

A MAN OF CHARACTER

Max Gehlar, county clerk and candidate for district attorney, is without doubt the best known, strongest and most popular candidate in the county campaign. He has served the county faithfully. He has saved the tax-payers thousands of dollars. He is always courteous and accommodating; always on the job; and in his campaign for district attorney is resorting to no unfair methods to influence voters, but is conducting a clean, dignified, honorable campaign. He will conduct the district attorney's office in the same manner. Voters should not be fooled by the frantic appeals to prejudice made by a small but noisy class opposed to Gehlar. He is a candidate who has made no promises, and owes no allegiance to any ring or faction. He will enforce the law fearlessly and efficiently. No Marion County official ever stood higher in the confidence of the electorate than Gehlar, and none has ever deserved that confidence more. His ability, his energy, his loyalty to the people, his quiet demeanor, his genial disposition and general popularity are features of his character that not only insure his election as district attorney, but also presage higher political honors if he cares for further political preferment.

FUR SEASON OPEN.

The deer season closed Tuesday October 31, as did the season for 6 inch to 10 inch trout. Trout over 10 inches may be caught at any time. The open season for fur bearing animals, (otter, mink, fisher, marten and muskrat) opened November 1. No one is allowed to hunt or trap fur bearing animals at any time (on other than his own premises) without a trapper's license issued by the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners. The license costs \$1.

The "Iron Claw" gains in popularity each week at Sim's Theatre, and is without doubt the best photoplay ever shown in any small town. The Pathe News is another exclusive high grade feature shown each week, while a good comedy reel is shown each Sunday and Wednesday night.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Aurora High School has lost one of its students, Miss May Moore having left for Denver, Colorado Monday. The High School students gave her a farewell party Saturday evening.

A straw vote among the High School students Tuesday resulted in a Hughes victory by a vote of 9 for Hughes to 5 for Wilson.

The study of Latin and singing does not seem to prosper. It is said that the voices of the students need "plowing and harrowing," i. e., cultivation.

The Aurora Theatre presents some of the uniformly best Movie features to be seen any where in photoplays and comedy. These are offered the moving picture public at the lowest prices—5 cents to all—that any high class films were ever shown anywhere. Why pay more?

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

A comparison of the assessed valuations of the cities, school districts, and road districts of Marion County for the years 1915 and 1916 reveals some interesting facts. The valuation in this city has been reduced over \$8,000. Aumsville, Donald and Sublimity are the only towns that made any gain in valuation over last year. Aumsville's valuation increased about \$2000, Donald's about \$400, and Sublimity's about \$8000.

The Aurora school district's valuation decreased over \$15,000, Butteville \$31,000, Donald \$31,000, and Chamboeg \$14,000, Hubbard \$20,000, White School \$3,000, Woodburn \$24,000, Silverton \$122,000, and Salem \$185,000.

The Aurora Road Districts assessment fell off \$10,090, Butteville's \$83,000, Donald's \$8,000, and Hubbard's \$32,000.

The figures below show the valuation of the property in the cities and districts mentioned, for the years 1915 and 1916. These figures however do not include the valuations of the public utility corporations as these are fixed by the State Tax Commission—not by the county assessor. The 1915 valuation of public corporation property such as rail roads, street rail ways, telegraphs, electric light, and telephone lines is given at the end of this article and if added to the 1916 figures for other property will give an approximate idea of the total valuation for this year.

CITIES.	1915.	1916.
Aurora	\$146,676	\$154,720
Aumsville	115,070	113,435
Butteville	11,220	13,400
Donald	47,515	47,145
Gervas	131,615	133,355
Hubbard	159,460	174,790
Jefferson	158,235	170,450
Mt Angel	287,150	317,955
Salem	10,485,640	11,661,320
Silverton	988,265	1,089,613
St Paul	50,695	53,430
Sublimity	65,570	56,870
Turner	99,980	110,790
Woodburn	764,395	816,405
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	1915	1916
Aurora	\$861,275	\$376,826
Butteville	307,380	338,040
Donald	283,650	314,005
Chamboeg	236,160	249,785
Hubbard	495,490	515,060
White School	304,025	309,385
Woodburn	1,419,780	1,395,259
Silverton	925,445	1,047,381
Salem	11,221,560	11,406,760
ROAD DISTRICTS	1915	1916
Aurora	\$325,270	\$335,436
Butteville	301,790	384,525
Donald	453,080	461,481
Hubbard	560,785	592,520

Below is the valuation of the public utility corporations in each of the districts named, for last year. It will be some weeks yet before the 1916 figures are announced by the State Tax Commissioner:

CITIES	1915
Aurora	\$34,130
Aumsville	19,597
Butteville	113
Donald	20,529
Gervas	31,542
Hubbard	52,944
Jefferson	64,695
Mt Angel	31,951
Salem	1,187,174
Silverton	44,527
St Paul	3,265
Sublimity	498
Turner	61,477
Woodburn	142,240
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	1915
Aurora	\$87,129
Butteville	84,907
Donald	100,760
Chamboeg	831
Hubbard	150,663
White	108,126
Woodburn	154,335
Silverton	86,759
Salem	1,287,257
ROAD DISTRICTS	1915
Aurora	\$123,485
Butteville	96,646
Donald	126,242
Hubbard	103,061

W. E. Purdy has lost another of the many cases he has begun against the estate of H. D. Winters, the latest decision by the Supreme Court affirming a decision by Judge McGinn of Portland.

The Business Men's ticket nominated at Woodburn last week consists of the following for city officers, to be voted upon November 7: Mayor, John I. Steelhammer; Councilmen, M. J. Olson and W. H. Broyles, G. H. Beebe; Treasurer, H. M. Austin.

DONALD FAIR WINNERS

Among the prize winners at the Donald School Fair were the following:

Paul Gooding, who won second on sunflowers, beets, potatoes, cabbage, and first on onions and best garden exhibit.

Russell Tauffest won first on pumpkins, and Mabel Tauffest second on fancy work and first on best apron.

Delbert Feller won first on sunflowers, and best cat.

Andrew Wilson won second on pumpkins and first on beets.

Luella Young won first prize in manual arts, second for best dog and best biscuits; and first on dress.

Lawrence Lindsay won first on cabbage.

Gerald Cone took first prize on best pen of chickens, best dog, and second on hen.

Arnold Matthieu won the second prize in manual arts.

Russell Dentel carried away the second prize on canned vegetables, first on canned fruit.

Ivan Dentel won second on sweet corn and second on garden exhibit and Wayne Dentel first on best hen, first on rooster, first on duck.

Harry Cone won the first prize for the best bouquet of flowers; Catherine Osborne, second.

Joe Berharst, second on onions, first on squash and Rose Berharst first on cookies.

Walter Freeman, on sweet corn, first.

Carl Sanders received first on best display of potatoes, and Howard Freeman first on rabbits.

Edward Burnham took first on canned vegetables, and Earl Burnham second on pop corn.

Idell Lamb won second for the best dress, Alice Pendleton first for best darning and best jelly; and Viva Dawes, second for darning and for apron.

Milton Hunsberg won first prize on corn and Lyle Yergen, second.

Frances Kuensting won first for best fancy work and best loaf cake.

Gladys Prink was awarded first prize on patchwork, and Olga Hunsberg, second. The latter also won second on cookies.

Ruth Yergen was first for bread and second for loaf cake.

Helen Hoskins took first award for best biscuits, best pie.

Bertha Arnold exhibited bread that took second prize, Beatrice Becker, jelly that won second, Lillian Feller, canned fruit that took second, and Alline Drummond won first on pop.

Artie Bittick exhibited second best pie and took first on layer cake.

Allen Miller took first prize for the best pie exhibited, and Donald Eppers, second.

Catherins Osborne won second on layer cake, Henry Moore second for cat, Enoe Feller second for duck, Ethel Bixel second for pen of chickens.

George Kunkle took first for best bantams, and Donald Eppers, second.

COUNTY NEWS

The Clackamas County tax collector estimates the amount of delinquent taxes at more than \$75,000, which is \$10,000 more than last year. In Multnomah County the delinquent taxes amount to \$600,000.

In 1915 Marion County had 1660 automobiles, this year to date it has 2232. Last year Clackamas County had 793, this year 1143. The total number in Oregon last year was 23,585, this year to date, 32,714.

A mass meeting of Donald citizens has nominated the following candidates for city officers: Mayor, George Lamb; Councilmen, S. A. Williams, J. P. Feller, G. A. Cone; Recorder, O. O. Freeman; Marshal, M. R. DeSart.

CAREY MARTIN ROBBED

Carey F. Martin, Salem attorney, and owner of numerous houses, which he leases, was the victim last week of high class thieves, who broke into one of Martin's houses, carried away faucets, water pipe connections, and about everything else of value, ending up by tearing down the barn in the back yard and carting it away, leaving Martin to clean up the trash and rubbish, upon the peremptory order of the city health department. The Salem police should apprehend the guilty parties and give Mr. Martin a chance to play even by clearing the offender of the charge against them—for a

WEATHERFORD THE MAN

Mark Weatherford, candidate for Congressman, is a brilliant attorney, a deep thinker, yet one of the liveliest hustlers in the state. In a word, he is a man of ability, energy, and integrity. His opponent congressman Hawley, has done nothing in congress that any man of mediocre ability could not do. His record is composed mostly of promises and claims, therefore he is entitled to nothing on his record. But because he is a Republican, he has been sent term after term to mis-represent the people of this district at Washington. It is time to let party ties loosen. Let those who cry "Vote-'er straight" go hang! The writer is a Republican, but not one of the "yellow dog" kind. Parties are no better than the men they elect, and if they elect "do-nothings" like Hawley, whose chief efforts are focused on private pension bills, changes in rural mail routes, distribution of seeds and correspondence with vote-controlling constituents, then it is time for the wide-awake, liberal members of that party to break away from party candidates. It is time to displace mediocrity and incompetence with ability and energy. It is time to vote for Mark Weatherford for Congress.

MAY AFFECT SCHOOL LEVIES

According to Ben F. West, county assessor, if the amendment to the constitution making provision that school districts can only levy six per cent of the past year's tax levy passes at the election in November, a number of school districts in Marion county will have to hold an election and make another levy. Under the present Bingham law the tax levy for school districts is not to exceed six per cent of the past two years. The new amendment would reduce this to one year, which, as the tax levies have practically all been made, will cause some school districts to exceed the six per cent limit should the measure become a law. The school district election would have to be held in order to comply with the new law.—Salem Journal.

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ONION SMUT ALARMS

It is becoming more and more evident that the onion set raisers and onion seed raisers of this section will sooner or later realize the need of an organization of effort to protect themselves from the increasing menace of smut. The disease is in the soil and not in the seed as was first supposed. Smut can be carried from one field to another on the shoes of men, on the feet of animals and on the tools used in cultivation. Rotation of crops does not kill it. The only way to keep smut from being communicated to new fields is not to contaminate the new field with tools used on infected ground that cannot be purified with fire.—Hubbard Enterprise.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The knocker is a curious cuss,
He never starts to whine
Or fling his envious shafts at us
Until our work is fine.
It's only men with skill to do
Real work he tries to block,
And so congratulations to
The man the knockers knock.

MACKSBURG

Services were held at the Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 29th. The Mennonite Congregation has changed their time of meeting at the session. A children's service pre-Bethel Chapel to two o'clock instead of half-past-two, for their afternoon cedes the evening worship.

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