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WILSON'S CANDIDACY.

It is easy to see that the public mind is universally independent and liberal, politically speaking, with regard to congressional candidates in the new district. This fact is primarily due to the 10,000 normal majority the republicans have in the district. Consequently, with this majority staring them in the face, numerous independent voters in the democratic ranks are influenced more or less in their desire to see Oregon ably represented in Congress.

These independent voters look to the republican party to furnish the man with requisite qualifications to represent the state at Washington. On the other hand, there is a like ratio of independent voters in the republican party desirous of seeing the state ably represented, whose principles, not flouted with the party lash, will lend their support to a democrat of the right calibre in preference to a republican of mediocre capabilities. However, with the stupendous majority held in balance by the republicans, it should be easy for them to select the right material for a Congressman.

In this part of the district, the name of a prominent young republican has been brought before the people by his friends, and he is receiving flattering encouragement to make the race for Congress, by people of all political affiliations. Democrats as well as republicans have a good word for Fred Wilson of this city, as the following from Clark Wood's Weston Leader, indicates:

"Fred Wilson of Athena is a brainy young man, and will make himself heard to good advantage in the forthcoming congressional campaign. To native shrewdness and ability that have carried him forward in his professional and business affairs he unites a laudable ambition to make the most of himself. Being a lawyer, he turns to politics as naturally as a oat to yellow cream, and he is enabled to bring to bear upon the public problems of the day the power of a well trained and well balanced mind. Moreover, he possesses a happy and pleasing facility of platform expression."

A man is best known in his home bailiwick, and if Fred Wilson had only Athens and Umatilla county suffrage to secure, he would be boosted into a Congressman's seat without any trouble. He made a sterling fight for the nomination for joint senator in the last campaign, was beaten by a narrow margin, took his defeat with no bitterness or sore spots and worked like a man for the success of his party. An erroneous statement, filtered into the primary campaign had much to do with Mr. Wilson's defeat. This statement concerned the length of time he had been a resident of Oregon, and was so handled that it worked greatly to his disadvantage.

The fact is, Mr. Wilson came to Oregon in 1898. He was a resident of the state for more than a year, when he went to Wake Forest college in North Carolina to secure his education, immediately returning to Oregon after being admitted to the bar, and has since made his home here. In the coming campaign the people of this Congressional district will be made aware that Fred Wilson knows the needs of Oregon, and before they get through with him will be convinced that he has the brains to put it up to them in a practical and comprehensive manner. They will also find that a real, live, energetic, sensible man is before them.

People of the Athens-Weston district, where one of the best highways on the Pacific coast has been constructed on modern plans, will be interested to learn that the Oregon Agricultural college has taken up the good roads idea in earnest, and the first course in highway chemistry that has ever been offered in any college in the world has just been announced. Prof. John Fulton, of the chemistry department, has taken this step as a result of the increased demand for good roads. The course includes both physical and chemical tests of tars, bituminous products, asphalt and all mixtures such as sand, gravels, rocks and other ingredients of the modern highway. Concrete testing and tests of the chemical changes in all these substances by exposure and weather will form an important part of the

work, as will also the chemical study of surface protection, such as viscous oils. A demonstration road a quarter of a mile long is to be built at the Union Experiment station in order to teach the farmers of that district the methods of building and maintaining good market roads. The land there is a sandy loam which lends itself readily to the sand-clay and oiled earth methods of construction, both of the cheaper sort. One section of the new road will be an ordinary earth road properly crowned and drained but not maintained. Another, built like it, will be kept in regular repair with a road drag. A third will show the sand-clay process, and a fourth will be treated with a heavy oil. Careful record of the cost of construction and maintenance will be kept.

Successful Church Fair and Dinner.

The dinner and sale given by the ladies of the Christian church last Saturday was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in the city. The chicken dinner was sumptuous and served in splendid style, and many compliments were showered upon the management by the large crowd of people who partook of the dinner. The Conundrum supper in the evening also drew a liberal patronage, and the unique menu caused much merriment, but was eminently filling, when such orders as "barnyard melody," with "special clothing," "skipper's habitation," and numerous other puzzling dishes were sent out. The sale of fancy and useful articles by the ladies was also very successful, as was the candy booth, and the sale of Christmas gifts, presided over by the Missionary Circle. The sum total of the day's work was \$192.20, the aid society taking in 144.20, and the Missionary Circle, \$48. The ladies wish to heartily thank the public for their liberal patronage.

Last Lecture of Series.
A splendid lecture on "England" was delivered Wednesday evening by Mr. Mel drum at the Christian church to a large audience. This will be the last of the mid-week lectures for a time, but it is hoped that Mr. Mel drum may see his way clear to resuming these most instructive evenings in the near future. The last of the present series of illustrated sermons will be given next Sunday evening, when the concluding scenes in the Life of Christ, the Resurrection and Ascension, will be shown in the beautiful Fassett pictures. Pastor Mel drum will on the following Sunday begin a new series, the first sermon being "How We Got Our Bible."

Cordova's Stone Pavements.
The oldest pavement of which there is any record in modern cities is that of Cordova, in Spain, which was paved with stones by the Moors in the middle of the ninth century. The Moors also caused water to be conveyed to the city in leaden pipes.

Farmers' Telephone Meeting.
All persons having telephones on Farmers' telephone lines running into Athens are called to meet in mass convention at I. O. O. F. Hall in Athens, on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, 1911, at 1:30 p. m. sharp. Matters of vital importance to all concerned will come up for consideration at that time.
J. W. VanCleave,
Geo. Carmichael,
J. H. Key,
Committee.

Call for Warrants.
Notice is hereby given that the City of Athens will redeem outstanding City warrants bearing serial numbers 327 to 430 inclusive, bearing dates from March 1909 to May 1910. Interest on said warrants will cease on and after this date.
Dated at Athens, Oregon, this 21st day of December, 1911.
V. C. Burke,
City Treasurer.

NOTICE.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athens, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it will be held in its office in Athens, Oregon on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1912, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m.
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In the Justice Court for the District of Athens, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon.
Joe Linsen, Plaintiff,
vs.
H. Howell, Defendant.

To H. Howell, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, within six weeks from the date of the service of this summons upon you, service being made by publication in the Athena Press, a newspaper published at Athens, Umatilla County, Oregon, and if you fail to so answer or plead thereto, for want thereof, plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$51.55 together with plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this action as demanded by the plaintiff's complaint, filed in the above entitled matter.

This summons is published pursuant to that certain order made and entered in the above entitled court in said matter on the 22nd day of November, 1911, by B. B. Richards, Justice of the Peace for the district of Athens, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon. The first publication of this summons is made on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1911 and the last publication will be made on Friday, January 12th, 1912.
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Homer I. Watts,
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