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ABOUT REGISTRATION.

The registration laws of Oregon have been so thoroughly confused recently that voters can hardly be blamed for feeling in doubt as to what they should do. Registration officials, however, are doing all they can to make the situation clear. It may be briefly stated that those who have not registered since the first of last January must register before October 15 if they wish to vote without taking the trouble to swear their votes in. Those who have moved from one precinct to another since they registered must register again. Registration for city elections in Ashland and other cities does not entitle the voter to cast a ballot at the coming county and state election. If these directions are kept in mind the voter will know whether or not he must register between now and October 15 in order to be entitled to vote at the November election.

A CONGRESSIONAL BLANK.

W. C. Hawley is a congressional blank, filled away in the dusty archives of the national capitol, and is used for reference whenever the "old guard" needs a reactionary vote. He has been card-indexed and tagged. He is classified as harmless, but necessary. He has been taught to eat out of the horny hand of former Speaker Joe Cannon and is one of the few remaining cogs in the bent and broken wheel which was built under the Cannon-Payne regime. If he ever performed any real service to his constituents they never heard of it. If he ever made a brilliant speech it has been expunged from the Congressional Record. If he ever did anything else of value aside from drawing his pay, the Washington correspondents have failed to record it. Hawley is a ladylike, well-meaning incompetent. He never measured up to his job when he was elected and is no further advanced at the present time than he was when he first received his commission of office. The republicans of the first congressional district were "stung" when they gave him his nomination. The entire voting population of the district was "stung" again when he was elected.

The great majority of Oregon newspapers concede that the statements made above are correct. It is not news. It is merely a statement of facts which are already quite familiar to the thinking people of the state.

In past campaigns Hawley has won by default—for lack of aggressive opposition—not because people were satisfied with the service he rendered. But this year he is opposed by a brilliant lawyer and thorough business man of high integrity and ability who is real congressional timber in all the name implies. A man of great force, ambitious, energetic, a southern Oregon man, comprehending fully the needs of the first congressional district, whose election will prove a great advantage to the state. A man of flesh and blood, is Frederick Hollister of Coos Bay, and the voters have the opportunity of substituting him for the political corpse now at the national capitol. They will not fail to embrace this opportunity to vote for the man who will force this district to the front in congressional action and advantage.

Not a property in Ashland but that can be sold by Tidings "For Sale" ads in less time and at less cost than through the regular agent channels. Try it.

PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH.

The penny wise and pound foolish policy of the city of Ashland in the past has resulted in a bad mixup both as to the city charter, the ordinances and the finances as well. The city charter has never been codified. It is scattered from one end to the other of the recorder's office. Some of it cannot be found at all. The charter is the fundamental law of the city and no important action can be legally taken except in accordance with the charter. Nobody can tell what the charter contains. It should be codified at once and put in intelligent form.

The same condition maintains in regard to city ordinances. New ordinances have been passed from time to time repealing old ones and no proper systematic record has been kept of them till now no one can determine what are or are not the laws of the city. All city ordinances should be properly codified.

The charter provides that the recorder shall publish a complete statement of the finances of the city each year. This has been utterly neglected by the present recorder and now it is found that the finances are so mixed as to bring out warm discussions at council sessions as to the true condition of the finances. Such is unquestionably a wasteful system. Nobody knows just how the finances stand.

Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Ware and Cornelius have been insisting for a long time that these matters, especially the finances, be gone thoroughly into and proper reports be adopted according to the charter, and not long ago Mr. Ware compiled and printed a statement of the general fund for 1913 with a view to determining just the status of the fund. Now Mr. Cunningham, chairman of the finance committee, contends that his findings are faulty if 1912 finances are considered, and in the meantime nobody knows. The people should insist that the next administration adopt a systematic plan of accounting so that the true state be understood by the council, that in the future there may be no need for difference between the councilmen as to what the true financial state really is.

These slipshod methods in doing the city's business are resulting in great waste, much more, indeed, than it will cost to put the records in proper shape and keep them so in the future.

The Tidings stands with Mayor Johnson and Councilmen Ware and Cornelius in their effort to bring this about.

WOMEN FOR CITY RECORDER.

There has been some agitation lately for a woman as a candidate for city recorder in the coming election. The Tidings is not opposed to women in office, but the office should be selected with regard to its fitness to the candidate. City recorder, under the Ashland charter, is not suitable for a woman. The recorder is both police judge and city clerk. It is the duty of the recorder to try all police court cases. During the past year several cases have arisen that would have been extremely embarrassing for a woman police magistrate to hear, especially a single lady. Such cases are continually arising.

Prospective candidates should not lose sight of that. The clerical part of the work is not only suitable for women to perform, but such work has been acceptably undertaken by two bright young ladies during the past several years, and they have done it well, but when their scope is extended to trying police cases—it is impossible—modesty will not permit it.

NEW RAILROAD FROM ROSEBURG TO COOS BAY.

The city of Roseburg has voted half a million dollars in bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad from that place to Coos Bay. At the same time a commission of ten citizens was elected to carry out the enterprise.

If the people of Roseburg now act wisely and contribute this fund only upon the condition that the road be completed to Coos Bay it will be worth millions to the town, but if they proceed to build till the fund is dissipated and the road left unfinished it will be a huge mistake. Little good will come to Roseburg from extending a line of road into the hills with no tidewater terminal; but if it is handled so that a road will be completed to tidewater it will be worth millions not only to that city but to southern Oregon.

Hollister is capable congressional timber. He is honest and clean, and in the council of the nation will stand high as the highest. He is a man of exceptional business acumen and political sagacity. He will get things for Oregon.

NOT SUITABLE.

With a salacious police case at issue—the front row in the court room filled with bald-headed men ravenous for sensation—with embarrassing testimony being produced to prove the facts—and a woman occupying the judge's bench—it would never do. Before the office of recorder of the city of Ashland is aspired to by the gentler sex the charter should be revised so that the office of recorder and police judge will not need be exercised by the same person. Otherwise modesty forbids woman to aspire. That sort of case frequently arises in the administration of police court justice in any city.

Hawley will not be in Oregon during this campaign. He says he is "standing at his post and will leave his campaign to the people of his district." That sounds fine. However, on August 8 last Mr. Hawley was appointed on a committee of forty-eight to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wilson. He was not in Washington at the time. He was in Denver attending a meeting of the directors of an insurance society, for which service he draws \$100 per month. He does not seem to stand as solidly "at his post" when a side issue salary of \$100 per month is at stake as he does when that catch phrase looks like a vote getter. In fact, it wots not of the results whether Hawley "stands at the post." The first district of Oregon has been "left at the post" ever since Hawley has had the honor to mis-represent it.

—Parents, if you wish your children to receive individual instruction you should arrange to place them in Mrs. Hardy's private school. Call between 4 and 5 o'clock. School will permit visitors after October 9. 130 East Main street. 37-1f

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The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Creating Impressions.

Listen, daughter. Don't cry and don't make your mother think that her little lamb has been abused. Yes, I know that the stranger spoke to you. Disrespectfully, you say? Called you "Kiddo!" Well, daughter, perhaps the man thought you answered to the name of "Kiddo." You see, he only arrived here this morning. He happened to notice you at the depot when he got off the train. Yes, I know you only went to the depot to see if any of the girls had gotten back from the city. And then you say he happened to be standing on the hotel porch this afternoon when you went to the post-office. I know, of course, you could hardly help glancing in his direction when you went by and when you and Flossie Fay passed that way later, it wasn't your fault that Floss asked you, loudly enough for him to hear, if you weren't sick and tired of living in this poky old town. So when you took a walk this evening he saw you, sauntered after you and at the corner near the drug store he overtook you and, raising his hat, asked, "What's your hurry, Kiddo?" And you ran home in tears, to tell your mother how you had been insulted. Thank God for that. You're Dad's girl yet. But don't blame the man. He knows that there are kiddos in every town. He meets them at the depots. He notices them passing and repassing the hotels and going to and from the postoffices, and he always sees them with Flossies. But those men will never speak to the small-town girls who mind their own business and keep off the streets. Now tomorrow if you help your mother with the preserving, not a soul will harm you. So dry your eyes—no, not the powder rag—use cold water and a soft towel. That's right, smile.

"Don't do That."

How many times have you heard a father or a mother command a boy in the words quoted above! How often our fathers and mothers prohibited us from doing this and that! And right away the desire to do the prohibited thing grew stronger than ever. It's human nature. We don't change much in this respect even when we grow older. That, perhaps, is why it is so hard to completely enforce certain laws against habits, such as cigarette smoking or the use of liquor. Shortly after the anti-cigarette law was passed in Indiana many persons began smoking cigarettes just because the state's command, "Don't do that," lent a certain piquancy to the satisfaction of smoking. And everyone has heard of the persons who, when liquor is easily obtainable, never really feel that they want a drink, but who, the moment they come into dry territory, become

seized with a parching thirst. But parents are learning. So are governments and law-making bodies. The world moves and the part that is moving fastest is the rural district. The young man on the farm is being given his chance. The federal government—old Uncle Sam himself—is looking out for the farmer boys and girls and paying big salaries to experts and specialists who know how to make country life interesting as well as profitable. Nowadays the farmer boy seldom hears the command, "Don't do that." He is told to DO and shown how to do it. His education is being turned into a game which he plays with almost the same ardor as he used to play hookey in the old don't-do-that days. In the last generation a boy who might want to build a bird house, for instance, would be bidden to exercise his budding architectural genius in constructing the woodpile. Now the federal government encourages him to build bird houses and will show him how. The Department of Agriculture's former bulletin 609 is entitled "Bird Houses and How to Build Them." It is as fascinating as any of the how-to-do-things articles we used to read in Golden Days, The Boy's Own Book, St. Nicholas or Harper's Young People when we were youngsters. Send for it—or, better yet, let your boy send for it—it's free—and let him build bird houses this winter. The importance of birds as insect destroyers is supreme. And there is a decided movement to make neighbors of them. Many birds, if furnished with a safe retreat, will more than pay their rent to their landlords.

Political Announcements

[Paid. Adv.]

For County Clerk.

I am a candidate for county clerk, subject to the will of the voters at the polls on November 3. My service in this capacity during the last two years is the sole basis of seeking your support.

G. A. GARDNER,
Jacksonville, Ore.

For County Recorder of Jackson County, Oregon.

I hereby announce myself as the democratic candidate for the office of County Recorder, to be voted on at the general election on November 3, 1914. If elected, I will do my duty as I have in other responsible positions that I have held.

LEE L. JACOBS.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as the democratic nominee for sheriff of Jackson county to be voted on at the general election, November 3, 1914.

J. F. HITTSON,
(Present chief of police of Medford.)

County Recorder.

I hereby announce myself as candidate on the republican ticket for county recorder. If elected I will give my undivided attention to the duties of the office. Election November 3, 1914.

CHAUNCEY FLOREY.

County Coroner.

I am candidate for coroner of Jackson county, subject to the will of the electors at the November election. If successful at the polls I pledge my best efforts.

W. W. USSHER.

For Sheriff.

Hereby announcing myself as republican candidate for sheriff at the coming election. I stand on my past record of efficient service in the interest of the taxpayer, and respectfully solicit the support of all voters.

W. H. SINGLER.

County Surveyor—Democratic Candidate Subject to Election, Nov. 3.

I respectfully refer you to my past record as a basis upon which to judge my qualifications for the above named office.

During the present term I have been chief deputy county surveyor, and have been actively engaged in the practice of civil engineering and surveying in the county for the past six years.

If elected, I will endeavor to serve the public in a manner that will reflect credit upon the office.

A. T. BROWN.

County Treasurer.

I hereby announce that I am the republican candidate and nominee for the office of County Treasurer.

FRED L. COLVIG.

State Senator.

I hereby announce my candidacy for state senator from Jackson county, on the democratic and prohibition tickets. I am out to win. I am for a dry state and for Jackson county. I shall use my best efforts, if elected, to represent this district in an aggressive and acceptable manner.

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