

MISS TOWNE IS INTERVIEWED AS FITS A CELEBRITY

The following interview with Miss Marian Towne of Phoenix, representative elect from Jackson county, written by the sub-editor of this paper...

BY LEONE CASS BAER "And did you kiss all the babies of possible voters?" I asked the only woman elected legislator in Oregon.

"I did not," she calmly said. "Babies can't vote."

"Well, you surely praised the cooking of their mothers?" I insisted, loth to set, tumbling all my illusions of the vote-getter.

"I did not," The only woman legislator rimped (aye, she has a rimple) and smiled widely. "I did not praise their food, for I wasn't asked to stay for dinner. Instead, the housewife usually latched the screen door and I told her through its meshes that I was seeking office.

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And out of the elevator, in just exactly the five minutes she had said she'd be, there floated the dearest sort of a little girl, one of the cuddly kind who refuse to be cuddled, with smart clicking heels that tried to add an inch to her exact five feet height, and a frock that would make the wives of some of those legislators turn around twice to view.

She can dance, but thinks the legislature can worry along without seeing her do it, and she can make wonderful mayonnaise dressing. Her culinary accomplishments begin and end with the mayonnaise. Neither can she spin. Her sole piece de resistance with the needle is a pair of pillow slips.

"Housekeeping and homemaking rightly performed is one of the greatest fields for women," opines the lady legislator, "but no women can be Jack-of-all-professions."

Miss Towne has made her own way and has financed her own ventures. "Oh, the advice that came in after my election," she laughed, as she recalled it. "Do this," says someone, "because someone else does it."

"I won't say I. The person who goes forward is the one who does things someone else hasn't done."

There are certain things among them," she says, "which will never be done unless women do them. Our educational system is so poor in Oregon. We rank just above the Southern states, and there the percentage of illiteracy is very great. It seems strange that our lawmakers will refuse to see that a splendid school system will be one of the greatest attractions to bring people to Oregon to locate permanently."

Miss Towne made a house-to-house campaign, visiting three-fourths of the homes in the Rogue River valley. "I worked with women, and they helped me most. Naturally, if I met a man, I recognized that he also had a vote. I've associated with men a great deal all my life, and in spite of it I still have quite a profound respect for them."

"I don't want people to get the idea that I think I have a political future," went on the only lady legislator, "but well I like to look forward. The desire to have a hand in making the laws came to me just as it does to men office-seekers. I had always been self-supporting, and in the years I worked in the courthouse I saw a great many defects in the law and the lawmaking system."

"After I had completed my law course at the University of Michigan I heard the call stronger than ever. And now I shall not rest until I realize one of my two big, definite ambi-

Ex-Councilman Mitchell Discusses New Charter

To the Public: I don't pretend to know everything about city charters. So far as I can see, however, the new charter is not only all right, but decidedly good.

For instance, if delinquent in his assessments, he cannot have a certificate of delinquency issued against him until six months (under the present charter he can in ten days), and if it is issued he does not have to pay 15 per cent, as under the old charter, but 12. Also, under our present charter a majority of the council can order pavement or water or sewer into a street against the protest of a majority or all of the property owners.

Under the new charter, if a bare majority of the property owners protest it can only be ordered by the unanimous vote of all seven directors.

Then look at those excellent provisions about franchises and see how the people of the city are protected all along the line.

Furthermore, I think any sensible business man ought to be satisfied with the fact, which cannot be disputed, that every city in the United States that has adopted such a charter has found it works first class and with a real saving in expenses. That's enough for me.

J. W. MITCHELL.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The high school letters were given out to the members of the football team Thursday morning. All the boys but one made speeches and when he was called upon to make his he made a line plunge off the platform. All of the boys but two were there to receive them.

Walter Brown has returned to school. The line-up for the Grants Pass-Medford basketball game is as follows: Beacom, center; Thomas-Williamson, forwards; Pelouze-Cowgill, guards. Both teams are strong and a fast game is expected, special care will be taken to have the building warm.

A number of northern basket ball teams will play the high school in the near future. Charles Prim, a graduate of 1913, visited the high school Wednesday.

The boys basketball team will play Talent a week from Friday.

BELGIUM IS SABED BY GIFTS FROM AMERICA

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8, via London, 10:05 p. m.—"If the United States had not come to our aid, it would have meant starvation for most of us," said Alfred Nerinx, provisional burgomaster of Louvain, to the Associated Press today.

"We are willing to work, but we cannot when the doors are closed to exports. We cannot buy food, even if we have the money, when the doors are closed to imports. It is no fault of ours if we starve. Feed us now and we shall pay you back in industry when the war is over."

"We are paying back now in gratitude for the lives America has saved—gratitude which will endure as proof that human affection is stronger than any treaty alliance."

"Here in the midst of the ruins of my town, I do not lose heart. I know we shall rebuild it all if only we can have food to keep us alive. The most powerful army in the world cannot teutonize Belgium, but America armed with bread, is Americanizing Belgium. My worst fears are that there will be bread riots if the relief stops."

OBITUARY

Sarah Margaret Stuckey who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. C. George near Medford Dec. 6 was interred at her former home, Lathrop, Mo. She was the daughter of Samuel S. and Anna Silver Stuckey, was born at Napier, Bedford county, Pa., March 7th, 1832, where she lived until her marriage on March 1st, 1853, to Bryant Welsh of Wyandotte, Ohio. They lived in Ohio two years and then moved to Altoona, Ill., and from that place went to Lathrop, Mo. where they arrived March 20th, 1867, and where the greater part of their mature lives was spent.

In November, 1901, they established a new home at Apache, Okla., where her husband died April 19, 1906. She remained in Apache until April 1911, when she came with her daughter, Margaret, and family to Medford.

She is survived by one brother, Samuel Clay Stuckey, now living in Dayton, Ore., and by seven of her eight children, Mrs. Alice Holler of Apache, Okla., Mrs. Jennie W. Thompson of Hagerman, N. M., Mrs. Anna W. Browne of Kansas City, George S. Welsh of Lawton, Okla., Harry M. Welsh of Lawton, Okla., Albert C. Welsh of Lathrop, Mo., Mrs. S. C. George of Medford, Ore.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The meeting tonight at the Presbyterian church is led by the Y. P. S. C. E. The subject, Colleges, Universities and the Young People. This is the week of prayer. All are invited. Encourage the young people by being out to this service. Communion Sunday at 11 a. m.

WOULD FOLLOW JIM HILL PLAN TO DEVELOP VALLEY

To The Editor: The Jim Hill method of settling Southwestern Minnesota, Northwest- Iowa and southeast corner of South Dakota was to grant to settler the use of 160 acres of land. The railroad would build a little house, barn and a shed with a small granary, dig a well and put in a wheel and bucket, and fence the house and barn.

The house and buildings were grouped near the center of the section, making four houses in each group. The idea of this was to have neighbors near and to create rivalry between each group, thus securing better results. The terms of the grant of the land to these tenants was the free use with an option to purchase within five years at not to exceed a certain price set at the beginning of the lease. The total terms of the lease and option being eight years. The price being set at the beginning of the term thus giving the tenant the benefit of his improvements and the benefit of the increment on the land.

If some of our large land owners would adopt some such plan with their unused lands permitting the use of the land for beets as the money crop, it would help greatly in getting the needed acreage for the beet factory.

The ditch company could forward their water sales by a similar plan. This plan settled three states in a very few years with a contented people. It will do the same here, provided a sure money crop like beets are grown. These men grew grain as their money crop.

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EVEN CROSS, SICK CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF FIGS

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermented food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again. Children love this harmless "fruit laxative," and mothers can rest easy after giving it, because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeits sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup. Adv.

DANCE

The next regular Saturday evening dance at St. Mark's Hall will be given

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\$1,250,000 PAID BILLINGS MONTANA FARMERS FOR BEETS

(Billings, Mont. Tribune.) One million, three hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars in round figures was paid out in the Billings district by the Billings Sugar company this season, according to an announcement made by President W. H. Garnsey last night at the close of the 1914 campaign.

The company finished the sifting of beets at 5:30 Friday morning, and completed its campaign by running the last sugar into the sacks at midnight last night. Beet payments accounts for approximately \$1,250,000 of the total paid out by the company during the season, and the salary list for the remainder. It was announced that the company will keep about 120 men at work, overhauling the plant and putting it in shape for next year's campaign. These men will work straight through until the factory resumes active operations in the fall of 1915. About 300 men will be laid off, but as most of them have saved a snug share of their wages they are able to face the winter with equanimity. Many of them are ranchers and farm-hands of the Billings district. The Billings Sugar company has all the seed stored here now that will be needed for the 1915 planting, according to President Garnsey. Mr. Garnsey said the Billings plant has not received any of the 80,000 sacks of sugar beet seed which was recently purchased in Europe and brought over to America by Vice-President Petrolon of the Great Western Sugar company. Attention A. F. & A. M. this evening at 8 p. m. Work in the F. C. degree. 248* Special communication A. N. HILDBRAND, Sec. With Medford trade is Medford made

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