

POPULAR BOWSER

He Enters a Church Contest For a Walking Stick.

POOH POOHS AT COMPETITION

Airily Disregards the Advice of Mrs. Bowser and Begins His Campaign For Votes—It's a Great Advertisement For the Festival.

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BY George, but there's a chance for some fun!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser as he looked up from the paper. "What is it?" asked Mrs. Bowser. "Your church is to hold a festival Saturday evening, isn't it, and a gold headed cane is to be voted to the most popular man in town?" "But where is the fun?" "In getting the stick. Say, now, but we'll be on hand, and if I don't get that stick over all the other candidates you may call me a goat! It's a fifteen dollar stick and just what I want. You must have known about the festival, as you go to that church very often." "But you see"—began Mrs. Bowser, and then checked herself. "What do I see? The stick goes to the most popular man in town. Conceited old Brown will think he's sure of it, and Jackson will grin and tumble over himself, but they won't be in it with me. It will be just like rolling off a log to win." "I-I hadn't thought of going," stammered Mrs. Bowser. "Well, you can make up your mind to go. Indeed, I should think you'd be



OUR PASTOR SHOULD CALL ON YOU. proud to have me bear off the prize. Won't it please you to discover that I'm the most popular man in town?" "Yes, of course, but suppose it shouldn't turn out that way?"

His By Right. "But it's got to turn out that way—got to do it. Haven't I been asked to run for alderman? Haven't I contributed to the free ice and sick baby funds? Don't we give to every charity, and don't all the children on the street run after me? Why, I gave \$25 in cash to help build that very edifice. If there's a more popular man in town than I am I'd like to know him." "Then, if you shouldn't get the cane, then you'd—would?" "Then I'd what? It looks to me as if you didn't want me to get it. Perhaps you had intended to vote for some other candidate? Well, you go ahead and vote for whom you please, but I'll walk home with that cane just the same. We go to the festival Saturday evening." "That settled it, and Mrs. Bowser had no more objections to offer. Mr. Bowser took hold of the matter in his enthusiastic way. He let it be known that he was in the hands of his friends and that his friends were expected to vote early and often and pull him through. For four days and evenings he went about talking of the matter, with the result that "popular candidates" appeared in all directions. Mrs. Bowser had fears and doubts, but whenever she threw out a hint Mr. Bowser drew himself up and replied: "I'll win, and don't you worry about it. It looks as if there might be a dozen candidates, but I'll smash 'em to squash as soon as the voting begins. I've had no less than seven men ask me if I would run for mayor next year, and I believe I'll take a nomination."

Merely Mrs. Bowser's Husband. When the fateful evening finally arrived the Bowsers were on hand at an early hour. It didn't take Mr. Bowser over ten minutes to discover that things were not exactly as he had expected. In the first place, it was 10 cents a vote, and in the next he was a stranger to most of the church people, and none of them seemed to have marked him down as a candidate. He soon came upon a stern, severe looking woman, who made inquiry of him: "I understand that you are Mrs. Bowser's husband, and how does it come that we never see you here of a Sunday with her?" "I-I am not much of a churchgoer," he stammered in explanation. "That is, you don't feel it a duty to set a good example to others?" "I hope I am not a bad man." "Did it ever occur to you that you had a soul?" "Of course." "I am afraid it hasn't. Poor Mrs.

Bowser! We often talk about and pity her. I think our pastor should call on you and have a serious talk." Uneasy, but Determined. A little later on Mr. Bowser met a male acquaintance who expressed great surprise at seeing him there and asked if he intended to rent a family pew. "I'm after that stick," was the reply. "But you—you can't expect to win it." "I'd like to know why not." The man looked at him with a pitying expression, but had no explanation to make. A doubt crept into Mr. Bowser's mind for the first time, and he hunted up Mrs. Bowser to say: "I believe this crowd has put up a job to beat me." "I don't think so," she replied. "But suppose we go home? It's crowded and uncomfortable, and I know you are not enjoying yourself." "When I go home that cane goes with me!" he announced as he set his jaw. "I'm either the most popular man in town or I'm not, and it's a good time to find out how I stand." A Dead Game Sport. When the voting for the cane began Mr. Bowser stood alone. He saw that he was out of it, and Mrs. Bowser made another effort to get him home, but his mind was made up to die game. He bought a hundred of Bowser tickets at one swoop and deposited them in the box, and these put him up far ahead of any other candidate. His period of exultation was brief, however. It was the crowd against Bowser, but he was a fighter. He had \$90 in his wallet, and not till the last cent was gone did he abandon the struggle. When the ballots were counted up he found he had lost by over 200 votes. "I'm so sorry!" whispered Mrs. Bowser as she followed him out of the church. He made no reply. "It was awful that you paid out \$90 and didn't get the cane after all!" She heard him gritting his teeth, but he answered never a word. "You are probably the most popular man in town, but they combined against you."

Mr. Bowser Sees it All. Still not a word. Side by side they walked home and entered the house. Mr. Bowser turned up the hall gas, hung up his hat, and as Mrs. Bowser sank down into a chair he shouted: "Woman, this is the end!" "W-what do you mean?" she asked. "You worked your little game and got me downed. No excuses or explanations will go!" "But what did I do?" "My lawyer will be here about 10 o'clock in the morning. You can doubtless have yours meet him at that hour. It won't take long to arrange matters." "But I-I—" "That is all, Mrs. Bowser—all except the divorce and alimony. As I have some papers to prepare for the business tomorrow I will bid you good night—good night!" "But can't—" "Good night, Mrs. Bowser!" he repeated as he bowed and waved his hand and retired to the library. "Good night!"

The KITCHEN CUPBOARD SALADS YOU WILL LIKE.

SALADS YOU WILL LIKE. SALADS that appeal to the eye and palate are always popular. The appended recipes are for salads that unite these qualities, yet are also quite novel. For luncheon or supper these salads are delicious. Cottage Cheese Salad.—Mix some cottage cheese with a tablespoonful of finely cut or grated onion, salt and pepper to taste and a tablespoonful of chopped parsley. Mix well. Line the bowl with lettuce, put the cheese in center and garnish with stuffed olives cut into rings and finely cut parsley. Pour over one-half cupful French dressing. Nutritious Foods. Cheese and Jelly Salad.—Wash and drain some crisp white lettuce and lay it in a very cold dish. Prepare some small balls of cream cheese mixed with a little cream and salt and make a little depression like a miniature well on top of each one. In this drop any rich red jelly. Put French dressing on the lettuce in generous quantities and on top arrange the little cream balls. Egg Salad.—Cut hard boiled eggs in quarters and serve on crisp lettuce, with a boiled dressing. For the dressing mix in the following order: A tablespoonful of sugar, a tablespoonful of salad oil, a teaspoonful of dry mustard, the same of cornstarch. Add salt and pepper. Stir until smooth. Add three-quarters of a cup of salad oil, one-third of a cupful of tarragon vinegar, three tablespoonfuls of common vinegar and the beaten yolks of three eggs. Boil until thick, stirring all the time. A Popular Salad. Cooked Vegetable Salad.—Take a large pickled beet, cut it into slices and then into strips. Cut three cooked potatoes in a similar manner. Arrange these in layers in a salad bowl containing three tablespoonfuls of best salad oil and one large tablespoonful of vinegar mixed with a hard boiled egg yolk, a little mustard, salt and pepper. Wash and trim half a small bunch of white celery and cut it into fine shreds. Mix these with the other vegetables and place three to four filleted anchovies on top, cut into small strips. Garnish the salad with a few sprigs of watercress and serve.

Anna Thompson!

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Manufacturers and Homeseekers who want to know the facts concerning Falls City and its possibilities for future development are requested to read the information given in these two columns. For further and more particular information, address The News.

The Name The city derives its name from the falls of the Little Luckiamute River, which flows through the city from the West.

The first sale of town lots occurred in 1889, though donation land-claim settlers came here many years before that date. In 1900 the population was 269; in 1910, 969; 1914, about 1,250.

The Location Falls City is situated in the south central part of Polk County, Oregon, in section 21, township 8, S., range 6, W., Willamette meridian, 27 rail miles southwest of Salem, and 73 rail miles southwest of Portland, in the narrow western end of the Little Luckiamute River valley, surrounded on the north, south, and west by the foothills of the Coast Range mountains. Elevation, 886.38 ft above sea level. Transportation—Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad, which extends from Salem to Black Rock, a rail distance of 30 miles, with E. P. main line connections at Dallas, Gerlinger, and Salem, and with the Oregon Electric at Salem

Falls City is incorporated as a city, contains about 800 acres, valuation for taxation \$252,000. The city administration is composed of mayor, seven councilmen, auditor and police judge, marshal, treasurer, engineer, health officer. Salaries: Marshal and water superintendent, \$60; auditor, \$25; attorney, \$25.

Water and Wood The city of Falls City owns the gravity water system. Its first cost was \$80,000. Pure mountain water is piped from springs on Judge Teal's ranch, 3 miles away, at an elevation of about 300 feet above city level. Oak and fir fire wood is plentiful and cheap.

Lumber, Fruit, Vegetables and Berries Electric-power planing and saw mill, log pond, dry kiln and lumber yard in the city, lumber flume, logging roads and logging outfits, all owned and operated by the Falls City Lumber Co. The surrounding bench and hill lands are as well adapted to the production of fruits and berries as any other section of the Pacific Northwest, and development on these lines is going on. Vegetables and berries of many kinds grow to perfection in and adjoining Falls City, and many acres are planted to strawberries and loganberries. Market conditions are improving steadily, as production is increased.

Schools, Churches, Societies, Clubs Falls City has a 12-grade school with a four-year high school course, with principal, assistant, and eight grade teachers. Its diplomas are accepted by the higher schools in lieu of examinations. The entire community is justly proud of the school. The Religious organizations are: Adventist, Catholic, Christian, Free Methodist, Methodist Episcopal, German Lutheran. The Fraternal societies: Ind. Order of Oddfellows, Rebekahs, Masons, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Neighbors of America, Woodmen of the World, Women of Woodcraft. Free reading room. Gem theatre, photoplay.

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Business Enterprises Falls City is well provided with the usual business enterprises. The News contains the announcements of the following business and professional men of the city:

- Bakery, D. Toller, Bank of Falls City, W. F. Nichols cashier. Barber shops, Wm. Bohle. Carpenters and Builders, Elle & Elle, S. Ouder Kirk. Clothier, Tailor and gents' furnisher, Chas. Hartung. Confectionery stores: B. L. Ellis, R. B. Harrington. Drug store, M. L. Thompson. Dentist, Dr. A. G. Atwood. Department store, N. Selig. Funeral director, R. L. Chapman. Furniture, J. C. Talbot & Co. General stores, N. Selig, F. C. Lumber Co., F. C. Merc. Co. Hardware store, J. C. Tallott & Co. Hotels: Falls City Hotel, Fritz Droegge, owner and manager; The Madena, Mrs. Mae Nichols, Mrs. Dennis, managers. Jewelry store, W. A. Persey. Land company, Falls City Orchards Co. Laundry, N. W. Crandell. Newspaper, the Falls City News, C. W. Lee. Photoplay theatre, the Gem, C. J. Pugh. Physicians, Dr. W. B. Officer; Dr F. M. Hellsarth. Pressing and cleaning parlor, I. A. Johnson. Railroads, Salem, Falls City & Western, Southern Pacific. Real estate agent, F. K. Hubbard Realty Co. Restaurant, The Madena; Wm. Finley, owner. Saloons: The Oregon, C. W. Matthews; The Idaho, Chas. Mix.