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BIG DEAL IN COAL

LARGE TRACT TRIBUTARY TO
GRAYS HARBOR.

Eastern Capitalists Secure 600 Acres
of Coal Land Between Centralia
and Grays Harbor for \$125,000.
Output Will Probably be Shipped
from Grays Harbor.

TACOMA, April 4.—The biggest deal in Washington coal lands ever consummated, involving the purchase of 600 acres of land between Centralia and Grays Harbor for \$125,000 and the subsequent construction of a million-dollar plant, has just been concluded in Tacoma.

Los Angeles and eastern capital is back of the project. The eastern capital is represented by Dan Van Wagenen, the well known mining engineer, who passed through Tacoma Monday and returned yesterday to close up the deal, while James G. Fitch, brother of H. G. Fitch, an attorney of this city, represented the Los Angeles men in the deal.

Both men are very enthusiastic over the prospects of the new venture, having found the prospects even brighter than they had hoped for.

The deal just concluded is the result of secret examinations made under Mr. Van Wagenen's directions for some time, and conducted by both Mr. Van Wagenen and other experts and the land between Centralia and Grays Harbor selected.

The work of installing the apparatus is expected to be started in the near future.

It is estimated that there are several million tons of a very fine quality of coal in the land just purchased. The coal is of a variety about between hard and soft coal, as near as can be judged from the samples taken out.

The significance of one of Mr. Van Wagenen's remarks to a representative of the News last Monday is explained by these late developments. Mr. Van Wagenen said:

"The west has not awakened to its possibilities. It does not know of its hidden resources, and waits until some eastern capitalist comes in and launches some deal and makes money. Then the local capitalists follow."

From the fact that the coal lies very near the surface it will be a comparatively easy matter to get it ready for shipment. The principal market will be California points. Coal of fair quality sells down there for \$14 a ton, which is considered very high. There will be few difficulties and little expense connected with getting the coal to these points.

While there are several other coal mines in operation in Washington, they are being run on a small scale. This will be the first mine of any size in the state.

PRESSY MEANS BUSINESS.

A Voter Declares He Will Give "Business Administration" if Elected.

I believe Mr. Pressy, citizens' candidate from the First ward, will be elected, and in that event he promises to give the people of his ward a "business administration." Mr. Pressy is a competent man, who has had considerable experience in business, and if the people of his ward should decide to send him to the council chamber he will not disappoint them. I am not making any fight on his opponent, but I know Mr. Pressy, and I feel that he will make an able councilman, and I should like to see him elected.

A FIRST WARD VOTER.

GOAT WAS TIRED OUT.

Had to Carry a Good Many Heavy-weights Into the Knights of Pythias Lodge Last Week.

Friday night there were nine candidates taken into the Knights of Pythias order, all of whom were of considerable avorduplos. Mayor France was the smallest man in the company. Among the others were Officer Searies, City Engineer McDougall and H. Ellis, the nurseryman. The Knights of Pythias membership has been largely increased the past few months owing to the active work of the officers and members. The new home of the order, which is being built, has also attracted attention to the order.

The Herald twice a week tells it all.

THE CITY ELECTIONS

WILL BE UP TO THE VOTERS TOMORROW.

Two Resignations From the Tickets
Clear the Political Atmosphere
Somewhat in the Third and Sixth
Wards. A Brief Review of the
Situation.

The city elections tomorrow will close a campaign notable for the absence of the wrangling that has been customary in Aberdeen elections from the beginning of the city. The contests between the candidates have been singularly free from the heat and abuse that rankles long after election to no particular benefit to those indulging in it or to the public. Whether the primary law is in any way responsible for this condition, it is difficult to say, but the fact remains that the average voter is doing his own thinking about the merits or demerits of the candidates more than ever before, a fact that will undoubtedly make itself felt for the public good at the polls tomorrow.

The citizens' nominees are at an advantage by reason of their having announced a platform, and pledged themselves to a rigid adherence thereto, while the republicans and independents have failed to make public their plans or intentions if elected, further that one or two candidates who have personally published a few glittering generalities that may mean much or little, or be construed to mean anything.

The usual ante-election rumors are to be heard, of all kinds of fraud contemplated at the polls tomorrow; that the names of registered voters that have moved away will be voted by strangers imported for the purpose. It is doubtful if the rumors have any more substantial foundation than the heated imagination of some good soul who always sees evil coming—from others. However, in the Third and Fourth wards, where most of the transient vote is registered, there will be challengers at the polling places to keep a vigilant outlook for such attempts, and, should any be made, no effort or expense will be spared to give the offenders the full extent of the law.

The situation in the First ward is becoming quite interesting. L. Pressey, the citizens' nominee, has made great inroads on what Wiley, republican candidate, considered his stronghold, in East Aberdeen. That portion of the ward being the most populous, was relied upon by Wiley to carry him through by reason of his residence being on that side of the Chehalis river. But, the East Aberdeen voter has been considering his situation, and finds that his locality has an excellent member on the council in Mr. Crivya, and reflects that South Aberdeen is a rapidly growing part of the city, while East Aberdeen is as rapidly decreasing in population, owing to the increase of manufacturing and warehouse plants in that vicinity. The reflection seems to point to the unwisdom of forcing the election of the North Side candidate just because they are numerically able at this time, for the simple reason that before another election the larger vote may be located on the South Side. So that it would be neither good business or good politics to establish a precedent now that may be quoted against East Aberdeen by the South Side for years to come. For this reason, as well as because of some personal preferences, Mr. Pressey stands an excellent chance to become the next councilman from that ward.

In the Second, unless all signs fail, the citizens' candidate, William Irvine, will lead Ingram, republican nominee, by a handsome majority. Mr. Irvine has greatly strengthened his candidacy by his publication of a manly letter to Mr. Ingram, in the course of which he outlined his position on some of the city problems. That M. R. Sherwood felt called upon to take up the pen in defense of Ingram and rush into print with a personal ill feeling, has been regretted by the friends of Ingram, as it proved a veritable boomerang, and permitted the publication of a courteous reply that Mr. Irvine was not slow to take advantage of.

The political atmosphere in the Third was cleared up considerably Saturday by the withdrawal of J. H. Fuller, independent nominee, thus leaving the contest between O'Hare, republican, and Carney, citizens'. There are a few over 300 registered voters in this ward, probably 250 of whom will vote tomorrow, and to them the matter is gracefully passed up.

In the Fourth the betting is 2 to 1 and no takers on Dolan, by reason of the senseless division of the opposition. Had the voters opposed to Mr. Dolan united upon a candidate they were sufficient in number to defeat him, but, divided the chance is slim, indeed.

The quiet little canvass in the Fifth is drawing to a close, with no fuss or feathers just as it has gone on since the nominations, leaving the honors easy between Weatherwax, republican, and Empey, citizens. Neither is doing much talking, and it will require a count of the ballots to decide the case.

In the Sixth ward the citizens' nominee, W. H. Pierre, has withdrawn from the ticket, which resolves the question into a renewal of the struggle at the primaries between McDougall, republican, and Stalling, independent. Opinions differ as to which of the two contestants will be most benefited by the withdrawal of Pierre. The friends of both claim an advantage by reason of this action, so we will leave it to the voters, who are the jury in the entire case, anyhow.

NOTICE.

Voters of the Third Ward will go to 317½ East Market Street to vote, as the opera house is engaged by the stock company.
P. F. CLARK, City Clerk.

ABERDEEN TEAM IS IN PLAYING FORM

SPOKANE, April 3.—After a good workout on the Lewiston High school field this morning, Manager Brown brought the Aberdeen team to the hotel in Lewiston, Idaho, as a sandstorm made playing impossible. With two perfect playing days, the Aberdeen players have rounded into form, and it will be an easy task to complete training unless the weather remains unfavorable for several days.

Fitzgerald and Boettiger arrived this afternoon, so the lineup is practically complete. Brown has only two positions to fill, and it is almost a cinch that Moore, of Portland, will land second base. This will leave only right field to fill, for which Brown has several men in mind, among whom is Boettiger. The Idaho university faculty refused to allow the university team to play a midweek game, so that tomorrow's game here has been called off, as Jellick wanted Brown to guarantee expenses, which he refused to do, as he has no inclosed grounds here.

BAILEY "DODGES" THE BRYAN DINNER.



Senator Bailey of Texas was not among those present at the Bryan dinner.—Washington Item.

DR. WATKINS' APPOINTMENT.

Causes the Knowing Ones to Laugh,
Says a Seattle Times Correspondent.

The Seattle Times of Saturday had the following, under a Cosmopolis date line:

Two to one is being offered, with no takers, that Gov. Mead will not "come through" with his latest promise of appointment to a citizen of the Grays Harbor country. The promise was made during the recent visit of the governor to the harbor, when he conveyed assurances to Dr. H. C. Watkins, of Hoquiam, that the latter should be given a place on the state board of medical examiners. The place to be vacated is now held by a resident of Spokane, whose term will shortly expire.

When the news leaked out a hearty guffaw went up all over the county of Chehalis. The governor has made so many promises, and has successfully forgotten them in turn, that they are no longer regarded as serious, and the humorous phase appeals so irresistibly to the public that the chief executive is widely known as "Truthful Albert." That Dr. Watkins will not occupy a place on the state board is regarded as settled in advance.

One has but to partly review the course of the governor with respect to the people of Chehalis county to reach a definite conclusion in the Watkins case. After having promised the appointment of state printer to Gordon Corbaley, of Spokane; to Pliny Allen, of Seattle; to E. A. S. Ruth, of Olympia; Jack Paine, of Chinook, and several others, he tendered the position to H. D. Crawford, of Aberdeen, who was compelled to sit by and finally see it go to C. W. Gorham, of Snohomish. The governor also promises to appoint M. R. Sherwood, colonel on his staff, and finally landed it on T. D. Rockwell, of Spokane, who is now heading the Wilson ticket for congress in the Third District.

If Dr. Watkins is given the promised berth the people of the Grays Harbor country will be surprised as never before.

Piano for Sale.

A piano at a bargain. A Hamilton piano, used very little, for sale cheap. Inquire at the Herald office.

PRINCIPLES, NOT MEN

A NOTABLE SPEECH ON POLITICS
AND POLITICIANS.

By Richard L. Medcalf, of Nebraska.
The Principle Involved Should Always be Placed Above the Man Representing It. Man Worship Not Desirable.

Before the Jefferson club at the Nebraska State University Richard L. Medcalf spoke on "Politics and Politicians." Following is the conclusion of the address:

"Some time ago some writer, whose name I do not just now recall, said that we were just emerging from the Teddy Bear period and in the event of Mr. Bryan's election we would enter the Billy Donk period, during which time the children of the country would be carrying around miniature donkeys even as they now carry around miniature bears. Evidently in the opinion of this man the election of Mr. Bryan would mean another period of hero worship."

"I would advise the young man to make his heroes impersonal. The principle is all too often sacrificed in the worship of an individual and there is no man in politics or out of it who is entitled to that form of attention. The practice of setting men upon pedestals is an injustice to both the man on the pedestal and to the cause he is presumed to represent. The men who set up the hero expect more of him than a common human being can deliver, and we become so wrapped up in the hero that we come to believe that whatever he does is right, putting a stop to our own reasoning process and soon the hero himself comes to imagine that he can do no wrong. The result is not beneficial to any of the parties immediately concerned in the hero worship nor, indeed, to any of their neighbors.

"I have a high respect for Mr. Roosevelt. I think he has served the American people well in opening their eyes to some of the evils of the day. But I think he has been spoiled to a certain degree by the extraordinary popularity he has enjoyed. I think that most of the blunders he has made have been due to the fact that he has been (I will call it) the victim (rather than the beneficiary) of the American people's unhappy disposition to exalt a human being. Mr. Roosevelt is a good man, but if half of the men who have paid exaggerated tribute to him had cheered him when, plainly, he did right and checked him when, plainly, he has done wrong, he would occupy a higher place in history than that which, in my view, will be accorded him. If

Mr. Roosevelt's admirers had been more faithful to principles or had given more practical consideration to the reforms for which Mr. Roosevelt was presumed to stand, then Mr. Roosevelt would not today be a champion of the Aldrich currency bill or an advocate of the ship subsidy measure; his preferred candidate for the republican nomination would be Robert M. LaFollette, the known and knowable, instead of William H. Taft, the unknown and unknowable.

"We could give to Nebraska's distinguished citizen no fairer wish than that when he shall be inaugurated president of the United States he will be exempt from the mad personal idolatry to which his predecessor has been victim or beneficiary—as you please. We could give him no fairer wish than that the same love of country that dominates the men of all parties and of no party shall continue to control his heart and in their hearts and in the hearts, too, of rising generations; that the men of his time shall cultivate the conviction that individuals are as nothing, principles everything.

"Above every ambition for office, however high; above every act of man however heroic; above every individual or party conquest, however complete—rises the sincere purpose of the humblest patriot to make the government good enough to live for and good enough, if need be, to die for.

"However serious the obstacles before the people today they will be surmounted in an orderly way and to the honor and glory of democratic government. Translate the meaning of the rank and file of every American party and it spells democracy in its purest sense; translate democracy and it means the preamble to the Declaration of Independence described by Moses Coit Tyler as 'a passionate chant of human freedom'; translate the preamble and it means the Sermon on the Mount. Farther we need not go to find inspiration for a party of American freemen—a party capable of solving every problem with which popular government is confronted and solving it in such a way as to respect the ownership of every honest dollar and every well-earned inch of soil while lending a willing and sympathetic ear to the 'still, sad music of humanity.'"

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Pres. Patterson Asks for a Large Turnout of Members at a Meeting to Be Held April 7.

W. J. Patterson, president of the chamber of commerce, has sent the following circular letter to the members of the chamber of commerce:

"The committee on finance and membership has submitted to me the membership list, consisting of yourself and about 150 other prominent business men of this city, who have signified their intention to become members of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce.

Inasmuch as the list contains the names of men who have not hitherto been identified with the chamber of commerce, it seems advisable that a meeting of the present membership be held for the purpose of discussing important matters, and for the further purpose of ascertaining the views and suggestions of the members on the policy to be adopted by this association for the coming year.

For this purpose, I ask you to attend the meeting to be held at the council chamber of the City of Aberdeen on the evening of April 7, at 7:30 p. m. I should personally appreciate a large attendance at this meeting, and trust that it will be possible for you to be present."

FEDERAL HELP

ON LOGGED-OFF
LAND IS PROMISED

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The agricultural department today informed Senator Piles that it had definitely been decided to take up the suggestion of the Everett Chamber of Commerce that the government should make investigation into the most economical manner of clearing logged-off lands in the west for the benefit of small farmers. The department has had the matter under consideration for some time and holds that it has full authority to proceed with the work with funds already available. An agent of the department will be sent west this summer to conduct the work.

A twice-a-week transcript of the hap