



HAVE YOU SIGNED ROAD PROTEST

MARY VOTE IS NOT HEAVY

ENDORSED BY MAJOR-REPUBLICANS AND CHAMPION BY DEMOCRATS.

in the Polk county primary was centered upon the education and highway measures; endorsement of republican presidential ticket; contest over the selection of a nominee for representative Polk and Lincoln counties by republicans; the commissioner-democrats and republicans, race for United States senator, the democratic ticket.

the measures received endorsement, the heaviest majorities given to the state elementary tax, highway and higher education acts receiving good substantial majorities.

standing that Hiram Johnson proved to be a Wood County. He received more than combined votes of Johnson, Low and Hoover, or 1950; Johnson received 248, and Lowden 203.

Fletcher easily walked away with the nomination for representative Polk and Lincoln counties, defeating George T. Gerlinger.

county Mr. Fletcher received votes and Mr. Gerlinger complete returns from Lincoln give Mr. Fletcher a majority making 639 in the two counties.

representative from the 11th district, which is Polk county, L. D. received the republican nomination without a contest.

Republican Nominations
Circuit Court, Polk and Lincoln counties—Harry H. Belt.
District Attorney—J. N. Helger.

Clerk—Floyd D. Moore.
Deputy—John W. Orr.
School Supt.—Josiah Willis.
Treasurer—A. V. R. Sny.

Commissioner—Ezra Hart.
Deputy—Robert L. Chapman.
Deputy—Edgar J. Howe.

as the purely republican ticket was concerned the only contest was over the commissioner and surveyor. The former in a three-cornered fight, the parties being Otis G. Wolverton, Hart and Albert Teal. Mr. Hart first place with 782 votes; second, with 702, and Mr. Teal, third, with 603.

Mr. Howe and J. J. Sammons the opposing candidates for sheriff, with Mr. Howe receiving votes, or a majority of 205.

Democratic Nominations
Two names appeared upon the democratic ticket for county clerk—Chester C. Gardner and William J. White—both seeking the office—commissioner. Mr. White walked away with the nomination. Enough names were in the blank spaces so that it was probable that there will be nearly complete ticket in the election.

In addition to the purely county legislature from Polk county E. K. Pinasecki for district attorney without contests.

county democrats stood back of Chamberlain in his contest with Harvey G. Starkweather. Mr. Chamberlain receiving 624 and Mr. Starkweather 298 votes.

Constitutional Amendments
Eminent Domain Over Land and Ways—Yes, 1778; no, 1730.

Creation of Four Per Cent State Tax for Permanent Roads—Yes, 1063; no, 1063.

Capital Punishment—Yes, 1169; no, 1169.

County and County Bonding—Yes, 1238; no, 905.

Referendum to Governor—Yes, 1483; no, 1330.

Other Educational Tax Act—Yes, 1202; no, 1202.

Others, Sailors and Marines

LEGION BANQUET IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

The American Legion went over the top in its membership drive last week. This condition prevailed from one end of the country to the other. As a fitting climax in this undertaking Independence Post No. 33 gave a banquet in the Monmouth hotel last Friday evening, having for guests the recruits in this locality.

It was a highly enjoyable affair, with about 60 participating. A course chicken dinner was served which was followed by a short musical program and an address, with R. M. Walker officiating as master of ceremonies.

There was a solo by Mrs. Maurice Butler, accompanied by Miss Cornelia; a violin solo by Miss Helen Cornelia, assisted by Mrs. Van Avery, and selections by a male quartette composed of Messrs. Hulbert, McIntosh, Barrick and Undall, with Mrs. McIntosh as accompanist. The address of the evening was given by the Rev. Pace. All the numbers were accorded a hearty reception, and the affair was one which will long be remembered by the participants.

Independence Post is in a flourishing condition. It now has enrolled practically all of the "boys" in this locality entitled to membership and is a live unit in the national movement of this organization for better conditions generally.

Classes in Home Cooking

Classes in home nursing will be started next Thursday evening, June 3, in the Red Cross rooms under the direction of Miss Marion Adams, a Red Cross nurse from the Boston training school. Every mother is urged to attend. Further particulars in regard to this project can be secured from Mrs. Duganne.

WOMAN BURNED HOSKINS TODAY

Mrs. Lula Ingalls was frightfully burned at the Siletz Lumber & Logging company camp at Hoskins today. While attending to her duties as camp cook her apron caught fire, her hair was burned off and the skin all over her body was cooked to a crisp. Dr. Butler responded to a hurry-up call, making the run there in about an hour, and was successful in temporarily relieving the woman of her sufferings.

She was brought here on the afternoon Valley & Siletz train, transferred to the Southern Pacific and taken to Portland. It is not believed that she can possibly recover.

MEDICAL MEN HOLD FINE MEETING HERE

About 30 members of the Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical society met at the Hotel Beaver in Independence Tuesday evening and participated in a profitable and enjoyable affair. An elaborate five-course dinner was served, which was followed by an instructive program, including addresses by Dr. Guy Strohm of Portland on "Routine Wassermanns" and Dr. Richard Dilhant of the Medical school, Portland, on "War Injuries as Applied to Industrial Injuries." These were followed by a discussion by Dr. F. H. Thompson of Salem and participated in by others.

The next meeting of the society will be held in Dallas a month hence.

Westside Highway Closed

The west side highway between Brunk's corner and Salem is closed and will remain so until after the paving is finished, about July 1st. This has necessitated traffic going around by McCoy, which has occasion to go over this road.

Educational Aid Revenue Bill—Yes, 1550; no, 1355.
State Elementary School Fund Tax—Yes, 2093; no, 962.
Blind School Tax Measure—Yes, 1954; no, 987.

Petitions are being circulated in Polk county, praying Governor Olcott to take such action as may be necessary to keep faith with the people of this county with respect to the construction of the Pacific highway through Dallas, Monmouth and Independence.

So far as Independence is concerned, it is practically a spontaneous movement, with people clamoring to get their names attached to the petition. A complete canvass of the county is to be made and it is figured that fully 5000 names will be secured.

This is a matter of vital importance to Polk county. The work of circulating the petition will have to be carried forward with a rush. An effort will be made not to overlook anyone, but in the event some are missed petitions ready for signatures can be found at either bank, of with R. M. Walker, C. W. Irvine, H. Hirschberg, C. G. Skinner, and A. E. Horton, the committee in charge for this part of the county.

To His Excellency, Governor Ben W. Olcott, Salem, Oregon:

When the measure known as the road bonding act was proposed at the session of the Oregon Legislature, much opposition was encountered in the House of Representatives numerous conferences were held between the sponsors of the bill and members of the house, and a draft of the proposed act was submitted and discussed. No provision was made at first as to which if any towns in Polk county should be on the Pacific highway, and a favorable vote of the majority of the representatives could not be counted on. To secure the support of the Representatives from Polk county, viz., Hon. Conrad Stafrin of Dallas and Hon. Walter V. Fuller of Dallas, the proponents of the measure then agreed with these members that Dallas, Monmouth and Independence should be on the highway, and changed the draft of the bill to effectuate this understanding. Messrs. Stafrin and Fuller then joined with 35 other Representatives in introducing the bill, which was passed by the house on February 17th, later passed by the Senate, and is now designated as Chapter 423, Laws of 1917. On the passage of the bill in the House, 32 members, including six who signed the bill, voted nay, and one member, who also joined in introducing the bill, was absent. Without the affirmative vote of both Stafrin and Fuller the bill would have failed to pass. The measure was then submitted to the voters of the state, under the referendum provisions contained in it, and in the vigorous campaign which ensued your petitioners definitely understood that the approval of the act would place the three towns on the Pacific highway, and voted with this understanding. The measure received the approval of the electorate, and was proclaimed to be a law. The State Highway Commission then adopted a route for the highway, running from Bellevue, in Yamhill county, through Balston, Dallas, Monmouth and Independence, in Polk county, and a map showing this location was given out and published. Later and after changes in the personnel of the commission, this route was abandoned, the commission announcing that the road would be constructed from Amity by way of

Holmes' Gap, Rickreall and Monmouth to Corvallis, with a "stub," or "spur" to Independence. Dallas would not be on the Pacific highway but a post road, with the assistance of the federal government and the county of Polk, should be constructed from Salem to Dallas. Surveys were then made, and contracts let for the proposed Salem-Dallas post road, and for disconnected stretches of the proposed Pacific highway.

Recently the commission announced that the highway shall run south from Monmouth, and not by way of Independence, and has ordered the county court to prepare the road for paving. This the county court has refused to do, on the ground that under the law, Independence should be on the highway, and that the road should therefore run south from Independence; in reprisal for which, the commission asserts that it has cancelled the contract for the construction of so much of the Salem-Dallas post road as would lie between Dallas and Rickreall, and that it will use the funds available for that part of the post road for the preparation of a roadbed for the Pacific highway running south from Monmouth.

If the commission be permitted to carry out this threat, the result will be, of course, (1) that Dallas will not be on any state highway, "stub" or otherwise, and (2) that Independence will be left on a spur. The officers and people of Polk county have endeavored to cooperate with the commission, and in numerous conferences have courteously insisted that the law be followed but have reluctantly been forced to the conclusion that the commission is indifferent to the wishes or welfare of the county and that further appeals to that body are useless.

The undersigned, resident citizens and voters of Polk county, therefore respectfully present to Your Excellency and pray that you, as chief executive of the state, whose duty it is to see that the laws are faithfully executed, take such action as may be necessary to compel the State Highway Commission to keep faith with the people of this county with respect to the construction of the Pacific highway through Dallas, Monmouth and Independence. Dated May 24, 1920.

SHERIDAN NEXT SUNDAY DALLAS FOLLOWING WEEK

Undaunted by the adverse outcome of last Sunday's skirmish with Falls City, the Independence ball team, accompanied by some of the more ardent fans, is going to Sheridan next Sunday for a contest with the aggregation at that place. And the following Sunday Dallas is going to be tried out, but whether this game is to be played here or the county seat town has not been determined.

Last Sunday Falls City put a crimp in the locals—that is they picked off ten runs with Independence only able to gather in a quartette. In many respects it was a donation party. There was much good work by the locals but their "jinks" appeared to be in evidence. Falls City copped the honors. With a little drilling in team work the locals will be able to make a remarkably good showing.

PRICE OF GASOLINE IS GOING TO DROP

There is no change in the gasoline situation in Independence. All dealers except the Sayles Motor Car company continue to display the "no gas" signs, and there will apparently be no relief before the fore part of next week, when it is expected that the Standard Oil company will be able to supply sufficient gas for commercial purposes and about 80 per cent of the normal requirements of pleasure or tourists cars. It is announced that the price will be reduced two cents, making it 27 cents, for the 54 gravity test which will then be furnished.

The Sayles company is having hauled here by truck from Salem all the Union gas it can get hold of and this is being doled out in limited quantities. Local dealers desire it to be understood that they are doing everything in their power to right the situation and they hope to be able in a few days to take care of their customers.

MONMOUTH BOY COMPOSES OPERETTA "PERSEVERANCE"

"Perseverance," the operetta staged at Chehalis, Wash., on the night of May 14 and repeated on the night of May 15, is a production of Perry Burton Arrant, Oregon composer and pianist, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Arrant of Monmouth. Mr. Arrant is a graduate of Pacific University, Forest Grove, where he won a scholarship in a competitive piano contest by capturing first prize. He is a graduate also of the University of Oregon. Mr. Arrant received most of his musical training in Portland, supplementing it with eastern training in composition. He is conducting piano instruction in the state of Washington.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS VISIT FALLS CITY

About 20 members of the K. of P. lodge from Independence and quite a number from Dallas were guests of Cascade lodge at Falls City Wednesday evening. Initiatory work, and business occupied most of the evening after which Cascade lodge served a magnificent supper. The star event of the evening was the conferring of a service medal on Brother A. C. Moore. Dr. Barrick, in a few well chosen words, presented the medal. Brother Moore was so overcome by his emotions that he was unable to reply.

MONMOUTH YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED IN PORTLAND

Howard W. Morlan and Miss Ruth E. Brown, well-known young people of Monmouth, were married in Portland May 16th. They have purchased the Evenden bungalow. Howard is the junior member of the firm of Morlan & Son.

GROUP BANKERS IN SESSION HERE

The annual meeting of Group 2 of the Oregon Bankers' association was held in the Isis Theatre, Independence, today. This group is composed of the bankers of Marion, Polk, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties, and there were about 40 representatives present. The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock by H. Hirschberg, president of this group, and J. C. Irvine of Albany served as secretary.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. H. C. Dunsmore and the address of welcome was given by R. M. Walker of the Business Men's association. The response was by Ira Powell, president of the First National Bank of Monmouth.

A feature of the program was an illustrated lecture by O. M. Plummer, secretary of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition on the "Livestock Industry of the Northwest" and Mr. Plummer repeated this lecture to the school children between 12:30 and 1:30.

Mr. Plummer is a consistent advocate of the value of pure-bred stock over the scrub.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock an elaborate luncheon was served at the Beaver Hotel, and Mr. Walker gained the hearty approval of the bankers both in point of service and quality of the repast.

In the afternoon, E. G. Crawford, first vice president of the United States National bank, Portland, talked on "Credit Inflation." He stated that before the war there were nine billion dollars in circulation; during the war 33 billions were added and since the war 18 billions have been added. He declared that absolutely the only way to get back to normal conditions is for the people to quit their spending.

Oscar Hayter of Dallas, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Property Rights."

David Ayer of the U. S. National bank, Salem, was elected president of the association for the ensuing year.

The annual meeting of the entire group associations will be held in Eugene June 15 and 16.

COMMUNITY FEED AT CHAUTAUQUA

KEEN INTEREST IS BEING MANIFESTED IN BIG GATHERING ON SCHOOL GROUND

The 1920 Ellison-White Chautauqua for Independence and surrounding country opened in a big tent on the public school ground Thursday afternoon under most favorable conditions for making it a record-breaking event in point of attendance and desirability of the program. The drive for the sale of season tickets was carried over the top, and this has resulted in large and appreciative audiences at the opening numbers and it is expected that still greater interest will be manifested during the remaining days.

An incidental feature of the Chautauqua will be a community gathering on Sunday in the tent. This will include union church services at 11 o'clock in the morning with the sermon by Dr. Price, a noted divine of the Chautauqua circuit, followed by a community dinner. The purpose is to spread the community spirit and those attending are requested to take with them such edibles as they may desire and it will be served as a community spread. It is to be a neighborhood affair and the intent is to have all freely participate.

The program opened Thursday afternoon with a concert by the McGregor singers and the organization of the Junior Chautauqua. In the evening there was a prelude by these singers and a cartoon-lecture-entertainment by Marion Balou Fisk.

Today there was a concert prelude at the afternoon entertainment and the presentation of A. E. Mason's comedy in monologue, "Green Stockings." In the evening there will be a concert prelude by this concert company, and a lecture by Joel W. Eastman on "The Unfolding of Democracy."

The program for the balance of the Chautauqua follows:

SATURDAY
Afternoon—Concert prelude by the Overseas orchestra.

Lecture, "Human Life in Relation to Americanism," by M. Pirie Bayes, R. N., first volunteer American Red Cross nurse.

Evening—Concert by Overseas orchestra, former A. E. F. entertainers.

SUNDAY
Afternoon—Music and entertainment by the Regniers.

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Illustrated lecture, "Hunting Big Game in Alaska," by Dr. Chas. S. Price.

MONDAY
Afternoon—Junior Chautauqua games in public.

Concert by the Stearns-Gregg Concert company.

Entertainment, Fay Apperson.

Evening—Concert by the Stearns-Gregg Concert company.

Song recital by Josephine Martino, noted New York prima donna.

The afternoon program opens at 2:30 and the evening at 8 o'clock.

PADDOCK WILL ATTEND BIG CHICAGO CONVENTION

Independence is going to be represented at the Republican National convention to be held in Chicago next month. E. E. Paddock has been notified of his appointment as a sergeant-at-arms for the big meeting. He will leave for the Windy City in a few days in order to be present at the preliminary organization of the convention which will open June 8th.

Mr. Paddock is one of the most ardent republicans in the state and his appointment came through National Committeeman Williams. Mr. Paddock is a former business man here and is gratified over the recognition. In Chicago there will be no more enthusiastic republican than Mr. Paddock.