

Oregonian Freed of Slush Fund Charge

The dastardly last-minute charge trumped up against the Oregonian, intended to indirectly hit Steiwer, has been knocked into a cocked hat by the speedy investigation and its shown to have been hatched in the lower regions and having no basis in fact.

It has become a boomerang, reflecting upon the fairness and good purposes of its perpetrators and winning many doubters to the Steiwer side.

C. C. Chapman, one of the closest political analysts, who had rather hesitatingly recommended the reelection of Stanfield, has apparently swung over to the support of the regular nominee, expressing his disgust at the tactics used or sanctioned by the Stanfield element. He makes an open statement in today's Oregonian of his "conversion," though he says his paper, The Oregon Voter, went to press too early to permit him to express his changed opinion.

He says in part: "At no time was any testimony presented that even tended remotely to establish in the mind of an impartial hearer any suspicion that there might be a real foundation or any excuse for making the charges under investigation. Not one jot of evidence was offered even to suggest that these calumnies were repeated on anything resembling responsible authority. The testimony given in support of the charges not only fell by its own weight, before opportunity was developed for denial, but revealed that the charges were mere repetition of preposterous rumors from irresponsible sources.

"What a spectacle is presented in this fiasco. The honored names of men of established reputation in our own community are permitted to be subjected to slander based on rumors so wild that those who gave them substance by repetition are unable to cite any authority that could be expected to confirm their authenticity. The names of these reputable fellow-citizens were broadcast throughout the state and nation as men accused of complicity in a transaction so revoltingly disreputable that no person who knew these men well could for a moment harbor the slightest doubt of their complete and utter innocence. Yet the great public is told that these men are charged with using corrupt methods and when the men responsible for circulating this charge are placed on the stand they are unable to cite any authority for their statements that could be regarded as reliable.

"The first part of the hearing was devoted to taking all the testimony that could be raked up in support of these charges. The only conclusion that could be drawn was that there was no basis for them. The second part was devoted to hearing the charges denied by men who never should have been subjected to the humiliation of being asked to deny such baseless allegations. The hearing concluded with repudiation of the charges by the alleged authorities cited by the witnesses for the prosecution.

"These charges constituted an attack upon the integrity of the public press, which is bad enough, but newspapers can defend themselves with their own readers. It was far worse that individuals were placed in the light of being accused.

"No matter how honorably a man may conduct himself in his daily life, his good name is not safe if methods of this kind are countenanced by the public. If the people of Oregon could have sat in at the hearing from beginning to end, as I did, their indignation would know no bounds.

"Permit me also to state my conclusion, after listening to the testimony as well as observing his conduct throughout his campaign, that Frederick Steiwer is not only entirely innocent of the charges brought against him but has handled himself honorably and generously throughout the campaign."

A SURE WINNER



Frederick Steiwer.

Republican candidate for the United States senate, whose chances, already good, have been helped rather than injured by the slush fund charge which has been proved utterly baseless.

P.-T. A. Reception Brings Out Patrons

Judging the interest by the attendance at the reception to the high school teachers on Tuesday evening, it is evident that the patrons and friends of the Gresham union high school district will offer a hearty cooperation with the members of the faculty in matters pertaining to the school. The reception was sponsored by the newly organized Parent-Teacher association, and drew interested parents and friends from all parts of the district. There was also a goodly number of pupils of the school, members of the orchestra and the glee clubs, who gave several much appreciated numbers under the direction of Miss Alice Prindle, in charge of the music department of the school. About 300 were present to enjoy the varied program, and to later join in an informal social hour when parents and teachers greeted one another and partook of punch and wafers served by the refreshment committee.

The musical numbers were all greatly enjoyed. They included selections by the Lota Stone whistling quartet. One member of the quartet, Miss Doris Leithold, gave fancy dance numbers which brought down the house.

R. M. Beehler, president of the P.-T. A., presided at the program. He called on Clifford G. Schneider, who represented Mayor Charles Cleveland in greeting the teachers for the city of Gresham; Mrs. H. L. St. Clair for the patrons of the district; W. J. Cooper for the Tri-Y club; C. M. Quicksall for the grade school; and Miss Eve M. Hutchison, a former popular teacher of the school, who was given the subject "For Auld Lang Syne."

The next regular meeting of the association will be on Wednesday evening, November 3, and not only the parents are invited but any who feel interested in the activities or welfare of the high school. At this meeting a membership roll will be made and there will be a general discussion of topics of interest.

An added feature at the next meeting will be the possible organization of classes among the women in sewing, millinery, etc., in charge of Miss Bess Chappell, extension department representative from Oregon Agricultural college. A professional instructor will have charge of the work which is to be partly supported by the provisions of the Smith-Hughes act. The range of these classes will cover a circuit including Gresham, Estacada, Oregon City, West Linn and possibly Parkrose.

Tractor Demonstration Planned. The Berry Grower's Packing company has added the "Centaur" tractor to the equipment offered to its members and others. This tractor takes the place of a horse or horses on the small farm or berry ranch. Chas. A. Rogers, who has charge of sales, is arranging for a demonstration very soon and invites all farmers to watch for announcements.—Adv.

MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON

There are two normal school measures on the ballot to be voted on November 2. Both are submitted by the legislature. Their submission to the voters of the state is necessary to meet the requirement of the state constitution that the location of public institutions be decided by the electors when such institutions are not located at the state capital.

One of these measures proposes locating a state normal at Seaside, the other proposes locating one in eastern Oregon.

Seaside and Clatsop county present some good reasons for having a normal school located at Seaside. They are based mainly on the claim of healthful and convenient location. But many other localities have as good claims. Of course, it would be very nice to have a state normal at Seaside, but is it really needed? Would it accommodate as many as in some other locations in the state? In the affirmative argument it is said the voting of this measure does not appropriate any money for carrying out the purpose—the legislature must do that. But if it is voted favorably the legislature can easily be appealed to and perhaps influenced to establish the school.

Oregon now has two normals, one at Monmouth and one at Ashland. These are at points widely separated and ought for some time to do for the needs of western Oregon.

The other measure, the eastern Oregon normal school act, presents a different situation. The voter is asked to authorize the establishment of a state normal in the portion of Oregon east of the Cascades, "the board of regents of state normal schools to choose the location," in one of the eastern Oregon counties of which all 18 are named in the act.

Here is a portion of the state, about two-thirds in area, without a normal school. Sections of it are sparsely settled but others are not. In the affirmative argument for the eastern Oregon state normal school act it is stated:

"To obtain a teacher's certificate qualifying one to teach in the elementary schools of Oregon, one must have been trained in a standard normal school. About 1,200 new teachers are required for the elementary schools of Oregon each year. With the normal schools at Monmouth and Ashland equipped to train less than half of that number, the demand for a normal school in eastern Oregon should be met. The proper training of our young children can be accomplished in no other way."

All things considered we think it fair to vote against the Seaside measure and favor the eastern Oregon normal school measure.

The Outlook finds its time and space will not permit a thorough discussion of all the measures on the November 2 ballot but it will suggest a few recommendations based on the best of its knowledge and belief.

The Recall Amendment and the amendment to Fill Vacancies in Public office are closely related and should each be voted Yes. Both are constitutional amendments to improve procedure in cases of vacancies in public office, doing away with the double election in case of recall vote that is, voting to recall and voting for candidates to fill the

There are two measures on the Gresham city ballot that should not be overlooked. We will mention the least important first, the one initiated by 64 voters asking for a charter amendment to provide that the city marshal shall be made an appointive office instead of elective. That is that the marshal be appointed or, if deemed necessary, removed by the council. This would put the marshal on about the same basis as the chief of police of most cities. This is not a new plan, is in effect in many cities, and has many advantages. The marshal's salary is fixed by the council. It cannot be changed during the two year term of an incumbent. When a vacancy has occurred the council has sometimes made it a competitive proposition, asking for bids. If a marshal is negligent the council has no recourse. He is subject to recall in the same manner as any civil officer.

The other measure, the first on the ballot, is still more important. It relates to the city's finances. On account of certain rulings of the tax commission correcting their

office affected on the same ballot. When an office is made vacant by the recall it shall be filled as in any other case of vacancy. The other amendment provides that the governor may make an appointment to fill a vacancy in any elective office of the state and such appointment shall hold until the next general election, provided the vacancy occur more than 20 days prior to such general election. This should be voted yes.

There are several county bonding measures. They relate to Klamath, Curry and Clackamas counties. In brief they are designed to permit these counties to vote bonds, within certain limits, to fund or validate their warrant indebtedness which they have no other way of meeting on account of the six per cent limitation increase in taxation. These counties ask for this privilege, as others have done, and they should be granted the constitutional right.

The Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital act should be voted yes.

The Cigarette and Tobacco Tax bill should be voted no. It is referred by the Oregon Retail Cigar Dealers association and proposes a tax on cigarettes and, the "makings" but not on other tobacco such as cigars. Why not cover all or none?

There are two measures relating to regulation of busses and trucks. The first one, 324 and 325 on the ballot, was passed by the last legislature and a referendum was called on it by the Oregon Motor Stage association.

The second bill is initiated by the Oregon Motor Stage association, to offset the former and is 330 and 331 on the ballot.

The Oregon Voter, which goes into these matters very carefully, recommends voting yes on the first bill, the legislative measure and against the second measure. There is no use to vote both yes. Better vote both no. The Outlook urges that both bills be voted No.

No one is better informed on such matters than Joe Dunne, president of the Oregon State Motor association. He says the first bill is in the interests of the railroads as against the busses. The second is solely in the interests of the bus and truck companies as against the railroads. Both are unfair and incomplete. The Automotive Conference, composed of all motor interests, recommends that both bills be killed.

Voters are urged to vote against the act appropriating ten per cent from the receipts of the self-sustaining state boards. This is not fair and establishes a bad precedent.

Last but not least—the Income Tax measures. There are two of these measures on the ballot, one known as the property tax offset bill initiated by the Public Service League, the other known as the Grange Income Tax bill. Space does not permit the discussion of the merits or demerits of each of these. The Outlook recommends that if either of these bills is voted for it would best be the Grange bill. In fact, this one, on the ballot as 334, is recommended.

The Outlook in other issues has covered the other measures.

City Measures Important

own previous error, this city was left way short on sources of revenue with which to meet the ordinary running expenses of the city. To offset this deficit the council asked the voters to vote an allowance above the six per cent limitation. This was voted three years ago and was in effect three years. It is now necessary to vote on the same thing again.

The council is simply asking the voters to continue the same special levy in force.

It is necessary or the council would not ask for it. All the councilmen are taxpayers and don't want to pay or ask others to pay more than is absolutely necessary to provide for the proper financing of the city's affairs. The city is on a budget system. All expenses and sources of income are subject to careful scrutiny by the tax conservation commission and the commission is exceedingly conservative.

The voters can feel safe in voting yes on this measure and not to do so will greatly jeopardize the city's necessary operations.

Community Well to Serve Large District

Work has commenced on the sinking of a well on the north side of Grant's butte on the McMillan place which is expected to furnish water for a large and growing community covering several square miles of territory. The project is being pushed by the Rockwood Water district, which was organized in March, 1924, with the expectation of securing Bull Run water from the city of Portland. Failing in this effort, and with the promise of that water supply more than a year in the future, the commissioners decided to proceed with the plan of securing water from a private source. An option was taken on two acres of ground and equipment assembled for the drilling of the well. Bonds were voted for \$72,000 in April, 1925, in an election which was almost unanimous.

The plans include the building of a reinforced concrete reservoir with a capacity of 200,000 gallons, which will be sunk in the ground near the well and which will be covered. The initial system will involve the laying of 27 miles of water mains of various sizes. This part of the work, however, will not be commenced unless an adequate supply of water is secured by the sinking of a well. The first length of pipe, 10 inches in diameter, is being placed and plumbed today and it is expected that actual drilling will begin tomorrow.

This water district is the successor to an earlier and larger one of the same name which was the subject of much litigation and which was decided against by the state supreme court. The present district is bounded on the north by the O. W. R. & N. tracks, on the east by Birdsdales avenue, on the south it runs a short distance north of the Section Line road, and on the west to North Ascot Acres. Its southeast corner touches the northwest corner of the city of Gresham.

The commissioners of the district are J. W. Edwards, chairman, A. Zeller, Dr. J. C. Briggs, H. W. Lynch and C. H. Bloxon.

HEADQUARTERS CO. MAKES RECORD TIME

The local headquarters company of the first battalion, 186th infantry, of which Cleveland Bliss is the commanding officer and Rich Horr second lieutenant, participated in the mobilization trial which was put on Wednesday evening following orders from the United States war department.

The test went over the top at Gresham 108 per cent, as 25 men constituted the quota at this place and 27 men responded. The company was just an hour in getting into shape and the officers expressed themselves as well pleased with the result of the test.

After the announcement was received from Portland by Mr. Bliss, word was sent along the line through the non-commissioned officers and by 8:30 the boys were assembled at the grade school armory, ready for muster roll. After the mobilization the members of the company enjoyed a feed at the Oscarette. It is reported that 21 counties of the state took part simultaneously in the test. Thirty-one hundred officers and men constitute the state strength of the organization.

ATTENDANCE GROWS AT METHODIST CHURCH

A very steady gain is noticed in the audience worshipping at the Methodist church, the attendance each Sunday being noticeably larger. A banner crowd is expected next Sunday morning, owing to the special character of the services. It is designated as "Partnership Sunday", and letters have been sent to members and friends of the church inviting their cooperation and presence. The pastor will preach on "The Secret of Achievement". He says of this sermon, "It will bring smiles and it may bring tears; but it ought to make folks feel like rolling up their sleeves and going to work." The choir will have a special number. There will be no evening preaching service, owing to the community prohibition meeting in the grade school auditorium. Epworth League will meet at 6:30 as usual.

The Golden Opportunity.

The old offender insisted he was innocent but the judge failed to be convinced. "If you swore on a hundred Bibles that you were innocent I wouldn't believe you. I'll always believe the opposite of what you say—you're such a liar." "Well, yer honor—I'll plead guilty."

ENTITLED TO YOUR VOTE



C. G. Schneider
Candidate for District Attorney.

C. G. Schneider Is Well Indorsed

Attorney C. G. Schneider, candidate for district attorney, has made a vigorous and clean campaign and has the assurance on the eve of election that he has won to himself many friends, who, regardless of political party, will feel proud to place an X after No. 35 and before his name on the ballot on November 2.

Mr. Schneider has the endorsement of the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon and of the Portland ministerial association which will go far toward bringing about his election. These endorsements would not be given without careful investigation that would satisfy these leaders in righteousness and reform that Mr. Schneider was the right man for the office of district attorney. He is the only one of the candidates who according to their standard can be depended upon to enforce the criminal laws and protect the people rather than the criminal element.

Mr. Schneider does not need to be commended to his host of neighbors and friends in Gresham and eastern Multnomah county. He is well known to be industrious, capable and conscientious. If elected it is a certainty he will honor the office. A vote for Schneider means a vote for law enforcement and capable handling of the county's legal matters.

Zion Evangelical Services.

The membership campaign of the Zion Evangelical church, in the nature of a trip around the world, will close Sunday morning. About 30 new members have been gained so far. The winners will be treated to a Halloween party Tuesday evening by the losers at the grange hall. All members of the Sunday school are expected to be present. A rally day service will be held in conjunction with the regular preaching services Sunday morning. Sunday school pupils and the junior choir will have a prominent part in the program which is to be followed by a Reformation sermon, since Sunday is the date of the commemoration of the great reformation. All members of the Sunday school are expected to remain for the services.

In the afternoon Zion congregation will join the Evangelical congregation at Sellwood in celebration of the annual mission festival, at which time the Rev. Mr. Davis, missionary of the Central provinces of India, will deliver the missionary sermon. In the evening a stereopticon lecture on missionary activity in the denominational mission field in India will be given. The afternoon services begin at 2:15 o'clock.

Baptist Church Services.

Bible school hour in the Baptist church begins at 9:45 a. m. and all visitors and those recently making Gresham their home town are most cordially invited to come. The church service will begin at 11 o'clock and the pastor the Rev. E. G. Judd, will preach. His topic will be "The Danger of Drifting." The topic of the sermon story to the children will be "The Flower That Preaches." Special music by the choir will contribute to the inspiration and worship of the morning service. There will be no preaching service in the Baptist church in the evening but the B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30. There will be a union meeting of all the churches, under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league, in the auditorium of the grade school beginning at 7:30.

This gives the voters six names to select three from and all are well known and qualified. There is every reason to believe the former councilmen and the new men are candidates because they are willing, if wanted, to serve the city impartially in this important capacity.

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Marshal's Office Sought by Four

City Candidates' Ticket

For Mayor—Chas. Cleveland.
For Recorder—C. G. Schneider
For Treasurer—J. H. Metzger
For Marshal—A. W. Griffin, A. Gullikson, R. F. Jennings, E. H. Kelly.

For Councilmen (Three to elect)—Russell Akin, Fred J. Bechill, Dr. A. W. Botkin, J. V. Cogswell, Cecil Metzger, B. W. Thorne.

Local politics has not aroused much enthusiasm, partly because there are few contests and partly doubtless because the local election is overshadowed by state and county contests.

There have been no nominations by petition and the city ticket is the one nominated at the mass meeting caucus held on October 4.

The citizens seem to be well satisfied with Chas. Cleveland as mayor who has held the office for the past two year term. Mr. Cleveland is well situated to serve as mayor and is every way qualified for this important position.

If C. G. Schneider is elected district attorney it is probable he will be compelled to resign as recorder of the city but his friends will vote for him for both offices and he is the only candidate for city recorder. This is a position he has filled with credit for several terms.

It goes without saying that John Metzger, the faithful watchdog of the city treasury almost continuously since the city was incorporated, will be re-elected. He is the only candidate for the office.

For city marshal the voters will have a choice of four. Mr. Griffin has been a citizen of Gresham for four years and of the locality for about seven years. He came from Tygh Valley in Wasco county where he had served as constable and deputy sheriff, also school director. For the past few summers he has been in the forest service work, stationed on the Bull Run above the headworks. It will therefore be seen he is a man of experience and is every way capable of handling the marshal's job.

Alex Gullikson has been a citizen of Gresham for many years and has been a citizen above reproach, always industrious and trustworthy. He has served as marshal in the place of Marshal E. H. Kelly since the first of October when Mr. Kelly met with an accident. He has given perfect satisfaction and called forth much praise for his attention to traffic needs and fixing of bad places in the streets, and attention to the general good order of the city.

R. F. Jennings, known as young Dick, is a well known young man of Gresham, having lived here many years. He has been active in the volunteer fire department and stands well with the boys. He is lacking in experience but there is reason to believe if elected as marshal he would devote himself faithfully to the work as such.

Emmet H. Kelly is in line to succeed himself as marshal. He has served faithfully during the past two years. He is a man of experience and knows what is expected of a city marshal. A month ago Mr. Kelly met with an accident while on duty and has been confined to his home until just now he is taking up his duties again as marshal.

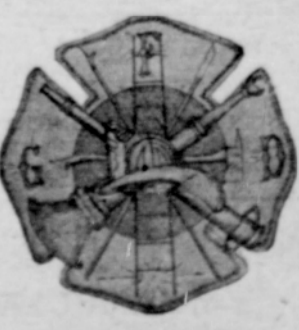
The marshal's office carries a reasonable salary and it is safe to say it is really desired by each of the four men whose names are on the ballot. Opinions doubtless will differ as to which is best qualified and the consensus of opinion can only be known when the election is over.

The three councilmen whose terms expire with the first regular meeting in January are all nominated to succeed themselves. They are Russell Akin, A. W. Botkin and B. W. Thorne. There are three other candidates, Cecil Metzger, J. V. Cogswell and Fred J. Bechill.

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