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## H. M. CAKE OPENS CAMPAIGN

Delivers Able and Forcible Address to Polk County Voters in Dallas.—Favors Popular Vote For Senator.



Hon. H. M. Cake, Republican candidate for nomination for the office of United States Senator, opened his campaign in Polk county, Thursday night, delivering a speech at the Courthouse in which he set forth clearly and definitely his platform and stated the grounds on which he offered himself before the voters of Oregon as a candidate.

The large courtroom was well filled with citizens of Dallas and the surrounding country, and the speaker was given a hearty reception when he

was introduced by George T. Gerlinger. With a brief apology to the assembly for coming before them in person and uninvited to urge his claim for the nomination, and explaining that this method of campaigning was made practically necessary by the new primary law, Mr. Cake proceeded directly to the body of his address. In his entire speech there was little of the proverbial fire and fervor of impassioned oratory. He spoke simply and directly, driving his line of argument surely and logically from point to

point, speaking in the matter-of-fact way of a man indulging in a quiet discussion with a friend. Only at rare intervals during his entire speech was his voice lifted above an ordinary conversational pitch.

Denying the oft-repeated assertion that the party in politics is fast vanishing and will soon become a thing of the past, he showed how the existence of political parties as points around which public opinion may crystallize is absolutely essential to the life of a government constituted as is the government of the United States. Even as parties must exist, party loyalty upon which they are dependent for their life must also exist.

From this statement he led up to the important question, "Why am I a Republican?" Because, he maintained, that since its founding the Republican party had proven itself to be invariably in the right, and because its whole past record was one justly calculated to inspire in its adherents the greatest pride and loyalty.

He spoke in high terms of Roosevelt's policies as the purest examples of the policy of the Republican party, and declared that they established a point back of which there could be no retreat in the politics of the future, and that, representing as they do the very essence of party and beneficence in legislation, no party, neither Republican nor Democrat, would dare repudiate them.

Passing from that point, he definitely declared himself to be in favor of the Direct Primary Law and the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. Personally, he said, he could see no legitimate reason for conducting the election of a United States Senator in any different manner from that of a Representative. He showed that there is a general sentiment throughout the United States in favor of amending its Constitution so as to bring about that result. From that fact, he infers that the people desire it, and he believes that until the National constitution is amended in that way, Statement No. 1 offers the only sure method of securing the desired result.

He spoke at length of the disgraceful deadlock that had occurred time and again in the election of Senators under the old system, and touched upon the greater amount of political corruption that could exist under those conditions. A Senator, he maintains, who is elected by the people is practically safe from corruption, for, relying upon the firm support of his enormous body of constituents, he is in a position to snap his fingers at any

other power that may threaten him. In closing, he pointed out the absurdity of anyone fearing the election of a Democratic Senator in June, in a state with a 30,000 majority of Republican votes. The whole matter hinged on party loyalty, he affirmed, and if every Republican stood loyal to his beliefs, such outcome of the election would not be possible.

### TEACHERS AT RICKREALL

Parents, Instructors and School Officers Hold Interesting and Instructive Meeting.

The School Convention held at Rickreall, Saturday, was well attended by teachers from all parts of this section and adjoining sections of Polk county. Professor L. R. Traver, of Mouth, handled with great skill the subject "Conditions in Our Public Schools That Should Be Improved," and succeeded in drawing out almost everyone in the assembly to join in the general discussion that followed his address. G. N. Murdock, of Independence, spoke on "School Attendance," and C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, on "Elementary Agriculture in the School."

Following his address State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman spoke in a most interesting manner on the same subject. Mr. Ackerman has just returned from a State Superintendents' Convention held in Washington, D. C., at which 45 superintendents from various states in the Union were present. At that convention Mr. Ackerman spoke on his plan of securing special teachers in the branch of elementary agriculture, who should make a circuit of five or six schools each, and give the pupils practical instruction along that line. Mr. Ackerman said that his plan was very favorably received by those present at the convention, and will probably be adopted by nearly every one of the United States.

Special music for the program at Rickreall was furnished by the young people of that place, and an excellent luncheon was served to the visitors by the girls of the Rickreall school. The meeting was presided over by A. G. Rempel, vice-president of the Polk County School Officers' Association for that section.

### ALL ASSOCIATIONS UNITE

Christian Young People of Dallas Form Strong Organization For Work.

A union business meeting of all the Christian associations of the churches of Dallas, was held at the Presbyterian Church, Friday evening. The meeting was well attended and every one present took an active interest in the business for which the session had been called.

Alphus Boyd, of the Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church, acted as chairman, and Miss Vera Cosper, of the young people's association of the Presbyterian Church, served as secretary.

The most important action of the convention was the formation of what might be called a Union Association, comprising all of the young people's Christian associations of this city. The officers for this greater league were selected impartially from the various associations, as follows: F. E. Fisher, of the K. L. C. E., of the Evangelical church, president; H. C. Seymour, of the Christian church, vice-president; Mrs. L. A. Bollman, of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church, secretary; Miss Vera Cosper, of the Endeavor Association of the Presbyterian church, treasurer.

This organization was entered into by the young people because it is their belief that it will result in far more effective work, and even greater harmony between the various denominations in this city than has existed at any previous time. Union services will be held quarterly. The first meeting will be held April 12.

The Leap Year dancing party to be given by the lady members of the Garnation Club at Woodman Hall tomorrow night promises to be one of the most enjoyable social affairs ever held in the county. Invitations have been sent out to the society folk of all the neighboring towns, and a large attendance is assured. The hall will be handsomely decorated, and a fine lunch will be served in the banquet room. The program printed today are a beautiful work of art. Stockwell's orchestra, which will be increased to nine men for the occasion, held a special rehearsal Sunday afternoon, and will furnish a program of unusual merit. The members of the social set are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the first party to be given by the club women, knowing full well that a delightful treat is in store for all who attend.

Smith & Shelton will open their millinery and furnishing goods store in the Riley building on Saturday, March 21, when all lines will be open and ready for inspection. The Spring showing of millinery will be made on that day, as well as the fine stock of ladies' suits in all of the late styles and materials.

### MORE MONEY FOR CANNERY

Stockholders Will Be Asked to Increase Capital Stock of Company to \$15,000.

An informal meeting of the stockholders in the Dallas Canning Company and of those interested in the installment of a fruit cannery in this city was held in the courthouse yesterday afternoon to discuss the question of increasing the capital stock of the company. G. W. Myer and H. G. Campbell, president and secretary, respectively, of the company, have been traveling among the canneries of the Willamette Valley for the past three weeks, and at yesterday's meeting Mr. Campbell frankly laid before the assembly all the information that they had gathered during their tour of inspection.

He showed clearly and conclusively to those who were present that the promoters of the Dallas cannery had been proceeding along lines which were entirely wrong, and that they had been misled by erroneous information into attempting to begin an enterprise before they were properly prepared for it. A cannery cannot be built and equipped for \$1500, as they had been led to believe, but will cost at least \$7500.

The subject was seriously discussed from every viewpoint, and it was finally decided to call a meeting of the stockholders within a short time and vote to increase the capitalization of the company to \$15,000. If this increase is authorized, sufficient funds to build and equip the cannery will be assured, and enough means will remain to operate the cannery until it becomes self supporting.

It was decided to increase the limit of shares of stock allowed to each purchaser, so that those desiring to secure more than two shares may be permitted to do so. Solicitors were sent out immediately with the original lists and met with enthusiastic encouragement from every former subscriber. Many who originally subscribed for only two shares have already raised their subscription to four or five shares, and stand ready to buy more if necessary.

The enterprise will be pressed with renewed vigor, and now, since the directors have gotten the work thoroughly in hand so that mistakes that might have been made had they attempted to work blindly and practically uninformed, may be avoided, the prospects for the success of the campaign for a cannery are brighter than they have ever been before.

Mrs. Smith's and Miss Shelton's new store in the Riley building will be known as The Ladies' Emporium. In addition to carrying a fine line of millinery, ladies' suits and furnishings, it will be a branch of the famous Needlecraft of Portland. Mrs. White, representing the Portland house, will attend the opening in Dallas on Saturday, March 21, and will remain several days to give instruction. Needlecraft has only one branch in the valley at the present time, the same being located in Salem. The new branch in Dallas will be greatly appreciated by the women of Polk county.

W. I. Reynolds, principal of the State Reform School, visited his family in Dallas over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hanson left for Seattle yesterday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kersey.

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### THE TRANSCONTINENTAL TRIO

Famous Entertainers Will Appear at Woodman Hall on Thursday Evening of This Week.

The famous Transcontinental Trio, traveling for the Lyceum Entertainment Bureau, will appear at the Woodman Hall, Thursday evening, giving the fourth entertainment in the course which has been secured for the present season by the faculty of Dallas College.

The members of the company are all highly recommended as entertainers of exceptional talent and power. Miss Helen Goff, of Los Angeles, a trained contralto singer of wide fame and Miss Maude Annette Drake, of Chicago, a skilled dramatic reader, furnish the more serious portion of the program, while George Bartlett Cutter, of Boston, the inimitable singing humorist and impersonator, adds the touch of comedy that makes the entertainment complete.

The price of admission, which was originally 75 cents, has been reduced to 50 cents so that the entertainment will come easily within the reach of all, and it is anticipated that an especially large crowd will be in attendance on that occasion.

H. S. Portwood, one of Polk county's well known residents, was down from Astoria on a business visit, Friday. Mr. Portwood has decided to enter the race for County Clerk on the Republican ticket, and has filed his petition for the nomination.

Earl Parker, of Portland, visited friends in Dallas, Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Robertson went to Portland yesterday, where he has secured employment in a woolen mill.

### DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

Mrs. Evaline Steffy Passes to the Great Beyond at Age of Seventy-Eight Years.

Mrs. Evaline H. Steffy died at the home of her son, S. D. Steffy, Friday morning, after a long illness.

Mrs. Steffy was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, November 20, 1829, and the greater part of her life was spent in that state. She was married in 1852, and was the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living. Mrs. Steffy came to Oregon with her husband last April and made her home at the home of her son, S. D. Steffy.

Mr. Steffy and his father left Saturday for Illinois, where the body of the deceased will be buried.

Notice.  
To all owners of fruit trees in Polk County: This is the time of year to spray all fruit trees for San Jose scale, and in order that the fruit industry of the county may be protected everybody having trees infected with San Jose scale should spray their trees with the Lime and Sulphur spray.  
ROSS H. NELSON,  
3-13-2t County Fruit Inspector.

An excellent program is being prepared for the school meeting to be held at Eola next Saturday. Efforts are being made to secure both State Superintendent Ackerman and President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, to present on that occasion and address the assembly of school officers and teachers. Independence will soon have a Mutual telephone exchange, to be connected with the extensive valley system and the Home exchange in Portland.

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1x6 to 1x12 "	12.50	13.50	Rustle	25.00	22.00	17.00
2x3 to 4x12 "	12.00	13.00	Finish to 12 feet	28.00	25.00	
4x12 to 12x12 "	12.00	12.50	Ceiling and			
2x14 to 4x16 "	13.00	14.00	F. G. Flooring	25.00	20.00	15.00

For above sized add \$1.00 per M.

### SPECIALS

Shiplap in 8 foot lengths	\$10.00	1x6 & 1x8 No. 1 Common Shiplap	\$13.00
2x4 & 2x6 in 8 foot lengths	9.00	No. 1 Stepping	35.00
		No. 2 Stepping	32.00
		Lath	2.50
		1 1/2x6 & 8 feet Sidewalk Lumber	11.00

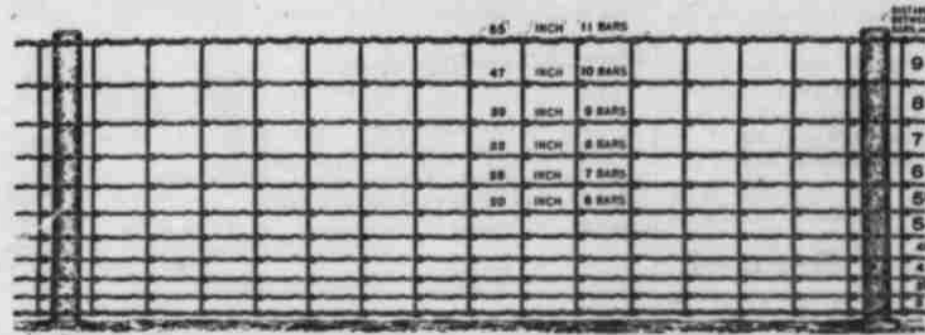
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