

GEORGE Y. HARRIS ELECTED

Choice of Unions for Labor Commissioner.

C. Bomberger Comes Next on the List With Bailey a Poor Third.

G. Y. Harris.....1442
C. Bomberger.....302
A. A. Bailey.....249
James Godfrey.....97
Bert Hoffman.....18
N. W. Stiger.....2

The official count of the votes for Labor Commissioner was completed last evening and the above is the result. As is seen, the vote was very high, and is partially accounted for by the fact that members of the various unions have not been attending their meetings very regularly during the past few weeks. The Retail Clerks, Tailors and several other organizations had practically dispensed with their meetings on account of the holidays. Their members were working overtime, and frequently out of town, and consequently it was impossible for them to take an active part in union affairs.

FEW DISCREPANCIES.
 The Street Railway Employees cast 123 votes for C. Bomberger, but owing to a negligence in placing the official stamp of the union on the ballot the votes were not included in the total. Several other little irregularities were met with, but not of sufficient importance to make any material difference in the result. The Brewery Workers sent in a notice, for instance, that they voted to give their full support to G. Y. Harris, but as they failed to state the number of men making up their organization the votes were thrown out.

NO SURPRISE.
 Those present when the result was made known expressed surprise that Mr. Bomberger did not receive stronger support, but so far as the others receiving a small vote is concerned the matter elicited no comment. Excepting Bailey, none of them was making an active fight for the honor, but it was never seriously thought that he would show very much strength. He openly contended that it is necessary a political office and that a Republican should be elected.

A SPOKANE VISITOR.

W. J. Walker, connected with the Freeman's Labor Journal, published in Spokane, is a visitor in the city. He reports that organized labor in Spokane was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. The Spokane Trades Council has 4 unions connected with it, representing about 2,500 members. The American Labor Union and the American Federation of Labor are about equally strong there, but he says that both organizations work in harmony and are on the best of terms.

LABOR WILL CELEBRATE.

New Year's week will witness several entertainments given by Portland labor unions. The Bachelors will meet to night and elect officers, which will be followed by a smoker and musical program. The Grainhandlers will also meet this evening for the same purpose, and many members from other organizations have been invited to participate in the festivities of both unions. On Thursday night the Butchers will hold forth and promise a good time to all those who attend their gathering.

MEETING POSTPONED.

On account of it being New Year's night the Longshoremen will not meet Thursday night, the date of their regular meeting. They will not convene again until the third Thursday in January.

HAD DIPHTHERIA ON BOARD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The training ship Buffalo put in at Pensacola today. The commanding officer reports diphtheria aboard, two young men having died from it. Others who are suffering from the disease were taken to the Marine Hospital.

DID YOU

Ever Have Your eyes Examined?

Are you sure that those headaches and spots flying in the air are not caused by eye strain? Why not investigate.

Come to our store. Expert Refractionists are employed to wait on you. We examine your eyes

FREE OF CHARGE

If you don't need glasses we'll tell you so. If you do, our specialists will prescribe suitable glasses, but you will not be asked to pay fancy prices. Think of it.

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 290 MORRISON ST.

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W. P. Kraner & Co.

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YOUR EYES

May be in need of expert attention. May be they have been improperly fitted, or possibly you have simply neglected attending to them at all.

In either case, this is a good time to call on a specialist who will give you a scientific examination (free of charge). If you need glasses, we will give you what you should have. No experiments. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed.

JAEGER BROS.
 JEWELERS
 OPTICIANS
 290 Morrison St., near Fifth.

CITY BRIEFS.

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 500 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The storm center yesterday over British Columbia is moving slowly southward. It has caused generally threatening weather in this district, with rain in Northern Oregon and Western Washington and high southerly winds along the coast and on the Sounds and Strait.

The following maximum wind velocities were reported this morning: North 28 miles, south 28 miles, 28 miles, south 28 miles.

The telegraph line to Cape Flattery is still out of service, probably from rain. Tatonah Island is unknown.

Sharp frosts are reported this morning in California as far south as Los Angeles.

The indications are for occasional rain in this district Wednesday. It will be warmer tonight in Southern Idaho.

Storm warnings are continued at all display stations in the district.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Occasional rain; brisk to high south to west winds, with gales along the coast.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Tonight and Wednesday, occasional snow, probably part rain Wednesday; brisk southerly winds.

Southern Idaho—Tonight, increasing cloudiness, warmer; Wednesday, light snow or rain; brisk southerly winds.

A. B. WOLLABER,
 Acting Forecast Official.

A meeting of the permanent exhibit committee will be held tomorrow afternoon to consider the election of a board of trustees to take care of the \$15,000 collected for this purpose.

All Democrats are requested to attend a mass meeting Tuesday evening, December 30, at 8 o'clock, in Oregon Mining Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, for the purpose of electing a committee to take care of the \$15,000.

A meeting of the First United Presbyterian Church will be held tomorrow evening in the vestry rooms of the church at Sixth and Montgomery streets, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of their pastor, Rev. Huber Ferguson.

The Spanish-American War Veterans of this city will celebrate next week, Camp Hampton will install its newly elected officers next Tuesday, the 6th, and Camp Harrington will observe the same ceremonies on Wednesday, the 7th. After the installations refreshments will be served.

The Portland Public Library Board will hold an examination on Monday, January 5, for the purpose of selecting applicants for positions in the city library. The force has been reduced to such an extent that the board found it necessary to take the reserve. Applications will be received until Friday noon.

Portland Club, Fifth and Alder.
 Finest lunch in the city.
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PERSONALS.

Sig Harris is in this city from Seattle.

F. C. Stewart is in Portland from Lyle.

D. D. Ellis is in this city from Butte, Mont.

G. H. Baker is at the Imperial from Goldendale.

Miss Clara Lord of Dayton is visiting in Portland.

H. T. Hendry of Baker City is in Portland today.

R. F. Jackson is at the Hotel Portland from Boise Barracks.

W. L. Chutter is registered at the Portland from Astoria.

Representative Martin Both is in town today from Rainier.

Thomas Martin, well known in Boise, Idaho, is in this city today.

H. C. Jackson is at the Hotel Perkins, registering from Arlington.

O. C. Drake, a prominent Heppner man, is in this city today.

Supreme Judge F. A. Moore was in the city this morning from Salem.

M. L. Anderson, a Seattle business man, is at the Hotel Portland.

W. W. McGoughlin, a resident of Walla Walla, is at the Perkins.

Dr. W. M. Pollock is spending the day in this city from Forest Grove.

C. E. McLeelan, a well known man of Pendleton, is stopping at the Perkins.

C. W. Thompson, a mill manager of Cascade Locks, is at the Imperial today.

William Timson, of the Pacific Metal Co., Fairhaven, is stopping at the Imperial today.

L. L. Haeris is stopping at the Portland. Mr. Harris is prominently known in San Francisco.

Miss Maudie Clark, a well known young lady of Weston, Or., is visiting friends in this city.

Ramsay Cooks, son of Colonel Cooks, private secretary to President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., is visiting his father during the holidays. Ramsay Cooks makes his home in St. Paul.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Oregon Grape Circle, No. 23, Companions of the Forest, elected the following officers last Tuesday evening: Chief companion, Miss Jeanette Condon; sub-chief companion, Mrs. M. Beaudette; treasurer, Mrs. John Striatt; secretary, Miss Harriet Striatt; right guard, Mrs. E. Cogdon; left guard, Mrs. Margaret Benedict; in-law guard, Mrs. Minnie Schultze; outer guard, Mrs. Clara Miller; organist, Mrs. Nellie Cardiff; trustees, Mrs. Marie Drew, Mrs. E. A. Oll, Mrs. Nellie Cardiff; physician, Dr. G. T. Trommald.

COLLECTION OF COUNTY TAXES

Bill to Give Work to Treasurer.

Lewis Does Not Favor Change at Present—He Makes a Statement.

Considerable gossip has been floating around through the corridors of the Courthouse of late relative to the proposed change in the collection of county taxes. The gossip has it that the Taxpayers' League proposes to once more bring before the Legislature the project of amending the present system of tax collection so that the County Treasurer, instead of the Sheriff, will make the collection.

County Treasurer Lewis, when seen by a Journal reporter, said that he had not considered the matter as yet, and that he did not know that such a plan was maturing. When asked for his opinion, he said:

NOT FAVORABLE.

"I am not a believer in changing existing conditions during unexpired terms of office, unless some emergency arises and the change becomes necessary for the public good. At present I do not know of any such emergency, and would not favor a change, speaking from a personal standpoint. Of course if such a bill is passed, it becomes incumbent upon me to do as the law directs."

"Personally, I always did and do now favor the collection of taxes by the Treasurer. But I am not in favor of changing the existing conditions, and should the Legislature deem it wise to enact such a law as the one in question, I would favor having the same take effect at the expiration of the present term of office."

SHERIFF'S STATEMENT.

Sheriff Storey was averse to discussing the matter, as he said that he did not think any such law would ever go on the statute books of the state. Pressed for an expression, he said:

"I will say that the Taxpayers' League has compiled some very good amendments which will be brought before the Legislature. Then again, I will say that the organization has also compiled some very poor bills."

From the above statement, the public will have to draw conclusions.

The same matter has been presented to other sessions of the State Legislature, and has each time been killed, as it could not be shown that there was any need for such change in existing conditions.

MUCH ATTACHED MAN.

M. Billings, who runs a shoe store on Morrison street, is a much attached man these days. Scarcely a day rolls by but that some attorney gets busy and goes proceedings against Billings in the State Circuit Court. Yesterday it was the Moore-Chaffee Shoe Company of Brockport, N. Y., that filed the attachment bill for \$1,216, and the following additional bills have also been filed:

W. H. Crocker Shoe Company, \$100; Williams Shoe Company, \$70; Hannah McCarthy Shoe Company, \$97; J. S. Nelson & Sons' Shoe Company, \$12; Continental Shoe Company, \$216; Watson-Plummer Shoe Company, \$320; American Hand-Sewed Shoe Company, \$90; M. D. Lewis & Co., \$210; J. F. Smith Shoe Company, \$210, and F. Goodger Company, \$64. The total amount is \$3,210.

TRIED TO SELL SHOES.

Joseph Hart was arrested this morning by Policeman Edieott while he was endeavoring to dispose of a pair of shoes that the police think were stolen. He was locked up, pending an investigation.

COURT NOTES.

Judge Webster of the County Court evidently intends to exact more careful conduct on the part of guardians. Yesterday the court appeared displeased when he heard the report of the guardian of Walter Johnson, aged 16 years, for \$150 had been given him in one year, although it was said he earns his living. The attorney did not know what the money was used for, and the court instructed him to ascertain and bring in a report.

The will of James W. Fuller, deceased, on property valued at \$30,000, has been filed in the office of the County Clerk Lillian Fuller, the widow, is named as executrix, and also is given the entire estate.

E. C. Yetter, who has been running a notion store on Russell street, has filed an assignment to S. L. Goldschmidt for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are \$400 and the assets \$700.

The Giant Powder Company has sued E. T. Johnson and the United States Fidelity Guaranty Company to recover \$150 for powder sold to Johnson in 1900, for which he has not paid. The guaranty company bonded Johnson and is therefore made co-defendant.

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If afflicted with an unnatural growth of hair on the face, neck, arms or legs, or between the eyebrows, or on the nose, in the nostrils or ears, or anywhere on or write us. We will gladly and freely answer just how it can be eradicated and the cost. Also we positively cure all affections of the scalp, stop falling hair, and restore to the complexion a healthy, rosy glow.

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IRRIGATION IS NOT FORGOTTEN

Secretary Moore in Receipt of Letters Requesting Information.

Secretary James M. Moore of the Oregon Irrigation Association is in receipt of several letters requesting information relative to the subject of irrigation in this state.

TALKS IRRIGATION.

J. Frank Adams of Klamath Falls, Wash., writes that he has been at the head of a company for 17 years that has made a desert into one of the finest valleys in Southern and Eastern Oregon. He further states that he is going to put in a feeder in the Lower Klamath Lake to extend over a ditch four miles in length, 30 feet wide and four feet deep. Another ditch that he is at work on is 15 miles long, 60 feet wide, and when complete will carry three feet of water on a 7-10 per mile grade. Mr. Adams further expects to extend the ditch 10 miles farther and name Lost River by a 540-foot flume, which is 32 feet wide and three feet deep. A put scheme is also in the possession of Mr. Adams that he says he could put through with the use of Governmental aid to good advantage.

INQUIRY FOR MAPS.

Another letter is from D. C. Brownell, secretary of the executive committee of the recently organized Columbia Valley Irrigation Association, which has its headquarters at Pendleton, and its main object being the irrigation of "Umatilla and Morrow" Counties. Mr. Brownell asks for information where literature bearing on irrigation may be obtained, as also maps of sections of the country needing irrigation.

MEETING IN JUNE.

The next meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Association, says Secretary Moore, will be held in June, at Baker City. Asked whether there will be any activity in irrigation circles until that time, he stated to a Journal representative:

"The Government engineers will probably be out looking over the field of operations in a short time. However, I do not expect active work to begin before the early part of next fall."

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VETERANS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Wm. Wascher Presented With Loving Cup.

Reunion of Firefighters at Kruse's—Relate Reminiscences of Early Days.

The annual banquet of the Multnomah Engine Company Benevolent Association was given at Kruse's last night and was attended by many of the veterans of the volunteer fire department. The reception committee consisted of H. D. Sanborn, Charles H. Dodd and Joseph Butcher, who did all in their power to make the evening a success.