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SELLING FOR U. S. SENATE

Newspapers of Eastern Oregon Advise People to Support Selling.

Positive in the belief that a change is needed for the best interests of Oregon in the United States senate, many newspapers in Eastern Oregon have openly declared themselves for Ben Selling to succeed Senator Jonathan Bourne.

In a recent issue the La Grande Evening Observer editorially remarked:

"The announcement that Ben Selling will make the race for the senate against Jonathan Bourne is received with considerable satisfaction, for all know that Selling is a thoroughly progressive citizen and stands for all the measures that are dear to the people, having been one of the legislators who not only helped inaugurate the new form of government in this state, but also has been one of those who has constantly stood on guard to prevent repeal of any of the measures.

"Mr. Bourne is practically a non-resident of this state and is scarcely a taxpayer. He spends his entire time in the east and seldom visits the state that has honored him. By the way, Mr. Voter, have you ever seen Jonathan Bourne? What do you know about him other than to receive a letter occasionally written by a paid stenographer and signed with a rubber stamp? Can you point to anything of importance that he has done for Oregon? You know of course that he voted with Aldrich and the rich men of the east on tariff issues. You know he owns a large cotton goods manufacturing plant on the Atlantic seaboard and that he is reputed to be worth \$15,000,000. You know also that his interests in Oregon are so meager that his tax is exactly \$2.44 according to the Portland Journal of Sunday, Mar. 3rd.

"All of these things being true, don't you think it is time to replace him with a citizen of the state—a man who has lived over half a century in Oregon—who has property nowhere else and who stands his share of taxes and works every day in the year to build up his state?"

"Is it not time for Oregon to be for Oregon, as Bill Hanley says, and desist from sending a rich aristocrat whose interests lie in eastern states to assist in making laws for Oregon?"

"The people have a splendid opportunity to elect a man who will represent Oregon and the Oregon system, for Ben Selling aided materially in outlining and passing every law that gives the power of government directly to the people in this state."

Protect Yourself From Fire

The volunteer fire department was called out Tuesday morning, by an alarm sent in from the Dr. Crang property on College Way. The boys made good time, but all danger of fire was allayed before their arrival. Their promptness in response to calls reflects much credit and should cause the citizens to be liberal in any support the fire boys may need. Give them a dollar for a ticket to the firemen's ball whether you dance or not.

Gales City News

(Crowded out last week)

The people have been making use of the few pretty days we have been having.

Howard Lilly has been improving his farm by blasting stumps for the last week.

Mr. McCann has rented the Daniel Staver farm and will try raising hogs for awhile.

T. P. Hines was doing business in Forest Grove Tuesday.

Miss Goodby visited with her parents at McMinnville Saturday and Sunday.

The Gales City school visited the Fir Creek school Friday.

Born, to the wife of George Culver, March 5, a daughter.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

Geo. Kirkwood of Hillsboro was in town Tuesday.

J. H. Brokaw, a fruitgrower of David's Hill, was in town Tuesday and honored the Press with his subscription.

Doc Wagner of Gales Creek was in town the first of this week and visited with his brother, W. O. Wagner of Wagner & Sons Hardware Co.

The latest and most complete line of stationery at the Bazaar.

J. C. Clark of Gales Creek was at Hillsboro Tuesday.

C. A. Littler of the Forest Grove Pharmacy was replenishing stock in Portland Tuesday.

Peter and E. W. Dethlefs of Gaston passed through town on their way to Hillsboro Tuesday.

Wanted—A good live man as partner in real estate office to work outside. No capital required. Can commence at once. Address Mark, Drawer D, Forest Grove.

Roland Knight and Kennard Dixon attended Christian Endeavor Sunday at Hillsboro.

Gus Wagner of Portland attended the oratorical contest and visited over Sunday in our city.

Henry Cop, hopgrower of the Greenville section, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Cop is one of W. J. Bryan's staunch supporters, but wants to read the Press.

Whitman's chocolates are the best chocolates. Get a sample at the Forest Grove Pharmacy.

WORD WAR CONTINUES

Editor Forest Grove Press:

Chas. Hines in his controversy that has gone on for several weeks with "More Anon" (which he says in last week's issue is Mr. Corl) sees fit to bring into this controversy parties who have no connection with it.

In his letters of three weeks ago, and last week, he saw fit to drag in the First National Bank. Neither myself nor any one of the sixteen stockholders had anything to do with it either directly or indirectly, with the possible exception of the one he named this week. If he had, he is able to take care of it himself.

The Doctor states that there was no criticism with the former administration, "where the checks on the water fund were O. K.'d by the finance committee, Messrs. Roe and Thornburgh, because these checks were drawn on both banks." This is not correct; these checks were drawn on the Forest Grove National Bank, and the First National Bank only cashed such checks as came through it in the regular course of business and were instructed to cash only such checks as were approved by the committee. In the following administration we were informed that all checks signed by Ed Dixon and drawn on the Water Fund were payable at the Forest Grove National Bank without the endorsement of any committee and we cashed all such checks as came to us in the regular course of business. I presume that this is what "More Anon" referred to, but it was of no concern to the First National

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HIS RECORD OF ABILITY

As City Attorney Saved Astoria Large Sums and Wins Renown.

Present city attorney for the city of Astoria. Also attorney by appointment for cities of Seaside and Warrenton and Port of Astoria.

If elected will discharge the duties of the office according to law and justice befitting each individual case.

Mr. Tongue advertises: "I have defeated my opponent, Mr. Norblad, in every case in which we were opposed to each other."

In reply to this argument I have to say that we personally have been opposed to each other in but three or four criminal cases, but Mr. Tongue fails to state that in a list of ten criminal cases handled by his office in which I was attorney for the defense nine were dismissed and one acquitted.

During the year 1911, as city attorney of Astoria, I prosecuted 1400 cases in the municipal court and secured convictions in every contested case and against such men as Fulton and others.

The salary of the district attorney's office is \$2700 per year and I openly pledged myself if elected not to ask for a raise or increase of salary during my term. At the last session of the legislature Mr. Tongue appeared and asked for an increase and practically intimated that he would resign if the salary were not raised. I know what the office pays when I seek it and am satisfied, or I would not ask for your support nor would I run for the office.

Four years in office is the same as two terms. Does the plea of two terms therefore merit your approval?

Mr. Tongue has held the office four years.

As a showing with reference to my ability as an attorney, I submit the following:

December 16th, 1911.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—Our present city attorney, A. W. Norblad, has made one of the most competent city attorneys we have ever had and it is with regret that I notice that it is impossible under the city charter to raise his salary during his term of office. During the two years preceding Mr. Norblad's term of office the City of Astoria was called upon to pay approximately \$2800.00 to other attorneys for assistance. Requests were also several times made for a salary for a deputy city attorney. There have been tried in the municipal court this one year, 1911, over five hundred more cases than in the three previous years, the cases totaling to date about 1350 and during the three previous years about nine hundred were tried altogether, and there has been more street improvement work, and the council has considered and passed upon more ordinances (all drawn by the city attorney) than in any previous year in the history of the city, yet in the face of these facts, Mr. Norblad has attended to all of this work himself without a deputy, and without one cent of expense to

the city outside of his regular salary of \$125 per month. Mr. Norblad has been prompt and efficient in keeping his work up to date. Figuring on the cost of the office the two years before Mr. Norblad became city attorney, he has practically saved his salary to the city. Such services require some recognition, and in order that the public may be advised of the competency of their attorney I would ask the council to pass the resolution I submit herewith. This will show our appreciation of Mr. Norblad's services and inform the public that in him they have a competent city attorney and a faithful public servant.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. L. HENDERSON, Mayor.

The resolution submitted by the mayor (a Democrat) was passed unanimously by the council, and this communication and the resolution are public records of the city of Astoria.

If I made a good city attorney and saved more than my salary to the city, why would I not make a good district attorney and save the taxpayers money? I want to make a record as district attorney of the fifth judicial district, and I therefore ask for your support. Can I have it?

A. W. NORBLAD,
Astoria, Oregon.
(Paid advertisement.)

A. M. Cray, 75th Ill., Herington, Kan., says that the comrades in Kansas have too much faith in President Taft's justice and magnanimity to think for a moment that he will turn down any pension bill which is presented to him by congress.

MUCH GOOD WORK DONE

The annual meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening showed much good work done by that body during the past year at a small expense to the citizens. The treasurer's report shows receipts for the year to be \$208.42, with disbursements \$74.80, leaving a balance on hand of \$133.62.

Secretary A. E. Hart's report shows that since March 22, 1911, there have been distributed through the mails, by express and otherwise, 8000 letters, circulars and booklets relative to our city and surroundings, and reaching every state and territory in the United States, and which have brought many inquiries and some new residents. Through the efforts of the club we are getting much permanent advertising.

The following directors were elected for the year: H. C. Atwell, A. G. Hoffman, A. E. Scott, A. E. Hart, T. J. O. Thatcher, E. W. Haines, L. M. Graham, John Thornburgh and C. A. Littler. Officers were elected as follows: H. C. Atwell, president; L. M. Graham, vice president; Chas. Littler, treasurer; A. E. Hart, secretary.

The meeting unanimously tendered A. E. Hart a vote of thanks for his efficient services as secretary for the past year, for which he received only \$5.00 per month.

The agency for the celebrated National bicycle is represented by Clyde's Bicycle Shop. He also has a number of second hand wheels which he offers at a bargain. See him at N. First street.

WAITING FOR AN ELECTION

W. C. T. U. Is Insensed at Action of City Council Regarding Fountain.

To the Editor of the Press:

So many inquiries come to me regarding the fountain which the W. C. T. U. planned to erect that I think it best to make a brief statement in regard to the matter.

Last fall the W. C. T. U. voted to erect a public drinking fountain as a memorial of Mrs. E. H. Marsh, one of our former well beloved members. To that end an advisory committee was appointed to investigate location, styles of fountain, probable cost, etc. This committee consisted of the president, three honorary and three active members of the Union.

After holding many meetings, consulting catalogue for prices, studying location, etc., and consulting representative citizens, the committee submitted to the Union the following recommendations: First, that the Union erect a public drinking fountain for man, horse and dog, with a cluster of electric lights on top and to cost approximately \$1000. Second, that said fountain be erected in the parking at the northwest corner of the Congregational church square. Third, that said fountain be given to the city, provided the city agree to furnish water and lights and maintain it.

The above recommendations were approved by the Union and the committee instructed to continue the work.

The Woman's Club also approved the plan by voting to give \$200 to the fund.

The committee then sent a representative to the city council with a petition embodying the recommendations and asking them to accept the gift and grant permission to erect the fountain at the specified point. Much to our surprise the petition was referred back to us with the request that we change the location of the fountain to the middle of the block on Main street. As we were unwilling to do that, the representative from the council asked us to appear before that body and state fully our reasons for our choice of location. This we did, but our petition was granted only on condition that we change the location as before stated. When we inquired for a reason for such action we were told that it was for the business interests that it be located near the center of the block. To this we replied that we were not proposing to erect a fountain for the business interests, but for the general good of the community and to help beautify our town, and that we would wait for a new council that would grant our request. Finally we were informed that if we would again appear before the council they would reconsider our petition. But as it was so near election time, we decided to wait for the incoming council. Meantime there came to our ears so much talk about the injustice of expecting business men to give their money to the fountain and give them no voice as to its location that we decided to offer a compromise and went before

the council with the following proposition, viz: That the council give us the choice of three locations, first, the northwest corner of the church square (which we asked for); second, the middle of the block (offered by the council), or third, the southwest corner of the church square (which certain business men were clamoring for), the final choice of the three locations to be decided by a vote of those contributing to the fountain—each dollar contributed to entitle the giver to one vote. Furthermore, we offered to submit the list of votes to the mayor and a committee of the council, thus insuring a fair count.

We confidently expected that so fair a proposal would be accepted, but instead it was amended and passed to read that the choice of location be not confined to the three places specified in our petition but to any place in town that the contributors should choose—but only the contributors residing in the city should be entitled to vote.

We informed the council that we had promised contributions from outsiders but considered that all persons who were enough interested in the town to give their money should be considered competent to vote, or in case they did not care to vote themselves would let the ladies vote for them.

Furthermore, this action of the council throws out of any voice in the matter one-fifth of the membership of the Union who reside outside the city, this fraction including the president and two members of the committee who are most active in working for the fountain. Could any reasonable person expect us to accept such a proposition? Also the fact that we expected to raise several hundred dollars outside the town would so reduce the number of votes that if any person so desired, by paying say three or four hundred dollars toward the fund he could locate the fountain at any point he chose in the city limits.

We considered the entire action of the council unbusiness-like and unfair and an insult to our intelligence as women. As there seemed to be no good or sufficient reason for having our wishes ignored, we reported to the Union accordingly. Our report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks for work done.

In conclusion I would say that the vote of the Union to erect a drinking fountain has never been rescinded, and if ever there are in Forest Grove enough male citizens who are public spirited enough to see that we are given a "square deal" we may be ready to go to work again. We do not claim to have masculine minds, but we do claim sense enough to know when we are imposed upon. To paraphrase Lincoln, you can impose on all the women part of the time and on part of the women all the time, but you can't impose on all the women all the time. We are still waiting for a new council.

Respectfully,

MRS. G. A. BOLDRICK,
Pres. W. C. T. U.

Why Pay Ten Dollars.

Why pay ten dollars for a map which merely shows Washington County, when you can get one on a larger scale showing everything from the Willamette River west to the west boundary of the county, size 50x67 inches for \$7.50, or a pocket size 24x33 in. for \$2. Get it of your bookseller or address T. S. Wilkes & Son,