

POLITICS AGOG IN INDEPENDENCE

MANY CANDIDATES BEING ANNOUNCED AND STRONG FIGHT PROMISED FOR EACH OFFICE—MITCHELL AND SIMON POLITICS NOT A FEATURE OF CAMPAIGN.

(Journal Special Service.)
Independence, Or., March 15.—As the primaries near, the candidates for office are hobnobbing up their heads in this county thick and furious, and some good ones, too, are coming forth, from both parties. Activity is more marked than in the Republican ranks than in the Democratic due to the fact that two papers are pressing forward candidates as they announce themselves in that party, while the Democrats are holding back until later dates to make a general show up. This has been the policy of the Democratic party in this county for a number of years and has proven very successful. For some of the offices the Republicans are falling over themselves to secure the nominations, as many as four and five candidates having been announced for a single office. Mitchell and Simon politics do not reach this county, so both parties will go forth with solid party strength for their candidates.

For congress Jefferson Myers seems to be a favorite and the Democrats think that he would run a close race. The Republicans are speaking mainly for Blinger Herman and Harris of Eugene. Both will find support here, but in what ratio cannot now be determined.

In district matters speculation is rife and even in this county there is not sure that they will carry the delegation. W. H. Holmes, R. P. Boise and Mr. Slater are mentioned for circuit judges. It is almost certain that Judge Boise will be renominated, as he is liked by the bar.

There is reported to be a combination between Burnett and Prosecuting Attorney Hart, but it is not certain that either can carry their own full delegation, and as to delivering their votes to another it is considered beyond the question. Wyatt and McCall, from Linn and Yamhill respectively, are being considered.

If Burnett is renominated it is mentioned that W. H. Holmes of Salem may be put up against him, while Slater and Judge Boise are considered as favorites. Oscar Haytor and Jeffries are both being thought of and many Republicans are trying to get McNary to come out for the office.

For state senator from Polk county the Democrats will nominate either J. G. Van Orsdel or Lee Penton. If one will accept the opening, it is understood the other will not enter the field. Both are strong men and it is doubtful if they could be beaten. The Republicans have candidates galore. J. M. Stark of Independence is an avowed candidate and will poll some strength; just how much is not yet determined. D. L. Hart of Dallas was mentioned as a possibility, but it is understood that he has refused to be considered. The fight will be between E. C. Kirkpatrick and U. S. Laughery of Dallas. Laughery just announced himself last week and his candidacy is gaining ground very rapidly.

For representative, I. M. Simpson of Albia made a successful member of the legislature from this county last term and it is thought that he will have a good show for re-election if renominated, which is considered probable. His opponent will likely be J. A. Cooper of Independence, the present mayor of the city, a Republican.

For joint representative no candidate is at present announced, but favor is looked upon J. G. Van Orsdel of Dallas, and vice versa. Ex-Representative Jones of Lincoln is considered by the Republicans.

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Saved Money For Taxpayers.

It ought to be the ambition of all officeholders to conduct official business as their own. This has been done by J. P. Finley, county coroner. The books of the county auditor disclose the fact that the expense of the coroner's office in 1900 was \$4,819; in 1901, \$4,330; in 1902, \$3,977; and 1903, \$1,983. Coroner Finley took office July 7, 1902. Had his term begun on January 1, it is not likely that the expense of that year would have been more than \$2,000, as the preceding administration contracted for more than half of the bills of that year.

Mr. Finley has been indefatigable in his efforts to cut down the usual charges against that branch of the county government, and how well he has succeeded is shown by the annual report the county auditor will make. Time was when inquests were held on the body of every person passing suddenly away, but this has not been the case with Mr. Finley. He must first be satisfied that there is reasonable cause to believe that foul play engineered death before a jury will be empaneled, thus effecting a great saving in that respect. And he owns his own morgue, has his own ambulances, teams and men, so that the greatest economy may be had in this way. Again, he is a man of ripe experience, good judgment and thoroughly understands his business. He is a man of honor and a good citizen—as men of honor always are.

MEET TO ADVANCE BAPTIST MISSION

The annual state convention of the Baptist Woman's Foreign Missionary society will convene at the Second Baptist church, East Ankeny and East Seventh streets, Friday, March 25. Sessions will be held in the morning and in the afternoon. The meetings will be presided over by Mrs. M. L. Driggs.

Mrs. J. Whitcomb Bronger, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist church, will conduct devotional exercises in the afternoon. Among the speakers are: Mrs. C. P. Wallace and Mrs. Charlton Edholm of California, who will be in Portland in the interest of the Indian American Women's league, and Sukunda Harmajee, a high caste Brahman.

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PUBLIC OFFICE A PRIVATE SHAP.

A partial explanation of the high taxes may be found in the fact that the city engineer's office, while clamoring for additional deputies, has been surveying in the city for private parties, but the deputies doing the work have drawn full pay from the city each month.

Vote to turn out the Matthews-Carey ringsters.

TAX MATTER IN NUTSHELL.

1903—Matthews ring levied 40 mills on assessed valuation of \$51,038,300.....\$2,041,532.00
1901—Preceding administration levied 28 mills on assessed valuation of \$48,195,662..... 1,349,478.54

Increased tax by Matthews-Carey ring.....\$ 692,053.46
This is the enormous increase of 51½ per cent, yet the ring concocts tables of figures which show a "saving." Multnomah county must pay about 30 per cent of Lewis and Clark fair tax and 30 per cent of Celilo canal tax, amounting to \$124,500.

What have the Carey-Matthews ring done with the remaining hundreds of thousands of dollars of increased tax? Simply squandered the money! Vote the Independent Republican ticket tomorrow.

VANCOUVER

NOTICE.—The Vancouver agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is located at 605 Main street, John P. Landberg, agent.

(Journal Special Service.)

Vancouver, Wash., March 15.—The superior court of Clarke county met today in jury session. The first case on the calendar is that of Wolf vs. the N. P. Ry. Co. for \$45,000 damages. Judge Bennett of The Dalles, Or., and Rands & Hopkins of Vancouver, acting as attorneys for the plaintiff, and McElroy of Portland and W. W. McCreary of Vancouver for the defendant railway company.

Field Day Committee.
The following mentioned officers have been designated as committeemen for the field day exercises to be held at Vancouver barracks on March 26:

Referee—Major J. B. Goe, Nineteenth infantry.

Judges of the Course—Capt. Evan M. Johnson, Jr., Berkeley Enoch, John Howard, First Lieuts. John J. Miller and William P. Screws, Nineteenth infantry.

Judges of Gymnastics—Lieut. G. W. Sager, Nineteenth infantry, and Veterinarian A. E. Donovan, artillery corps.

Inspectors—Maj. J. B. Goe and Capt. S. Burkhardt, Jr., Nineteenth infantry. Judges at Finish—Capt. T. O. Murphy, Nineteenth infantry; H. L. Hawthorne, artillery corps, and Contract Surgeon B. E. Foulkes.

In event No. 2, Maj. A. B. Dyer, artillery corps, will act as judge at finish in place of Captain Hawthorne, artillery corps.

Timekeepers—First Lieuts. J. S. Cecil and L. J. Mygatt, Nineteenth infantry, and Harry E. Mitchell, artillery corps.

Starter—First Lieut. J. M. Graham, Nineteenth infantry.

Clerk of the Course—Chaplain S. J. Smith, Nineteenth infantry.

Scorer—First Lieut. R. H. Fenner, artillery corps.

Apply for Commissions.
Major A. B. Dyer, artillery corps, Capt. T. O. Murphy and Lieutenant Screws of Nineteenth infantry, acted as examining board to Drill Sergeant Merrill, sixty-third coast artillery and Private Bellinger, company A, Nineteenth infantry yesterday. Sergeant Merrill and Private Bellinger have made application for commissions in the army and the drills given were preparatory to going to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., before the regular examining board.

Wells Funeral.
The funeral of Peter Wells will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. James' cathedral. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

Vancouver Personal.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Russell gave a farewell reception at their home on Kaufman avenue last evening in honor of Mr. Harry Damron of the hospital corps, who is soon to leave for Fort Wright.

City Councilman Edward Schofield, who has been in the St. Joseph hospital here for some time, has improved sufficiently to take his contemplated trip to Tuscan Springs, California, leaving tomorrow.

J. C. Graham today celebrates his 48th birthday.

It is announced that the Ancient Order of Hibernians will visit Vancouver on St. Patrick's day and, while there is no branch of that organization here, several individuals are holding themselves in readiness to entertain the visiting lodge if they come.

State Representative Glen Rank is in Vancouver today, having been summoned as a juror for this term of the superior court.

E. M. Rands returned today from Olympia and other points on the Sound, where he has been for several days on business.

Frank E. Vaughn returned today from Kalama, where he has been on legal business.

PACIFIC SELECTS FORENSIC CHAMPIONS

(Journal Special Service.)

Pacific University, March 15.—The final preliminary debate between the Alpha-Gamma team and the Phi Kappa Theta team last evening resulted in a victory for the Phi Kappa Thetas. A beautiful silk banner was presented to the winning team. The girls put up a strong case that the boys were unable to overcome. The three men representing the Alpha-Gamma were chosen to represent Pacific University against the University of Oregon in the joint debate to be held in Eugene, April 24.

The team chosen were W. B. Shively, leader; R. P. Peters and M. L. Barnett. The faculty and student body united in presenting each member of the team a beautiful gold "P" as an appreciation of their work.

HABES CORPUS PROCEEDINGS.
(Journal Special Service.)

Hillsboro, Or., March 15.—The habes corpus proceedings of A. G. Watson, who has been arrested several times for selling liquor in Forest Grove in violation of a city ordinance, was heard yesterday by Judge L. A. Reed. The court ordered that Watson be discharged and the cause dismissed.

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OREGON CITY

NOTICE.—The agency and correspondence work of The Journal is now being done by R. W. Kelly, who has his headquarters in the Postal Telegraph office, where news items will be taken and complaints and subscriptions received and remitted.

(Journal Special Service.)

Oregon City, March 15.—There is a petition now before the postal officials for a rural delivery out of Oregon City up the Abernethy road, through the Jones' mill district and past the Latorette place and up the Highland road. Other points passed by the delivery will be the Beaver creek store and the Carus postoffice and back to town.

E. C. Clement, the representative who will examine the route, will be in town today to make an examination. His report will decide the matter, and it is thought it will be favorable to the petitioners. The route is considered a necessity.

"To Skin Noah."

Today and yesterday cold and southerly winds, much rain and much dampness, dampness on the increase yesterday evening; tomorrow more dampness and southerly winds, atmosphere very saturated, humidity also saturated, nimbus clouds.

This report is not official, but is correct nevertheless. A farmer who was in Oregon City yesterday from Pine creek says that rain has fallen steadily in that section for 29 days. He is quite proud of the fact, and says he hopes that it will keep it up. He is on record as saying that he hopes that the rain will keep on falling for 41 days. When asked his reason he remarked that then Pine Creek would have "old Noah skinned by one day." The farmer will no doubt have his wish, but what good it will do him is known only to himself.

City Board of Trade.
The work of canvassing for stock for the city board of trade is going on and the list of shareholders is steadily increasing. The committee which is working the matter up is composed of the following business men: H. E. Cross, C. H. Dye, John Adams, G. B. Dimick and E. G. Caulfield.

Oregon City Personal.
Miss Zilpha Galloway, Miss Ethel Graves, Miss Jessie Bibbee and Judge William Galloway returned last Sunday night from a two days' trip to McMinnville. The occasion of their visit was an entertainment given there by the Men's club of that city.

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INFORMATION
FOR VOTERS

Brief Summary of Issues to Be Decided Tomorrow — Why Both Sides Want to Win at the Primaries Tomorrow.

For days the Independent and Regular Republicans have been hurling arguments back and forth. From this mass of matter the following facts are set forth for the guidance of voters:

Both factions are Republicans. Both favor Roosevelt and are in accord on all principles of national policy.

The contest tomorrow is to decide which wing shall control the party in Oregon. The wing which polls the greater number of votes will become by law the "Regular" branch of the party. The Independents will be the "Regulars" if they win the primaries, and will control the coming county convention.

The county convention will nominate five holdover senators, who will take part in the election of a United States senator to succeed Senator Mitchell. If the present Regulars, better known as the Matthews-Carey machine, win, these holdover senators will be expected to vote for Senator Mitchell, providing that he retains his health. Judge Carey has intimated that Mr. Mitchell may not feel physically able to undertake another term, in which case the machine will probably try to elect "Jack" Matthews' friend, C. H. Carey, to the United States senate.

The Independents, on the other hand, are pledged to no man for the United States senate, and will endeavor only to select a man whose abilities and reputation will do credit to the Republican party and good to Oregon. The Matthews-Carey politicians have alleged that the Independents would elect Joseph Simon. This statement is both false and absurd, as Simon has repeatedly stated in public in the most emphatic manner that under no possible circumstances would he allow himself to be voted for.

If the Regulars win they will choose W. A. Storey for sheriff. The Independents think that Storey is extravagant, incompetent and corrupt. If they win the primaries the convention will not nominate Storey, but will choose one of several independent men who are candidates for the position.

The Independents favor a free and open convention where the best candidates will win. The Matthews-Carey machine, on the other hand, has already made out its slate, selected its various candidates and will force their delegates to ratify them merely as a matter of form, as they did at the last convention.

Should the "Regular" ticket win at the primaries tomorrow, the machine will be in control of the city of Portland, and after Mayor Williams retires next year, will elect some tool of Matthews to the mayoralty, and proceed to run the city upon the corrupt, piratical and extravagant lines which have raised the taxes from 26 mills or \$1,300,000, in 1901, to 40 mills, or \$2,000,000, this year.

Should the Independents win tomorrow they will endeavor to eliminate grafts from the city engineer's office and other departments and will restore the reasonable tax levies of former years.

The present 40 mill tax has undoubtedly provoked the hostility of many taxpayers to the present administration. Largely increased state appropriations add to the dissatisfaction of taxpayers.

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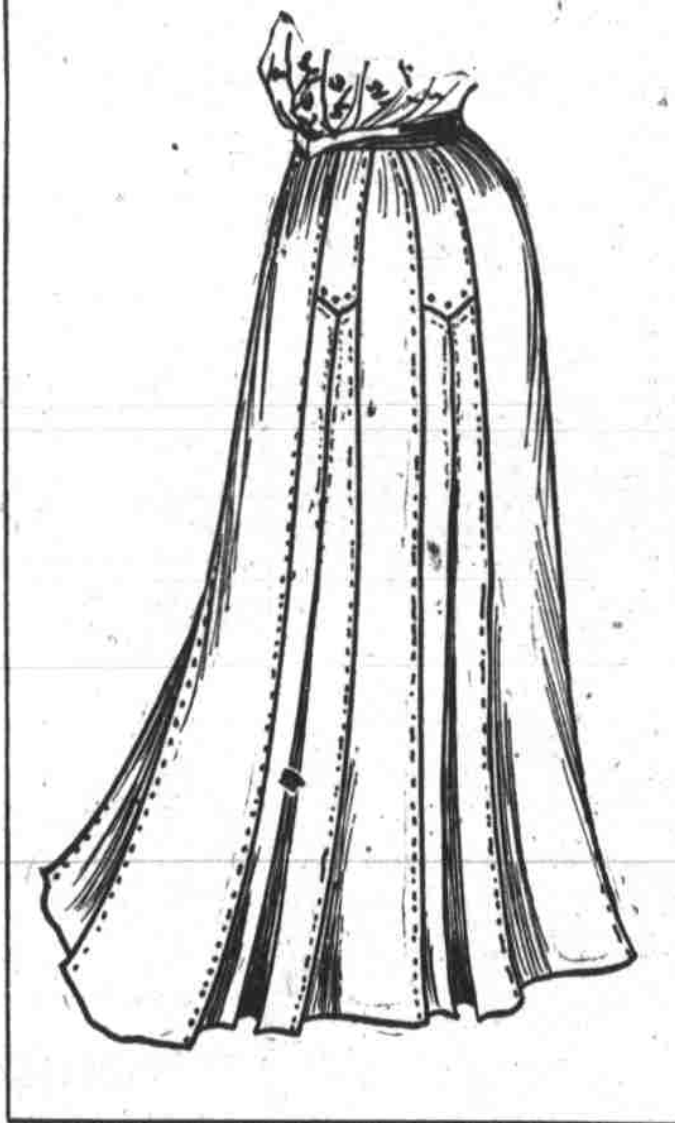
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