

COOS BAY TIMES

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**SAYS WOMEN
CAN REGISTER**

MONDAY LAST CHANCE.
Monday is the last day for voters to register for the Marshfield city election which will be held December 3. It is also the last day for filing nominating petitions of candidates.

Mrs. Dora Byerly was the first Marshfield woman to register to vote in Marshfield.
Nearly all registered as Republicans and gave their occupations as "housekeepers." A few were a little bit backward about telling their age but City Recorder Butler required it.
The women who had registered up to 3:30 today were:
Catherine Hoffman, Mrs. Jessie P. Marsh, Mrs. Ora McCarty, Mrs. F. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Mrs. Dora Byerly, Mrs. C. H. Walter, Nettie La Chappelle, Della A. Dresser, H. R. Downs, Grace Nagle, Mrs. E. F. Stutsman.

According to word which was received from the secretary of state, women can register for the city election. Yesterday Mrs. A. H. Stutsman applied at the office of the city recorder for the purpose of registering. Recorder Butler would not register Mrs. Stutsman, as he first wanted to consult with the city attorney, who was out of the city. Mrs. Stutsman then sent a telegram to Salem to find out what were her rights in the matter. She received the following answer from the secretary of state:
A. H. Stutsman,
Marshfield, Ore.

Attorney General Crawford has rendered opinion to this office his belief that woman suffrage measure became law at close of polls, Nov. fifth. In conformity, Salem and other towns are now permitting registration of women.
BEN W. OLCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Mrs. Stutsman then took the telegram to the city recorder, but Mr. Butler was not willing to register any women until he held a consultation with the attorney and other city officials. This was the last day for registering for the coming city election and for that reason Mrs. Stutsman was anxious to be registered so she would not have to be sworn in on election day.

At Gladstone, Ore., women were named to serve as election judges. At Grants Pass the women are being registered. At Hood River the city recorder is in something of a quandary regarding the question as to whether or not the women can be registered.

**FRIDAY'S GAME
ENDED SEASON**

The football game between the Marshfield and Myrtle Point High school teams here Friday afternoon resulted in a score of 0 to 0. The game was hotly contested all the way through, both sides playing excellent ball. It was the last regular game of the season for the Marshfield boys and leaves them undefeated and tied with Coquille for the championship.

Myrtle Point kicked off to Marshfield, who brought the ball slowly up the field. Jensen of Marshfield then made a spirited run of about 20 yards, followed by one of about 15 yards by G. Johnson. Myrtle Point then secured the ball on downs and punted on the fourth down. The punt was covered by Marshfield, who punted again. Myrtle Point punted on third down and Clarke of Marshfield made a run of 20 yards. Marshfield then attempted to punt, but it was blocked and Myrtle Point secured the ball. Myrtle Point, after advancing the ball by line plunger, again punted and Johnson took the ball down the field for 15 yards. Marshfield then fumbled, but recovered the ball on downs. Marshfield punted and recovered the ball, but lost it again on a fumble.

Myrtle Point punted to Clark who made a run of 30 yards. The ball then kept going back and forth, each side being forced to kick.

Marshfield worked successfully many of her trick plays and made most of her yardage on them. Myrtle Point was strong on line bucking and used their fullback and halves greatly.
There was quite a crowd out and much enthusiasm was shown by the spectators.
The teams lined up yesterday as follows:
Marshfield Myrtle Point
Lyons center Bargelt
Curtis left guard Wyland
Walter left tackle Clark
Jensen right end Miller
Lecocq, Haines H. Bargelt
Johnson, A. right guard Robbins
Johnson right tackle Robbins
Johnson right end Davenport
Fairchild, Stutsman right end Dement
Isaacson quarter Spires
left half

**ADDITIONAL
SOCIETY NEWS**

**MISS PEARL WATKINS
BRILLIANT SUCCESS.**

Miss Pearl Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Watkins, who has been attending an elocution and dramatic school in Boston, has been given an excellent position with one of the leading eastern dramatic companies. The company is one of Erlanger & Kemper Broadway companies playing "The Greyhound" one of Paul Armstrong's latest melodramatic successes. The company played an extended engagement in Boston and while there Miss Watkins was given an opportunity and promptly made good. She was offered a season's engagement at \$45.00 per week. She plays the part of Bess Allen, a wealthy woman's daughter, and has been winning praise from the critics by her portrayal. She has assumed the name of Anne Hamilton as her stage cognomen. A host of Miss Watkins' Coos Bay friends will watch her career with more than passing interest and wish a full measure of the success she is sure to achieve.

ODD SOCIAL.

The auditorium of the Presbyterian church last evening was the scene of one of the most unique and enjoyable affairs of the season. The occasion was an "odd" social at which the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian church entertained the other societies of the city.

Grab bags and fortune-telling and dream-interpreting booths created much excitement and amusement. Decorations of red and green added color to the scene. Many games were indulged in and a rousing good time was the result.

The boys bid for their partners for supper, the limit bid being 33 cents. Much amusement was afforded by this part of the program. Among those present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Burkhardt, Mrs. C. H. Walters, Mrs. Scaffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mohr, Misses Kathryn Horton, Helen Dow, Evelyn Langworthy, Gladys Diment, Alpha Mauzey, Kathryn Smith, Lillian Seaman, Gertrude Scaffe, Roxie Hall, Ruth Dungan, Mildred Wilson, Marjorie Graham, Adelaide Clark, Peachie Clark, Marlon Seaman, Freda Holmes, Slati Howe, Irene Preuss, Helen Landrith, Esther Silverman, Helen Graham, Inez Baldwin, Effie Church, Nellie Tribbey, Lewella Graham, Helen McLaughlin, Ivy Hill, Bessie Flanagan and Messrs. Roy Robertson, Harold Haines, Ed Bolt, Clay Church, Howard Eyerly, Mr. Richardson, Ralph Bishop, Festus Walter, Mr. Colver, Albert Haines, Mr. Haskins, Wesley Seaman, John Noble, Lawrence Horton, Harvey Walter, Rufus Howe, Leo La Chappelle, Claud Wilson, Mr. Wilson, Vivian Carlson, Wm. McDonald, Duncan Ferguson, George Lecocq, Ray Robertson, Henry Lecocq, Frank Howe, Halbert Carlisle, Ted Dow, Max Reigard and Jens Hanson.

PARTIES.

Mrs. Z. O. Doward entertained the young people's class of the Christian church with a "stunt" party at her home in Ferndale last evening in honor of Alfred Doward. The affair was a very enjoyable one and was attended by a large crowd of young people.

Those present were Misses Bessie Immel, Mae Lemmex, Celia Post, Edna Ray, Myrtle Downer, Anna Cox and Jeanette Saxton, and the Messrs. John Motley, Russ Nasburg, Alfred Doward, Alva Stowall, Otto Olsen, Guy Torrey, Ronald McGee and Carl Clinkenbeard.

INFORMAL.

Mrs. W. F. Miller returned this week from a few months visit in New York and Middle West points. Mr. Miller met her in Portland.

Mrs. J. T. Harrigan returned this week from a visit at her old home in Wisconsin. She was called east by the illness of her mother, which terminated fatally.

John W. Motley left this week for a six weeks' visit in St. Paul, Sheboygan, Wis., Chicago, St. Louis and Osceola, Mo. He vigorously denied a rumor that he would make the latter part of his journey a honeymoon trip, as some suggested.

The Busy Bee club is being entertained this afternoon by Miss Doris Gubser of North Bend.

Myrtle Point substitutes, Rock-loff, Hall and Barkalow. Referee—Miller of Coquille; umpire—Stutsman of Marshfield; timekeepers—Barker of Marshfield and Parks of Myrtle Point.

A WATER SYSTEM

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district, houses of 8 to 10 rooms, the total number of houses in the two blocks was 29, an average of 6 persons to the family, and 236 rooms. The property value would average \$5500. This would give a very fair idea of the average cost per room and found that the average cost was a few cents less than a dollar a room for a year. This would apply on practically all the consumers living in houses of from six to twelve rooms and is not an unreasonable expense. The receipts from the water works plant for the last fiscal year was about \$26,000.00, showing a net profit after running expense of about \$17,500, also furnishing water for street flushing, ten water troughs and 6 fountains and very lenient rates in cases where we felt we were warranted in being lenient.

If we were to charge the usual rate of \$40 a hydrant and usual rate for flushing, the profit and saving combined would be equal to \$30,000.

Muscatine's profits without considering city service was about \$29,000. Marshalltown shows a net profit of \$19,000 and free service for city purposes.

This is a fair sample of the profit in a municipal plant in cities from 15,000 to 20,000 with a reasonable rate. Of the many other cities reporting almost the same thing can be said. The maximum rate was 35 to 40 cent per 1000 gallons and the minimum from 8 to 10 cents, all self supporting.

To close this report, just a short comparison between Sioux City, where we are meeting, and a municipal plant is being operated very successfully and profitably, and Des Moines, where a private plant has been operated so successfully that it has been a constant drain on the city finances and an exorbitant rate on the people, and is now being choked into submission by the present commission administration, after a prolonged struggle in court and a cost that will in all probability be not less than \$2,000,000 which the people of Des Moines will be forced to assume in the shape of a bonded debt. Right here I want to ask the advocate of private ownership of public utilities if they believe it is better for the people of Des Moines to have been paying the exorbitant rate they have been paying \$6, the minimum rate for the least service obtainable for a six-room house, or smaller, up to \$20 a year for the ordinary 8 to 10-room house, which is the given rate, and the city to pay the sum of \$60,000, which they did in the last fiscal year, or would it be better for them to have owned this plant, as Sioux City does, where the ordinary 8 to 10-room house seldom, if ever, exceeds \$10 to \$12 a year.

Where the gross receipts from water sales for the last fiscal year was \$105,645.31, no charge for hydrants and street flushing. Free water to their five hospitals and all orphanages and charitable institutions. All furnished at a cost of operating plant of \$35,000, leaving them a profit of \$70,000 a year for their plant and no tax levy to meet any bonded indebtedness or expense of operating, as their report shows no levy, and no indebtedness. It is needless to comment on this comparison. Had Des Moines started 20 years ago and spent only the money they have paid the water company for service in that time they would have had their plant paid for now and saved the people of the city thousands of dollars, besides. This closes the report on water works plants and to my mind the evidence is overwhelmingly in favor of municipal owned plants.

**SLIDE TAKES
RIG WITH IT**

The details of what narrowly escaped being a fatal accident for a man, his wife and baby on the road between Scottsburg and Loon Lake reached here today. J. Henyon and wife and child, enroute from Lebanon, Oregon, to Allegany, and their rig were precipitated in a slide into a deep gulch. Luckily their rig caught on a stump before it reached the bottom and the occupants escaped with only a few bruises, a bad shaking up and a severe fright. Mr. Henyon came to Marshfield today for supplies.

The family recently came to Oregon from Texas and Mr. Henyon visited Coos Bay and decided to bring his family to Allegany to reside. He started to drive in and encountered bad roads as a result of the storm. On one of the worst places the roadbed gave way and the horse, rig and all went down into the gulch.

The rig turned over and Mrs. Henyon and the baby were caught in the top of the buggy. Mr. Henyon fell out and was pinned between the buggy wheel and a stump.

The horse fell on its back with its feet in the air and was so pinned between two stumps that it could not extricate itself.

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