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REED AND STEPHENS

Delegates From All Sections

At Political Meeting

There are two factors which detract from a big attendance at many local meetings, one being inclement weather and the other, good weather. This may appear paradoxical, but if a meeting is to draw a big crowd, the weather conditions must remain average, with enough rain to interfere with farm work.

Over one hundred enthusiastic Eastern Clackamas voters were present at last Saturday's political meeting at the Estacada Pavilion and but for the extra fine weather, which tempted the farmers to begin their Spring work, two or three times as many would have attended.

In the gathering were representatives from nearly all sections of this part of the county, from George, Barton, Eagle Creek, Upper and Lower Garfield, Springwater, Viola and Estacada.

The meeting was called to order by R. M. Standish, who was elected permanent chairman, with Principal F. B. Guthrie of the Estacada Schools, as secretary.

After briefly outlining the objects of the meeting, the chairman called upon A. W. Botkin of Garfield, who gave a short talk, showing the necessity of Eastern Clackamas getting together and sticking together for such men as they might decide upon to represent them in the county court and legislature.

Attorney Bartlett of Estacada followed with a similar appeal to the voters to stand together, placing especial emphasis on the importance of selecting a man capable of successfully conducting the responsibilities of the commissioner's office with its handling of over a half million dollars of the taxpayers' money each year.

E. N. Bates of Barton, after explaining that owing to his political faith he probably could not vote for the local candidate at the primaries, promised to support him at the general election.

On a motion made by W. H. Holder, which was carried, an informal ballot was taken, to determine the sentiment of the meeting as to the choice for a candidate for the office of county commissioner.

Tellers, Mrs. E. E. Saling, Wilbur Wade and H. D. Trapp re-

Fair Board Working On Premiums

The fair board of the East Clackamas County Fair, which held a meeting in Estacada last Saturday, announce that they are now working on the premium list for the coming fair, covering not only agricultural and livestock exhibits, but canned fruit, vegetables and other domestic science products.

They are also arranging with the P. R. L. & P. Co., to obtain free sudan grass seed, for experimental plantings. All parties who are willing to experiment with this crop on a quarter acre piece, are asked to get in touch with the fair board.

ported the following result:—J. W. Reed—50; Chas. Duncan—10; John Ely—7; F. J. Harkenrider—5; E. N. Bates—1; Guy T. Hunt—1; T. J. Reagan—1.

F. J. Harkenrider had previously announced that he was not a candidate for the office.

In his acceptance of the honor, J. W. Reed made a few remarks, emphasizing the fact that he was not seeking the office, and if elected, would have to sacrifice his own business to some extent to handle the new work, but if elected he would do his best to fulfill the duties of the office.

Similar balloting was done in the selection of a candidate for the legislature, although less interest was shown and less competition evident in this office, the result of the balloting being H. Stephens—53; A. W. Botkin—4; A. Demoy—2; E. E. Saling—3; John Page—2; W. A. Heylman—1; Tip Wade—1; G. T. Hunt—1; John Osborn—1; Ed Shearer—1; L. Tenny—1 and ? Smith—1.

In response to a request for a speech, Mr. Stephens modestly stated that his running for the legislative office, was not of his own seeking, but if elected he would do his best to serve his constituents.

No formal action was taken to have the meeting unanimously endorse Messrs. Reed and Stephens, but the sentiment, as expressed by the balloting, left little room for doubt as to the sentiment of this part of the county as to the men whom they wish to have elected for county commissioner and member of the legislature.

During the course of the meeting, E. W. Bartlett of Estacada announced his candidacy for the office of District Attorney and asked the support of the voters assembled.

NEED OF TIE SHEDS APPARENT

Public Sheds Aid Patronage Of Home Merchants

The need of public hitching facilities for Estacada is no new one and many people may feel that the Progress is again harping on a worn out subject, but nevertheless it is going to keep on harping, for last year the sheds were not forthcoming.

Estacada and especially its merchants are making every effort to cater to the surrounding trade, rightly feeling that it belongs here. To date, the inducements for home patronage have been confined largely to improving and making pleasanter the marketing facilities, within their respective establishments; forgetting the equally important question of where the buyer will leave horses and vehicle, while spending his or her money.

The need of a public tie shed was especially apparent during the past few months of bad weather, but it is a safe bet that we may have some rain this spring, also some mighty hot sunshine this summer, neither condition being of benefit to beast, vehicle or contents, of the latter.

The longer a buyer stays in Estacada, the more money he or she will spend. As it is at present, the "she" trade is lacking, for the men make a rush trip to town, buy the necessities and start for home as soon as possible, not caring to leave their horses and wagons in the rain. The housewife, naturally does not care to make a trip to town, when it is a case of rush both ways, with no time to spend in the stores, looking around and shopping.

The farmer shows his horses every consideration and the merchant who will help him better the conditions of his animals when they are standing waiting, will further warrant his patronage and friendship.

The cost of such public sheds and the location of same have been threshed out several times, but neither question is an obstacle, as a few hundred dollars will build a big shed, a few dollars more will lease the land, or even buy it.

The logical place for such facilities is in the block bounded by Main, Broadway, Third and Fourth Sts., near the City Hall.

Without a doubt, if it became necessary much volunteer labor could be obtained from the out of

HERE IS OUR CHANCE

Citizens Asked To Attend Meeting

Next Sunday morning, at the Estacada M. E. Church, Rev. T. B. Ford, District Superintendent of the M. E. Church, will occupy the pulpit.

Rev. Spies, who returned Wednesday from a couple of days spent at the Laymen's Convention in Portland, reports that he has talked over the community church question with the leaders of the denomination there, and finds them more than willing to help along the formation of such united worship in Estacada.

Rev. Ford has suggested that an informal meeting be held Sunday afternoon at the church, to which every citizen is invited, whether church member or not, where preliminary efforts will be made to start the "ball a rolling" (This is not exactly quoting Dr. Ford).

If the weather is good, it is hoped a large number of people will be present, from the rural districts and from the town proper. All are asked to attend, whether in favor of or against the community church idea.

Taxpayers Hold Discussions

Whether a farmer can make more money plowing during an afternoon, than he can ultimately save in taxes, if he took off the time to attend a meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League, is about the only question that was not discussed at Wednesday's meeting.

A score or so of members and friends met at the Logan Grange Hall and made up for lack of numbers in the interest taken in the open discussions which took place, on such subjects as the "County Appropriation for the Enforcement of Prohibition," "Bituminous Macadam vs Processed Hardsurfaced Paving."

The meeting generally favored the idea of paying the county commissioners a higher salary and economizing on the deputy hire in some of the county offices, but were opposed to the apparent inconsistency of the court in abiding by the recommendations of the Taxpayers' Meeting in some instances and not in others.

Owing to illness, Judge Anderson could not appear on the program and many taxpayers did not attend, after learning he would not be present.

The next league will be Monday afternoon, March 20, at Currierville.

town people. A regular old "barn-raising" could be held and in one day, along with a lot of fun, the sheds could be well built.

If necessary, the Progress will guarantee to furnish the volunteer labor and by an appeal to the people in this community, would probably be able to obtain more than is needed.