

WEBSTER HOLMES' PLAIN PLATFORM

Former Salem Man Is One of Four Democrats on Ticket for Governor

One of the four Democratic candidates for the nomination by that party for governor is Judge Webster Holmes of Tillamook, who was a Salem boy and commenced his practice of law here and is well known to all old residents of this section.

"The way to reduce is to reduce" is his slogan, and the following is his platform:

I believe in a one term incumbency. I would only accept one term, so as to be free to carry out my principles without building up any political alliances, and

to be under obligations to no one, but the tax payers.

I believe in a constitutional government, as provided in our State Constitution, which divides our state government into three separate departments, namely: the legislative, the executive, including the administrative and the judicial. This is the way our state government was formed and it proved to be a success and economical until we began to adopt a system of paternalism in the form of boards, commissions and bureaus.

I would, if governor, try to have abolished all bureaus and commissions, excepting the industrial accident commission, which is entirely self-sustaining and is functioning; and corporation commission, which is a public necessity.

I would not continue by appointment any of the appointive boards or commissions and would have them resign immediately, except the industrial accident commission and corporation commission supervision over the in-

insurance department and state banking department, if legislation to that effect can be had.

I am opposed to and would veto any bill for any new tax, or any act creating an income tax. I believe an income tax only penalizes industry and the energy of the individual.

I would veto any bill making unnecessary appropriations for any of the state schools. I would make them keep within their legal income from other sources and advocate in the universities a small tuition fee, if necessary to meet deficiencies.

I would use every power to have simplified all systems of public accounting, so as to reduce greatly the number of employees and the expense thereof.

I am not in favor of and would refuse to continue any fish and game commission. They are unnecessary and a great expense. Let the commercial fishermen propagate their own fish. Let the district attorneys and the sheriffs enforce all fish and game laws.

I would see that a large per-

centage of engineering expenses on public highways were saved.

I would use every power to see that we reduced in every possible way expenditure of public money.

I stand for the constitutional officers doing the work and administering the state business with the least possible clerical help, in the manner which the constitution of the state provides.

I realize that in order to reduce our destructive rate of taxation, that we must reduce state and public expense, by having more efficiency and less public employees and live within our income.

I am a candidate for governor because I do not believe any of the other candidates have declared themselves emphatic enough, and told us what they would do, nor how they would do it, to accomplish the desired result.

I would do my best to eliminate every commission and board possible and every employe of the state possible. The only way I see to accomplish a saving is to have the constitutional officers do their assistants' work. Could not, then, the whole state force of employes be housed once more in the state house, instead of having to rent at state's expense, offices and rooms in Salem and Portland?

I would insist that all state employes own their own conveyances or walk, instead of the state furnishing a large number of automobiles for them.

STUDENT ARTISTS PRESENT PROGRAM

Speaking Department and Woman's Club Sponsor Event Tuesday

A delightful program was put on at Waller hall, Willamette university, Tuesday night, by the public speaking department of the university, under the auspices of the Salem Women's club.

The introductory part was a general musical and literary section. Miss Ruby presented two violin numbers that were highly appreciated. Miss Minna L. Harding, head of the public speaking department of the university, gave one reading, "The Happy Prince," a poem by Oscar Wilde, depicting the prince and the swallow, his messenger to humanity. It was accompanied by the softest of piano music. Everett Craven sang "Requiem," by Sidney Homer, in good voice and with excellent spirit. Miss Harding also presented "Nearer, my God, to Thee," in the deaf language, while Miss Jeannette Vandevort gave the music and the words. It was a striking number in its appeal.

The Aeneid of Vergil, the epic poem giving the story of the flight of the Trojans and the ultimate founding of the Roman empire, was given in pantomime, or tableaux, depicting 18 scenes in that heroic story from the dawn of recorded history. The shipwrecks, the rescues, the battles, the silent vigils in the desert, the feasts, the coming to the court of the king, the temple of Juno, the hopeless love of Queen Dido for the hero Aeneas, her tragic self-destruction, the coming of the princess and the marriage with the storm-tossed wanderer, all were given in living statuary form that almost made even a student want to study Greek and Latin that tell of these marvellous stories. The production was almost flawless from a production point of view, and held the audience breathless to the end. Miss Martha Mallory read the story aloud, and incidental piano music was played by Miss Jeannette Vandevort.

Those taking part in the tableaux were: Misses Strevey, Ferguson, Gregg, Rosenkrantz, Hobbs; Messrs. Anderson, Cramer, Skeen, Geyer, Neher, Craven.

Trust company of Portland had secured an option on, but which was in New York; it was a splendid investment and the trust company turning their option over to the state, money was sent to New York to purchase same; this investment netted the state many thousand dollars of profit, which went into the state funds. There certainly can be no claim that the bonds purchased by Hoff compare with the high grade bonds purchased by Mr. Kay. The grand jury states that he paid over \$84,000 in enormous profits on purchases made, and the industrial accident commission charge off in their reports \$100,000 on that account.

Mr. Crawford states that I organized the Bank of Commerce of Oregon City when I was deputy state treasurer; that I was one of its heaviest stockholders, and was elected its president while drawing a salary of \$250 per month from the state. All of these statements are absolutely false and misleading. I never organized any bank at any time or in any place; the Bank of Commerce of which I am now president was organized by L. D. Walker and associates, and Mr. Walker was president and manager until he was elected president of the Scandinavian Bank of Portland. He and associates offered a small block of the stock for sale to citizens of Oregon City, and I took \$5000 of it, or one-tenth of the capital stock. No state deposit was made in this bank for many months after its organization. Mr. Crawford and Hoff endeavor to leave the impression that I was receiving a salary from the bank while working for the state. I desire to state most emphatically that I never received one cent for salary, fee, gift or commission from any bank, broker or friend, while acting as deputy state treasurer, other than bankers' discount in a few instances when bonds were purchased through brokers, which, unlike the grand jury, states Hoff's deputy did, I turned the same over to the state in every instance, believing that it belonged to the state as money

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—Thos. F. Ryan.
Salem, Or., May 10, 1922.



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His Life and Record

A friend says for him:

"Judge Holmes was born in Polk county in 1872, is 50 years of age, and a practicing attorney of Tillamook City. He attended the common schools in Polk county, and later attended The Dalles academy, Willamette university and the Monmouth Normal school. In 1893 he was admitted to the bar, and practiced in Salem, later moving to Tillamook, where he was appointed circuit judge by Governor Oswald West, for the judicial district comprising Yamhill, Polk and Tillamook counties, to fill an unexpired term. He comes of old pioneer stock, his grandfather crossing the plains to Oregon in 1848 from Virginia. He has always affiliated with the Democratic party.

"Judge Holmes, while he has always been identified with the Democratic party, belongs to no so called wing or faction of the same. He is under no obligations, political or otherwise, to any party, person or faction.

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Most Brilliant Comedy

Grace Kingsley, the Los Angeles Times reviewer, wrote: "Hurrah for Mark Twain and for 'A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court'! Then throw in a couple of hurrahs for Emmett Flynn, director, and Harry Myers, star. For Hark ye, the most brilliant comedy drama in the history of picturedom is here, and 'A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court' is it.

"The picture's on view at Miller's, and the big audiences are fairly pulling the house down. "Make 'em laugh, make 'em cry, make 'em thrill," D. W. Griffith said once, and the Yankee does all three superlatively. Its comedy has Charlie Chaplin's brilliant aliveness and great common, human touch; it has lightning flashes of William De Mille's fine whimsy; it has moments as great as some of Griffith's own; it has touches of 'Mirical Man,' spiritual vision; and yet it is much more, for it is all Mark Twain.

"In this film Twain again lives, and, though he has gone before, has triumphed as the greatest picture story writer the world has seen. The adaptor's hand seems fairly inspired.

"Never even at a premiere of a Charlie Chaplin picture have I seen a house more rocked with laughter than at 'The Yankee.' "As for the cast, that, too, seems to have been chosen with inspiration. Harry Myers is the slangy, capable, resourceful, ye chivalrous Yankee to perfection. No more appealing and soul-satisfying Sandy could have been found than Pauline Starke. William V. Mong does a superlative bit of character work as Merlin. George Slegmann is even more cleverly villainous than usual as Sir Sagamore. Charles Gordon is picture perfect and ideal as Clarence the page. Charles Clary is impressive as King Arthur. Rosemary Theby is the hard-hearted but alluring queen of the life; and the minor parts are equally well done."

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

A Card From Mr. Ryan, Editor Statesman:

Coming to your city last evening my attention was called to an editorial of the people signed by James W. Crawford.

In many respects the statements made are amusing and yet border closely on violations of corrupt practice law. Jimmie compares the administration of Hoff with that of Ryan, which is amusing, as I have never yet had the honor of being state treasurer, and it will be necessary for comparison to wait until two or four years from now.

Mr. Crawford makes comparisons of bond purchases made by Hoff and former administrations, which, in view of the findings of the grand jury of this county are certainly farcical; the grand jury investigated all purchases made, and found nothing to criticize in transactions of the other administrations while severely condemning those made by Hoff. It is attempted to make capital out of a purchase made by Mr. Kay of \$50,000 of City of Portland bonds, that the Lumberman's

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