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BERT E. HANEY.

Bert E. Haney, chairman of the democratic state central committee, is a candidate for the office of United States district attorney. There is no man in the state who is better qualified for the duties of this particular office, and none who are more deserving of recognition at the hands of the new administration.

Possessed of extraordinary legal ability, honest and straightforward, popular with the rank and file of the party, and for years a faithful, consistent and progressive democrat, we know of no one who would come nearer performing the duties of this office to the entire satisfaction of the public, or who would reflect more credit upon the administration from whom he receives his appointment.

During the recent campaign he rendered signal service to the cause of progressive democracy. His management of the Oregon campaign was excellent, and to Haney, as much as to any other man in the state, is due the credit for the remarkable victory won by the Oregon democracy at the November election.

In the opinion of the Democrat he should have no opponent, and the democracy of the state should be a unit in demanding his appointment.

THE KING OVATION.

Never has a candidate for an appointive office received a greater ovation at the hands of the Oregon democracy than that accorded to Will R. King at the annual banquet of the Jackson Club of Portland. It was not only a testimonial of the high regard in which he is held by the people of his own county, but of the party leaders of the entire state.

Mr. King may fail to receive the appointment as secretary of the interior. His services to the party may go unrewarded and his high qualifications for the office to which he aspires may be unrecognized at Washington.

But even though he should not receive a place in the president's cabinet, the ovation he received Wednesday night will always be a pleasant recollection and a lasting testimonial of the high regard in which he is held by the Oregon democracy.

A Good Amendment.

"Doctor" Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton has written at least one prescription which should be filled by the state legislature when it attempts to cure the alleged ills of the Oregon System.

One of the series of amendments proposed by the Pendleton attorney eliminates the necessity of circulating and filing petitions for nomination to state, county or municipal office and permits this candidate to pay to the proper officer a small fee in lieu of such petition. The payment of such fee or circulation of the usual petition is left optional with the candidate, and the following schedule is proposed in the bill as drafted by the author:

Candidates for United States senator, congressman, and all state and district offices, except members of the legislature, \$50.00; members of the legislative assembly, \$10.00; sheriff or clerk of any county, \$25.00; and any other county office, \$10.00; any municipal office, one per cent of the annual salary received, and in no case less than \$5.00.

The Democrat is a friend of the Oregon System. We have abundant faith in the wisdom of the majority and are firmly of the opin-

ion that the primary system of selecting candidates should be preserved. We are not one of those, however, who believe that the law has reached that stage of perfection when it is not open to criticism.

What is the purpose of the direct primary? Is it not to encourage men of high attainments to permit the use of their names as candidates for elective office? If this is the purpose of the statute, why encumber the law with unnecessary and unreasonable restrictions? Why require the formality of a nominating petition signed by a certain percentage of qualified electors when the circulation of such petition is only an added burden of expense to the candidate?

Candidates for state office have been known to pay as high as twenty-five cents for each signature obtained, while others are forced to impose upon the good nature of their friends in order to comply with the provisions of this unreasonable statute. It is no trouble to obtain signatures if the candidate is able to hire a few men to present the petition to the electors. The average citizen will sign anything but his death warrant or a promissory note. We therefore conclude that the present requirement bars no candidate from the ballot, unless it is the man who is unable to hire men to circulate his petition and declines to impose upon the good nature of his friends for this service.

In the event that the proposed law is enacted at the next session of the state legislature, the fees derived from this source will partially defray the expense of the election, and both the candidate and the public will be relieved of an unnecessary burden.

Wilson's Tribute to Business Men.

Woodrow Wilson has written for the January issue of the World's Work in an article entitled "The New Freedom." Referring to the problem of corporations, he says:

"What we have to discuss is not wrongs which individuals intentionally do—for I do not believe there are a great many of those—but the wrongs of the system. I want to record my protest against any discussion of this matter, which would seem to indicate that there are bodies of our fellow citizens who are trying to grind us down and do us injustice. There are some men of that sort. I don't know how they sleep at night, but there are men of that kind. Thank God, they are not numerous. The truth is we are all caught in a great economic system which is heartless.

"When I hear judges reason upon the analogy of relationships that used to exist between workmen and their employers a generation ago, I wonder if they have not opened their eyes to the modern world. You know we have a right to expect that judges will have their eyes open, even though the law they administer has not awakened.

"Since I entered politics I have chiefly had men's views confided to me privately. Some of the biggest men in the United States, in the field of commerce and manufacture, are afraid of somebody; are afraid of something.

"American industry is not free as once it was free; American enterprise is not free; the man with only a little capital is finding it harder to get into the field, more and more impossible to compete with the big fellow. Why? Because the laws of this country do not prevent the strong from crushing the weak. That is the reason, and because the strong have crushed the weak, the strong dominate the industry and economic life of the country.

"There is a great deal that needs reconstruction in the United States. I should like to take a census of the business men—I mean the rank and file of the business men—as to whether they think that business conditions in this country, or rather whether the organization of business in this country is satisfactory or not.

"I know what they would say if they dared. If they could vote secretly they would vote overwhelmingly that the present organization of business was meant for the big fellows and was not meant for the little fellows.

"What this country needs above everything else is a body of laws which will look after the men who are on the make rather than the men who are already made. Because the men who are already made are not going to live indefinitely, and they are not always kind enough to leave sons as able and honest as they are.

POPULAR ALBANY YOUNG MAN DEAD

Walter B. Huston Passed Away This Morning at 2:30 o'Clock at St. Marys Hospital.

DECEASED WELL KNOWN SON OF EX-SHERIFF HUSTON

Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon at 1 o'Clock at the Residence of Parents in West Albany.

After an illness of a week, Walter B. Huston, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Huston of this city, passed away at 2:30 o'clock this morning at St. Mary's hospital at the age of 31 years, leaving a wife and 5-year-old son, a father and mother, four brothers and four sisters to mourn his untimely death.

The funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Huston near the Masonic cemetery, tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, with interment in the city cemetery.

Walter B. Huston was born on August 8, 1882, on a farm near the town of Plainview. Here he spent his boyhood days and received his early education. He moved with his parents to this city about nine years ago and had resided here continuously since that time, being engaged in the painting business for some time.

Lately he has been associated with his younger brother, Clarke, in conducting the Pantatorium in the Brenner block. The deceased was married in July, 1906, to Miss Nita Neal of this city and the widow, and her 5-year-old son, Ronald, survive him.

The deceased was a member of Wilamette Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and also of the Fraternal Brotherhood of America, of this city, and the members of these two orders will attend the funeral tomorrow afternoon in a body.

Walter Huston was one of Albany's most popular young men. He was industrious and energetic and leaves many friends among the younger set of this city, to whom the news of his death came as a shock. Mrs. Huston and her son and Mr. and Mrs. Worth Huston and family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire city in their bereavement.

The deceased had been ill only two weeks. He had an attack of appendicitis about ten days ago which finally compelled him to take to his bed. Last week he was removed to St. Mary's hospital where he underwent a delicate operation and it was believed by his physicians that he had a chance for recovery.

He had been steadily failing for the past few days, however, and yesterday all hopes were given up by the doctors for his recovery. The end came quietly and he passed away at 2:30 o'clock this morning, surrounded by the members of his family.

The deceased left the following relatives to mourn his death: Mrs. Nita Huston, his wife, and Ronald, his 5-year-old son; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Huston; four sisters, Ollie Fisher, Mrs. Fannie Biddle, Miss Maude Huston of Albany, and Mrs. Eva Huston Merresse of Vale; and four brothers, Carl Huston, Dell Huston, Ray Huston and Clark Huston, all of this city.

EDITH TOZIER WEATHERED COMING TO THIS CITY

Will Present Oregon Manufacturers Association at Grocers Convention.

Editor Albany Democrat: The Oregon Manufacturers' Association has inaugurated a campaign for the betterment and extension of our home industries. Oregon is greatly in need of a larger payroll, and with the co-operation of the men and women through various clubs and organizations the result will be marvelous.

The Manufacturers' Association will through the columns of the press endeavor to give national publicity to this campaign. It is our endeavor to create and stimulate the habit of asking for home manufactured commodities of every kind, and when these are unobtainable or do not meet with the desired standard then preference is to be given other Western states.

This association will look into the factory possibilities of your community and to such give every encouragement. Oregon has endless opportunities for more industries if we but make an incentive for their establishment.

My service has been secured to do the state campaign work and it will soon be my pleasure to visit your city and systematize a plan whereby every housewife, every man and every child will become a booster for home industries. This will be done without any expense to your citizens. We only ask for co-operation. Yours for home industries, EDITH TOZIER WEATHERED, Organization and Publicity Dept.

OPERATION PERFORMED ON MRS. ASA LEWELLING TODAY

Tangent Lady Had Large Tumor Removed by Drs. Wallace and Davis This Morning.

An operation was performed at St. Mary's hospital shortly after 9 o'clock this morning by Drs. Davis and Wallace, upon Mrs. Asa Lewelling, a well known and highly respected pioneer lady residing at Tangent, for the removal of a tumor.

The operation was successfully performed and the patient has rallied from its effect and is now on the road to recovery. Mrs. Lewelling is the wife of Asa Lewelling, a prominent farmer residing near Tangent and is the mother of Representative-elect L. G. Lewelling of this city.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SECURES TWO FINE MUSICAL NUMBERS

Williams Jubilee Singers and Byrons Troubadors Will Appear Here Soon.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church have been very fortunate in securing the Williams' Jubilee Singers and Byrons' Troubadors, two of the leading companies of musical entertainers in the world, for two entertainments in this city.

The Williams' Jubilee Singers have given entertainments in this city on the Chautauqua platform and have never failed to please their audience. They have an entirely new program for this year and will appear at the First Methodist church on Tuesday evening, January 28th, at 8 o'clock.

Byrons' Troubadors were also one of the strongest musical numbers on last year's Chautauqua program and during their stay here at that time pleased immense crowds. They have been secured to appear at the Methodist church on Monday, February 24th, at 8 o'clock.

G. D. WALTON ASKS THE COURT FOR A DIVORCE

Desertion Is Charge Made in Complaint Filed Today at County Clerk's Office.

G. D. Walton is the plaintiff in a divorce suit which he filed today against Lola Dell Walton.

In his complaint the plaintiff alleges that he and the defendant were married in Linn county in the year 1908; that on or about the 27th day of June, 1911, at Halsey, said defendant, disregarding the marriage vow, willfully and without cause deserted and abandoned the plaintiff and ever since has continued to desert and abandon the plaintiff.

No children were born as a result of the marriage and the plaintiff asks for a judgment and decree on the facts alleged in his complaint.

ALUMNI QUINTET DEFEATED REGULARS AT BASKETBALL

That the high school alumni have the material for coming back was shown last night in a live game of basketball at the Y. M. C. A. gym, when they defeated the regulars of the high school in a fast game, 23 to 12.

With Gene Dooley in the center, George Dooley and Park Stalaker forwards and Eberling and Canfield guards, they put up a strong game both in offensive and defensive. For the regular high school team Abraham did good work at center, Hector and Holland at forward and Birtcher and Briggs at guard; but they were up against some of the best players ever developed in the high school. Prof. Finnerty officiated impartially as referee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson and child, prominent residents of Linn county, residing a few miles north of Albany on the line of the Oregon Electric, visited in this city yesterday.

MRS. J. B. DICKOVER PASSED AWAY TODAY IN PORTLAND

Remains Will Be Brought to This City for Interment; Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Dickover, a former resident of this city, and the wife of J. B. Dickover, a prominent business man of Portland, passed away at her home in the metropolis at 9 o'clock this morning.

The remains will be brought to this city tomorrow for interment and the service will be held at the home of J. W. Dickover, a son of the deceased, 617 West Sixth street, at 3 o'clock.

The service will be conducted by Rev. W. P. White of the United Presbyterian church of this city. Interment will be made in the Masonic cemetery.

RHODES OBJECTS TO USE OF BUILDING BY FIREMEN

Drill Scheduled to Occur There Will Be Held from Roof of Oddfellows Temple.

The fire drill scheduled to occur on next Thursday evening from the roof of the St. Francis hotel has been called off on account of objections made by E. H. Rhodes, owner of the St. Francis hotel property, who claimed that the roof was liable to be made leaky by the firemen walking about on top of the building.

The fire will occur, however, on the Oddfellows' temple directly across the street, permission having been given the firemen by the lodge to use the roof for this purpose. Permission to use the roof was secured through A. M. Holt, chairman of the committee having the building in charge.

The alarm will be sounded at between 7:30 and 8 o'clock by Mayor Gilbert who will send it in over the telephone.

THE WASHINGTON COURT DEFINES A DRUNKARD

If a Man Drinks Before Breakfast He Is Confirmed Drunkard Says Court.

Washington, Jan. 11.—A man may be classed as a habitual drinker when he finds it necessary to take a drink before breakfast. This was a ruling in the United States branch of the police court.

Simon Gowan, who was arraigned on a charge of beating his wife, denied that he was a "regular" drinker. When he admitted that he drank before breakfast, the court announced he had heard enough. Gowan was forbidden taking cocktails at breakfast.

CITY NEWS.

Miss Gertie Taylor who for several months has been acting in the capacity of society editor of the Democrat, left this week for Corvallis where she will take a three weeks' course in domestic science. The social news will appear in the issue of next Saturday.

Captain Frank Powell and Lieutenants Stalaker and Gilbert of this city have received an invitation to attend a reception to the members of the state legislature which will be tendered to them this evening on board the United States cruiser "Boston" at Portland. Major Winn of this city will attend the reception.

The regular weekly dance of the Soiree Club of this city, for which invitations have been issued for several days, will be held at the armory this evening at 9 o'clock.

D. C. McClure and wife of Houston, Texas, are in Albany with the idea of purchasing property and making this place their future place of abode. Mr. McClure was here in 1907 and was so well impressed with the country that he concluded to locate in the event that the climate agrees with his wife's health.

R. A. Leabo vs. M. A. Wright is the title of a civil suit which was filed today at the office of County Clerk Willard Marks. The plaintiff brought suit on a note for the sum of \$61.00, which he alleges is due and payable.

R. E. Houston, one of the well known residents of Linn county, called at the Democrat office this afternoon to renew his subscription. His father, who was one of the pioneers of Oregon, was one of the first subscribers to the States Rights Democrat, and the paper has been continued by his son from that day to the present time.

Albert L. Kullander, the courteous and popular clerk in the jewelry store of C. O. Anderson of this city, left this evening for Portland where he will spend Sunday with his father who is receiving medical treatment in the metropolis.

ROAD SUPERVISORS ARE APPOINTED

Unanimous Agreement Reached on Applicants in All but Two Districts.

APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT EXPECTED UNTIL MONDAY

Next Year the Election Will Be to Determine Choice of People.

It was a complete surprise to those who were close to the political situation in Linn county when the county court announced this morning that the list of appointments for supervisors in the various Linn county districts had been agreed upon by the members all but two districts in the county. These districts are No. 14 (Shelburn) and No. 15 (North Scio). The present appointees in these districts will hold over until the next session of the court.

There were nearly 100 applications for the positions in the 33 districts and the fights in some of these districts were bitter. In speaking of the matter this morning Judge McKnight and other members of the county board stated that all of the applicants were qualified for the offices to which they aspired, and in most cases it was exceedingly difficult to decide as to which candidate had the greatest claims upon the office. Next year the court will not pass upon the merits of the applicants, but call an election in the various districts and permit the electorate to decide as to their choice for road supervisor. All of the following appointees were unanimously agreed upon by the three members of the county court: ("R" indicates that applicant has been re-appointed):

- 1 Near Albany, J. D. Isom, R.
- 2 Oakville, M. S. Coon.
- 3 Shedd, E. G. Fugh, R.
- 4 Halsey, J. C. Standish, R.
- 5 North Harrisburg, Ed. Nixon, R.
- 6 South Harrisburg, D. H. Pierce, R.
- 7 South Brownsville, T. C. Isom, R.
- 8 North Brownsville, A. L. Kirk, R.
- 9 Center, to be filled later.
- 10 Tangent, W. C. Scott, R.
- 11 Syracuse, G. A. Asche, R.
- 12 Near Albany, E. B. Wallace, R.
- 13 Tallman, Thos. Reidy, R.
- 14 Shelburn, to be filled later.
- 15 North Scio, to be filled later.
- 16 South Scio, T. M. Holt, R.
- 17 Crabtree, J. L. Griggs, R.
- 18 North Lebanon, W. L. Wallace, R.
- 19 South Lebanon, C. D. Steen.
- 20 Sodaville, H. D. Klum.
- 21 Crawfordsville, W. M. Moss.
- 22 Foster, J. H. Reinhardt, R.
- 23 Waterloo-Berlin, Roy G. Miller.
- 24 Lacombe, T. M. Downing, R.
- 25 Jordan, Nickolas Endres, R.
- 26 Near Albany, J. A. Dumond.
- 27 Mill City, E. L. Shepherd, R.
- 28 Sweet Home, John A. Brown, R.
- 29 Waterloo, H. S. Heyne, R.
- 30 Kingston, John Sandner.
- 31 Near Albany, W. H. Hulbert, R.
- 32 Harrisburg, Francis Kizer, R.
- 33 Thomas, M. S. Allen.

ATTORNEY RUSS WYATT SUED FOR DIVORCE IN PORTLAND

Infidelity and gross and habitual drunkenness are charged against John Russell Wyatt, formerly a deputy United States District Attorney, and brother-in-law of Senator Bourne, in a divorce suit instituted by Lydia Wyatt in the circuit court yesterday, says today's Oregonian.

Real estate of the value of between \$70,000 and \$80,000 is listed in the complaint as owned either in entirety or by the defendant or plaintiff individually. It consists of 40 acres in Base Line road, city property in Albany, Or., two lots in Barton's Addition, Portland, and valuable acreage in Linn, Josephine and other counties of the state.

Mrs. Wyatt wants two-thirds of the property held in entirety, her half and a third of her husband's half; asks that her ownership of the property in her name be confirmed free of any incumbrances arising from the marriage relations and demands a third, or dower portion, of the property owned by the defendant individually.

It is asserted in the complaint that the defendant has become so intoxicated on various occasions during the past year that he has been incapacitated for days at a time.

Mrs. Wyatt was formerly Mrs. Fisher, widow of a wealthy Albany brewer.

Mrs. Emma Byrnes of this city left this morning for Spokane, Wash., accompanied by her mother, Mrs. M. M. LeFrancis. Mrs. LeFrancis is now 84 years of age and her health is failing, so it was decided to take her to Spokane to spend her declining days at the home of her daughters in that city.

Dr. Lowe, Jan. 30 and 31.

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GEORGIANA FORSTER, Administratrix of the Estate of Henry W. Settemore, Deceased, vs. WEATHERFORD & WEATHERFORD, Attorneys for Admrs. J17-F14