has been made and will be referred to the conference which will accept, amend or reject any or all of the suggestions submitted. The meetings of the conference are open to the public and all pertinent information will be welcomed. No limit has been set to the deliberations of the conference and no instruction given except to give full consideration to every relevant phase of the subject in hand.

It has been intimated in the public press by a prominent employer that the members of the conference had been hand-picked by the Welfare Commission in order to pre-arrange some devious and radical policy of its own. A mere enumeration of the names of the members of the conference will judge the malice of such an insinuation. The members of the code-revision conference are: Everett Adams, president of Ames-Harris-Neville Company; Arthur C. Callan, business agent of the laundries; Thomas Roberts, Sr., of Roberts Brothers; E. B. MacNaughton, architect; Mrs. G. J. Frankel, president Women's Club; W. L. Brewer, lawyer.

Representing the employees—Mrs. L. Gee, a garment worker; Mrs. Rose Herat, a laundry employee; Miss Nell Younger, an employe.

Stringency Is Denied. The public is, of course, aware that the Welfare Commission has no arbitrary power at all; that it cannot take any action that recommendations have been placed before it by a conference representing the employers, the public and the employees. The public is further assured that the Commission has taken no action except on the unanimous vote of its members, thus insuring conservative action. Moreover, the public is assured that the Commission will be found to be less stringent in the case of every occupation than the corresponding rulings of the Washington Code.

The public, the employers and the employees may rest assured that the present members of the Industrial Welfare Commission will not indulge in any hasty, radical or ill-considered action or permit any unreasonable handicap to be placed on any industry by its rulings in a time of business depression. (Signed) INDUSTRIAL WELFARE COM. EDWIN V. O'NEILL, President. Representing the Public, Chairman, BERTHA MOORES. Representing the Employees, AMEDD M. SMITH, Chairman. Representing the Employers, EDWIN V. O'NEILL.

SALMON DAY IS FRIDAY

NATION-WIDE CELEBRATION IS TO BE HELD.

Interest in Value of Food Product and Big Northwest Industry Being Aroused by Railway.

Hotels, restaurants, clubs, dining-cars, passenger steamers, every place, in short, where one may eat, will be represented in the celebration of Salmon Day, March 19.

The celebration will not be confined to Oregon. It will extend throughout the United States.

Railroads have been arousing interest in Salmon day with displays and special exhibits in various cities of the East, and in quantities of literature have been distributed. Chambers of commerce all over the United States have received letters from the Portland Chamber of Commerce and have announced their willingness to co-operate in the movement to attract public interest to the importance of salmon as a food product.

Approximately one-third of the salmon canned, including the Columbia River, Puget Sound and Alaska product, is consumed abroad, and the industry last year, according to C. D. Shoemaker, of the Fish and Game Commission, is estimated at \$7,000,000.

The Department of Commerce of the United States has issued a bulletin on "Canned Salmon, Cheaper Than Meat, and Why."

Property-Bonding Time Nearly Up. Time for bonding property assessed

Ray Barkhurst Buys Bankrupt Stock

of Geo. H. McCarthy, Formerly McDonald & Collett's, 289 Washington Street, at 30c on the Dollar

I have bought the entire stock of high-grade Woolens, Trimmings, Books and Fixtures of the firm of Geo. H. McCarthy, formerly McDonald & Collett, from the receiver in bankruptcy. The addition of this fine, large stock, coupled with my superb and extensive line of woolens, easily gives me the finest and largest stock carried by any merchant tailor in the city.

(From The Oregonian.) TAILOR'S STOCK IS BOUGHT Ray Barkhurst Takes Fixtures of George McCarthy Establishment.

Monday and Tuesday I will give the public the opportunity of participating in my great purchase by making Special Reductions on the combined stocks. Come down—see the window display—note the prices—inspect the splendid materials and take advantage of the savings I offer you.

I have the best cutters and designers in the West. I operate my own workshop. I buy my goods for spot cash, taking advantage of all discounts—giving the customer the best possible value for the least money.

Ray Barkhurst

Portland's Leading Tailor Corner Sixth and Stark

for the construction of the Willow street and East Eighty-second street extensions of the East Stark street trunk sewer expires March 12, according to notice given yesterday by City Auditor Harbut. The property owners have until that date to bond their property for the assessments. Failure to do so before the Art Institute and the Chamber of Commerce given payment of the assessment in cash at once.

EMMET DAY IS HERE

IRELANDIANS TO HOLD PROGRAMME IN HONOR OF PATRIOT. Judge P. H. D'Arcy Will Be One of Speakers at Celebration to Be Held Tonight.

Robert Emmet, the great Irish Nationalist and martyr, will be honored tonight by the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Hibbard Hall, Russell street and Rodney avenue. The celebration is in honor of his one hundred and thirty-third birthday anniversary, and Judge P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, will be the speaker. John D. Walsh will preside.

HOOD ATTRACTS TOURISTS

Many Inquiries Are Being Made by California Motorists. HOOD RIVER, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—The publicity campaign waged by the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Commission last year at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in the exploitation of the Columbia River Highway gives every indication at present of having borne fruit. R. E. Scott, secretary of the Hood River Chamber of Commerce, says that scarcely a day passes that he does not receive numerous inquiries from prospective tourists from California who are asking about the conditions of the highway.

CREAMERY MEN TO UNITE

J. D. Mickle Is Sponsor for Oregon Co-operative Exchange. J. D. Mickle, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, is mailing to the various co-operative creameries the articles of agreement with the Oregon Co-operative Dairy Exchange, and when a proper number have signed up a stockholders' meeting will be called in this city to effect a permanent organization of the exchange.

Dryad Floral Club Plans Fair.

Dryad, Wash., March 4.—(Special.)—The Dryad Floral Association, with the public schools here, is making plans for a community fair to be held August 24, just before the Southwest Washington Fair. Printed premium lists will be issued. Officers are: Mrs. Carl F. Stegner, president; Mrs. H. T. Clippinger, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Duncan, secretary, and Mrs. Charles Mauerman, treasurer.

ROSEBURG Turns Dirt In May.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—That actual construction work on Roseburg's new Federal building will begin early in May was the information received here from W. C. Hawley, representative from this district.

Thousands of people in Chicago will have the privilege of seeing the Berger-Jones color photos of the Columbia River Highway, according to a letter sent to William McMurray by G. W.



ORPHEUM GETS STAR

Stella Mayhew Will Appear Here in April.

MIMICRY KNOWN OF OLD

Blackface Is Discarded and Artist Will Display Expensive Clothes. Billie Taylor Will Give Musical Accompaniments.

Stella Mayhew, renowned musical comedy star, will appear at the Orpheum here April 9. Announcement of the re-engagement of Miss Mayhew for vaudeville by Martin Beck, was received yesterday by Carl Reiter, manager of the Orpheum. She will be accompanied by her old-time partner, Billie Taylor.

Miss Mayhew is noted in the stage world particularly for her characterization of an old Southern mammy, but she has abandoned that portrayal, and in her Orpheum tour will wear elaborate and expensive clothes to accentuate her striking and jolly appearance. Billie Taylor, husband of the comedy star, is said to be the only musician who can play accompaniment for Miss Mayhew. Nellie Revell, director of publicity for the Orpheum circuit, in announcing the coming of Mayhew and Taylor, writes:

"No one can play accompaniment for Stella like Billie can. He catches the hitting, swaying spirit of her songs so that no matter whether you are old and rheumatic you'll find your shoulders jerking and your body away from the piano." Miss Mayhew's most recent musical comedy success was made in "High Jinks," and her hit in that production led Martin Beck to engage her for an Orpheum tour. She will sing character songs, but will not black up and wear a fish-tail gown, as did Miss Beck declaring "make-up is not necessary for such a consummate artist in mimicry as Stella Mayhew."

BIG WOOL SALE REPORTED

Berthold and Gerson Nurnberger Announce Big Purchase.

BAKER, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—The largest amount of wool contracted for in years is reported by Berthold and Gerson Nurnberger, who announced they had contracted for nearly 500,000 pounds for Portland and Eastern concerns. From 30 to 35 cents was the average price stipulated, making an outlay of more than \$100,000.

The clips contracted for include those of Orson Moody, between \$8,000 and 90,000 pounds; M. F. Cusdiff, 20,000 pounds; A. H. Hampton, of Huntington, \$5,000 pounds; and E. Johnson, 85,000 pounds. The names of other sellers were not given out.

With the lambing season at an end, shearing will commence within a short time. Buyers believe that a large percentage of the wool this year will be contracted in advance.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends and the order of Knights of Pythias for the kind-natured cheer for our dear departed loved one and brother, R. F. Ross; also for the many beautiful floral tributes. Adv. Mrs. J. A. Adams and Daughter.