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LISTER OPENS HIS RE-ELECTION FIGHT

DENIES ASSESSING EMPLOYEES - SAYS BREWERIES FINANCED M'BRIDE IN 1908.

Declaring that he had not assessed his appointees \$10,000 to defray his campaign expenses in 1912, as frequently stated by Republican papers, and charging that McBride's campaign for the gubernatorial nomination in 1908 was financed by the breweries, Governor Lister this week inaugurated his campaign for re-election in his usually vigorous style. He officially opened his campaign Monday, when he addressed a large audience in the Grand theater at noon, at a meeting arranged under the auspices of the Lister campaign committee of King county, acting independently of the state central committee.

"My opponent says that if elected to the position of governor he will not assess his officials, or those under him, to pay campaign expenses," the governor said in that speech. "I desire to answer that charge at this particular time. I am going to call the attention of the people of Seattle to the campaign that was waged four years ago.

"My opponent, Governor Hay, who was a candidate for election, had expended, according to his own statement, during the primary campaign over \$13,000 to secure the primary nomination, and I received the nomination for the office of governor just three weeks before election.

"The campaign had to be waged rapidly and strongly. It was a campaign against strong forces and it was waged that way. The usual methods that are used in the collection of campaign funds were not possible, on account of the short time that we had to make those collections, and the money that usually the friends of a party will give to a campaign was smaller, on account of the short time, than was usual in such a case.

In Debt at the End of Fight. "Not a single thing was left undone, however, to bring about success in that campaign. I worked unceasingly night and day. I made up my mind that I was going to be elected governor of the state of Washington.

"At the close of the campaign I was carrying some indebtedness that had been incurred during the campaign for campaign purposes, and had the business in which I was engaged been as good as we all hoped it would be—which was the lumber business—it would have very quickly been absorbed, but, like every other person engaged in that line of business in the state of Washington, it has been a case of just keeping things moving; there was nothing, ever since the panic of 1907, in the lumber market.

"You know the situation as well as I. And after I had been in office for some time, some of those who had been appointed to office, who knew that I was still carrying that indebtedness, got together, raised the money and paid the campaign indebtedness. All of this was done without my having any knowledge regarding it.

"I am going to say this further, that during the present campaign those who have official positions in this administration are assisting in paying campaign expenses, and I am sure that is equally true of every other party in power this year, as it has been ever since parties existed.

Not Assessing Officeholders. "I want to say this in conclusion, however: There is not a single member of my administration, be he or she in a position high or low, to whom any request or to whom any endeavor has been made by me personally to have them put up a single nickel, or any other amount, for campaign expenses; and if anybody in my administration does not desire to give any amount to assist in this campaign, they do not have to do it, and it is not going to jeopardize their positions one iota. There has not been collected a single nickel except of a voluntary character, and there will not be a nickel collected, while I am in office, excepting that it is also-

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WANT WATERWAY CLOSED.

Committee Tells Land Commissioner Westsiders Approve Project.

A. S. Caton, W. W. Work, Emery Chaplin, and City Engineer J. B. Weddell, representing the residents of the Westside, formally notified State Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge that the residents of that district unanimously approve the proposal to close the Des Chutes waterway south of Fourth street and to erect a viaduct as a permanent bridge across the channel.

Savidge's decision is expected within a few days. The opinion of the Westside residents was registered at a big mass meeting at the schoolhouse last Friday night, at which Mr. Caton presided and Dr. P. H. Carlyn explained the plan of improvement, which includes the beautifying of the district below Fourth street as an approach to the new capitol grounds.

TURNER AND SNYDER WILL SPEAK HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Will Also Address Meeting at Yelm That Day and Tenino Thursday.

Judge George Turner of Spokane, ex-United States senator from this state and Democratic candidate for that position this year, will campaign Southwest Washington next week, speaking at Roy, Yelm, McKenna and Olympia next Tuesday and at Tenino Thursday afternoon. His itinerary carries him to every important town in this section of the state before the end of the week.

With him will be Edgar C. Snyder, former state chairman of the Progressive party and president of the Woodrow Wilson Independent League of this state, who is speaking throughout the state this fall in the campaign to re-elect President Wilson.

Arrangements for a rousing reception for Senator Turner and Mr. Snyder in this city next Tuesday evening, are under way. A feature of the meeting will be the famous Elks club quartet of Spokane, which has just returned from a tour throughout the East, where it appeared before the leading Elks' lodges.

Mallory & Martin Gain Point.

Superior Judge Wright, after another hearing on the question Tuesday, gave a decision by which Mallory & Martin, contractors on the Swantown sewer improvement, are to be paid half of the money already received by the city from the sale of bonds and to receive half of the proceeds of the remaining bonds as they are sold. The first bonds issued were sold by the city and the money used to reimburse it for what it had advanced to complete the sewer, and the city had offered to split the remaining bonds with the contractors, but they vigorously objected, contending that the last bonds are not as marketable.

Spokane to Get Land Bank.

The Pacific coast is slated to get two federal banks—one in the Northwest and the other in California—with Spokane and Sacramento being looked upon with the most favor by the federal farm loan board as the cities best adapted for the location of the banks, according to unofficial word being passed about in treasury department circles this week.

The banks and public offices of the city were closed Thursday, in observance of Columbus day.

REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY.

If you want to vote in the general election November 7 and have not registered, you must do so before next Tuesday night, October 17, for then the registration books in all parts of the county will be closed until after November 7. Many voters who failed to register for the primaries have since done so, according to reports received from the precinct officers. All who want to vote November 7 must be registered.

PLAN FARMER'S INSTITUTE IN OLYMPIA THIS FALL

Agricultural Bureau Arranging for Dates and Speakers for Free Course.

Plans for farmers' institute to be conducted in this city some time between Thanksgiving and Christmas by the extension department of the Washington State College are being worked out by a special committee authorized by the agricultural bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

The bureau expects to have the necessary information at hand by the time of its next meeting, October 20, when it hopes to be able to make a definite announcement of the dates for the several days' free course. The arrangements perfected, the bureau plans to exert every effort to induce farmers to attend the institute, so that each meeting will have a large crowd.

The bureau is also arranging plans for a public reception in honor of the new county farm expert, at which the farmers of the county will be the guests of the city residents.

Attorney Thomas M. Vance of this city delivered the principal address at the regular meeting of the King County Wilson Independent League in Seattle Wednesday noon.

WORD SKETCHES OF NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES

Intimate Glimpses at Those Who Aspire to County Office on Their Ability Alone, Who Are Making Their Campaigns on Their Individual Merit, and Who Owe No Allegiance to Any "Machine."

C. P. HICKS Non-Partisan Candidate for COUNTY ENGINEER

Backing his claims for consideration by several years' experience as a contracting engineer engaged in industrial and road work, C. P. Hicks of Lacey, son of the Thurston county pioneer Gwin Hicks, is running for the office of county engineer on the general policy of spending county money on the secondary or county roads—the utility roads for the farmers—leaving it to the state to build and maintain the main highways.

Mr. Hicks, being a native son and a member of a pioneer family, is well known throughout the county. He was educated in the public schools of the county and at St. Martin's college, Lacey. He knows the county from one end to the other, knows what it needs and how important the construction of secondary roads is to its proper development, and proposes to devote most of his energies to them, if elected county engineer.

Starting out on his professional career, he worked for two years for the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company of Tacoma, during which time he placed all of the company's industrial tracks in and around its big plant, and also constructed a planing mill. He left the employ of that company to go to Aberdeen for the Tacoma Dredging company in the capacity of engineer where he successfully placed an hydraulic fill of 1,500,000 cubic yards of material for less than 15 cents per yard.

He left Aberdeen to go to Everett, where he made another big fill for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, this one of 1,000,000 cubic yards, and also was construction engineer in the building of the Pacific highway across Ebey Island, in Snohomish county, one of the most difficult pieces of road work in the country. From Everett he went to Seattle, where he was engineer for the contractors who successfully completed the second unit of the Lake Washington canal. At present he is living at the family farm near Lacey.

Mr. Hicks is making the race for county engineer on two important points: First, that the office belongs to the county and not the city, as the city has its own engineer; and second, that he favors better roads for the county, leaving to the state the task of building the highways, by which he means that the county should have more and better secondary roads, as well as primary highways, and that instead of spending all the road funds for highway improvements, the money should be spent on the ordinary county roads.

"WILSON DAY" OCT. 28 THROUGHOUT NATION

President's Address to People on Americanism Will Be Read in Meetings.

"Woodrow Wilson Day" will be observed throughout the United States Saturday, October 28, according to an announcement made this week by Chairman McCormick of the Democratic national committee.

On that day the president will address to the people of the country a message on "Americanism," in which he will point out anew his convictions as to the position this nation should maintain in the present world crisis.

"It is the plan," Chairman McCormick said, "to hold meetings all over the country, at which the message from the president will be read."

Chairmen of the Democratic state committees in the various states will co-operate with the county chairmen in arranging for meetings on "Woodrow Wilson day," with speakers of prominence.

"This message," it was announced at Democratic national headquarters, "is to be a proclamation of Americanism, which will be read by a prominent citizen in each community. It is planned to have this day on which all citizens will pay their respects to the president of the United States."

This message, it is asserted, will be "a proclamation of the new freedom."

G. E. CONN Non-Partisan Candidate for COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Twenty-seven years' experience in teaching, 13 years of it in rural schools and 14 in graded, fit Geo. E. Conn of Plum Station, in the opinion of himself and his many friends, for the office of county superintendent of schools for which he is a candidate on the Non-Partisan ticket this year.

Mr. Conn has been teaching since 1911 in rural schools in this county, the first year at Chambers' Prairie, then for two years as principal of the Cat-Tail school. He is now teaching his second year at Plum Station. He knows the rural school conditions of this county, he knows their troubles, their needs, their handicaps and their shortcomings, and he believes that this knowledge coupled with his 27 years' experience as a teacher particularly fits him for the position through which, if elected, he could work to improve the rural schools of the county.

Mr. Conn is a taxpayer in the Plum Station district, where he is wrestling a home out of the woods. He came to Thurston county in 1911 from King county, where he had been teaching for years, to camp on some timber land he owned here, and he liked the country and the people so well he decided to remain and make his home here. And when some of the people of Thurston county particularly interested in their country schools set about to find a man whose experience and ability so fitted him for the post of county superintendent of schools that his administration would promote their development and improvement, as they felt no city-schooled man could do, Geo. E. Conn was the man they urged to be a candidate.

Mr. Conn was born in the country and has spent most of his life there. He was raised on a farm in Illinois and didn't get to start school until he was 10 years old, but he graduated from the high school at Champaign, Ill., when he was 19 years old, after making a three-year high school course in two years in spite of the fact that he had to leave school each spring to help out in the farm work, indicating that he more than made up in industry and study and ability the handicap of starting late and of being able to spend only the fall and winter months in school.

After his graduation he was employed to teach the children of the tenants on a 5,000-acre farm in Champaign county, Illinois, and for

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TO FORM FARM LOAN CLUB.

Local Grangers to Take Advantage of New Rural Credits Law.

Steps toward the organization of the first farm loan association of farmers of this county under the provisions of the rural credits act recently passed by congress will be taken at the regular October meeting of the Thurston County Pomona Grange at the Chambers' Prairie Grange hall next Tuesday, according to an announcement made this week by Pomona Master L. L. Snow.

The association will be formed among the members of the Grange, at least 10 of whom are necessary. Master Snow has written to the farm loan board for the required organization papers and instructions and anticipates no trouble in perfecting the first club.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS WITH MEETING TONIGHT

Non-Partisan Candidates Start Fight in Meeting at Rainier—Visit Yelm Monday.

First blows in the local county campaign will be struck by the Non-Partisan candidates at a meeting which is to be held at Eddy hall, Rainier, Friday night. A. S. Caton, candidate for representative, Geo. F. Yantis, candidate for re-election as prosecuting attorney, and others will be the speakers.

Next Monday night the Non-Partisan candidates will go to Yelm, where a meeting will be held in the gymnasium of the consolidated high school. The gymnasium is a separate structure from the high school building, and has a large auditorium. Practically every evening from then on throughout the campaign the Non-Partisan candidates will conduct meetings, the plan being to speak to the residents of every community in the county.

The Republican candidates also plan to start their campaign next week with a meeting at Rochester Monday night and another at Bordeaux Tuesday, with T. P. Fisk of Shelton and State Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge as the principal speakers.

Rebekahs Elect Officers.

At the Rebekah district meeting in Tenino last Saturday the following officers for district No. 18 were elected: Mrs. Gibson of Bucooda, chairman; Mrs. Yeorex of Rainier, vice chairman; Mrs. Patterson of Chehalis secretary (re-elected); Mrs. Edwards of Chehalis, treasurer (re-elected). The appointive officers were named as follows: Mrs. Green of Centralia, R. S. C.; Mrs. Mrs. Keithahn, L. S. C.; Mrs. Berry of Centralia, chaplain; Mrs. Soule of Centralia, conductor; Mrs. Nelson, warden; Mrs. Keithahn, O. G.; Mrs. York, I. G.; Mrs. Chapin of Chehalis, R. S. V. C.; Mrs. Reynolds, L. S. V. C.

Walter F. McDowell, secretary of the Olympia Building & Loan association, was honored by election as secretary of the state association at the close of its eighth annual convention in Tacoma, which he and President C. H. Springer of the local association attended.

The Chamber of Commerce this week submitted another supplemental brief in support of the city's claim for an appropriation for the local harbor project, to the engineers of the war department, advancing the argument that the construction of shipyards here make the harbor improvement more imperative.

ROCHESTER TO ORGANIZE WILSON LEAGUE.

Attorney P. M. Troy of this city has been invited to go to Rochester next Tuesday night and address a meeting called by residents of that city for the purpose of organizing a Woodrow Wilson Independent League composed of Wilson supporters in that vicinity, regardless of party affiliations. The meeting will be open to the general public and it is expected there will be a large attendance.

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WILSON MEETING DRAWS BIG CROWD

FISHBURNE AND McLEAN ADDRESS LARGE AUDIENCE ON CAMPAIGN ISSUES.

Emphasis on the progressive, humane idealism of President Wilson in contrast to the reactionary, property viewpoint of the Republican candidate, Charles E. Hughes, featured the addresses delivered by Geo. P. Fishburne of Tacoma, Democratic candidate for congress from this district, and Henry Alberts McLean of Seattle, Progressive nominee for attorney general, before a crowd of 250 men and women, Democrats, Republicans, Progressives and Socialists, at the Y. M. C. A. hall Wednesday night.

It was the first local campaign meeting of the current presidential campaign and attracted a considerably larger crowd than expected, a crowd that cheered the speakers at every mention of the name of Woodrow Wilson and every reference to the progressive legislative and executive achievements of his administration. Attorney P. M. Troy, Democratic state committeeman for this county, presided.

Mr. Fishburne, who spoke first, recalled the Roosevelt panic of 1907 and Roosevelt's surrender to Wall street to prevent a more severe panic, by permitting the United States Steel corporation to take over the Tennessee Coal & Iron company, and then pointed out how, under the federal reserve bank act passed during the Wilson administration, the power to force a panic had been taken out of the hands of the big trusts and of Wall street and the money power taken from an oligarchy and "put with the government; where it belongs."

The Squabble Over "Pork."

He referred to the campaign talks of Hughes and Congressman Johnson as being a will o' the wisp, difficult to follow, because "Hughes went the length and breadth of the land condemning 'pork,' while Johnson's chief argument for re-election is the amount of pork he has obtained for his district." As a remedy for "pork," Mr. Fishburne proposed the creation of a board of engineers composed of men such as Colonel Goethals, "to determine what improvements are needed, to standardize postoffices according to the size of towns, and to put improvements where they are needed."

Taking up the "Siamese twin," as he called it—the tariff—Mr. Fishburne declared it to be a dead issue, "killed by President Wilson's tariff commission which is to fix the tariff rates just as the interstate commerce commission fixes railroad rates," and suggested that Mr. Hughes made his best speeches on that subject because, "judging from the speeches of his I have read he is better qualified to deliver a funeral oration than to be president."

He discussed the federal shipping bill and pointed out that Congressman Johnson had voted against it as well as against the federal reserve bank law. Recalling the pleas of big private interests for a ship subsidy and their protests to the shipping bill, he said: "The strange thing is that they are always in favor of government assistance when it is confined to themselves, but when it is spread to all the people, suddenly we are threatened with the dangerous doctrine of socialism."

Discussing Wilson's foreign policy, he said: "They sneer at the pen—the only alternative is the sword," and closed his address with the question: "Shall we turn back the hands to the dollar idealism of the days of Mark Hanna, the hour of war, or forward to the humane idealism of Woodrow Wilson, the hour of peace?" In introducing Mr. McLean, Mr. Troy praised "the men who have the courage to step out of the party and speak for Wilson because they believe him to be right," but Mr. McLean countered with the declaration: "It doesn't take courage to work for Wilson in this campaign—it is a matter of principle." At the outset he referred briefly to the state campaign, urging upon his hearers the necessity

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