

SOCIALISTS HAVE PLATFORM FOR CITY ELECTION

The socialists of Medford held a rousing meeting at Smith's hall Thursday evening at which time their candidates for office in January were endorsed and a platform adopted. The candidates endorsed were: John Reter for mayor; J. C. Barnes, Allen Brackinred and George H. Miller for councilmen. Following is the platform:

Socialist Platform

We, the members of the socialist party of Medford, Oregon, while reaffirming our previous platforms, and those of the state and nation, desire, in this municipal campaign, to make a special appeal to the working class voters of this city, men and women, and to all others who sympathize earnestly and deeply with their lives of daily toil.

We declare our readiness to support any plan of action in this city's affairs, social, industrial or administrative, or any extension of municipal activities, that shall give any reasonable promise of maintaining or bettering living conditions in this city for its inhabitants; we are ready to further any plan that will enlarge employment, shorten the hours of labor, increase wages, or raise the standard of living for the members of the working class. This is our platform in and for this municipal campaign. Our candidates are pledged to support this purpose in every way in their power, and to give as clean, faithful and efficient service in office as men can give.

Want Minimum Wage

We particularly endorse the proposal which has been made in the city council, giving preference to resident laborers on all work done for or by the city, and specifying the sum of \$2.50 as the minimum wage for a day's work of eight hours on all city work, and that all work for the city be done on the eight-hour day basis, strictly in conformity with the state law.

We firmly believe that the municipality can give a better service, and at ultimately lower rates than any private corporation run for profit, in the operation of public utilities; and we cite the Ashland municipal lighting plant, and our own city water plant and public market, as examples of municipal efficiency and economy.

We adhere strictly to our fundamental principles in political action—no fusion, no compromise, no political trading.

Party of Working Class

The socialist aims and principles, and the socialist program of immediate demands for the relief of the workers while still living under the wage system, are all set forth in our national platform; we invite the attention of voters to this platform, and their support of it at the polls.

The socialist party, local, state, national, international, is the party of the working class—they own it, control it, finance it, manage and dominate it. It is their party, and no other class, has any voice in the socialist party's affairs. Its fundamental aim is a complete revolution in the industrial affairs of humanity—a peaceful revolution at the ballot box that shall do away with the drones in the human hive, and leave no room for any but useful workers—a revolution that shall sweep away the entire system of rent, interest and profit, and bring in the day of complete co-operation, on thoroughly democratic lines, in every part of our industrial affairs.

JOHNSON TO ATTEND PROGRESSIVE BANQUET

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Governor Hiram Johnson arrived in Los Angeles today to attend a progressive banquet tonight. He was met at the depot by a committee of citizens.

Johnson declared emphatically that he will work for complete harmony and co-operation between democratic and progressive legislators during the next lawmaking session, saying that he will regard the legislators as law makers and not as partisans. He accompanied his statement by an arraignment of petty political tricks.

FOUR CITIES WILL ASK TO HAVE ARMORIES BUILT

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—According to advices received here there are four cities in the state, Eugene, Oregon City, Medford and Roseburg that will ask for appropriations for armories. Under the system followed in the construction of these buildings the state appropriates half the cost and the cities or counties in which they are built appropriate the other half.

O. A. C. Band to Give Concert at Natatorium Tonight



O. A. C. BOYS HERE FOR BAND CONCERT

The O. A. C. cadet band arrived in Medford at 8:45 this morning and their private car is parked at the passenger station. The band rendered a concert at Grants Pass last night and will play this evening at the high school auditorium under the auspices of the Medford high school.

The band pleased greatly at Grants Pass last night, every member of the program was endorsed and the audience was insistent on a third solo by Mr. H. L. Rees.

Two members of the band, Fred L. Strang and "Pinto" Vance D. Colvig are eating their Christmas dinners at home today, they having been with the band at Cottage Grove on Christmas day. Strang is the baritone player in the band and takes part in a quartette "Forest Echoes" in which the echoes of the band are heard from a distance. "Pinto" with his "nightmare" caricature stunts is making a hit at all concerts, and much will be expected of him here tonight.

GREATER MEDFORD CLUB TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Greater Medford club occurs on Monday, December 30, at 2:00 p. m., in the basement of the library building. The regular business meeting will be followed by a talk by Mr. B. F. Mulkey on "How to Vote and What It Means," and by the presentation of their platforms by the remaining candidates for mayor, Mr. Edert and Mr. Gates. All women of Medford are invited, whether members of the club or not.

O. A. C. BAND CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN TONIGHT

The cadet band of the Oregon Agricultural college gives a concert in the high school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock. The college boys have a splendid organization and their program is full of jolly music and fine harmony. "Pinto" Colvig, a local celebrity, has a fifteen-minute skit brimming with wit.

A second concert will be given at the same auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The second concert will be sacred in nature.

The programs for the two concerts are as follows:

Tonight—March, "O. A. C. Boosters"; overture, "Semiramis"; "Forest Echoes"; duet for cornet and trombone, "Hear Me, Norma"; selections, "Tannhauser"; "Pinto Colvig"; "Dance of the Serpents"; baritone solo, "Toreador's Song" from "Carmen"; H. L. Rees; "Anvil Chorus"; humorous, "What's the Matter With Father?"; march, "Sempre Fidelis."

Sunday—"Gloria From Second Mass"; sextet from "Lucia"; trombone solo, "Shubert's Serenade"; quartet from "Rigolette"; reading, "Not Understood"; J. W. Scudder; "Praise Ye the Father"; Christmas song, "A Glorious Morn."; H. L. Rees; "The Heavens Are Telling," from "Creation"; "Monastery Bells"; "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."

When "the unexpected happens" in the office or in the home, a classified ad is pretty sure to appear—as a trouble-solver. And, quite often, one of these unexpected happenings will afford you an opportunity—a chance to buy or sell, or to secure employment or help.

ASHLAND CITY LEVY FIXED AT 14 MILLS

ASHLAND, Dec. 27.—The 1913 tax levy in Ashland has been fixed at 14 mills. This is a marked reduction. Last year it was 21.

The school levy last year was 8 1/2 mills and was reduced this year to 6 1/2 mills. It is expected that reductions in state and county levies will bring the total to about 30 mills in this city this year instead of 40.5 as was the case last year. There was quite a considerable reduction in the assessed valuation of the city this year as compared with last, so that the burden of taxation upon the city should be considerably less in 1913 than in 1912. The following is the city levy in detail:

Street fund	1.0
Bond and interest	5.5
Library	0.8
Fire department	0.75
Park commission	0.75
General fund	5.2
Total	14.00

GOLD HILL HAS CHRISTMAS FIGHT

Joe Shoemaker of Gold Hill is nursing a badly damaged face and Marshall Noe of the same city is facing discharge as the result of a mixup between them at Gold Hill Christmas night, during which several shots were fired.

The trouble started when Noe put Shoemaker under arrest. He resisted and wanted to fight, it is said. Noe then drew his gun and with his butt struck Shoemaker in the face. Shoemaker ran and Noe fired several shots into the air to check the man.

Shoemaker's friends are indignant, stating that Noe shot, not into the air, but directly at Shoemaker intending to hit him.

TRAILS BEAR TWO DAYS; GETS HIM

Knox McCloy who has been mining on the head waters of Applegate, recently discovered the track of a bear, which was on his way to winter quarters, and after two days work ran him down and bagged him.

As it was very late in the season for bear to be at large and there was a good tracking snow, Knox succeeded in tracking him for two days—through the deep snow. The bear was finally overhauled, just as he was preparing to crawl into a large hollow tree which had evidently been the bear's home for several winters.

Brian discovered Knox when about 30 yards distant and started to make his getaway but was promptly despatched by a 32 special bullet. The bear dressed 300 pounds and the hide which is black is as fine a specimen as one would care to look at. Knox tells a modest story and says he enjoyed the adventure, but undoubtedly a tenderfoot would have found it rather strenuous, as the weather was bitter cold.

HUNT ROCKEFELLER WITH SUBPOENA

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Determined to serve a subpoena on William G. Rockefeller to appear before the house money trust investigation, Sergeant-at-Arms Riddell of the house and two deputies arrived here today, to remain until they reach the millionaire. Recently Riddell vainly searched the Standard Oil offices here, Rockefeller's town house, and the estate of John D. Rockefeller at Tarrytown in an endeavor to serve the subpoena.

It is believed here that William Rockefeller is hiding in the snow-bound forests of his private reserve in the Adirondack mountains.

If a good stenographer is advertising for a position today, isn't that interesting to you?

KLAMATH COUNTY COURT IS GRILLED BY GRAND JURY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 27.—The Klamath county grand jury has given the county court a grilling in a partial report to Judge H. L. Benson. The report states that several preceding grand juries have recommended that the books of the county court and other county officials be audited, but since the recommendations were not carried out the grand jury has concluded to make its own investigation. The findings are that the business of the county has been grossly mismanaged and that the county treasury has been deliberately plundered. It is not charged that the court is criminally liable, but all of the wild extravagance is attributed to incompetence and to the reckless manner in which the county business is handled. A partial summary of the findings of the grand jury are:

The county court has been in office less than two years and in that time has placed the county about \$500,000 in debt. Under the old court the county was in debt less than \$100,000 and was not getting in farther; at the rate the present court is going, in two years more the indebtedness of the county will be over \$1,000,000. That it is costing the county at this time in excess of \$1000 a day to conduct the business affairs. This does not include school taxes. That the county poor law was established at an exorbitant price and is maintained at a cost beyond all reason; that cost for the past year has been estimated at \$1,319.93 a month for every inmate, and it is recommended that this be reduced to less than \$35 a month and if this cannot be done that the county farm be closed and rented to the highest bidder.

Road work comes in for its share of the grilling. The force employed by the court, in the main, is charged with being as incompetent as the court itself. It is said that the county has not less than 60 cents of road for every dollar expended. It is recommended that road work be shut down and that when it is resumed on a moderate scale an entirely new crew be employed.

Numerous instances of extravagance, waste and incompetence are cited by the grand jury. It is recommended that the court be given a chance to get on a business basis and if this is not done that a recall election be brought. It is also recommended that the county stop payment on a number of warrants that were issued illegally, among them warrants to the amount of about \$25,000, which were sold by the court for cash at a discount of from 5 to 10 per cent. The fees paid local attorneys for services in the courthouse litigation are pronounced exorbitant.

The grand jury wants the books of the county court audited and makes the statement that it wants the truth and not a whitewash. The deliberations of the inquisitorial body are not yet completed and it is said the court will come in for further investigation.

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