

"Hew to the Line, Let the Chips Fall Where they May."

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## CITY BLAMED FOR SAVING INTEREST

BUREAU OF INSPECTION SUBMITS REPORT—PRAISES CITY CLERK HOAGE.

The practice of the city of Olympia in loaning itself some \$12,000 from its bond sinking fund, by which it saves some \$960 a year on 8 per cent warrants, is scored by the state bureau of inspection in its report of its annual examination of the city offices, just completed at a cost of \$204.70. The city officials, however, figure the city is ahead considerable money each year by this system and will not discontinue it.

City Clerk W. A. Hoage's management of his office is highly commended by the report, as the conduct of the offices of police justice and chief of police, by the former officials, Judge Milton Giles and Ben F. Hall respectively, are roundly scored.

Hoage "Competent Official."

"All of the records and files are very well and satisfactorily kept," the report says with regard to the city clerk's office, adding that "Mr. Hoage is an intelligent, courteous and competent official, and the people of Olympia are to be congratulated upon having a city clerk of his ability. He is administering the affairs of his office in an efficient and commendable manner."

The city's floating indebtedness totals \$80,431.89, the report says, or \$17,743.82 more than its legal debt limit of 1 1/2 per cent of the present valuation of \$2,326,731, by which it is entitled to a floating debt of \$49,400.96. Included in this item of excess indebtedness, however, is the \$12,631.25 which has been advanced from the sinking fund to retire outstanding expense fund warrants, so that the actual excess of indebtedness above the legal limit is approximately \$5,100. The floating debt has been reduced \$6,170.34 during the past year.

Park Board Commended.

The members of the park board, the report says, "appear to be administering the affairs in a very commendable manner." The issuance last year of \$7,323.11 in current expense fund warrants to cover expenditures in connection with the purchase of the municipal water system, was criticized as "clearly illegal," on the ground that the acquisition of the system was not mandatory, and that, as the city has exceeded its debt limit, "no warrants can legally be issued except for mandatory purposes."

Local improvement funds were not checked by the examiner, but Mr. Hoage expects to do this work during the summer. The fact that the city has no contract, with the local banks "for the payment of interest on average daily balances, as expressly provided by the laws of the state," is again cited. The officials, in replying, state that neither bank will pay interest on the city deposits.

Relief Fund for War Blind.

Frank M. Kenney, cashier of the Olympia National bank, has been named sub-treasurer for this district of the Permanent Blind Relief War Fund for the assistance of the thousands of French, Belgian and British soldiers who have been blinded in the European war and who are reported to be in a pitiable condition. Donations are being made at the Olympia National bank. Though specifically organized to aid the blind of these three nations, the fund will ultimately contribute toward the assistance of every blind person in the world.

J. B. Taylor, one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of the southwestern part of the county, this week announced his candidacy for representative to the state legislature on the Republican ticket.

Grand Mound Dedication Thursday.

President P. M. Troy of the Chamber of Commerce has accepted an invitation from the Mound Prairie Farmers' club on the occasion of the dedication of their new clubhouse, his subject being, "Olympia's Interest in the Development of Mound Prairie." Governor Lister is to give the principal address at the dedication, which is to take place next Thursday.

ORGANIZE RIFLE CLUB.

24 Olympians Form Branch of National Association for Defense.

Frank M. Kenney was elected president, John Barnes vice president, W. W. Manier secretary, Felix Donges treasurer and B. T. Baker executive officer, of the Olympia Rifle club when it was formally organized at a meeting at the courthouse Tuesday evening. The club will affiliate with the National Rifle association.

Twenty-four Olympians are numbered among the charter members of the club and others are urged to join. The purpose of the association is to create interest in rifle and small-arm shooting and to develop better marksmen, and a 600-foot range will be established.

## FACES LARCENY CHARGE

Brass Thief Who Attempted "Get-Away" to Be Tried Next Month.

Information charging grand larceny for the alleged theft of some \$50 worth of brass fittings from the Buchanan Lumber company, will be filed in the local superior court by Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis against William Thompson, who made a sensational attempt at a "get-away" Monday. He was arrested last week and claimed he found the brass along the Shelton road.

Thompson was in the custody of Patrolman La Barre at the time of his attempt to escape. He had been taken down to the docks to see if any one could identify him and officer and prisoner were on their way back to the city jail when Thompson made his "break." He covered most of the territory in the neighborhood of Fourth, Water and Columbia streets, until he jumped to the tide-flats near Chinatown, where he was cornered. The chase attracted quite a large crowd.

His trial will take place next month.

Masons Invited to Chehalis.

The Chehalis chapter of Royal Arch Masons this week invited the local chapter to confer the Royal Arch degree on a class of candidates in Chehalis the latter part of this month. The invitation was extended following the exemplification of the degree upon a class of nine candidates in a large Masonic meeting in this city last Saturday, when part of the work was put on by the Chehalis team. Officers of the Chehalis chapter have since written the local chapter strongly complimenting it for the hospitality provided for the visitors and for the success of the gathering in Olympia, which was probably the largest and best of its kind ever held in the state outside of the large cities.

To Discuss Fair Plans.

Plans for the second annual Thurston County Fair will be discussed and decision as to the policy that will be pursued with reference to a campaign for township organization will be made, at the May meeting of the Thurston County Pomona Grange which is to be held at the new hall of the Skookumchuck Grange Tuesday, May 16.

State Employees Get Fees.

Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis, who raised the question at the time of the Gillies' trials, whether the state officials and employees who testified in those cases were entitled to witness fees, has been advised by the attorney general's department that, while the officials cannot collect, the employees have the same right to draw witness fees and mileage as private persons, though also receiving their salaries from the state.

Bryan May Attend as Alternate.

William Jennings Bryan, defeated candidate for delegate-at-large from Nebraska to the Democratic national convention, received 18 votes as alternate, according to official count thus far, and hence may go to the convention as an alternate delegate. His name was written in. In case he is declared elected alternate delegate he will be eligible to a seat in the St. Louis convention if any of the regular delegates should see fit to give their place to him. W. H. Thompson and J. J. Thomas, Bryan men, were elected.

## STATE DEMOCRATS ENDORSE WILSON AND LISTER

WORK IN HARMONY FOR COMING CAMPAIGN IN ENTHUSIASTIC CONVENTION AT NORTH YAKIMA—PLATFORM LAUDS NATIONAL AND STATE ADMINISTRATIONS AND POINTS TO PARTY'S LEGISLATIVE RECORD.

Democrats of the state of Washington, in enthusiastic convention at North Yakima last Tuesday, worked harmoniously in plans for the coming campaign, adopted a platform strongly praising the administrations of President Wilson and Governor Lister, named Hugh Wallace national committeeman for this state, and elected delegates to the national convention at St. Louis.

It was Wilson and Lister all the way through. There were rumors and near rumors that some opposition might develop against the governor, but no one could be found who would admit it and the delegates finally decided that the rumors emanated from those outside the convention who were naturally anxious to have "something happen." When the governor took the platform in response to a call for a speech the delegates leaped to their feet and gave round after round of applause and as he tore into the issues in state and nation he was frequently stopped by repeated cheers.

Governor Announces Candidacy. In concluding his remarks the governor told the convention that he would be a candidate for renomination and election this fall, but that if the Democrats of Washington chose some other Democrat to be their standard-bearer, he would take off his coat and strive with might and main to elect him.

The largest delegation that has attended a Washington state convention in 20 years worked harmoniously throughout, the only real ripple of excitement being when George F. Cotterill and Charles A. Reynolds, on behalf of King county, attempted to stampede the convention to Judson Shorett for national committeeman. The King county delegation was by no means unanimous and as a matter of fact did not expect to break in on the lineup for Hugh C. Wallace of Pierce, whose friends had lined up practically the whole convention to back him. As soon as the vote was announced the incident was practically forgotten and the delegates hurried on to the next order of business.

The question of endorsing the non-partisan idea for state, county and municipal offices, which was expected to cause a lively fight on the floor of the convention, did not materialize, for the word was quickly passed after the caucus of the Pierce county delegation that Governor Lister had suggested that, inasmuch as the non-partisan idea was not properly a partisan measure, no mention of it should be made in the party platform and that several members of the Non-partisan League had urged that the league did not want the endorsement of any party. Nonpartisanship

reasons for returning both to office this fall. Colonel Howard Hathaway of Snohomish and Carl Eshelman of Pierce were unanimously chosen permanent chairman and permanent secretary respectively.

Turner Receives Ovation.

Judge George Turner, who is a candidate for United States senator, was enthusiastically received and delivered a splendid address dealing principally with the European and Mexican questions. He expressed absolute confidence in the wisdom of President Wilson in handling the serious situations that confront the nation and averred that Washington now had the first real governor since the late John R. Rogers occupied the executive chair.

There were no real contests for delegates to the national convention or the choice of presidential electors. The districts caucused quickly and announced their choice which was ratified by the convention. Following the recommendation of the rules committee, a double delegation was decided upon by the convention. Four women will be on the delegation to St. Louis, Mrs. Harrison G. Foster of Pierce, Mrs. B. F. Shields of King and Mrs. Mary A. Monroe and Mrs. Elizabeth Christian of Spokane.

The delegates are:

At large—W. L. Rust, Pierce; Howard Hathaway, Snohomish; E. L. Mackenzie, Whitman; F. C. Robertson, Spokane; Alfred Battle, King; E. J. Walsh, Pierce; W. L. Gazzam, Kitsap; Mary A. Monroe, Spokane.

First district—Paul Land, B. F. Shields, Mrs. M. B. Harker and William Piggott, all of Seattle.

Second district—T. F. Trumbull, Clallam; W. J. Hughes, Whatcom; W. S. Clark, Skagit; I. P. Calhoun, King.

Third district—Mrs. Harrison G. Foster, Pierce; William Ogden, Grays Harbor; F. C. Edmison, Lewis; J. A. Langsdorf, Clarke.

Fourth district—M. W. Merritt, Whitman; W. A. Toner, Walla Walla; C. M. O'Brien, Franklin; E. L. Salisbury, Benton.

Fifth district—John J. Maloney, Spokane; Mrs. Elizabeth Christian, Spokane; John B. Slater, Stevens; C. W. Bethel, Lincoln.

Following are the nominees for presidential electors:

D. M. Drumheller, Spokane; George F. Christianson, Skamania; C. C. Brown, Cowlitz; Francis Donahue, Lewis; G. W. Hoxie, Chelan; Joseph A. Sloan, King; A. T. Stream, Pacific.

The platform adopted by the convention is one of strong endorsement for both the national and state administrations and asserts that a Democratic president and a Democratic congress has enacted more remedial legislation in the past three years than had been written into the statutes in 50 years before; praises President Wilson for his handling of both foreign and domestic affairs; points to the development of Alaska as of especial interest to Washington and calls for adequate national preparedness.

References to state issues indicate that the convention was strongly against the attacks of the last Republican legislature on the initiative and referendum and condemned the Whitney election bills. The courage, energy and efficiency of Governor Lister were commended and attention called to the successful administration of the eight-hour and minimum wage laws and the increased efficiency of state institutions without increased cost, and calls for a constitutional convention.

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The Olympia-Tacoma Navigation company operated its boats between the two cities at a loss of \$3,660.56 last year, according to the report submitted to the public service commission this week.

President P. M. Troy of the Chamber of Commerce issued a call this week for a general meeting of the membership Friday evening, when plans for a Fourth of July celebration will be presented and discussed.

COW-TESTING CLUB FORMED.

Required Number of Cows Obtained—Work to Start May 15.

Officers will be chosen and final details arranged of the organization of a cow-testing association in this county, at a meeting of the members of the association to be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 1:30 Saturday afternoon. The association hopes to have the work of cow-testing in regular operation by May 15.

Organization of the association was successfully completed this week when O. E. Gibson of the federal department of agriculture spent Tuesday and Wednesday here, enrolling the final members needed. Some 528 cows, 28 more than required by the governmental regulations, have been signed up, Mr. Gibson being assisted Wednesday by C. C. Aspinwall of Mud Bay.

Every member of the association is urged to attend Saturday's meeting.

## WANTS DEED REVOKED

Mrs. Crodle Sues to Recover Interest in Rutledge Homestead.

All of her relatives are made defendants by Mrs. Stella Rutledge Crodle in a suit instituted by her in the local superior court during the past week in which she alleges that, through undue influence and fraud, she signed a quit-claim deed to a homestead taken up by her mother in this county some 30 years ago.

Her step-mother, formerly Mrs. Marian Rutledge, now Mrs. T. Ives Dodge, though always treating her in an affectionate manner, told her the homestead was worthless, Mrs. Crodle alleges, and later obtained her signature to a deed to her half of the property. Mrs. Crodle also charges that Mrs. Dodge plotted with a relative, William Miles, to buy delinquent tax certificates against the homestead and to foreclose on the property, but says Miles refused to do this, after first starting suit in 1897.

Mrs. Crodle claims she did not know she was signing a deed to the property and says she has never received any part of the \$250 consideration mentioned in the instrument. All the parties to the controversy are well known.

Ordinance Regulates Jitneys.

An ordinance regulating the operation of jitney buses in this city and requiring a \$2,000 bond to protect passengers and a \$30 annual license fee, was passed unanimously by the city council Tuesday night, after a considerable debate. When application is made for a license, the route to be traveled must be specified, the schedule must be approved by the chairman of the street committee and three resident taxpayers must be given as references. Mayor Mottman has refused to approve the ordinance and has addressed a statement to the council criticizing various features of it.

Gaines Candidate for Sheriff.

Thomas H. Gaines of Tono, one of the well known men of the county, this week announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff, subject to the September primaries. He has made his home in Thurston county for 14 years and for the last seven years has been serving as deputy sheriff in the vicinity of Bucoda, Tenino and Tono.

Schools Unite for Manual Training.

The Tenino and Yelm school directors have consented to a proposition whereby five districts will join together for the employment of a manual training instructor for all of the districts. The Rainier directors have also consented to the plan and the Grand Mound, Little Rock and Tumwater districts have the matter under consideration. It is planned to equip shops and have the new system in working order by the opening of the next school year.

669 "Booze" Permits Issued.

The county auditor's office issued 279 permits for "booze" during April, most of them for the limit of both whisky and beer. A total of 669 permits have been issued here since the first of the year, 43 in January, 130 in February and 217 in March.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC TO ADJUST RATES

"NO INTENTION OF SLIGHTING OLYMPIA," GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT SAYS.

Responding to the communication addressed to his company last week by Frank M. Kenney on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, H. E. Still, general western freight agent of the Northern Pacific railway, this week gave assurances that proper adjustment of freight rates would be made, stating that his company "certainly had no intention of slighting Olympia in any way."

The correspondence arose when the Chamber of Commerce, after an investigation, discovered that rates on local freight in and out of the city are higher in several classifications and commodities than those operating as to other Puget Sound cities. It instructed Mr. Kenney to present the situation to the Northern Pacific, as the pioneer railroad in the city, upon whose tariffs the Union Pacific based its rates when its new line was recently opened into this city.

Urges Immediate Action.

Replying to Mr. Still's letter, Mr. Kenney suggested that "immediate steps be taken to put the class rates in the proper shape," adding that, "as every day's delay operates against us, we would request that the class rates be made effective now and the other commodity rates be adjusted later." "We certainly had no intention of slighting Olympia in any way," Mr. Still's letter says, "and will give careful consideration to your criticisms with a view to making any adjustment which may be proper, and will advise you later as to conclusions reached."

Public Service Board Favorable.

Answering this, Mr. Kenney wrote: "We can obtain the permission of the public service commission for the immediate installation of class rates, as this is a matter that can be passed upon very quickly, and I therefore hope to receive word within a day or two that steps are being taken accordingly."

When the rates on local freight are adjusted satisfactorily, the Chamber of Commerce plans to take up with the railroad the removal of the present differential of from \$20 to \$40 per car on Eastern freight now charged local merchants. Greater difficulty is anticipated in obtaining the re-adjustment of this feature of local freight charges, and it may be necessary for the Chamber to present the situation to the interstate commerce commission before obtaining the desired reductions.

Union Sunday School Meetings.

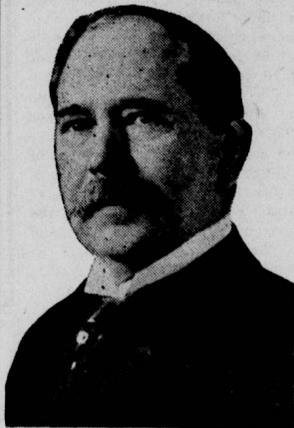
Plans for union Sunday school meetings in this city Memorial Sunday, May 28, will be completed at a meeting of the Superintendents' Union at the Y. M. C. A. next Monday evening. Two meetings are to be held at the same time, one at the Presbyterian church for the pupils of the primary grades and their parents, and the other at the Y. M. C. A. for the older classes. Mrs. D. E. Werts is chairman of the arrangements committee.

Thurston Gets \$5,000 for Roads.

The state auditor has divided \$214,437 among the counties of the state as the distribution of funds collected by the secretary of state for automobile licenses and fines, during the period from October 1, 1915, to April 1 last. The apportionment is made on the basis of the amount of permanent highway taxes paid by each county, and the money is to be used in the maintenance of permanent highways. Thurston received \$3,090.58, while King county got \$51,540, or a fourth of the entire amount.

Consolidation Is Defeated.

With the patrons of the Black Lake district voting solidly against the proposal, the plan to consolidate the Belmore and Black Lake school districts and to erect a new school, probably at Belmore, was defeated by a decisive vote at the election the fore part of this week. Belmore residents favored the plan.



JUDGE GEORGE TURNER of Spokane

Democratic Candidate for United States Senator, Who Was Given a Rousing Ovation at the State Convention Last Tuesday.

was not discussed before the platform committee or on the floor of the convention.

Judge McKinney of Walla Walla acted as temporary chairman and gave the keynote speech in which he lauded President Wilson and Governor Lister and pointed out many