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CONTEST CLOSES SOON

Saturday Is the Last Day.—Intense
Interest Manifested

THE VOTE IS NOW VERY CLOSE

Friends of Each of the
Candidates Are Putting
Forth Every Effort to
Win the Rich Prize for
Their Choice

At 10 o'clock on the night of Saturday, March 30th, the great contest that has been conducted by this paper for the selection of the most popular girl in this county, will close. But two contestants remain, and while there is still talk of a "dark horse" entering at the last moment, it is not likely that such an event will occur. Interest in the outcome of this contest has been increasing until it has reached a white heat, and there is today scarcely a person in the county that is not discussing the outcome. And it is not strange that so much interest should be taken in it, for it is the greatest work ever undertaken by a paper in Southern Oregon, and but few papers in the United States in communities the same size as ours would have the temerity to hazard so much for the purpose of increasing its circulation and making it a valuable medium for the advertising of its patrons.

When we decided to initiate this contest we knew that if the people of the county did not value the Republican as a medium of news the contest would be a failure. However, before the contest was very old we felt sure of our ground and knew that before the close this paper would be in practically every home in the county. The results have justified our confidence.

The winner of this contest will start from Portland on May 1 on a trip that will consume about twenty two days. During that time she will visit most of the principal cities of the United States and will be received by the President in the White House in Washington. This is a distinction that is seldom accorded a party of this kind. In the cities to be visited the party will be received by the highest city officials and every courtesy and attention will be paid them. Oregon in particular, and Klamath county, will receive more advertising by this move than by any other advertising proposition ever advanced. On reaching Jamestown an opportunity will be afforded to see the exposition in a manner that no other persons will have. Those who have ever attended an exposition are aware of the many inside sanctuaries that are closed to the general public, places that contain many of the choicest and most interesting sights of the fair. All these will be open to Klamath's representative. All expenses of the trip will be paid, and will represent an outlay of several hundred dollars.

As a final word to our readers, to the candidates who have so loyally worked for this honor and to their friends who have so steadfastly given their time and money, the Republican wishes to extend its thanks. Your efforts have been appreciated, and the only regret that this publication has is that it cannot send both. Which ever one is successful will win by methods that were most fair and honorable.

THE CONTEST

The vote to date is as follows:
Miss Louise Sargent.....158
Miss Stella Campbell.....167

WHO WILL BE
NEXT MAYOR?

Contest Will Certainly Be Warm One
With No Walk-over

The political barometer is rapidly changing from fair to stormy on the question of who will be the next Mayor of this city. What at first appeared to be a one-sided affair will undoubtedly develop into a double contest that will show more political heat than has any campaign for some years past. B. St. Geo. Bishop has been an avowed candidate for some time and has been assid-

nously employed in building an impregnable political breastwork. But in the last two days a strong movement antagonistic to Mr. Bishop has manifested itself and it is a foregone conclusion that there will be an opponent brought into the field that will be deemed worthy of Mr. Bishop's steel. Who that candidate will be is problematical, but such men as G. W. White, C. S. Roberts, Colonel Wilkins, Geo. H. Hurn and others have been mentioned favorably in this connection. None of the gentlemen will admit that they are paying any attention to the buzzing of the bee. That the coming week will bring out a candidate is generally admitted, and that he will have a substantial following is assured.

D. B. Campbell has been interesting himself in the financial condition of the city, and in this connection made the following statement that will certainly prove interesting reading:

You ask me what I know about City affairs and the coming election. You certainly must mean this as a joke, or else you overlooked the fact that I have only been a resident here less than two years. I have made similar inquiry from a number of citizens, including one of the Town Council, and they all stated that they did not know anything about the financial condition of the town, and with one exception, they did not know of any candidates for the position of Mayor or Town Council, for the coming year. The majority of the citizens interviewed were of one accord to the effect that no one seemed to want the honorable position of Mayor or member of the Town Council in Klamath Falls, and as I have always been under the impression that to be elected to the office of Mayor or as member of the Town Council, is considered a mark of the highest honor to be bestowed upon a citizen of a community, I became curious to learn the exact facts relative to the situation. Therefore, I called upon the Police Judge, as well as the City Treasurer, for facts relative to the situation, and learned the following. I was very much surprised to find matters in such bad shape.

The Police Judge very kindly furnished me a pamphlet issued by authority of the State, in which it gave the Act of Incorporation of the City of Klamath Falls, and in looking over the Statute, it is very evident to me that the State Legislature were inclined to be liberal when they passed the law incorporating the City of Klamath Falls, as it gives the Mayor and the Town Council especially wide scope. I was especially interested in one or two items. In Sec. 93, Article 1, it states, "The Council shall have power and authority within the limits of Klamath Falls to provide an ordinance, as follows: Art. 1.—To raise, levy and collect taxes for general municipal purposes not to exceed one percentum on all property, both real and personal, etc., etc."

In the same section, Article 33, it states as follows: "To appropriate money and pay all debts, liabilities and expenditures of the city, or any part or item thereof from any fund applicable thereto, provided, however, that the warrant indebtedness of the city shall not at any time, exceed the sum of \$20,000 until the population shall exceed 5000 people, etc., etc."

While in the Police Judge's office, I learned that the fixed expenses of the City of Klamath Falls were as follows:
Police Judge, per year.....\$ 400 00
1 Marshal and 2 Policemen, year 2880 00
Street Supt, estimated a year..... 400 00
Light & Water Co., " "..... 1200 00
Treasurer's salary, per year..... 150 00
City Attorney, per year..... 300 00
Int. on \$10,000, 20-year bonds..... 600 00

Total fixed expenses a year \$5,930 00

RECEIPTS:
Annual license, 12 saloons.....\$4800 00
Annual license, brewery..... 200 00
Dog tax, estimated per year..... 300 00
Fines, Police Court, estimated..... 500 00

Total receipts, per year.....\$5800 00

When calling on the Treasurer, I found the indebtedness of the town as follows:
Jan. 16, '07, due on warrants \$29,300 28
Int. on warrants, av. 15 mo..... 2,197 50
Due on warrants issued from
Jan. 16 to Mar. 20..... 1,287 67

\$32,785 45
Cash on hand Mar. 20..... 1,183 69

\$31,601 76

The assessed valuation of the city is \$700,842.00.

You will note from the above statement that aside from the issue of \$10,000 bonds, that the City of Klamath Falls is now in debt \$31,601 76, which is virtually \$11,601.76 more than the city is entitled to contract under its charter. You will also note in the expenses and receipts for the fiscal year, I included no improvements whatever, and there is no surplus with which to reduce the indebtedness of the city. I also learned that for reasons known only to the Council, they failed to make any assess-

ment for this year, consequently, there will be no city taxes collected for the year 1906, which is a total loss to the treasury of the city of Klamath Falls to the amount of \$5,906.74, that is on an assessment of 8 mills, the same as levied in 1905.

It appears to me that the citizens of Klamath Falls should get busy and pay a little more attention to public matters, and elect officers who would conduct their actions according to the Act of Incorporation, and at the same time show a greater degree of executive ability, and be more conservative, than the officers who have had charge of the city business for the past two years, as it is plainly evident that our city cannot spend \$30,587.95 in twenty-nine months, when the present valuation at 8 mills only brings in \$5,906.74 yearly, besides the liquor license. The city must elect men with exceptional executive ability to fill the public offices, as nothing short of that will do at this time, as it will be necessary for the officers the coming year to curtail expenses and handle the funds in such a manner so as to be able to keep up the necessary improvements and at the same time set aside a sinking fund to reduce the liabilities and meet the payments of the bonds when due.

Another factor that has aroused a storm of criticism is the inability of many citizens to register. It has been charged that the City Recorder refused to remain in his office a sufficient number of hours to permit those desirous of registering an opportunity to do so. A vigorous protest has been made to both the Recorder and Mayor Martin and as a result he has announced his intention to remain in his office Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Stilts Announces.

John Stilts to-day announced his candidacy for Mayor, on a platform of two words: "Clean administration"

Caught Two Criminals

One of the quickest pieces of work done by the police in this city was executed Tuesday evening when Policemen Broderick and Deputy Sheriff Schallack placed Miguel Vera and Frank Hernandez under arrest on the charge of stealing watches and rings from G. Heitkemper, Jr., and H. J. Winters. Winters was the first to discover his loss and within an hour had the principal offender under arrest. Mr. Broderick deserves much credit for the rapidity with which he worked out this case and shows he is the right man in the right place.

The accused men entered Winters' store just as he was closing up and asked to see some watches. While the trays were being placed on the counter the men "nipped" seven watches and three rings. They had visited Heitkemper's before this and succeeded in lifting a fine Waltham at this place. The joke was on Heitkemper for he could not believe they could have done it, as he was suspicious of the pair and watched them carefully. When he discovered that he had been fooled, he placed a box of cigars on his counter with the sign, "Don't say a word. I'm it." All of the stolen jewelry was recovered.

Vera and Hernandez were bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

STATEMENT BY B. ST. GEO. BISHOP

Declares in Favor of a Square Deal
For Everyone

KLAMATH FALLS, Mar. 27, '07.
TO THE PEOPLE OF KLAMATH FALLS: Greeting.—As I have publicly announced myself as a candidate for mayor of this city, and as the question of an open or closed town is more or less an issue, and feeling that a certain class of people will in all probability expect more from me (should I be elected as mayor) than it may be in my power to give, and in order that the people may have a full opportunity to form their opinion as to what I may, or may not do, in case of my election, I feel it my duty, at least to satisfy my own conscience as a man, to express myself on this particular point, and in so doing I again find myself a champion of the saloons, not because they are saloons, or that they are selling spirituous liquors, but because of my desire to be fair and just to my fellow men.

As a matter of fact the saloons, at least this year, will furnish almost the entire revenue to cover the expense of the city's government. They are required to pay some four hundred dollars for a license to do business six days in the week for a period of one year, while the stores are not required to pay anything, and are supposed to only open their doors six days in the week, both parties being prohibited by the state law to open their doors on the Sabbath day. Now, I do not propose to argue the point as to whether the saloons are just as necessary as the stores to the welfare of any community. The fact is sufficient for me that the law is the same in both cases. Our saloonmen, some of them, are

heavy property owners, and contribute their portion of our county tax, and invariably are called on to contribute the major share of donations to all Fourth of July and Fall fair meetings, all of which help materially to advertise our city and county, and it would seem only fair that in the event that the saloons are called on to close their doors on the Sabbath day the stores should be compelled to do the same.

It is a matter of fact, if any one should care to observe, that personally I have closed my own store on Sunday for the past several years, and as I do not wish to ascribe to myself a virtue which I possibly do not possess, I will say my reason for so doing is that I feel that I can do enough business to support myself and family during the six days of the week, and I wish to feel that I may be perfectly free on the Sabbath to do whatsoever may please my fancy, and that anyone who may be working for me may enjoy himself or themselves in the same way.

Now, there is a diversity of opinion as to whether or not it is the best for this or any city to close up its places of business on the Sabbath day, and while I have my opinion on the subject, I do not pretend to say which might possibly be for the best interests of the town at the present time; but I do say that under the circumstances it is just as fair and lawful for one to keep open as another, and I should certainly not discriminate when the law is so plain on the subject. I should feel it my duty to carry out this law to the letter, should it become necessary. This question of opening or closing on Sunday, however, it would seem to me to be of the least importance. As the questions of a general cleaning up, a sewer system, the devising of ways and means to handle the expense that must necessarily arise to fix up our streets, crossings, etc., etc., and a thousand things which are likely to claim the attention of the people and the common council should be kept constantly before us. And, while our morals are certainly to be looked after, yet, I do not feel that this constant ding-donging at one another will ever revert to any especial good towards the rebuilding of our city. It must be remembered that the mayor and city council do not receive a salary, and the men who are elected to office should make up their minds to devote, away from their business, sufficient time to attend to the affairs of the city, and not growl and grumble at the work which may pile up for them to do.

Only two days more remain in which the people may register for the coming election, and I trust every voter in the city will take time to go down to the police judge's office and register in order that they may do their duty as citizens and vote for some man of their choice for the various offices to be filled at the election in May.

Respectfully,
B. ST. GEORGE BISHOP.

Social Evening

A social evening will be held at the Klamath Conservatory of Music on Friday evening, April 5th, for the benefit of the Klamath Falls public library. The best of local talent has been secured for a pleasing program. Light refreshments will be served. Admission, 25 cents at the door.

May Purchase Jersey Dairy

George Nolan, through his partner, Richard Smith, is negotiating for the purchase of the Klamath Falls Jersey Dairy from Bird S. Loosley. A definite proposition has been made to Mr. Loosley and if it is accepted the transfer of the property and business will occur on April 1. If the deal is consummated it is proposed to move the cows and machinery to Altamont ranch where a dairy of the most modern type will be installed as rapidly as the necessary equipment can be brought in.

Train Service Is Cut Down

Owing to the damage inflicted on the Southern Pacific and the Klamath Lake railroads Klamath Falls must endure a thrice a week mail service for a short time. Nearly ten days of incessant rain and snow was more than the roadbed of these roads could stand and as a result traffic has been demoralized. South of Dunsmuir it will be weeks before the old schedule will be renewed, although it is expected that a daily service will be established this week. North of Thrall to Roseburg a daily service is now on, although all trains are run "special" and will be for some time. Therefore, until further notice the schedule will be: The boat will leave for Keno at 5:30 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, passengers remaining over night at Pokegama and reaching Thrall the following morning at 9 o'clock. Stages will leave Pokegama Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at

PUSHING CONSTRUCTION

California-Northeastern Will Reach
the Lake by Fall

THE CONTRACTORS GET BONUS

7 a. m., reaching this city at 7 p. m. the same day.

The O. C. T. Company has had a rough time of it for the past week, but have been equal to the occasion. The service rendered has been remarkably good when the condition of the roads is taken into consideration.

Notice.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Klamath Water Users association is called to meet at the Courthouse on Friday evening, April 5, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering matters to come before the annual meeting.
J. B. GRIFFITH.

Additional Briefs

For choice farming and see Mark L. Burns.

Just arrived at Alva Lewis's, new line of jewelry.

Fine line of stationery at Newsom & Underwood.

For rings go to L. Alva Lewis. New line just arrived.

For bargains in city property see Mark L. Burns.

For information of Klamath county, address Mark L. Burns, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Buy a lot in the Hot Springs Addition on the plan which guarantees your family a home.

WANTED—A good girl to assist with general housework. Apply Box 245, Klamath Falls, Ore.

POTATOES! Why buy marbles when Jim Straw has potatoes big as pumpkins? Telephone 105. 3-28 21*

FOR SALE—Seed oats, barley and wheat; also hay, all of which will be delivered in this city. Inquire of J. D. Carroll, Henley.

R. P. Breitenstein this week went to his wood camp. He took with him the new wood sawing machine he had just purchased.

E. E. McFarland of the Republican left this week for Los Angeles, where he was called by the dangerous illness of his mother.

Father Feusi expects to leave for Lakeview next week. As a consequence there will be no services in the Catholic church on Sunday, April 6.

I have a few choice lots in South Midland that I am offering for \$50 per lot. Now is the time to buy before they are all gone. Mark L. Burns.

E. E. Fitch this week sold to W. T. Adams, of Baker City, 100 acres of land four miles from Merrill, consideration \$1000. A. Hammond was the owner.

As soon as canal work is finished through the Hot Springs tract, work will begin on the Alameda, which will be the finest drive in Southern Oregon.

LOST—Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning two Klamath County Bank books and one small memorandum book. Finder please return to Horace Mitchell.

When you buy a lot in the Hot Springs Addition, you will NOT be called upon to pay about \$150 additional for clearing lots, for shade trees, sidewalks and improving streets.

To every new subscriber who pays one year in advance we will allow three votes in the contest for the most popular girl in the county, the winner to be sent to the Jamestown Exposition.

Compare the improvement made by the Klamath Development Company surrounding the lots in their different town sites, with improvements in other additions, before purchasing town property.

Easter services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 10 a. m. A special program will be rendered. The Easter sermon will be delivered at 11 o'clock by the presiding elder. At the 11 o'clock service Mrs. Zumwalt will give a special program.

Rev. P. Conklin of Oakesdale has been elected pastor of the Methodist church to fill out the remainder of the year. He will be here April 1st. Mr. Conklin is quite well known here, having invested considerably in Klamath County property.

Dr. G. W. Maston and W. H. North were elected trustees of the Presbyterian church, at the annual meeting of that congregation held at the church Monday evening. Rev. W. G. Smith was elected pastor. Mr. Smith has for the past four years been serving the church as Home Missionary, but the growth of the congregation has warranted the change to a permanent pastor.

J. F. McGuire of Mt. Hebron Says That Nothing Will Interfere With the Rapid Completion of the Road

"You can put it down as a fact, an incontrovertible fact, that the California Northwestern will reach the lake by fall." Thus did J. F. McGuire of Mount Hebron summarize the railroad situation Tuesday when discussing the subject with a Republican representative. "It is not so very long ago when the statement was freely made that what was then known as the Stone contract would not be finished for three years. This contract covered the four miles this side of Grass Lake and was admittedly the hardest piece of work on the entire job. So great was the task that the Stone Company had to give up and it was undertaken by the Northwestern Construction Company, in charge of Mr. Whittlesy. When help came on the ground he soon demonstrated his ability and that four miles is now ready for the rails. The balance of the work to the lake in the ground is comparatively easy and will be completed without difficulty.

"As an evidence of the sincerity of the Southern Pacific Company to push the work, the case of Erickson & Peterson can be cited. They have been informed that if they complete their contract to Orr's lake by June 1 they will be paid an increased price on their contract. Orr's lake is fifteen miles from Grass Lake and seven miles this side of Mt. Hebron, and Erickson & Peterson are going to get the increased price for they will reach the lake before the date set.

"Work on the tunnel will begin just as soon as the weather clears up. This work will be like the Stone contract—finished while the pessimists are declaring it will take a year or two to complete the job. Two more crews are started at once in the valley and the entire force constantly increased. As soon as Orr's lake is reached, goods will be shipped to that point and it will be made the headquarters.

"This summer will see great activity in Butte Creek valley is certain. Five hundred families of Dunkards will take up their homes there within the next few months. Fifteen carloads of these new settlers are already on the road and are expected to arrive this week. Thousands of dollars have been spent in advertising the valley by the Butte Creek Valley Land Company. The railroad company has a moving picture show on the road, showing scenes from various points in the valley, and the Land Company has spent thousands of dollars in sending out circulars and booklets.

"The town of Mt. Hebron will be placed on the market the first of the month and it is expected that a great many lots will change hands. A saw mill, the machinery for which is now on the road, will be erected a mile west of town. The logs are now being gotten out. That Mt. Hebron will be a great town is a foregone conclusion. It is the natural shipping point for a vast territory and will be the supply center for one of the richest valleys in Northern California. Sixty thousand head of cattle passed my place up to January 1, for the 1906 season, on their way to Montague. For thirty miles surrounding the people get their mail at our post office, and with the rapid settling up that will take place this summer it is certain that the population of the new town will speedily increase."

Considerable excitement was occasioned Sunday evening about nine o'clock when the Steamer Klamath sounded the signal of distress as she rounded the point on her return trip from Keno. The cause of the signal was the bursting of a flue in the boiler. Not knowing the extent of the damage Captain Roberts ran the steamer as best he could. The wood was taken from the fire, and thrown into the lake, which led to the belief that the boat was on fire. The damage was slight, and was ready for the run Monday afternoon.