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A DIFFICULT TASK

The ballot this election year in Oregon is the youngest in the history of the state according to the opinion of the old-timers in the political game. It contains the names of many honest, upright and capable men whose paramount desire and whose motive in seeking public office is to be of service to all the people.

Some of the measures on the ballot are praiseworthy and are designed to correct conditions in the best interest of the people.

The whole question is can we weed out the bad ones so that the voters will make no mistake at the polls? To do this, requires a master-mind in our opinion. It will be most difficult to select the right men and vote absolutely right on the measures. One cannot arrive at a true estimate of a man or a measure by a casual glance at them,—all the things and conditions effecting them must be considered before making a decision. It is not always wise either to consider too seriously some of the political tickets which are grand out around election time. It is not possible in this enlightened age that two or three men can sit in their secret place and select a ticket that all are asked to vote. Such a suggestion is an offense to intelligent men and women. But many candidates spend their hard cash to get on tickets that don't amount to a "row of peas" as far as getting the votes of the people is concerned.

It is a hard job,—this selecting a ticket and we advise our readers to get their sample ballots if you haven't already done so and study the men and the measures thereon and go to the polls on November 8th and do the best that you can to choose the right ones to cast your vote for.

BE SURE TO VOTE

We advise and sincerely urge all eligible voters to vote in the coming election next month. Every honest and sincere man and woman should vote.

The most regrettable condition in the national political affairs is evidenced in the failure of many millions of qualified electors failing to exercise their franchise. A majority of those who do not vote are usually the ones who do the most howling about how the government is run; they are the ones who harass the government and its administrators. These same individuals could do a whole lot in a constructive way to correct conditions by using their vote and urging others to do likewise. Those who fail to vote who are qualified to do so ought to have their franchise revoked and they should not be accorded the same privileges as the citizen who goes to the polls and does his duty.

In the promotion of Rev. W. R. Lovell to the Presiding Eldership of the California Conference, the First A. M. E. Zion church of Portland has lost a faithful and sacrificing christian minister whose place in the church and community will be hard to fill.

WHAT THE NEGRO WANTS

The colored people do not expect nor do they want special treatment from any political party or its representatives. But they do want equal treatment and equal opportunities not as wards but as fellow citizens under the stars and stripes. We are not asking for our rights because we are colored but because we are loyal, patriotic American citizens.

WHY SO FEW?

(By Myrtle Campbell)

When we stop to think of the wonderful modern lighting system we have in our cities today, we cannot help being impressed with the material and intellectual light that is flooding the world.

Education is taking in a new impetus, the libraries, schools, colleges, and extension courses are overcrowded, but there is one thing missing. We do not see as many of the colored race in these educational institutions as we should. They are conspicuous by their absence, only one or two in a class and in some classes none.

When we feel depressed, downtrodden, and abused we become negative and do not put forth the effort for self-improvement that we should. We are apt to neglect the one thing that is able to help us in reaching our goal. If we want to do some one thing we must prepare for it, becoming an authority on the subject, and by our efforts, win the respect of the community in which we live. Our libraries and high schools are free, and the University extension courses are very reasonable, so it behooves everyone to take advantage of these means of education and become as well informed as possible.

THE PARTY TO SUPPORT

The political party that should command the support of the colored voters, is the party that is willing to meet the Negro question squarely, boldly and courageously. I

LESTER ADAMS SEEKS BERTH AS MAYOR OF PORTLAND ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PLATFORM

Lester F. Adams, candidate for mayor of Portland is the pioneer exponent of the Joseph principles. He advocates public ownership of public utilities. He is opposed to large bond issues and believes in a small, pay as you go, self-sustaining light and power system that will take over the street lighting system and will create labor and make a profit for the city.

He favors cleaning up the rackets and the racketeers that are infesting Portland.

He opposes graft wherever it creeps in.

He opposes a franchise to the telephone company unless real rate reductions are made the people.

He will oppose any franchise to the street car company that will cost the taxpayers an annual tax for the next twenty years and does not promise any relief from high fares.

He opposes spending the taxpayers' money through Secret Funds appropriated for the Mayor and Commissioners to spend without any accounting.

He opposes junkets at the cost of the taxpayers by city officials.

He favors tax reduction, cutting expenditures and real and honest relief for the unemployed.

Mr. Adams has had years of experience in the newspaper field having served as editorial writer on the Oregonian before it merged with the Portland News. He is connected with progressive civic and fraternal organizations.

GLOSS SEEKS RETURN TO CONSTABLE'S JOB

Ed Gloss, who is a candidate for re-election to the office of constable of Multnomah County, has held the office for the past seven years. An idea of the business conducted by his office during the past year is given by the record of 28,000 civil actions and 900 criminal arrests Mr. Gloss states.

Mr. Gloss is a long time resident of Portland, a home owner and taxpayer. He has taken an active part in sports and at one time held the amateur rowing championship of the Pacific coast. He now holds the position of coach for the Portland Rowing club.

He is member of the Camp 77 W. O. W., the Loyal Order of Moose and of the Lang Syna society.

The spotlight Dramatic Club gave a unique program Sunday night at the Bethel A. M. E. Church. Miss Chrystale Maxwell gave an address and Wilber Mercier read a paper.

Other numbers on the program included a paper, "Drama in Review" by Wilber Mercier; readings by Mrs. Zepha Baker and Mrs. Clarissa Randolph; vocal solo by Wilber Marshall and a male quartet. Irvine Flawler served as the master of ceremonies.

The Spotlight Dramatic Club has approximately fifteen members. It is primarily interested in the drama. The plays have begun the study of a new drama which will be presented in the near future. Mrs. Randolph is the president and Miss Chrystale Maxwell is secretary of the club. Mrs. Zepha Baker is the directress.

(By Bill Law)

George Cannady is making a splendid football record for himself, his school and the race on the Willamette Football team according to dailies. In Wallace, Idaho, the Bearcats, Willamette eleven, played the College of Idaho 25 to 9. George made one of the touchdowns and last week at Salem his team won 39 to 9 over Albany. In this game he scored three of the touchdowns. Tonight he will play in the line-up against the College of Puget Sound at Salem.

Brooks, a colored boy plays on the College of Puget Sound team.

A. L. BARBUR SEEKS CITY COMMISSION

(This information furnished by A. L. Barbur and approved by Committee)

Continued from last week — Second installment.

Cost accounting in all bureaus of the Department of Public Works was established by Mr. Barbur. This has been found of much value in making up annual budgets.

Mr. Barbur established a municipally-owned paving plant and thereby reduced the cost of paving from \$2.27 per square yard to \$1.20 per square yard. The plant now operating represents a value of \$225,000.00 which includes equipment, land, ownership of plant and buildings and the cash on hand on November 30th at the close of the fiscal year 1933. There are no obligations of any kind against the plant or its equipment. It has all been paid for by savings in the operation of the plant. Besides this amount in plant equipment, cash, etc., the plant has returned to the General Fund from its operation to date \$427,359.33, and has saved the property owners \$600,000.00 in cost to them for new pavement, making a total savings to the taxpayers of \$1,256,359.33, besides saving a large sum in maintenance of streets in the City of Portland.

A policy of requiring the signatures of at least 50 per cent of the owners of property affected on petitions for public work was established by Mr. Barbur. Furthermore, that the property must be of sufficient value to bond for the total cost of the pavement. This procedure has resulted in the rejection of \$1,750,000.00 worth of improvements.

For the past six years, Mr. Barbur worked persistently on the proposal of renumbering the houses in the City of Portland with one hundred numbers to the block. Each year objection was made to the proposal. However, with the assistance of community clubs, civic clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, the Post Office Department and the Police Department, an appropriation for 1932 was finally secured. The renumbering is now under way in several of the districts, and half of the city will be renumbered this year. An item has been placed in the budget for the Department of Public Works to complete the renumbering of the entire city in 1933. The work has met with general approval in the districts where the numbers are now being placed.

No automobiles or trucks have been purchased under the 1932 budget by the Department of Public Works and no provision will be made for such purchases in 1933. The car that is assigned to the Commissioner of Public Works has been driven 55,165 miles and is going on its fifth year. It is used strictly for business. All the trucks and automobiles in the Department of Public Works carry the name "City of Portland" on the license plate.

Mr. Barbur suggested to the Civic Emergency Committee, in connection with the relief work being carried on in the city, a plan of traveling the streets in the City of Portland on which sidewalks and curbs have already been constructed—the committee to furnish the personal service and the City of Portland the truck hire and gravel—but the committee declined to accept the proposal. It is Mr. Barbur's contention that this work could be done more cheaply at this time inasmuch as the city has the gravel in its pits and the only cost to the city would be loading and hauling the gravel. If this work were done, it would be a saving to the public in the long run for the reason that the general public would then be able to travel these streets, which are now mud; the delivery of commodities could be made at less cost; and the Fire Department would be able to reach homes along the streets before they were destroyed by fire.

(Concluded next week)

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Wages have been cut twice this year. A third cut has been adopted for next year.

Our police force is the smallest of any city of similar size in the United States.

Our fire department is 32 men short of an adequate force.

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