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CITY TICKET TO BE NOMINATED DEC. 30

Forest Grove Voters to Convene in Vert's Hall to Nominate Ticket

OFFICIALS ARE EFFICIENT

Mayor, Recorder, Treasurer and Councilmen Have All Made Good—Re-Elect Them

The day of political reckoning is almost at hand. Wednesday evening of next week, December 30, a mass meeting of citizens will assemble in Vert's Hall to nominate a ticket for the January city election. From present indications there will be but one ticket in the field, as there is not enough political gossip afloat to make an Edi-son record.

There is no issue up this year and all there will be to the election it seems just now, is to name the nominees, and then for looks and law's sake journey to the polls January 12 and make the little sign between the name and the number. That will be simple and will save new voters the embarrassment of voting for a losing candidate.

But how different it is now from the good old days ago before the safety razor and Kellogg's Graham Biscuits came into vogue, and it was scarcely that long ago that the three Rs, rivalry, rum and rings, were written into local politics. In those days long before the snow began to fly voters would gather around the postoffice and the grocery store stove and philosophize as to who would be the wet and dry candidates.

There was always a bunch of thirsty folks that wanted to get a couple of grog shops located in town so as to help build new sidewalks, good roads, paint the jail white and their own noses red—and lower taxes. Whisky or no whisky was long an issue. Frank Brown, a local cartoonist who later joined the Telegram staff, was always in evidence with his comic drawings of local politicians. Folks would gather around his pictures in Millers drug store and cuss and discuss the whole day long—almost. But the day of turmoil in Forest Grove is past. Everybody seems to be satisfied with the way the city government is being run. The liquor question has long been a dead issue and the light question which agitated the minds of local citizens for several years seems to have been settled by efficient municipal ownership and so there is no reason why the men who have been serving the city government the past year should not be returned for another year. When a President or Congressman have made good in office it is customary to return them. It takes some time to become fitted for public office. Mayor O. M. Sanford, Recorder Marion R. Markham, Treasurer Robert Wirtz and Councilmen H. B. Johnson, John Wirtz and J. M. Barber have all made good. They are familiar with the workings of this city government and should be returned for another year. Vert's Hall is the place, Wednesday night December 30 is the time and the aforesaid officials should be the men.

WIFE LOVES OTHER MAN HUSBAND WANTS DIVORCE

Marion L. Blakslee, who was married at Oregon City in April, 1910, to his present wife, Vera B., wants the Circuit Court at Hillsboro to untie him from his bonds matrimonial. He relates a pathetic tale of woe in his complaint. According to his allegations Vera fell in love with another man when the last September moon shed her soft effulgence o'er the land, and since that time the peace and happiness of Marion has been on the wane. Vera told him she loved the other man best, and sometimes she would go away from home and stay two or three days. One daughter, Levina, aged 18 months, is the fruit of their union.

CURRENCY REFORM BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES

Regional Banks to Be Established All Over the Country—Will Take Commercial Paper

The currency reform bill has been the all-important piece de resistance at Washington and in political circles—city, village, and country, the past several days. The bill provides for the establishment of eight or ten regional banks in various parts of the United States which shall have the authority to issue currency, guaranteed by the government, based on notes and bills representing commercial transactions and backed by a gold reserve.

These regional banks shall offer a market for negotiable commercial paper which forms the bulk of the assets of the banks, where, in time of stress, those assets may be without loss transformed into cash. The entire system shall be under the control of a Federal reserve board of seven members appointed by the President. The bill passed the Senate Friday night by a vote of 54 to 34, and Monday by the House of Representatives by a vote of 298 to 60.

Bankers all over the country seem to be favorable to the new bill. They say that it will make the currency more elastic and put the money where needed at the right time. If a local bank is short in ready money out long on commercial paper it may send the paper to a regional bank and receive currency in return. This will mitigate panics as the people can get their money when they want it and as a consequence they won't want it when they can get it.

The Oregon Daily Journal Sunday had interviews with bankers and others from all over the state in regard to their ideas as to the effect of the currency bill on business conditions. The following interviews from Forest Grove appeared in Sunday's Journal:

E. W. Haines, president of the First National bank, and former president of the state senate; "I feel sure that the new bill will be beneficial to the country at large. Most of the objectional features of the bill have been removed, and the bill as passed is a better measure than I expected at this time. It makes the currency system more elastic, and places the money reserves where needed. Its passage relieves the uncertainty and will make the public feel more secure in future against possible panics. The bill gives the banks wider opportunities to assist the agricultural industry, and at the same time safeguards the public.

W. W. McElroy, cashier of the Forest Grove National bank; "The passage of the bill will help conditions generally. The present banking system has been outgrown by development. I consider the most important feature of the bill the re-discounting of commercial paper by the regional banks, from the facts that the local banks will be so closely allied with them, that it should give the public perfect confidence in the new bill."

F. W. Hinman, leading farmer, "The effect of the passage of the currency bill will be beneficial one to the country at large and to the farming communities in particular. The bill allows the local banks to get money on commercial paper, allowing loans to farmers on terms which the United States banks prohibited, and at the same time gives all the inspection and supervision provided by the old law, and more security to its depositors.

George Huntington Currey, secretary of the Commercial club; "Business conditions have not been much below normal this fall. Deposits are above the average and the farmers generally have realized good prices on unusually high yields. Financial conditions are unerringly sound. No one is dissatisfied with the tariff bill and the passage of the currency bill means still greater confidence in the financial situation, and assures a record year for development in 1914, and especially so in Washington county."

Bank Opening January 1

The officers and directors of the First National Bank of Forest Grove announce their formal opening of their new building January 1st, afternoon and evening. The general public is cordially invited.

Carlo Dolci's Great Painting.



CHRISTMAS OBSERVED IN HOMES AND CHURCHES

Folks From Far and Near Will Journey to Forest Grove—Santa Claus Will Appear at Christmas

Christmas will be fittingly observed in homes and churches of this city. Folks who have been away for many days will journey to Forest Grove to gather about the fireside and partake of mother's good cooking, and the children will romp and play happy with their dolls, drums and soldiers.

At the churches the following programs will be given:

At the Christian Church Wednesday evening there will be a good program consisting of songs and recitations by the little tots and grownups, and Santa Claus and his tree will make the occasion merry. It is planned to receive donations of useful articles which will be given to the Orphan's Home in Portland and to any needful family in Forest Grove, and a freewill cash offering will be taken for disabled ministers.

The Christmas program at the Congregational Church will be held Wednesday night. There will be a Christmas tree and a treat for the children. A program of songs and pieces by the children will be given, also a tableau by the older ones.

The Christmas exercises at the First M. E. Church will be given Wednesday evening at 7:30. The program is "My White Gift to the King," and each class will have a part and there will be other interesting numbers, also good music will be given by the choir and the children.

Last Sunday morning a Christmas program was given in the Catholic Hall.

Complete Concert Tour

A good half-tone picture of Miss Wilma Waggener and Mrs. Adna Smith Foy, who are piano and vocal instructors respectively, at Albany College, appeared in the Sunday Journal. They have just completed a successful concert tour of Eastern Oregon. Miss Waggener is a graduate of the Pacific University conservatory, and was also an instructor here for some time. After leaving Pacific she took a post course for a couple of years in Germany and later was head of music at McMinnville College. She frequently visits at the John Bailey home in this city.

Sell Onions at \$2 Per Sack

Mrs. Will Prickett and little son were in Forest Grove Sunday visiting at the home of her father, A. Baldwin. The Prickett family now live on a farm near Beaverton, and this year raised three hundred sacks of onions, which netted them \$2 per sack. Next year they expect to raise a bigger crop. They formerly lived here, and Mr. Prickett was in the employ of the Harry Gittner grocery store. They like farming very much.

Owing to the fact that the PRESS employees will take a short vacation we go to press on Tuesday.

The best developer of a community is a progressive and representative newspaper. Send the "Press" to friends whom you wish to welcome to this country.

FROM TWO TO FIVE YEARS GIVEN BANKS ROBBER

Man Who Crawled Under Store to Avoid Capture Will Wear Stripes at Salem

Charles McGrew pleaded guilty to the charge of attempted robbery before Judge Campbell in the Circuit Court at Hillsboro last Friday and was sentenced to the penitentiary from two to five years. Last July McGrew and partner went to Banks and attempted to rob a store. The citizens became aroused and chased the men. McGrew took refuge under a building. Sheriff Reeves was summoned from Hillsboro, and when the man refused to come out when ordered to do so, the nervy little peace officer crawled under the building, taking a chance of being shot by McGrew, and dragged the would-be robber out into the light of day. On the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon McGrew entered a plea of not guilty.

William Emrick pleaded guilty to having given liquor to a minor and was fined \$50. He was allowed to go for a period of sixty days, and if he has not paid his fine by the end of that time he will have to serve twenty-five days in the county bastile in lieu of his fine.

A. H. Chickeroos pleaded not guilty to the charge of larceny and will be tried January 19th. Attorney W. G. Hare was appointed by the court to defend Chickeroos.

Alfreda Allen received a divorce from James Allen by default, the defendant not contesting the suit.

Lola May Eddy received her freedom from Herbert Eddy by the same method.

In the suit of Franklin Doughty vs. J. L. Simpson et al., a confirmation was allowed.

In Shankland vs. Shankland, the decree was modified.

The state won by default in the suit of the State vs. County Clerk Luce and others to escheat the estate of Hans Nelson to Oregon.

STATE SUPERINTENDENTS OF M. E. CHURCH MEET

The four district superintendents of the Oregon Conference of the M. E. Church met at the Parsonage last Friday to plan their work for the balance of the conference year. They were J. W. McDougall, of the Portland District; James Moore, of the Salem District; J. T. Abbott, of the Eugene District; and H. J. Van Fossen, of the Klamath District. The Rev. Mr. Abbott was present and spoke at the prayer meeting Thursday night. They came to Forest Grove for their meeting because of Dr. Dunlap's long association with three of them in this work, and is indicative of the esteem in which they hold him. They all went to Portland to a Methodist banquet Friday night.

Pays Sum of \$3,000 to Sell Tonsil Varnish

At a recent meeting of the city council of Independence the saloon license fees were raised from \$1,500 to \$3,000. The old ordinance limited the number of saloons to two with a license of \$1,500 a year. More revenue was desired and there was a strong feeling against granting any more licenses, so the amount was doubled and the limit left the same. It is believed that this is the largest license charged on the Pacific Coast.

Musical Numbers a Hit

Compliments are now in order to the management of the Star Theatre for their excellent program on Wednesday nights. Besides excellent reels of clean pictures they have been putting on musical features. Last week Mrs. Fred Jones sang a couple of solos to the delight of the audience, and the Pacific University Male Quartet, consisting of Messrs. McNeil, McCoy, Schmidke and Webb, made a decided hit with their songs. A large audience was present. The Star will put on musical numbers every Wednesday.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL IS MOST EFFICIENT

Many People Visit Institution and Are Pleased With Departments

SUPT. H. E. INLOW SPEAKS

Prof. Proctor Declares Building Equal in Efficiency to \$50,000 School

Friday afternoon and evening the new High School building was opened to the townspeople. Both afternoon and evening the building was filled with visitors and the High School students acted as guides in showing them about.

In the evening a short program was given in the Assembly Hall consisting of short talks by Prof. Inlow, Attorney W. P. Dyke, and Prof. Wm. M. Proctor, music by the High School quartet and solos by Miss Kirkup and Miss Peterson.

The program was opened by a piano-duet by the Misses Zola Kirry and Harriet Benjamin. Rev. D. T. Thomas offered prayer at the closing.

The superintendent and chairman, M. Peterson both expressed their appreciation of the interest shown in the school by the people of the town by their presence.

Prof. Inlow in his remarks stated that the Domestic Science and Manual Training departments are equal to any outside of Portland, in the state. Also the typewriting and commercial classes have been added this year.

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Prof. Proctor stated he had recently spoken in a High School which cost \$50,000 and it was not as well equipped for efficient work as the \$35,000 one in our little city. Our citizens have cause to be proud of their school building. And since the Central building at a cost of about \$1500 and Lincoln building have been repaired and painted, Forest Grove has three well equipped school buildings of which it may feel proud.

After the program the visitors were served refreshments in the Domestic Science rooms by the girls of the department, showing their time spent in that department was not wasted.

LOCAL HYGIENE SOCIETY COMPLETES PROGRAM

The local committee in charge of the educational campaign being waged in connection with the Oregon State Hygiene Society has completed the details for the coming series of meetings.

The districts, the place and time of meetings, and the speakers, follow:

District Arrangements

District No. 1—All north of North First Avenue west of Third Street, including north side of North First Avenue, west side of First Street. Meets at Marsh Hall, January 7 to 21. Speakers, Dr. J. S. Bishop and Prof. H. E. Inlow.

District No. 2—All south of North First Avenue west of First Street, including south side of North First Avenue, west side of First Street. Meets at Central School, January 16 to 23. Speakers, Dr. W. M. Semones and Prof. A. M. Bean.

District No. 3—All south of North First Avenue, between First Street and Fourth Street, including east side of First, west side of Fourth. Meets at High School, January 21 to 28. Speakers, Dr. H. W. Vollmer and L. M. Graham.

District No. 4—All east of Fourth Street, including east side of street. Meets at High School, January 16 to 23. Speakers, Dr. H. R. Kauffman and Rev. R. E. Dunlap.

Ladies' Committee

District No. 1—Chairman, Mrs. C. H. Olmstead.

District No. 2—Chairman, Mrs. E. E. Williams.

District No. 3—Chairman, Mrs. H. R. Kauffman.

District No. 4—Chairman, Miss M. Hinman.