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A STATE ASSEMBLY

Republican Convention to Be Held at Portland Will Include 1248 Delegates.

Without a single discordant note, the members of the Republican state central committee, at a meeting in Portland, Saturday, authorized Judge M. C. George, the newly-elected chairman, to call a "state assembly" to be held in Portland, Thursday July 21.

This assembly will consist of 1248 delegates, appointed by the committee among the 34 counties of the state on a basis of one delegate to every 50 voters or major fraction that were cast for R. R. Butler for presidential elector in November, 1908. Twenty-seven counties were represented at the meeting.

In counties outside Multnomah, it was recommended that delegates to the state assembly be selected by county assemblies and that delegates to the county gatherings be chosen by majority vote only at mass meetings of the voters in the different precincts, these meetings to be called by the county central committee, Saturday, July 9, is the date recommended for the precinct mass meetings, with date for the county assemblies fixed for the following Saturday, July 16.

Proxies will not be allowed in the state assembly if the recommendations of the state committee are adhered to. On this subject the committee took no compromise position. It voted to eliminate from the state gathering all proxies. The committee did recommend, however, that the vote of absent and duly elected delegates in the state gathering shall be cast according to the majority opinion of those present and acting from the same county.

VICTIMS OF ACONITE POISON

Helix Physician and His Patient Have Narrow Escape.

Dr. J. Griswold and Mrs. John King, the Helix victims of Saturday's poisoning, are rapidly recovering from the effects of their carelessness and are reported to be out of all danger, says the East Oregonian. They probably owe their lives to the fact that each took enough of the deadly drug to kill several persons and to the prompt arrival and hard work of Dr. C. J. Smith. Both were in a critical condition when the Pendleton physician arrived and he was compelled to work over them for several hours before they showed signs of recovery.

According to reports which reached Pendleton, Mrs. King had not been well and had taken a teaspoonful of what she thought was medicine. As soon as she had swallowed the poison, she noticed her mistake and rushed to the physician with the bottle. The latter glanced at the label and misreading it, thought the bottle contained a harmless mixture and proceeded to reassure the frightened woman by telling her that he could take a tablespoonful of it without any ill effects. Suiting the action to the word he took a large swallow. As both became critically ill almost immediately, Dr. Griswold took a second look at the label and discovered that they had taken fluid extract of aconite, a drop of which is a dose.

As soon as this discovery was made Dr. Griswold telephoned to Dr. C. J. Smith, who made a record breaking run to Helix in his automobile, arriving in time to save the lives of the poisoned people.

Do You Want to Sell?

If you want to sell your business, or if you want to sell your property, and will make the price right, I would like to hear from you. Give description and price. Address J. E. Smith 513 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

CHATAUQUA WILL BE HELD IN THIS CITY

Members of Athena Commercial Association Guarantee the Funds for Holding the Big Event of the Year.

Athena is to have her Chatauqua. This decision was arrived at during the meeting of the Athena Commercial Association Wednesday evening, when in about ten minutes ten members of the Association signed a written agreement to financially make good any deficit that may result, up to the sum of \$1,000.

However, no deficit is expected, and the agreement was made to insure that the Chatauqua would be held, along lines to be conducted by the executive committee, which will have charge of the program and general arrangements.

Prof. H. G. Case, who has had considerable experience in conducting Chatauqua gatherings was made chairman of the executive committee, the other members being B. E. Richards and S. F. Wilson. The executive committee is empowered to make appointments of such sub-committees as it may see fit.

Assurance is given by Prof. Case that the Chatauqua will be self supporting, and that only inclement weather would affect attendance to the extent that the program of the big one week's gathering would not pay its way.

The dates on which the Chatauqua will be held have not been selected, but in all probability a week in June will be set aside for the occasion. In regard to dates much depends on the time La Grande sets for holding the Chatauqua at that place, for the reason that it is proposed to secure some of the program attractions which that city will have in her Chatauqua, thus giving the two organizations the advantage of economic results in assembling many of the features to be secured for the Chatauqua.

It is the desire of the Commercial Association that the Chatauqua be established in Athena on a permanent basis. With this object in view it is proposed that the program this year be of modest proportions, the cost of which will not exceed \$1,000. Then

if it is found that the institution is a success, next year the proportions can be broadened correspondingly. The nature of the program will be substantially Chatauquan in scope, embracing religious, literary, oratorical, educational, musical and athletic features.

The dates will be selected if possible so as not to conflict with any other gathering in the county. In all probability the Chatauqua will begin Sunday with a rally of the churches and Sunday schools of the county. In that event leading preachers of the different denominations would be secured, and excursion trains would be run to accommodate the church people of other towns in the matter of transportation. Then there is the possibility of a big day for the farmers, at which specialists from the state agricultural colleges would be present and lecturers on topics pertaining to agricultural and kindred subjects; this being campaign year, the success of a monster political day is assured.

The educational portion of the program would undoubtedly center in the day on which the county school track meet would be held, and close with a grand oratorical contest in the evening, while the musical feature could have for its climax, a band contest.

The above is merely prospective, from the fact that the formulation of the program is in the hands of the executive committee, and is given simply to show the general trend of the Chatauqua movement.

The Chatauqua will be held in the city park, and the sessions will be conducted under a canvas pavilion. An admission fee will be charged in conformity with the general practice adhered to by other Chatauquas. Season tickets will be put on sale in Athena and other towns of the county and those of Walla Walla county, Wash., at a nominal price, and no popular subscription will be resorted to other than the deficit provision referred to.

NEW PHYSICIAN LOCATES HERE

Dr. G. S. Newsom Recently of Portland Will Open Office.

G. S. Newsom, M. D., a physician and surgeon, recently of Portland, has come to Athena for the purpose of practicing his profession. The doctor is a graduate of the State University and of the Portland Medical college. For the past two years he has had hospital practice in the metropolis, in connection with his regular practice there. More recently he has been connected with the O. R. & N. and the new Oregon Trunk railway in the capacity of surgeon.

The doctor was a classmate of Dr. A. E. Stone while in the medical school and was acquainted with the Watts brothers and B. E. Richards while at the university. Several of the pioneers of the Willamette valley, now residents of Athena and vicinity are old time friends of Dr. Newsom's parents.

The doctor is accompanied by his wife and baby boy. He is seeking a suitable residence, which just at present is a hard thing to find in Athena. He will open an office in a few days and will be prepared to answer professional calls promptly, night or day.

Roby-Thompson.

Mr. Merle Roby and Miss Myrtle Thompson, two well known and popular young people of this city were united in marriage at Pendleton Wednesday. The bride has long been an efficient saleslady for the Athena Department Store and the groom has held an important position with the Moagrove Mercantile company. Mr. and Mrs. Roby are spending their honeymoon with relatives in the Willamette valley. On their return to Athena they will reside in the Jarman cottage, Fourth and Jefferson streets. A host of friends join with the Press in extending congratulations.

Bible Class Organized.

On Sunday afternoon February 13th there was organized at the Baptist Church a Misses, Junior Amoma Bible Class, and the following officers were elected: Miss Eva Wright, president; Miss Iched McFadyen, vice-president; Miss Edna Jones, secretary; Miss Vera Gross, treasurer; Mrs. Chas. Betts, teacher. The object of this class is to promote greater interest in Bible study and Sunday school work, and to encourage a helpful social intercourse. The class was organized with 14 charter members and a cordial invitation is extended to all young ladies who are not members of other Sunday schools, to become members of the class.

IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON

Splendid Program to Be Rendered by School, February 22.

The Athena public school will observe Washington's birthday by giving a patriotic entertainment at the opera house on next Tuesday evening, February 22. The program follows:

Selection by Athena Band Invocation Rev. Ryder.

Chorus "The Jolly Student" High School.

Biography of Washington, Hugh Lonnellen.

Washington's Words of Wisdom, Primary Pupils.

Song, "Mount Vernon Bells," 8th and 7th grades.

In Memoriam, Ethel Kidder.

Instrumental Solo, Bella McIntyre.

Song and Tributes to Lincoln, 3rd and 4th grades.

Oration, "Washington," Floyd Pinkerton.

Flag Drill, Sixteen girls from 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Song, "Tribute to the Brave," 4th and 5th grades.

Oration, "Liberty," Clarence Brotherton.

Instrumental Solo, Kittie Ghoulson.

Musical by Athena Orchestra.

Oration, "Washington, the President," Frank Smith.

Song, "The Banner of the Union," 7th and 8th grades.

Ode to Washington, Six girls from 5th grade.

Recitation, "Like Washington," Primary Student.

Marching like Washington, 8 boys from Primary room.

Recitation, "Did They Die in Vain," Ruth Kidder.

Military Drill, 3rd and 4th grades.

Tribute to Lincoln, Gertrude Booher.

Tableau, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

Chorus, "Yankee Doodle Boy," by High School.

Benediction, Rev. Hammond.

Patrons, friends and the public generally are most cordially invited and urged by Prof. Case to help make this patriotic entertainment a success, by attending. A program of this character is the most impressive way of teaching patriotism, and it is a duty we owe our community and our country. The children who are on the program will be admitted free. Those who do not want to take part in the program will be charged an admission of 15c. All others will be charged 25c. admission. The program is about 2 hours in length, and will begin at 7:30 p. m.

A DEADLOCKED JURY

For Forty-Six Hours George Selkirk Holds Out and Blocks Herman's Conviction.

For conviction 11. For acquittal 1.

That is the way the Binger Hermann jury stood irrevocably deadlocked when it was discharged by the court Monday morning a short time after 9 o'clock, says the Portland Journal.

Those of the jury for conviction were G. F. Pearson, J. B. Thompson, William Myers, the foreman; Ben F. Skolfield, Friend D. Simmons, Smith Stephens, Henry E. Stone, Charles W. Rieley, J. O. Smook, Wesley Houck, Albertas H. Metoalf.

George Selkirk stood out for acquittal. He held that he could convict the defendant under the law, but not under the evidence, and that his conscience would not permit of his disregarding the one phase of the case for the support of the other.

The question which Juror Selkirk held out on was in substance that he could not, under the dictates of his conscience vote for a conviction, that his attitude was unchangeable, and he asked whether it would be available for the jury to continue its consideration under those conditions.

Hermann's own evidence according to information coming from the jury room, prevented his acquittal. At the close of the government's case, continues this information, had the defense rested and gone to the jury with its case, there would have been a verdict in favor of the defense. The jury however, was changed in its attitude by the evasiveness and the contradictions found in the story of the defendant, and was swayed to the government's side when Mr. Heney, on cross examination, forced the defendant to admit mistakes made on direct examination and qualify his direct testimony.

Binger Hermann was indicted on the thirteenth day of the month and 13 ballots were taken to decide whether he was guilty or innocent of the crime charged against him.

For eleven ballots it stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal. On the twelfth ballot Jurors Stephens and Stone changed to the side of conviction and remained there.

Stephens, during the early discussions in the jury room, contended that politics had been commingled in the land fraud indictments, but after further discussion decided that this was no bar to conviction in the present case, and changed. Stone, it is understood, cast his first ballots in a complimentary spirit, but changed as the lines drew closer to the final settlement of the jury.

Following the twelfth ballot the case was discussed again at length and finally the thirteenth and last ballot was cast. Prior to this it had been decided by the jury to put a rider on their verdict and recommend the leniency of the court, recommending that the least penalty provided by law should be given to the defendant when sentence was passed. This was done out of sympathy for him and his family.

With this rider on the verdict Juror Skolfield swung into line for conviction, leaving Juror Selkirk alone for acquittal. Skolfield had held out against the extreme penalty from the first, that being his reason for voting for acquittal. As soon as the recommendation for mercy was incorporated in the verdict, he was willing to cast his vote for conviction.

Further discussion was held and juror Selkirk made it plain that no number of ballots would change his decision, so no further votes were cast.

It was a disgusted dozen as well as a tumbled one, filed out of the court room. Eleven of the number were indignant that one should cause their disagreement. They had made up their minds from the first for some reason that there could be no agreement with Selkirk.

His continual use of the telephone and the frequent visits of Mrs. Selkirk finally caused the bailiff in charge of the jury to cut off all communication with the outside world, and this did not increase the harmony existing between the lone advocate of acquittal and the 11 exponents of conviction.

Warm words were passed during several of the discussions in the jury room, and finally when the jurors separated, Selkirk went on his way without bidding the remainder the cordial goodbye, expressed between the remaining 11 when they started for their homes.

It is not known when the second trial of Hermann will be held, if ever. Mr. Heney asked that it be set at once stating that it was the desire of the attorney general to have the land fraud scandal cleared up as soon as possible.

The Athena Land company have a splendid bargain to offer in a handsome 7-room house, plastered throughout, wired for electric lights, desirable location in Athena, two lots, barn and outbuilding, for \$1,300.