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ELECTRIC LINE TO THATCHER

Board of Trade to Take up Proposition and Push it Through.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trade Tuesday afternoon steps were taken to co-operate with the Thatcher people, who are making an effort to establish an electric line out that way. A committee composed of E. W. Haines, H. J. Goff and J. F. Woods was named by the president to confer with the people at Thatcher and along the route in an endeavor to come to some understanding concerning what could be done. The people up that way are apparently of the opinion that it is cheaper to build an electric line than it is to build a macademized road.

A committee comprising E. W. Haines, V. H. Limber and H. J. Goff was appointed to confer with the committee from the Civic Improvement Society concerning a float in the parade at Portland during the Rose Fiesta.

Over a thousand names have been received of persons in the east calling for literature which will be sent in a few days. The board is receiving requests from all over the United States for information concerning Forest Grove and Washington county and every effort is being made, with the means at hand, to supply the demands.

A communication from a manufacturing concern at Racine, Wis. states that a location was desired to build a plant to manufacture cots, camp chairs, tubs, etc. The secretary has taken the matter up and the board will use every means to secure this plant.

To Vote on Local Option.

"Whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited" throughout the whole territory covered by Washington county will be one of the questions upon which the voters will have to declare themselves at the June election. A petition containing more than 400 names was filed with the county court, which, at its session last Saturday, ordered the question to be placed on the official ballot and submitted to the voters. The petition represented nearly every section of the county.

It is believed that the temperance forces will have to conduct an energetic campaign to secure the passage of the measure as the number of other amendments to be voted upon is so great that the local measure might be overlooked by the voters.

While the sentiment in favor of local option is steadily growing throughout the country, Washington county has always been looked upon as one of the "wettest" counties in the state because a large percentage of its population is of foreign extraction.

That the campaign of the "drys" will have to be well organized and active in order to carry the day is shown by the results of the June election in 1906—For local option, 1098; against 1621.

School Entertainment.

The athletic benefit to be given in Masonic Hall Saturday evening by the public school pupils promises to draw a large attendance and to be uncommonly interesting. The program consists of songs and recitations by some of the best talent in school.

The ninth grade girls will be seen in the "Ribbon Drill." "Mother Goose" and family will be given a clever interpretation and the "Spring Festival" will be worth hearing. The pupils have been trained faithfully by a number of the teachers and the affair will call forth the attendance of many school patrons.

Big Walnut Orchard.

Walnut culture in this section will receive new impetus when the John Templeton place north of town is set out in walnuts. The property was recently purchased by the firm of Hoffman, Allen & Mills and contains more than thirty-five acres. The plan of the purchasers is to set out the trees in the fall and to place them about 50 feet apart. Between the walnut trees peach trees will be planted.

51ST ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Laughlin Celebrate at North Yamhill.

On April 3d Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Laughlin attended the 51st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Laughlin at North Yamhill. William Laughlin was born in Lincoln county, Mo., and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847, settling at North Yamhill, where he has since resided. Phoebe (Roberts) Laughlin was born near La Fayette, Ind., and crossed the plains in 1848; settled at North Yamhill, where she has since resided, having been out of the state but once, for a few days, since the time of her arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin are the parents of 16 children, 12 of whom are living. There has not been a death in the family for the past 37 or 38 years. The children, names, residence and occupation are as follows:

B. H. Laughlin, Forest Grove, hotel keeper. Charles and George Laughlin, Gilmore, Alaska, miners. A. H. Laughlin, Carlton, Ore., farmer. Mrs. Mary E. Tait, Roseburg, Ore., farmer. Wm. Laughlin, Jr., North Yamhill, farmer. Sam Laughlin, North Yamhill, banker. B. F. Laughlin, North Yamhill, farmer. Mrs. Alice Trullinger, North Yamhill, electric light plant. Mrs. Lena Holder, Santa Mamea, Cal., housekeeper. Mrs. Della A. Richardson, Goldendale, Wash., housekeeper. Mrs. Chrystal Weidner, Portland, housekeeper. Seven out of the twelve children attended the anniversary. There were 14 grand children present. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin are enjoying fairly good health. They are now living within five or six hundred yards of the spot where they were married, and at no time since their marriage have they lived over two miles from that place.

Of Interest to Taxpayers.

Mr. Editor: The taxpayers of this county should congratulate themselves that at least one of the candidates for treasurer (H. G. King) has promised that if elected he will turn into the treasury all interest collected from county funds.

The many thousand dollars interest that the present treasurer has collected from county money, during his three terms, would be quite an item to the county. It is to be hoped that the proper officials will see to it that these interest collections are turned in to the county before his bondsmen are released. Other counties in the state, and the state itself have cut out this "grat," and I believe the voters of Washington county will do likewise, now that it has come to light that it has been worked to the limit during the last six years. A Voter.

Many Candidates.

Republican voters should have no difficulty in choosing worthy candidates for the various county offices at the primaries on April 17. Many of the candidates have been in the public eye in past years and among the new aspirants are men who have been more than commonly successful in their various lines of activity and who are well qualified to fill office. That the vote for many of the offices for which there are three or four candidates will be keen there is little doubt. So far not a single republican candidate for the legislature has declared himself for statement No. 1 with the exception of Oak Nolan of Tillamook, candidate for joint senator, and G. W. Kelley of Cornelius, candidate for the lower house.

Here follows a list of the candidates who have declared themselves:

For state senator, Wm. D. Wood of Hillsboro, Earl E. Fisher of Beaverton, E. W. Haines of Forest Grove.

For joint senator, Oak Nolan of Tillamook, Wm. Barrett of Hillsboro, C. C. Hammerly of McMinnville.

For representatives, Chas. H. Hines of Forest Grove, S. A. D. Meeks, R. H. Greer of Hillsboro, Wm. McCullough of Columbia precinct, T. B. Perkins of Buxton, George W. Kelly of Columbia precinct, W. K. Newell of Gaston.

For county clerk, E. J. Godman,

W. D. Smith and J. W. Bailey.

Recorder, Willis Ireland of Hillsboro.

Assessor, Max Crandall, George H. Wilcox and C. E. Deichman.

Commissioner, John McClaran of Gales Creek, A. B. Todd of South Forest Grove.

Sheriff, George C. Hancock of Forest Grove, F. T. Kane of Hillsboro, C. B. Buchanan of Cornelius, John C. Kuratli of Hillsboro.

Treasurer, H. G. King of Dairy precinct, Wm. M. Jackson of Hillsboro.

Coroner, Dr. E. C. Brown.

Surveyor, L. C. Walker.

School superintendent, M. C. Case.

Saloonkeeper Acquitted.

W. E. McCourt the Hillsboro saloonkeeper, who was charged with selling intoxicating liquors to minors, was acquitted yesterday in the circuit court. The jury deliberated but five minutes.

The prosecuting witness was Norman Anderson, a young fellow who last winter shot a valuable dog while returning home one evening under the influence of liquor.

Ed Shute who was in the saloon at the time, swore that Anderson was given an oyster cocktail. The excellent reputation of the witness led the jury to put but little faith in the prosecuting witness' story.

Cases against the other Hillsboro saloonkeepers will be contested by the state.

Goes to Belgium.

A Saelens, of the firm of A. Saelens & Co., left Monday for a three months' visit to his old home in West Flanders, Belgium. He will sail from New York City for Antwerp and will make a stop-over in England and visit London and other cities. He said to a News reporter that he had not taken a real vacation for fifteen years and that he was ready to enjoy a needed rest. He has not been back to his native land since he first came to Portland ten years ago. He is looking forward to a pleasant trip, a happy reunion with relatives and old acquaintances and a safe return to Forest Grove which he thinks is one of the best towns in the northwest. Mr. Saelens will be joined in this European tour by Mrs. Saelens and the three children.

Surprise Party.

An enjoyable evening was spent by the friends of Mrs. Anna Peters at a surprise party given in honor of her birthday last Thursday evening. The time was spent in games and social conversation. Dainty refreshments were served. About 11 o'clock the guests departed for their homes wishing Mrs. Peters many more such pleasant occasions.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Markee, Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Emma Cheney, Mrs. Della Purdin, Mrs. J. P. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin, Mrs. Bud Cornelius, Miss Cheney and Miss Emma Morgan.

Dr. Rentz Is Dead.

Word has been received here of the death of Dr. E. B. Rentz, formerly a practicing physician in this city, at Drew's Bluffs, near Richmond, Virginia. While the details relative to the cause of his death are meager, it is supposed it was apoplexy. Dr. Rentz was about sixty years of age and leaves a wife, and a daughter who is living in Wichita, Kansas. Dr. Rentz left here two years ago for Virginia, having for years a longing to make his home in the sunny south. He was not engaged in the practice of medicine at the time of his demise but owned a plantation. He was a native of Pennsylvania, a genial good fellow and while in Forest Grove enjoyed a good practice and had a host of friends.

Attention Voters.

Gentlemen, voters, sons, brothers: I am growing old. But I cannot rest until you have given us the victory.

Every hour I spend in this service is a labor of love. Every dollar I donate is personal sacrifice. Have the faithful mothers of Oregon not earned your affirmative votes for their full and free enfranchisement? You ought not to be afraid of us. You are equipped with ballots. We are depending upon you to honor our flag of truce by voting YES in our behalf in this unequal contest. You know you would only compel us to repeat this struggle in 1910 if you should fail us now. But we believe you will not fail. You have but to unlock the door to the closed citadel of liberty, leaving us free to choose for ourselves, exactly as you do, as to whether to vote or not to vote, at every succeeding election. Thus only can you acquit yourselves as freemen and relieve us from further effort to secure equality with our sons before the law. Abigail Scott Duniway, Mother of Native Sons, and President Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association.

For State Senator.

I hereby state to the people of Oregon that I believe in the principles of the Republican party as represented by that fearless leader and advocate of the rights of the masses, Theodore Roosevelt. I have confidence in the ability and integrity of the voters, and feel that the interest of the people and business of the state is safe in their hands.

I consider the office of United States Senator a political one and believe in electing to that high position a man who will carry out the principles of the President and his party and if I am elected to the Oregon State Senate I will vote for the man for United States Senator who has received the endorsement of my party as expressed at the primary polls.

E. W. HAINES,

Candidate for State Senator.

Old Dormitory to be Destroyed.

The old Indian school which afterwards became the dormitory for the university has been sold by the Oregon Land and Trading Co. to T. Wiggman of this place. The historic landmark will give way to the march of progress and a new, modern residence will replace the dormitory where some of the brightest young men that ever came to Pacific University to obtain an education, lived during their residence in this city. These young men are now scattered throughout the state, some of them are on the Atlantic seaboard and others have penetrated the islands of the sea. To them all the passing away of this historic landmark will bring much regret, for the building inadequate as it may have been for the needs to which it was put, will ever bring to them fond recollections of their old college days.

Will Make Improvements.

"Improvement" is the watchword. The firm of Chas. O. Roe & Co. have made arrangements to occupy the room adjoining their present place of business and now occupied by the Callaway grocery. This will enable the firm to display its goods to greater advantage and add to their floor space. The two stores are to be connected with an archway. The grocery will move into the building formerly occupied by Goff Bros.' hardware establishment. The front is to be remodeled and up-to-date show windows will be put in. These changes will take place the middle of the month.

Woman's Club.

The club will hold its seventh regular meeting next Monday, April 13, at 2:30 p. m. Executive board meets at 2 o'clock. All members of the club are earnestly requested to attend as this is the last meeting at which business may be transacted, excepting the one for hearing reports and electing officers. It is said there are some changes to be made in the constitution, and there are other important matters to come before the members. The subject for study is "Newer Ideals of Peace."

MRS. TODD, Secretary.

BASE BALL ENTHUSIASM.

Local Nine to be a Hummer and to Receive Strong Support.

Baseball stock is away above par these days and Forest Grove fans are looking forward to one of the best seasons the sport has ever enjoyed in this section of the county. There appears to be an abundance of material at hand and enthusiasts have taken to practice with no little zeal. The record of the team last year was a most enviable one and the success attained by the local nine has caused greater interest to be manifested here in the national game than ever before.

Besides the local players there are a number of men available who will strengthen the team greatly. Manager Wirtz is enthusiastic over the prospects for the season and while it is too early to prognosticate, it seems a certainty that the local team will be a hummer. So soon as the nine is selected practice will begin in earnest and a schedule of games the strongest that can be arranged will be forthcoming.

An encouraging sign for the coming season is the keen interest some of the business men are showing in promoting the sport. While it is to be regretted that Forest Grove made application too late for membership in the Tri-City league, the consoling thought is that good games will be played here and that the local team is to be backed with more than "hot air" and that the lovers of the sport will contribute financially to support the local nine.

The dance given Saturday evening was one of the signal, social success of the season. It was largely attended and those who were present enjoyed the time of their lives. The affair was given as a benefit for the baseball fund and more than \$50 cleared.

Vermonters Wants to Know.

Eastern farmers have become scared because of the importation of English pheasants in that section. It is claimed that the pheasants are ravaging the grain fields and playing havoc among farmers. Much stress has been put upon the ravages by certain eastern agricultural papers.

In a recent communication to the state game warden, Chas. S. Aiken of Benson, Vt., inquires into the attitude of this state toward that species of pheasants and whether it is true that a bounty has been placed on English pheasants.

A copy of the Oregon game laws has been forwarded to the inquirer, who will see that no bounty is placed upon that kind of birds in this state. English pheasants have recently been introduced in Vermont and the farmers became anxious for their crops.

Pioneers to Meet.

Those who blazed the Oregon trail in years gone by and who have since joined the membership of the Oregon Pioneer Association will gather in annual reunion in Portland June 11.

As prepared by the committee on arrangements those who will participate on the program are: Hon. M. C. George, 1851, Portland, who will be the speaker of the day; Rev. J. A. Hunsaker, 1847, of McMinnville, will act as chaplain of the day and Joseph Butcher, 1852, of Portland, will be marshal. The grand encampment of the Indian war veterans will be held June 10.

Rock Roads and Fisher.

Spend your money on Dirt and you get mudholes. Spend your money on Rock and you get Good Roads.

Rock Roads are the only Roads for Washington County, and now is the time to commence. Fisher's Rock Road bill will bring them.

There has been more Rock Road built in Beaverton during the past two years, than all the rest put together.

Why not help the farmers of Washington County?

EARL E. FISHER,
Candidate for State Senator.

CORNELIUS GOES "WET"

Spirited City Election Monday in Our Neighboring City.

The license party won the day at the annual city election at Cornelius Monday, but by a reduced majority. Local issues of lesser importance crept into the campaign and it is possible that in June Cornelius will go "dry" when the vote is taken all over the county, at least this is the comforting thought that comes to the temperance workers of the thrifty town. The comparative strength of the two factions is probably shown on the vote for mayor and recorder, for in each case the "dry" and "wet" candidate respectively polled the same number of votes. F. Schoen, the license candidate for mayor, obtained 54 votes while the temperance candidate got 49; for recorder, H. G. Fitch, the "dry" aspirant secured 49 votes and Link Geiger, candidate for the "wets" polled 54 votes. The result of the election in detail follows:

WET TICKET

Mayor, F. Schoen 54
Councilmen, Ed Wolfe 52
W. Merrill 47
Geo. Holscher 60
Gus Imbler 60

Recorder, Link Geiger 54
Treasurer, S. A. Hendrix 53

DRY TICKET

Mayor, M. H. Henderson 49
Councilmen, John Hartman 50
C. E. Whitmore 53
H. S. Sturdevant 41
F. A. Thomas 48
Recorder, H. G. Fitch 49
Treasurer, C. C. Hancock 50

For State Senator.

Wm Barrett of Hillsboro, who is a Republican candidate for joint senator for the district composed of Lincoln, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties, was born and reared in this county and has always resided within its borders. For 23 years he has been practicing law in Hillsboro. He has served three terms in the lower house of the legislature and was chairman of the judiciary committee at the last session. His extensive acquaintance with Oregon public men will give him opportunity to do much for the district. He is expecting a big vote in this county.

Officers are Elected.

Matters of legislation, game and fish protection were discussed at the meeting of the Forest and Stream and Gun Club held Saturday evening. Considerable enthusiasm was in evidence and several suggestions regarding new laws that ought to be enacted and the present laws amended, were made by members present.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held and resulted as follows: President, H. J. Goff; secretary, R. P. Wirtz; treasurer, C. B. Stokes. The hour of shooting was changed to 10 o'clock Sunday mornings.

A Good Piece of Road.

A. B. Todd, supervisor of South Forest Grove Road district, and by the way, who is candidate for County Commissioner, has just completed a piece of grading for the county beginning at McGill's corner and running to the cemetery on Pacific avenue, that is conclusive evidence that Mr. Todd understands the art of good road building.

A Splendid Success.

The Cantata given at the Christian church Friday evening was a success. The selecting and crowning of the May Queen was the principal feature of the Cantata. The luncheon that was served by the Japanese was enjoyed by all. The proceeds of the evening were \$36.70. The affair was a splendid social success.

—Remember The Book Store has the finest assortment of Postal Cards, town. 1c to 10c. Easter cards, per dozen. 40