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HUGHES' CAMPAIGN IS SLUMPING FAST

WILSON'S POPULARITY GROWING RAPIDLY, REPUBLICANS ARE GLOOMY.

Gloom fills the headquarters of the Republican national committee from Chairman Willcox down, for reports have come from the west and middle west that the Hughes campaign has been a failure and that President Wilson's popularity is growing in leaps and bounds.

Roosevelt's failure to stir up Hughes sentiment has the Republican managers worried. Chairman Willcox has received many requests that he be taken off the stump while from no place has there come a request that he make a second speech.

Workingmen for Wilson. To add to the gloom Fred O. Greiner, Republican leader of Buffalo, told Chairman Willcox that the workingmen are for President Wilson's re-election almost unanimously and that heretic treatment must be applied to save Mr. Hughes.

The hardest blow is the collapse of the Republican candidate's metropolitan newspaper support. The New York Tribune, which has a long and unbroken record of Republicanism and which a few days ago felt compelled to disagree pointedly with Mr. Hughes' Lusitania speech, this week published a political forecast which amounts to a virtual confession of the defeat of the Republican candidate.

Hughes a Disappointment. The forecast reports to be based upon confidential reports from every doubtful state received by one of the most prominent campaign managers. It gives Hughes only 184 votes, including Ohio's 24 and West Virginia's eight.

An interesting sidelight on the dilemma of the Republican press that is called upon to support a candidate without an issue is furnished by the fact that the Philadelphia Public Ledger's \$2000 prize contest for the best editorials in support of each presidential candidate was won for the Wilson side by Ernest F. Beddington of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia North American, which is half-heartedly supporting Hughes.

The Ledger announced that 459 contestants urged President Wilson's retention in office, while only 329 editorials were submitted in favor of Mr. Hughes.

Men's Club Meets Tuesday. Members of the Men's Club of St. John's Episcopal church will hold their first fall meeting at the church next Tuesday night, October 24, when the Rev. William H. Bliss, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Seattle, will deliver the address. The meeting will start with a dinner at 6:15, followed by a smoker, and any man who cares to attend will be heartily welcomed.

Members of the Thurston county game commission this week received authentic reports that various hunters in this county are running deer with dogs, in violation of the law. All of the game wardens are making special efforts to stop this practice.

TURNER AND SNYDER HERE FRIDAY.

Judge George Turner of Spokane, Democratic candidate for United States senator, and Edgar C. Snyder, former state chairman of the Progressive party, will address a public meeting at the Strand theater in this city at 8 o'clock Friday evening. The famous Elks' quartet of Spokane will be on hand to furnish music. This is the meeting which was to have been held Tuesday evening, but was postponed on account of a change in Judge Turner's schedule.

DYE FROM LIGNITE COAL. McArthur Has Plan to Develop Big Field Near Tenino.

William McArthur of the Hercules Sandstone company of Tenino, who has been experimenting for several years with lignite coal, states that it is particularly rich in dyestuffs and that he has found a simple and cheap method of extracting the crude base of the dyes from the coal direct, not from coal tar.

The railroad recently built by the stone company to its quarry up the Skookumchuck river from Tenino taps a rich field of lignite coal, which has never been developed owing to lack of capital. Mr. McArthur is planning the formation of a corporation with sufficient capital to develop the scheme and says that, if necessary, he will endeavor to interest Eastern capital.

McINTOSH IN RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

WELL KNOWN TUMWATER RESIDENT IS CANDIDATE ON DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

R. B. McIntosh of Tumwater, who was nominated on the Democratic ticket for county commissioner in the Second district, this week announced he had decided to make the race, after having been requested to do so by friends in the city and all parts of the county, and immediately prepared to conduct an energetic campaign.

Mr. McIntosh is the only candidate on the Democratic ticket in the county, and there is no candidate for this office on the Non-Partisan ticket, so that his only opponent is S. Y. Bennett, who was nominated on the Republican ticket. Mr. McIntosh has a host of friends throughout the county, having lived here 33 years, and is familiarly known by them as "Bob." He is a resident of Tumwater and a member of its town council.

Mr. McIntosh came to Thurston county in 1884. For the last 15 years he has been engaged in the lumber and logging business and is acquainted with every part of the county, have worked in all parts of it, and has the reputation of being a man who produces results. He knows property valuations and is familiar with road work, having had to construct roads in opening up different timber tracts.

Mr. McIntosh announces that he will guarantee the taxpayers that if elected commissioner he will see to it that everybody employed by the county earns the money he is paid—that there won't be any "loafing on the job," so far as he has jurisdiction. And in the conduct of the county's affairs he will use the same judgment he always has in his private business and will conduct the county business as if it were his own.

It elected, he will not permit politics to interfere with a fair and just administration of the duties of his office and will endeavor to see that each community in the county receives an equitable and just share of all moneys that come under his supervision. He has made no pre-election promises and is free to perform the duties of his office with fairness and impartiality to all.

He believes that when money is spent on roads, it should be spent in such a manner that the resulting work will be permanent, yet he does not believe in going into debt to build roads. He also believes that close attention should be given to the work in the different road districts, so that the best results can be obtained.

Heavy Registration in City.

Several hundred more people than were registered last year are now on the poll books in the city clerk's office, the number for the city being 3,278. Including the three outside precincts the total is 3,514. The registration books closed last Tuesday and all those not now registered, whether residents of the city or of the precincts throughout the county, cannot vote at the general election next month. No figures on the registration in the county precincts have been received to date.

The city council Tuesday night authorized the purchase of 17 new fire hydrants for installation in different parts of the city, at a total cost of \$459. The council will meet in special session Friday evening to act upon the ordinance designating the location of the entire number of 25 new hydrants which it is proposed shall be installed.

WOMEN'S WILSON LEAGUE TO MEET HERE MONDAY

Organization Will Be Perfected and New Members Enrolled in Local Club.

The Woman's Wilson-Marshall League will meet at their headquarters in the new Martin building, Fifth and Washington streets, at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, for the purpose of perfecting their organization and receiving new members.

A lady speaker from the Seattle league will address the meeting and there will be a special program of music.

These leagues are being formed all over the country by the women who credit President Wilson with having kept this country out of the European war and prevented a war with Mexico, which was being exploited by wealthy Americans who own thousands of square miles of Mexican territory filched from the people of that country under the semblance of a purchase at the rate of three cents per acre.

All ladies of the city are invited, whether they contemplate joining the league or not, and are promised an interesting program of exercises.

James E. Bradford, Progressive nominee for governor, and Frank A. Rust, candidate of that party for secretary of state, talked to quite a large crowd at a political rally at Fourth and Main streets Monday evening, the principal feature of their speeches being an attack on the initiative and referendum measures.

TO FORM FIRST FARM LOAN CLUB IN STATE

Local Farmers Called to Attend Meeting at Courthouse Saturday.

Thurston county farmers interested in the formation of a farm loan club here under the provisions of the rural credits law passed by the last congress are called to meet at the courthouse at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The proposed club will be the first to be organized in this state.

Plans for its formation were discussed in an informal way by about a dozen farmers who attended the regular October meeting of the Thurston County Pomona Grange at Chambers Prairie last Tuesday, when it was decided to call the meeting in this city for Saturday. Any number of persons may become members.

Representatives of nine of the subordinate Granges of the county attended the Pomona meeting, when two candidates were initiated. Pomona Master L. L. Snow, as secretary of the Fair committee, made a preliminary report, showing a small deficit, and the Pomona authorized the committee to pay the Grange's half of this sum, the remainder to be paid by the Chamber of Commerce.

An interesting debate on the question, "Resolved, that co-operation among the Granges is successful," was won by the affirmative, supported by L. L. Snow and F. A. Warner. The negative was upheld by D. J. Bigelow and Travis Ayer. The Pomona will hold its November meeting at the McLane Grange hall, when the principal business will be the election of officers.

NEW SHIPYARDS ARE BUSY. First Ship Completed, Second Is to Be Started Monday.

Work is to be started next Monday on the construction of the second slip for Olympia's new shipyards on the waterfront, the first slip having been completed this week, and local people interested in the new company expect to see the keel of the first quarter-million-dollar ship laid within the next 10 days.

The firm is reported to have closed contracts for two ships and to be negotiating for several others, so that the new shipyards promise to be a busy place as soon as the site is prepared for the actual work of constructing ships. The necessary machinery has been gathered together in Seattle and will be shipped here within a few days.

ATTACK ON LISTER ACTS AS BOOMERANG

EXPENSES FOR MANSION ORDERED BY COMMISSION, NOT BY GOVERNOR

Democratic state house officials are chortling over the desperate attempts being made by the Republican party to discredit Governor Lister and to stem the tide which is setting in all over the state sweeping the governor back into office.

In a letter made public Thursday by C. L. Whitney of Walla Walla, Governor Lister is charged with being wasteful and extravagant with the public funds, and Whitney bases his charges upon data furnished him by the state auditor, C. W. Clausen. Whitney, using Clausen's data, points out what he considers wastefulness and extravagance.

The Republicans, in their efforts to discredit the governor, and this fact is causing the chortles, incidentally missed the man they shot at and hit one of the Republican state officials seeking re-election, the state auditor, and at the same time Ed Meath, state treasurer. To increase the amusement, State Auditor C. W. Clausen furnished the ammunition which is booming upon his luckless head.

There is in the state what is known as the state building commission, composed of the governor, the auditor, C. W. Clausen, a candidate for re-election, and the state treasurer, Edward Meath.

Commission has Charge. This state building commission, he it known, has charge of the governor's mansion and the grounds surrounding the mansion.

Clausen furnished a man, named C. L. Whitney, with what he thought would be good campaign material to use against Lister, and included in a long list of what Clausen thought would be damaging evidence appeared several items which, if Clausen conformed with the law, as state auditor and approved, reflect upon him. One of these, the largest in actual money value, is that charged for the construction of a garage at the governor's mansion. The sum involved is \$5729.80. Clausen notifies Whitney that this is a sample of Lister's extravagances, and would lead the public to believe that Governor Lister took this money and went and spent it.

As a matter of fact, and here is where Clausen will have to do the explaining, the funds were spent by the state building commission, upon and at the motion of Treasurer Meath, seconded by Clausen as a member of the board. Clausen and Meath authorized this expenditure, Clausen playing the leading part in the deal.

A careful examination of the other items shown in Clausen's letter reflect upon the state auditor in a similar manner. Furnishings and household goods which went into the governor's mansion are purchased through the state building commission, or at least the commission is supposed to know what state's properties are being purchased with public funds, as it signs, audits and approves all vouchers.

Clausen must Explain

Just how Clausen is going to explain his connection with the expenditures for improvements at the mansion, which he approved, is something which is causing more or less conjecture here today. If he maintains the position that these expenditures were not justified, the Democrats are asking him why he voted for them, and if he only voted for them in an effort to make campaign thunder for the Republican party, going on record as squandering public funds to make campaign material, or, if justified, why is he

LOCAL CAMPAIGN IS GAINING SPEED NOW

OPPOSING CANDIDATES ARE HOLDING MEETINGS IN COUNTY NIGHTLY.

With meetings being held in different parts of the county by representatives of both sides practically every evening, the Thurston county political campaign started off with a rush this week and for the next two weeks the fight will be waged with much activity and hurrah and many meetings.

Monday night the Non-Partisan candidates held a rousing meeting at Yelm, devoted entirely to the county ticket, while the Republicans had a big meeting in this city and a smaller gathering at St. Martin's college, Lacey, devoted principally to the national and state campaigns. Tuesday night the Non-Partisans addressed an interested meeting in the town of Lacey, while the Republicans sent delegations to Yelm and Bordeaux.

The Non-Partisans slipped up on their schedule Wednesday evening and failed to hold a meeting, while the Republicans held forth at Rockester. Thursday evening the Non-Partisans had an enthusiastic meeting at Little Rock, and the Republicans contented themselves with a meeting in this city for the women, addressed by Mrs. Ida Finney Mackerrill of San Francisco, representing the National Women's Party.

Friday night the Non-Partisans are scheduled for a meeting at Surgeon Creek and Saturday night they are to go to Bucoda. The Republicans will appear at Fir Tree Friday night and at Tono Saturday night. The Non-Partisan candidates are conducting their own meetings, while the Republicans imported Tom Fisk of Shelton for several addresses, while their opening meeting of the campaign, Monday night, was addressed by T. B. Bruener of Aberdeen.

To carry on the local campaign for the national and state tickets, the Democrats have opened headquarters in the new Martin building at Fifth and Washington streets.

NEED \$15,000 FOR Y. M. C. A.

Holder of Mortgage Threatens to Foreclose—Committee to Raise Funds

A committee of local business men is now engaged in a campaign to raise \$15,000 through popular subscription, to prevent the holder of a mortgage on the local Y. M. C. A. building, foreclosing it and taking over the property.

The building is a two-story concrete structure on a valuable site near the capitol. It was built in 1910, when half the cost of \$30,000 was paid. Since then the association has been struggling along under an interest charge of \$1000 a year. Its membership numbers from 225 to 275 and the secretary estimates that the institution can be made self-supporting if its indebtedness is removed. It affords the only gymnasium, plunge and headquarters for boys in the city.

L. ROY SLATER NOW FAVORS WILSON—RAPS TOM FISK

L. Roy Slater, of Sokane, former chairman of the Progressive party, who upon his return from Chicago advised all Progressives to vote for Charles E. Hughes, this week resigned from both county and state Republican executive committees and announced his allegiance to Wilson.

Tom Fisk of Shelton, whom the Thurston county Republicans have imported to carry on their campaign in this county, is one of the principal reasons why Mr. Slater has quit the Republicans and come out for Wilson. Fisk is a member of the Republican state executive committee from which Slater resigned.

"I shall refuse to serve on any committee, political or otherwise, with Tom Fisk," Slater says. "His appointment means a direct insult to every Progressive in the state and shows impudence on the part of the men who did it. Mr. Fisk and I are far apart on questions of fundamental honesty to ever agree upon anything."

attempting to disclaim knowledge, or attempting to say the expenditures were extravagant?

Taken all in all, the Clausen letter and its publication at this time, is causing the Republican state officials who are seeking re-election more worry than it is the Democrats.

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."

T. M. McVEY Non-Partisan Candidate for SHERIFF

The sheriff's office will be active in the service of the people day and night, the county jail will be closely supervised, no easy freedom will be granted prisoners and everything to be given them will be carefully inspected, says T. M. McVey, the Non-Partisan candidate, if he is elected sheriff.

McVey says he will also break another tradition of the office, that it is not a detective agency, and will actively lead the search for all wrongdoers. He is, incidentally, a "dry" candidate, and proposes to ferret out and stop bootlegging throughout the county, if he is elected. Principally, he proposes to be on the job all the time, ready to attend to his duties whenever he may be needed, instead of "putting it off until tomorrow."

Since January 4 last McVey has been a member of the Olympia police force and the experience he has gained in that position will stand him in good stead if he is elected sheriff. He is married, is a taxpayer, and has made his home in Thurston county during 16 of the 18 years in which he has lived in the state.

McVey knows Thurston county well, for he has worked in lumber mills in nearly every part of it, as mill foreman. For seven years he worked at Union Mills, then he was at Tenino two years, at Bordeaux another year and then at the Buchanan mills in this city for two years. He knows the county and the county knows him.

And he knows, too, the kind of a job he is tackling, if he is elected sheriff. That is why he proposes to be on the job all the time, to give his personal supervision to the management of the county jail, to be active in the suppression of crime and to lead in the search for those who may violate the laws.

McVey doesn't propose to have any maniacs "running amuck" on his hands, he isn't going to make things easy for a jail delivery. Fact is, he is going to run the office so those kinds of things won't happen, if attention to business can prevent them—and it usually can.

And, further than that, he is going

A. S. CATON Non-Partisan Candidate for REPRESENTATIVE

Reduction of interest on delinquent taxes from 15 to at least 10 per cent, establishment of a state marketing system, big reductions in state appropriations and hence in taxes, reform of the primary laws to permit the blanket primary system, and the use of the state's idle millions in permanent funds to clear the logged-off lands of Western Washington—these are the principal features of the platform upon which A. S. Caton of this city is running on the Non-Partisan ticket for election as one of Thurston county's representatives in the next legislature.

Mr. Caton is a farmer and a city man combined. Last March, when the horticulturists of the state gathered here in convention, they visited his fruit ranch on the Westside and pronounced it the best fruit development in Western Washington. That is what he started out to do eight years ago—he proposed to demonstrate that the lands of Western Washington can be made as productive as any of the irrigated lands east of the mountains. He has just harvested a crop of pedigreed blue bell peas that produced \$200 per acre.

Mr. Caton came to Olympia 14 years ago. He has always been active in the development of the city and county—there at least 100 families here now who located here through his efforts. And his work in developing his fruit ranch during the last eight years has put him in touch with the farmers and the farmers' viewpoints. He knows what they need and will try to get it for them.

He thinks the present penalty of 15 per cent interest on delinquent taxes is a rank injustice to the poor man, the struggling farmer, and a piece of great favoritism for the rich man. He points out that when that rate was fixed, the banks of this section then loaned money at 12 per cent interest; but now when money is much cheaper, when loans can be had at 7 and 8 per cent, he thinks that penalty ought to be reduced to at least 10 per cent.

And Mr. Caton also thinks the state has gone mad spending money. When Washington became a state 25 years ago, the per capita wealth was \$913, he points out; in 1915 it was \$648, a decrease of 36.2-3 per cent. And the per capita tax at the time of statehood was only \$10.40 and last

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