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WATTS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

A three-cornered fight has developed for the Republican nomination as district attorney, with Homer I. Watts of Athena, at, we think, the winning apex of the triangle.

The district attorneyship should not properly be regarded as a training school for young lawyers, and Watts has the advantage of comprehensive legal knowledge and experience. Moreover, he is a sturdy, upstanding man with an inelastic spinal column, and when he says "I'll do my duty," we believe he will go ahead and do it without fear or favor. As mayor of Athena, to which office he was returned by a handsome majority, he has demonstrated his sense of civic responsibility.

The Leader is well aware that Watts has his faults, in common with the general run of humanity; but to a much less degree than the average run of public men does he endeavor to conceal them. He is refreshingly frank and outspoken. His innermost life and thought are almost an open book. One knows just about what Watts is and what Watts will do. Having decided upon a certain course of action, he is unlikely to be swayed by the persuasion of a friend or the threats of an enemy.

Homer I. Watts is a son of the East End soil. He was born in 1876 at the old Watts homestead on Pine creek a few miles below Weston. His educational qualifications are excellent. He was graduated from the Weston Normal in 1895; from the Monmouth Normal in 1897; from the civil engineering course of Throop college, California, in 1899; from the University of Oregon in 1900; from the Harvard college of law in 1907. He was captain of the University of Oregon football team in 1902 and was honored with a place on the All-Northwest eleven for two consecutive seasons—one year as end and the next as halfback. This shows that he is no weakling. His educational groundwork was had in the grade schools of Weston and Athena. When attending the Weston Normal he and his brother Marville were members of one of Weston's first winning ball teams. While a Harvard law student,

RUSHING WATERS FLOOD THE STREETS

Weston Visited by the Florent Rain and Storm in Local History.

March is running true to form as a versatile weather month. About four o'clock Sunday afternoon it staged an electrical storm that would very likely have wiped Weston off the Creator's footstool had it been of longer duration. Almost simultaneously, similar storms occurred at Milton and Freewater and throughout the Walla Walla valley and also at Portland, where two fatalities resulted. One man, a prominent farmer named Thomas Shemwell, was drowned near Walla Walla, and heavy property damage was done along the foothills of the Blues. A cloudburst on Stage Gulch west of Pendleton was followed by a wall of water four feet deep sweeping down the canyon. Pendleton was hit lightly, and Athena escaped with flooded basements.

Being a professional optimist, Keruel Lucas may refer to the recent muddy deluge as an active movement of liquidation in local real estate.

Including the combined fortunes of Kernels Boyd and Wood the total wealth of the United States is estimated at two hundred and twenty billions.

The "severity" of the federal censorship is only exceeded by the volume and detail of the news of army movements in Mexico.

With whatever feeling we may regard the esteemed Oregonian's profound editorial advice to the voters to pick the g. o. p., it is by no means one of astonishment.

A recent news item brings to the Leader man's mind a certain degree of thankfulness that he at least will never be robbed of twenty \$10,000 bills.

An O. A. C. hen has just laid its thousandth egg, and we are going to say before somebody else says it first that this is an eggstraordinary record, although she doesn't even crow about it.

We cannot endorse the frequently published assertion that Bryan is not a Democrat, although sometimes we would like to wish him onto the g. o. p.

There are two blind men in Congress, and some of that august body's critics are ready to maintain that the remainder cannot see.

If that precipitate precipitation Sunday had lasted forty hours—not to speak of forty days and forty nights—it would have had the Great Deluge looking like a summer shower and Noah like a small boy sailing a pea-pod boat in his mother's wash-tub.

Heavy losses at the Pendleton road meeting were probably prevented by the lack of machine guns, hand grenades and howitzers.

Reading in out-of-town papers that a wall of water four feet high swept through Weston, we are led to infer that most of its inhabitants were washed away and drowned; but were unable while swimming to gather authentic statistics. However, we can positively announce that Sim Barnes escaped—he being ten cubits tall and heavily ballasted.

We would judge from looking over our county exchanges that there are just about as many differing opinions on the road question as there are ways and means of expressing them.

With due deference to the hopeful views of President Robinson, we are nevertheless inclined to think that the road bonds have about as much chance of carrying in Umatilla county as a vote of thanks to the Kaiser in the English parliament.

We infer, however, that at Walla Walla's big automobile show there'll be no show for a Ford.

We are inclined to wonder which of two presidents is enjoying a larger share than the other of cerebral activity at present—Woodrow Wilson or Jack Robinson.

The peace of Europe is said to be in sight—this happy consummation depending largely on whether or not the biggest piece of Europe is demanded by each of the warring powers.

New president of Washington University says "we are an intellectual scrap heap," and we reckon he ought to know his own mind.

The Mexicans are very proud, but like most proud people they have exceedingly little to be proud of.

The fact that he needs his whole army to chase Villa is proof enough, we think, that Uncle Sam should have at least a half-a-dozen soldiers more.

Carranza dollars are quoted at two cents each, and it would only take about fifteen of them to subsidize the Athena Press.

For Sale—One of the very best quarter sections in the upland region, 6 1/2 miles east of Weston; 134 acres in cultivation, balance mostly timber; family orchard and berries of different kinds; good buildings; lots of water. Price \$12,000, \$5000 down and time on balance. If sold within 60 days. Chas. M. Schneider.

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ROBINSON IS HOPEFUL STILL

Pendleton, Ore., March 21.—(To the Editor of The Leader.)—After listening to the argument of the disbelievers at the road meeting Saturday, I am convinced that the people of Umatilla county as a whole are more strongly in favor of the bond issue than ever before. These people who are now and always have been opposed to the bond issue are opposed to it from purely selfish motives. They say in effect, that unless you build this road to run to my farm or build a private road for the sole benefit of a few wealthy wheat raisers, we are opposed to bonding for good roads. As a matter of fact, no proposition could be devised which would meet with their approval unless it served them individually to the exclusion of the remainder of the county at large. They submitted for approval of the meeting the Barrett-Harrah-Strain proposition to levy a two-mill additional road tax for a period of five years for the building of roads. They do not specify where these roads shall be built or where the money shall be used and I am convinced that the voters of Umatilla county will reject any such proposal for additional taxation unless they know where the money is going to be spent and are assured that it will be spent for the building of permanent hard-surface roads. They entirely overlook the fact that the greatest traffic of the county, in fact 90 per cent of it, is carried over roads proposed to be hard-surfaced under the bond issue but instead they want the people and taxpayers of Umatilla county to abandon the bond issue and use the same amount of money in building a less number of miles of road to accommodate 10 per cent of the traffic of the county. I assert with confidence that no road improvement program could be devised which would meet with the approval of these selfish individuals without entirely eliminating all consideration of the rights of 90 per cent of the voters and taxpayers of the county. We are going to put the bond issue on the ballot and we want the people to understand it thoroughly, and to understand that a definite sum is appropriated to build roads the location of which is definite, and that the roads so built are roads which will accommodate 90 per cent of the traffic of Umatilla county 345 days of the year.

JOHN F. ROBINSON,
President Umatilla County Good Roads Association.

Stanfield for Speaker.

R. N. Stanfield, who will be returned to the legislature again this year as joint representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties, announces himself a candidate for speaker of the lower house. For the past two sessions Mr. Stanfield has ably represented this district in the legislature and has been instrumental in securing the passage of a large amount of constructive legislation. He has been foremost in the drafting of legislation beneficial to the industries of Eastern Oregon, being thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the entire eastern section of the state. Mr. Stanfield has an excellent chance to be speaker of the next house and his election to that important position would be a high tribute to his ability and effort and a just recognition of the rights of Eastern Oregon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Anderson, Deceased. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that Anna Anderson is the duly appointed and acting executrix of the above entitled estate, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers attached thereto, to said executrix at her home in Weston, Oregon, or at the office of Peo & Fee in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the 17th day of March, 1916. ANNA ANDERSON, Executrix of the Estate of Edward Anderson, Deceased.

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