

Mr. Silver Will Not Be Committee's Mouthpiece

When the committee first started to figure on getting control of mineral springs for the city it tried to buy the old lithia spring. Mr. Silver refused to make any kind of a contract except for cash in hand. After the committee quit negotiating with him and it was known that we had a development contract with Mr. Murphy, Mr. Silver came forward with a statement that he was willing to give Ashland all the water it needed to bring to the park. A committee of ten citizens met Mr. Silver to get his proposition. They utterly failed to get to a satisfactory agreement with him. Then the committee tried to make a deal for some land just this side of the old lithia spring which was owned by Butler Walker. Several years before Mr. Silver had secured an option on it, but had failed to carry out his payments. When he found that the committee desired the land for the city it is stated he entered into an arrangement whereby W. W. Caldwell was to supply the funds with which to take up the Walker land and thus head off the committee so the city could not get it for water development. Just at that time the committee discovered the new lithia spring. Mr. Caldwell did not supply the funds and Mr. Walker is left with his land on his hands. The committee believed at the time that Mr. Silver was using Mr. Caldwell to hold the committee up or block the project. A little before that Mr. Silver and Mr. Bressler had on some kind of a springs deal, presumably for the old lithia. It was stated that they tried to interest Mr. Jennings, the wealthy Portland furniture man who bought the old Johnson place, in a private enterprise to handle the old lithia spring. Now Mr. Silver is fighting the piping of the waters to the park and Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Bressler are his valuable allies in the fight against the project. These gentlemen may be perfectly sincere in their opposition, but on putting two and two together it looks to us as though

their opposition might be not altogether disinterested. Mr. Silver and Mr. Bressler called upon Mr. Greer Wednesday morning and asked to see the detailed plans of the project. No detail plans have yet been made for the reason that the present committee are acting only as a Commercial Club committee and had no authority to do more than to work out the preliminary plans, looking into the practicability of piping in the water and the probable cost. The preliminary estimate details have been submitted to the committee by the chemical engineers; these details are being checked by disinterested engineers so that the committee may feel certain of their ground. As soon as this report is received it will be made public. In the meantime Mr. Silver, as far as this committee is concerned, may proceed with his blocking tactics to his heart's content without the help or sympathy of this committee. It is doubtful whether any possible evidence could be produced to satisfy Mr. Silver, for it is the view of the writer that he is premeditatedly against the whole matter and will continue to be unless he sees a personal advantage to his old lithia spring. We have heard since their interview with the writer Wednesday morning that they state we refused to give them the facts they asked for. They are perfectly right in that statement. We do not expect, and shall take no pains to satisfy Mr. Silver. The whole people are interested in this matter and the whole people shall have every fact and all data upon which our conclusions are based, but this data will come from the committee to the people first hand, through the press or at a public gathering for the purpose, and not through Mr. Silver. These facts are presented at this time merely to keep the history of the bond matter clear in the minds of the public. Everybody should have their say, but the public should be informed as to whether they have more than a taxpayers' interest in what they say.



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TREASURES OF THE WORLD AT THE GREAT PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1915.

THE treasures of the world will be shown to millions of visitors at the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. Thirty-four of the world's great nations have accepted the invitation of the United States, and their displays will be among the most elaborate ever shown at a world's exposition. The artistic phases of the Exposition will be especially notable. The photograph above shows a superb work, "The Fountain of Ceres," by a famed woman sculptor, Miss Evelyn Beatrice Logan. The fountain, which will be twenty-six feet in height, will be placed in the entrance upon San Francisco harbor of the Court of the Four Seasons.

The Core of the Opposition To Springs Development

The writer has been investigating the opposition to the springs of late with a view of discovering, if possible, from whence the opposition arose and upon what the complaint seemed to be based. Investigation apparently discloses: That Mr. Harry Silver is the core of the opposition. That he avows his opposition is based on the assumption that the waters cannot be successfully piped to the park. His opinion, as far as we were able to discern, is not backed by any facts, only assertions. He has agitated his view among the people and has gained a small following, among whom are Mr. Bressler, Mr. R. J. Edwards, Mr. Storey and a few others. A petition was prepared and circulated by these men asking that the council defer the call of an election for thirty days to give them an opportunity to gather statistics to prove their contention. The petition was signed by 184 persons and presented to the council Tuesday night. As the matter had not been yet presented to the council no action was taken upon the petition and it lies on the table. The law is such that without such a petition the matter cannot be brought up for a vote before the 10th of June. That will give these gentlemen the time they desire to gather information tending to show the practicability or impracticability of the plan. These gentlemen complain that the committee is holding back information in regard to the springs. The committee is doing nothing of the kind. The committee is not publishing guesses. As fast as the facts are obtained the committee is publishing the facts. That policy has been pursued by the committee from the first and will be pursued in the future, regardless of the criticism of Mr. Silver. Had the committee followed Mr. Silver's advice in the past, instead of having five splendid springs at a cost of one thousand dollars it would have paid some thirty to fifty

thousand dollars to Mr. Silver for the old lithia spring. Probably if it followed his advice in the future Ashland would wind up one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in debt and have nothing for its money. Speaking alone for Mr. Greer, we here state that he has absolutely no inclination to follow the advice of Mr. Silver in any particular. The committee has employed what it considers the best authority that can be had to furnish advice as to how to handle the springs work. The committee are convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that the springs can be successfully piped to the park; that the springs are Ashland's best asset; that the successful piping of the springs furnishes a solid foundation for one of the best watering resorts in the country. It is convinced that the successful carrying out of the plans will be worth to Ashland many times the cost involved. And believing this, the committee is working industriously and conscientiously to bring about that consummation. We have no doubt of the sincerity of those who are opposed to the project, aside from Mr. Silver. Our experience has been such with him in trying to deal for his spring that we very much doubt whether he is altogether unselfish in his opposition. Mr. Silver has appeared to us to be very self-opinionated and but slightly versed in the proper methods of handling mineral waters. His interest has not appeared to us to be identical with the city of Ashland in the matter, and we have not looked upon his advice as disinterested and sound. Therefore, we are not following it. The details of the plans are being rapidly brought to a close. The people shall know all about it before they vote on the question of bonding the city. It is a matter which the people will decide and, as far as this committee is able, the data will be furnished the public upon which an intelligent decision can be based. —Those John Kelly pumps at Enders' are better.



Dr. C. J. Smith, Democratic Candidate for Governor.

Moose Have Big Time at Initiation

The L. O. O. M. had one of the biggest lodge meetings Monday evening the valley has ever known, there being close to 500 attending. At 8 o'clock a special train brought 300 people from down the valley, 200 coming from Medford, 100 from Grants Pass and a good many from Gold Hill. There were visitors here from Klamath Falls and Roseburg. As the special train pulled into the city station they were greeted with a flourish of trumpets by our local band. The Moose people of Ashland met them at the depot and together they formed in line and marched up the street, making a parade over two blocks long. Ed Staples got a bunch in his Stanley mountain wagon and came along quietly in the rear. There were over 450 in the line of march. Forty-three candidates were put through the degrees, and the initiators had a great time. The initiation was held at the armory, because of the incapability of their hall to accommodate the crowd. Refreshments were served at the Moose banquet room. After the lodge work was over they went to the armory, where the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. While the work was being put on the ladies were entertained at the Dreamland Theatre, which was rented for the evening by the lodge.

Berries Wanted For the Fair

In order that the Jackson county display at the Panama-Pacific exposition be complete, the ranchers must be on the lookout for perfect specimens of agricultural and horticultural products. The perishable products are being processed by Mr. Frohbach, who desires to be notified whenever exhibit specimens are produced. These, however, must not be overripe, therefore notify him, that he may have an opportunity to inspect same before picking. Specimens of alfalfa are wanted. These are also to be processed, as it is more advantageous to display this in its natural color and form than in a dry state. Grains will be wanted and ranchers should save their best for this display. At present strawberries and gooseberries are maturing, and if you have large berries, notify Mr. Frohbach. All products to be displayed in the Jackson county exhibit at San Francisco will have the grower's name and district where same was grown attached to same. Mrs. Ed Loosley and her little son came from Montague yesterday. They will visit at the G. W. Loosley home.

Mining Congress Here July 9 and 10

President Luce of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining Congress has notified the Ashland Commercial Club's special committee that July nine and ten are satisfactory dates for the mining congress to be held here. The gathering will occur during the meeting of the Ashland Chautauqua Assembly, and this city will attend to the entertainment of the delegates in a manner commensurate with the importance of the event. Superior California will be represented by prominent mining operators from points as far south as Sacramento.

Nominations for State and County to Be Voted Upon

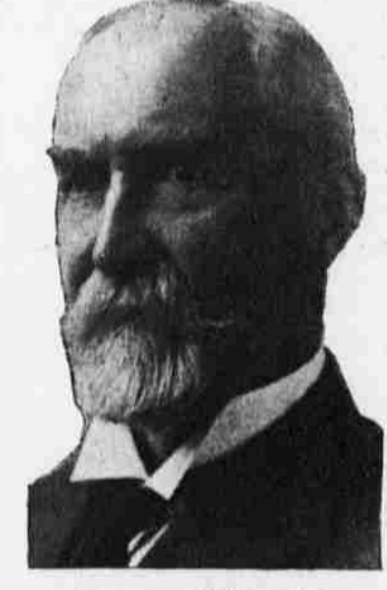
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| <p>Republican candidates before the primary who will be in the race for election next November:</p> <p>National Committeeman—R. E. Williams of Oregon City.</p> <p>United States Senator—R. A. Booth of Lane county.</p> <p>Congressman, First District—W. C. Hawley of Salem.</p> <p>Governor—James Withycombe of Corvallis.</p> <p>State Treasurer—T. B. Kay of Marion county.</p> <p>Justices of Supreme Court—Thomas McBride and Henry J. Bean and Charles L. McNary of Salem and Lawrence T. Harris of Eugene.</p> <p>Attorney-General Geo. M. Brown of Roseburg.</p> <p>Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. A. Churchill of Baker county.</p> <p>State Engineer—John H. Lewis of Salem.</p> <p>Labor Commissioner—O. P. Hoff of Salem.</p> <p>Railroad Commissioner—Frank Miller of Salem.</p> <p>Superintendent of Water Division No. 1—James T. Chinnock of Multnomah county.</p> <p>State Senator Sixth District—H. Von der Hellen of Wellen.</p> <p>Joint Representative Ninth District—W. I. Yawter of Medford.</p> <p>Representatives Eighth District—F. D. Wagner of Ashland and W. P. Mealey of Medford.</p> <p>County Commissioner—F. H. Madden of Central Point.</p> <p>Sheriff—W. H. Singler of Jacksonville.</p> <p>County Recorder—Chauncey Florey of Jacksonville.</p> <p>County Clerk—G. A. Gardner of Talent.</p> <p>County Treasurer—F. L. Colvig of Jacksonville.</p> <p>County Surveyor—Alfred S. Tee of Medford.</p> <p>County Coroner—W. W. Ussher of Ashland.</p> | <p>Democratic candidates before the primary who will be in the race for election next November:</p> <p>National Committeeman—H. M. Esterly of Multnomah county.</p> <p>United States Senator—G. E. Chamberlain of Multnomah county.</p> <p>Congressman, First District—Frederick Hollister of Coos Bay.</p> <p>Governor—Dr. C. J. Smith of Portland.</p> <p>Justice of Supreme Court—William Galloway of Marion and W. M. Ramsey of Yamhill.</p> <p>Attorney-General—John A. Jeffrey of Multnomah county.</p> <p>Representatives, Eighth District—Marlan B. Towne of Phoenix County Recorder—Lee L. Jacobs of Medford.</p> <p>County Treasurer—S. I. Brown of Medford.</p> <p>Sheriff—J. F. Hittson of Medford.</p> <p>County Surveyor—A. T. Brown of Medford.</p> |
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Twenty-Five Dollars For a Name

The above amount will be paid by the F. E. Conway Company as a prize to anyone suggesting the best name for the new Conway apartments now being erected at Marshfield, Ore. These will be the finest, up-to-the-minute apartments between San Francisco and Portland. It should be a classy name with a touch of local color. Address all communications to J. W. Motley, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Marshfield, Ore., who will register and number the names before delivering to judges, the name of the contestant not being known to the judges. All names must be in by July 1, 1914. F. E. Allen, mayor of Marshfield; A. R. O'Brien, publisher Evening Record, and M. C. Maloney, publisher Coos Bay Times, courteously consented to act as impartial judges.

Cannot Agree on Care of Parks

Pursuant to a motion by Councilman Ashcraft at the council meeting two weeks ago, members of the council and the Chautauqua Association and the Park Board met Tuesday afternoon and discussed the request of the Chautauqua Park Club for city in caring for Chautauqua grounds. Members of the council who attended the meeting were Messrs. Cunningham, Ashcraft and Ware. The Chautauqua Association was represented by Messrs. Billings, Smith, Trefren and Whited. The Park Board was represented by Mrs. Van Sant, Mrs. Vaupel, Mr. Taverner and F. E. Watson. Mr. Cunningham was made chairman of the meeting and Mr. Watson secretary. According to the report submitted to the council meeting Tuesday night the joint meeting resulted in no solution of the problem at hand. Chairman Cunningham of the finance committee of the council reiterated his statement that the city cannot legally appropriate money for the purpose desired. Mr. Watson presented the suggestion that the city buy one acre of land at the south end of Chautauqua Park—lying between Hargadine and Mill streets at the intersection of Mill and Alder—the proceeds to be used by the association for maintaining its park. He pointed out that this narrow strip had little connection with the main park and was of little value to the association for any purpose to which it could not be put after it became city property. The suggestion created a heated discussion and brought out much ancient history. The Chautauqua Association argues that it is not good business to sell land and apply the proceeds to running expenses. It was argued in rebuttal that the land would be just as much at the disposal of the Chautauqua Association after its sale as it is under present conditions. The association agreed to consider the matter further. Save samples of fruit and produce for exhibit at the fair next year. See Mr. Frohbach for preserving. Ashland Tidings wants ads bring results.



Dr. Jas. Withycombe, Republican Candidate for Governor.

Water Fountains Along Main Street

The water department reports inability to commence work on the public drinking fountains thus far but expects to begin installing them next week. The city council met in regular session Tuesday night and will hold an adjourned session Friday night to consider public market grounds and other interests. The water committee reported the water meters recently secured as having proven failures and recommended that the company from which they were purchased be notified that same are held subject to their order. The council will at once take up with E. A. Estes the matter of removing the unsightly wreckage of the old opera house building. This matter has been discussed frequently and the council believes it is time that something was done on this corner to improve appearances. Chairman Cunningham of the finance committee moved that \$1000 be transferred from the street fund to the general fund—thereby squaring up the indebtedness of the one to the other and obliterating the last debtor fund. This is the first time this condition has prevailed in some years and it speaks well for the city's finances.