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TWO LADY COUNCIL- MEN ARE ELECTED

Lady Voters Out in Good Force—Good Natured Rivalry Rules in the Contest

Sweet Home elected a full board of city officers Monday.

While good-natured rivalry was evident throughout the day, a deep interest was manifested.

Because the councilmen elect failed to qualify within the time specified by the charter, it was necessary to elect a complete board of councilmen at this time. The charter requires that officers elect shall qualify within five days after the date of election.

The vote as tabulated by the election board follows:

For Mayor—H. M. Myer 57, Chas. Lyon 44.

For Recorder—T. L. Dugger 15, R. W. Van Fleet 78.

For Treasurer—W. B. Thompson 77, Lemuel Tittle 21.

For Councilmen, one year—W. H. Goings 31, Dave Doerfer 20, M. J. Nye 52, M. W. Smead 73, E. Post 55, Henry Thompson 59.

Councilmen, two years—Mrs. J. A. Thompson 61, Mrs. Chas. Lyon 47, Mrs. L. K. Geil 21, W. H. Putman 34, W. H. Daugherty 59, H. R. Slavens 42.

Thanksgiving Dinner

G. C. Burnett and granddaughter Mrs. Smith were entertained at dinner Thanksgiving by Mrs. Philippi at the home of Mrs. Catherine Burnett, sister-in-law of Mr. Burnett. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Slavens, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Putman, Jim Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Philippi and daughter. Later in the evening came Lora Nye, Audera Devine, Ruth States, Goldie and Lester Burnett, Lucy McCoy, Vivian Weddle.

Mr. Burnett and Mrs. Smith have spent the past six weeks in and around Sweet Home, most of the time with Mrs. Philippi and Mrs. Burnett. They left last Friday for Albany and Eugene, accompanied by Mrs. Philippi, where they will spend a few days before going to California for a visit on their way to their home in Illinois.

12-4 Mulligan

The authentic news that squatters on 12-4 lands will be permitted to file on claims to their homesteads on December 22, has occasioned about 80 different varieties of smiles on the faces of the boys in the township. A glance up and down the trails is convincing that the filing is richly deserved by the Middle Fork homesteaders.

Ye correspondent to the 12-4 news column in the Tribune, is nursing his writing hand this week, as a result of handing a "haymaker" on the jaw of one of his fellow homesteaders. Step down and out of the calcuna, Mike, there's a new "white hope" in the township. We hope to receive our next issue of the Police Gazette soon, containing a full length likeness of our pugilistic neighbor, Cheer up Chad! "Ole" Johnsen has retired from the chicken business. "Ole" read about that Lebanon hen and got discouraged. In place of caring for his recent flock he is now nursing a sore leg.

No, Mike is not running a fire department even though his pack steeds did scatter several lengths of "hose" along the trail.

The population of 12-4 has increased considerably in the past two or three weeks and nearly all remaining unoccupied land has been taken up during the recent exodus of new homesteaders.

Charlie Limbrick has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism the past month, but is greatly improved at this writing.

Frank Botts has a new root house and a "hired girl." The "hired girl" built the root house and the latter works in fine shape. However, the new "domestic" doesn't and Frank is thinking of seeking a change.

From three inches to four feet of snow fell in the mounting the fore part of the week and for a couple of days it appeared to be the commencement of another hard winter. Hard rains have been the order of the day since the recent snowfall.

Foster, Sweet Home and Lecanon will view quite a parade of homesteaders on their way to Portland, between now and the 22nd. After securing a filing and haircut, all will journey back to their respective cabins and the reign of baking powder and sour dough. It is reported that an extra force of police have been detailed to report at headquarters in Portland on the 22nd. 12-4s reputation for big firs and pugilists has gone abroad, evidently.

The trail to Whitcomb and the road from that place to Foster are in the worst condition of the season. But in spite of this condition, travel has been noticeably heavy of late.

Ralph Blanchard

Our County court may be censured by taxpayers for making a high tax levy, this year. The Court will not be to blame; for most of the levy is fixed by legislative action. The special roadtax levy, is about all the Court has authority to fix.

Agate mounting, gold filled or solid gold. Stacy, Lebanon.

GOVERNMENT O. K. WASHINGTONS SURVEY

The Compass Used, Though it Was an Old Timer, in Good Hands, Did Good Work

Government surveyors, who have just been checking up some of the lines reputed to have been run by George Washington in his days of chain and compass work, have found them good.

About 1751, according to tradition, George Washington, then 19 years old, ran out for Lord Thomas Fairfax the line between what was then to be Augusta and Frederick counties, Virginia, this being only a part of a great deal of surveying which he is said to have been engaged upon at that time. These two counties were separated from what was then Orange county, and the grant to Lord Fairfax was supposed to extend westward to the Pacific ocean. Subsequently these large tracts were further subdivided so that the "Fairfax line," as it is generally known, runs now between Rockingham and Shenandoah counties, with the original Augusta and Frederick counties to the south and north respectively.

In the organic act for the formation of the two counties, or "parishes" as they were then called, it was required that the line should be a straight one from the head spring of Hedgman river, one of the sources of the Rappahannock, to the head spring of the Potomac.

Since it was required that the line should be straight it was first necessary to get the approximate course by building large bonfires on the intervening high points. Then starting from the top of the Massanutten mountains, the line was run straight away over intervening mountains and rivers toward the northwest.

Away off across a part of what is now West Virginia there is a large rock known today as the Fairfax Stone. It is the monument which marks the southwest corner of Garrett county, Md., the southeast corner of Preston county, W. Va., and prominent points in the boundaries in two other West Virginia counties. A line from Orange court house, coinciding with the Shenandoah and Rockingham county line, passes through this Fairfax Stone, which gives the name to a nearby station, Fairfax, on the Western Maryland railroad. It has been assumed that in running this line, a high peak northwest of Orange court house was the starting point, and that from here it was possible to see a distant peak in the north mountain range over the top of the intervening Massanutten mountain.

Washington, of course, used a simple compass, and his line could not be expected to check absolutely with that obtained by the government surveyors who have retraced his survey, using high-power transits and all the refined and accurate methods which modern instruments allow. Nevertheless the line was

Holley Items

Delayed from last week

A very enjoyable dance was given Friday night at McQueen's Hall under the management of Messrs Hildreth and Cohorn. First class music was furnished by Jess Cohorn and Harley Hamilton. A large crowd was present and the young folks enjoyed dancing until a late hour.

Prof. C. L. Malone is attending Teacher' Institute this week.

Mrs. Joe Thompson made a business trip to Sweet Home last Thursday.

A birthday party was given Sunday at the residence of Jess Cohorn in honor of the hosts birthday. A large company of friends and relatives responded to invitation and did their best to help him remember his 43rd birthday. An excellent dinner was served. With music and conversation an enjoyable day was spent by all. The guests departed wishing Mr. Cohorn many happy returns of the day. Among those present were as follows: Messers and Mesdames Homer Rice, Ecles Murphy, Pleas Robnett, James Putman, Roy Garrett, Roy Smead Lizzie Murphy, Walter Yates, Misses Verne and Edna Robnett and O. L. McDowell.

A dance will be given at McQueen's hall Friday night after the basket supper.

run so carefully in the first place that but little variation has been found in it. Even without instruments it is possible to distinguish the course of the line with surprising distinctness. From the top of Middle mountain in the Massanutten range, the Shenandoah-Rockingham, or Fairfax line can be readily followed by means of the boundary fences dating from earliest days, and by the blocks of timber alternately cleared away or left standing, which comes up from either county and stop at the line, like squares in a checkerboard. Then if one turns to the southeast the same demarkations are plain across the valley of the south fork of the Shenandoah, cutting straight through the present Page county, which is made of land formerly in Shenandoah county, belonging to the Fairfax grant, and partly from land formerly in Rockingham. Thus, as far as the eye can see in either direction, this old line shows plainly.

The Washington compass, now to be seen at the U. S. National museum in the city named for its owner, is presumed to be the same one used in running this line more than 160 years ago.

The Fairfax stone stands as a permanent monument. In addition there are, throughout that section of the country, various other records of these Washington surveys. For example, a large white oak which stands at the corner of a farm about 1½ miles from Lost City, W. Va., was, according to a persistent story of that section of the country, marked by Washington.

Survey blazes cut into trees, and since grown over, have been cut away, and a count of the annual layers of growth over the old wound

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STATE TAX LEVY LARGELY INCREASED

Increase Due to Legislative Appropriations ---Linns Share of the Burden is Over \$150,000

Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—Because of the inability of the State Tax Commission heretofore to anticipate state expenditures and make approximately uniform levies, the levy this year, according to figures given out by the Commission today, will be the largest in the history of the state. The total assessed valuation of the state is \$954,282,374, an increase of \$49,270,695 over last year, and, despite this increase, there will be a levy of at least 5 mills as against a levy of 1.45 mills last year.

The appropriations and other expenditures of the last Legislature, which must be paid from the taxes to be collected next year, are responsible for the increase. It is estimated that \$4,700,000 will be needed for state purposes. The amount this year was \$1,122,214.48.

The last Legislature, however, passed a law giving the Commission power to anticipate such expenditures and as a result levies in the future will be more uniform.

The full cash value of all public-service corporations in the state is fixed at \$182,117,694.58, as against \$172,852,451 last year, and the taxable value as apportioned according to county ratios of assessment to full cash values \$119,017,202, as against \$111,916,498 last year.

Railroads will pay taxes this year on taxable value as apportioned according to county ratios on \$84,248,677.43 and electric power and street railway companies on \$27,710,838.19.

Telephone companies will pay taxes on property valued at \$5,233,429.66. Of the public-service corporations the O. W. R. & N. Company will pay taxes on the highest valuation, \$35,686,715, the cash value of its property as equalized being \$50,256,560. The Southern Pacific Company comes next with a taxable valuation of \$25,041,789 and a cash valuation as equalized of \$38,028,939, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company a taxable valuation of \$21,185,339 and a cash valuation as equalized of \$35,960,832.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is given a taxable valuation of \$3,687,876 and cash valuation of \$5,916,329.

Lecture Tuesday Evening Dec. 9

Rev. B. H. Neibel, corresponding secretary of the Evangelical church will lecture on the above date in the church. The lecture will be free to all. Don't miss hearing this popular man and his great lecture.

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L. H. Wood pastor

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