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COUNTY CANDIDATES HAVE HATS IN RING

Crop of Aspirants for County Offices Is Much Lighter Than Usual This Year

The time for filing notices of candidacy for county and legislative offices expired last Saturday evening and while there was a little rush the last day, the total number of aspirants who have shied their hats into the ring is much smaller than in any campaign since the direct primary system was adopted. No candidates have filed for nominations on the progressive ticket, and at the republican primaries there will be no contest except for county commissioners and legislative nominations. The democrats will have contests over the nominations for state representatives, county commissioners, auditor, treasurer and clerk. The most interesting contest promises to develop between H. H. Wheeler and S. M. McCroskey for the nomination for county treasurer. Both are strong and popular candidates and have many friends in all parts of the county.

The complete list of candidates for legislative and county nominations is as follows:

Senatorial—Eighth District

Republicans—Chas. A. Button, Uniontown; Charles L. Chamberlin, Colfax; Oliver Hall, Colfax.

Democrat—Charles R. Hill, Colfax.

Representatives—Eighth District

Republicans—E. W. Wagner, Rosalia; George A. Weldon, Palouse.

Democrats—J. E. Turnbow, Palouse; T. C Miles, Oakesdale; J. C. Crane, St. John.

Representatives—Seventh District

Republicans—A. D. O'Kelley, Albion; James H. T. Smith, Pullman; George H. Watt, Pullman.

Democrats — L. C. Miller, La Crosse; Peter Triesch, Uniontown; Geo. P. Libby, Pullman; Martin J. Maloney, Colfax.

Commissioner—First District

Republicans—A. P. Miller, Thornton; J. W. Janney, Tekoa; A. H. Gustin, Pine City; Ralph C. Wilson, Garfield.

Democrats—W. E. Thompson, Farmington; C. H. Langbehn, Tekoa.

Commissioner—Third District

Republicans—Samuel Ellis, Colfax; B. T. Manchester, Colfax; Roy Jones, Penawawa.

Democrats—S. B. Oliphant, Elberton; H. C. Eitel, Elberton; R. H. Morrell, Colfax.

Auditor

Republican—A. R. Metz, Elberton.

Democrats—G. D. Kincaid, Palouse; C. L. Shaw, Colfax.

Treasurer

Republican—J. B. Taggart, Hay.

Democrats—H. H. Wheeler, Colfax; S. M. McCroskey, Colfax.

Sheriff

Republican—Wm. Cole, Colfax.

Democrat—J. E. Brown, Farmington.

Clerk

Republican—Geo. H. Newman, Colfax.

Democrat—B. F. Manring, Colfax.

Assessor

Republican — M. C. True, La Crosse.

Democrats—J. C. Bains, Colfax; G. H. Holbrook, Colfax.

Engineer

Republican — John M. McCaw, Garfield.

Democrat—John H. Miller, Colfax.

Prosecuting Attorney

Republican—R. M. Burgunder, Colfax.

Democrat—Chas. F. Voorhees, Colfax.

Superintendent of Schools

Republican—Daisy Busbey, Colfax.

Democrat — Elizabeth MacKay, Pullman.

Justice of the Peace—Precincts 36, 40, 53, 69, 70 and 71

Republican—I. B. Doolittle Colfax.

REED TAKES REINS AT LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Postmaster K. P. Allen Retires to Private Life After Nearly Thirteen Years in the Employ of Uncle Sam

Wednesday of this week witnessed the retirement to private life of Postmaster K. P. Allen, who, after serving as postmaster here for nearly 13 years, on that day turned over the reins to G. W. Reed, who on Monday had received his commission from President Wilson. Mr. Reed is a pioneer resident of Pullman, and should make an excellent postmaster.

Postmaster Allen was first appointed to the position in 1902, and was re-appointed in 1906 and 1910. Each of his three terms overrun from three weeks to two months, so that he has served nearly half a year over the regulation time. During his three terms Mr. Allen has seen the establishment of two new rural routes, the inauguration of city carrier service and the office has been raised to the second class. His salary increased from $1700 in 1902 to $2500, which he was drawing when he was succeeded by Mr. Reed.

Mr. Aller has not fully decided what he will do with his surplus time, but it is probable that he will this fall go to Grants Pass, Oregon, for an extended visit with his son, Wilford Allen, and may take in the national G. A. R. encampment at Buffalo.

EXCELLENT YIELD OF WHEAT

One of the best yields of wheat reported in Pullman this season is that of M. L. Davis, who, from a tract of 33 acres of red Russian wheat, secured 671 sacks, or nearly 21 sacks, or 45 bushels to the acre. The wheat was threshed with a combined harvester.

PROHIBITION RALLY

A rally in favor of the proposed state-wide prohibition law will be held this evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Pullman. The rally will take place on Main street immediately after the band concert. J. N. Emerson will preside and short addresses will be made by Rev. Harley Jackson and Wm. Goodyear.

PULLMAN BRIDE AND MT. VERNON GROOM

Miss Ada Hunt Wexler Becomes Bride of Charles Alfred Nelson at Home of Her Parents Wednesday

Beneath an arbor of golden rod and golden glow, with a background of beautiful potted plants, Miss Ada Hunt Wexler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wexler, on Wednesday afternoon became the bride of Charles Alfred Nelson, of Mt. Vernon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John W. Caughlan of the Methodist church in the presence of some 40 relatives and friends, at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. E. A. Kincaid, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and the groom was supported by Charles Hunt, the bride's cousin. The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin charmeuse, overlaid with princess lace and pearls, and the bridesmaid wore pink taffeta. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wexler, at 410 Oak street, and was followed by a wedding luncheon.

The happy couple left Wednesday afternoon for a honeymoon trip to Victoria and Vancouver, by way of Spokane, and after September 20th will be at home to their friends at Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Mrs. Nelson has hundreds of friends in Pullman who wish her much happiness. She is a graduate from the Washington State College, having been granted her degree with the class of 1912. Since graduation she has been employed as instructor in domestic science at the Mt. Vernon high school, and it was here that the pretty romance which was culminated Wednesday was begun. Mr. Nelson is superintendent of the Mt. Vernon schools and is a 1906 graduate of the University of Washington. He is to be congratulated upon his choice of a bride.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McCroskey of Colfax and Miss Elizabeth Jacobson of Clarkston.

TWENTY-FIVE THRESHERS EXPLODE IN COUNTY DURING PAST WEEK

Ten Separator Fires in Vicinity of Pullman---Precautionary Measures are Proving Successful--Experts Investigating

At least 25 threshing machines have suffered smut explosions in this county during the past week, and in the majority of the cases the separators were totally destroyed. The grand total in the county for the present season has passed by a considerable margin the 100 mark and there is some alarm among farmers that it may be impossible, with the machines available, to complete the harvest of the county before the fall weather puts a stop to operations. At the beginning of the harvest season there were a total of 328 machines in the county, and considerable less than 200 of these are now running, the balance having been destroyed or forced to quit the field because of the refusal of fire insurance companies to accept further separator risks.

Incendiarism Theory Scouted

While it is not denied that some of the explosions were undoubtedly of incendiary origin, the theory that there is an organized plot to destroy all the machines in the county is fast losing ground, and smut alone is blamed for the loss in a great many cases. Further strength was added to the general belief that the Theodore Stirewalt explosion, which totally destroyed his machine and injured Mr. Stirewalt and his separator tender, was of incendiary origin, when a fulminating cap, used to ignite explosives, was found by the insurance adjuster in one of the sacks of burned wheat. The adjuster inserted his probe into a burned sack to get a sample of the grain and brought the cap out with the grain. Two other explosions near Pullman, those of E. E. Snyder and W. W. Robertson, also savored strongly of incendiarism, as well as several in other parts of the country, but these cases are now thought to be in the minority, although precautionary measures to guard against incendiary fires are being taken and some farmers are even guarding their machines and patroling their fields at night.

College Expert in the Field

Experts at the State College are working night and day in an endeavor to ascertain the cause of the explosions of smut, so that sure remedies may be recommended, and Professor E. C. Shaffer, agronomist of the experiment station, today started on a tour of the county during which he will visit the owner of every separator which has suffered an explosion and secure data which it is hoped will aid materially in arriving at a definite conclusion as to the cause of the disasters. The college has already recommended several precautionary measures and these are being adopted by many farmers with good results, as well as other measures recommended by the farmers themselves. Probably the most feasible precaution which has yet been recommended by the college is the introduction of the exhaust steam from the engine into the separator near the cylinders. This plan has been adopted by many farmers and is giving excellent results.

Ten Explosions Near Pullman

The explosions have exacted heavy tolls from Pullman farmers during the past week and no less than ten separators in this immediate vicinity have suffered explosions and fires, half of them having been totally destroyed. On Monday five machines caught fire from the explosions in the community four to seven miles north of Pullman and east of Albion, and the majority of them were totally destroyed. An interesting feature of these explosions is that they occurred within a few hours and all the machines were operating within a radius of three miles. These separators were owned by S. Polmetier, L. E. Morrison, George Harper, Mr. Dooley and A. D. O'Kelley. Two of them, the Morrison and Harper machines, were burning at the same time in adjoining fields.

The greatest damage was done by the explosion of the O'Kelley machine, the fire following the explosion reducing the separator to total ruins within five minutes after the explosion. Over 300 sacks of threshed wheat were burned, as well as the straw stack and a quantity of stubble.

When the machine exploded Mr. O'Kelley was on his way from Pullman with attachments to pipe the exhaust steam from the engine into the separator and had the explosion been deferred half an hour it might have been averted. The separator was insured, as well as the wheat which was destroyed.

Two Men Arrested

Considerable excitement was created last Friday when the E. E. Snyder separator, then operating on the Easto place, five miles southwest of Pullman, exploded and was damaged by fire, within one hour after two itinerant laborers, Ben Thorp and Alex Payne, were discharged from the crew for making alleged threats to destroy the separator. These men are alleged to have attempted for several days prior to the explosion to create dissension among the members of the crew, and to have objected strenuously to working more than ten hours each day. Just prior to the noon hour of the day on which the machine exploded, Mr. Easto drove into the field with a load of oats, which he desired to have threshed for feed before the crew ceased operations for the noon hour. One of the two men is alleged to have approached Mr. Easto and to have remarked that if the oats were run through before dinner the separator would explode.

After dinner the men were discharged by Mr. Snyder for their pernicious attempts to create dissension and because of their alleged statements that the outfit would not finish the season. They are said to have remarked that in case they were discharged they would blow up the machine. At 2 o'clock the explosion occurred, and as soon as the fire had been extinguished Mr. Snyder came to Pullman to cause the arrest of the two men who were suspected of knowing more concerning the cause of the trouble than they cared to tell. Warrants were issued charging coersion, alleging that "they did then and there, with intent to compel E. E. Snyder to abstain from discharging them from his employ, threaten that in case they were discharged they would destroy his machine."

Deputy Sheriff Baker came up from Colfax to take the men to the county jail, where they are still awaiting trial. The case has attracted much attention and its outcome is awaited with much interest. Mr. Snyder repaired his machine and is now threshing his own crop, having announced that he will thresh no grain except his own unless he can secure insurance.

Claims Incendiarism

Saturday the W. W. Robertson separator, operating on the B. Atherton place, west of Pullman exploded and was destroyed by the fire which followed. Mr. Robertson is emphatic in his opinion that smut alone was not responsible for his loss. He has secured another separator and has removed all the boards from the top, thus giving the air an opportunity to circulate freely through the machine and prevent the accumulation of smut and dust.

Wednesday morning the V. Meeks separator exploded near Staley and was badly damaged, although it can probably be repaired. The separator of an outfit owned by a colony of Adventists, in the Kamiac butte district, also exploded Wednesday morning, and is reported totally destroyed. In this machine a patent attachment to blow air through the machine had been installed, but the precaution failed to prevent the explosion.

Two Are Injured

Ed Lewis and Paul Kent are both seriously burned as a result of the

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GRAIN STILL ADVANCES

While most of the local grain buyers have been out of the market nearly the entire week through the failure of their companies to send quotations, due to the activities of the warring European nations, enough quotations have been received to indicate that the prices are still climbing skyward. One dealer yesterday offered 73½ cents for fortyfold wheat, the high mark of the season; 72 cents for club and 70 cents for red Russian. Oats are around the 90c mark and barley 80@85c per cwt.

The great majority of the farmers are inclined to sell only what they are obliged to and are holding the bulk of their crops in anticipation of greater bulges. Very few samples of No. 1 wheat have been brought in, the most of it suffering heavy dockage because of smut. E. E. Snyder this week threshed his wheat, two miles west of town, and encountered very little smut. He will undoubtedly have a No. 1 crop, and the yield was 42-bushels to the acre. R. W. Gwinn this week threshed his wheat with two combined harvesters, and his yield was probably cut down at least 30 cent through smut. With his two combined machines he threshed 45 acres a day, and contends that that method is considerably cheaper than to bind and thresh.

TAKE WARNING

The Washington Water Power Co. desires to warn its Pullman patrons to be on their guard against two swindlers, who are trying to collect meter deposits. These men appeared in Tekoa the other day. Their method is to demand a deposit of $2.50 for a meter, or to put a meter out of business and then offer to fix it for $1. Both are well dressed and are smooth talkers. If anyone calls on you with such a proposition you are requested to at once telephone the local office of the company.

The Tea Room, which Mrs. Gertrude Stockbridge has fitted up on Olson street opposite the city hall will be opened tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to drop in between 1 and 7 o'clock, inspect the rooms and have a cup of tea.

UNIQUE EXHIBIT FOR WHITMAN COUNTY

Mechanical Waterfall of Shelled Wheat Will Be the Big Attraction in County Booth at Interstate Fair

Whitman county will be represented at the Spokane Interstate Fair this fall by the most unique, and at the same time the most comprehensive display of world-beating grains, grasses, etc., that were ever sent from this county. A. F. Brownell, who has charge of the county exhibit, has gathered together an excellent display of samples, and is now preparing them for exhibition purposes. A mechanical waterfall, three and one-half feet wide, with a fall of eight feet, will occupy the center of the stage in the Whitman booth. The falls will be constructed to represent Palouse falls, in the western end of the county, and the plump kernels of shelled wheat, after plunging from the top of the falls to the bottom, will be raised again by an electric elevator so that the falls will be in continuous operation.

On both sides of the unique water fall will be the exhibition boxes, 4x5 feet, which will contain sheaf wheat, oats and barley, as well as grasses, etc. Along the front will be sacks of all kinds of grains and seed and glass jars containing shelled cereals of all varieties. Above the entire exhibit will be huge banners on which will be printed information concerning the advantages and resources of the premier wheat producing county of the United States.

DONALD SLOW SUCCUMBS

Donald, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Slow, died at the family home Saturday morning after suffering for six months from leakage of the heart. Funeral services were held from the Christian Church Sunday afternoon, in charge of the Rev. Harley Jackson, and interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

WILLIAM M. PRIEST LIVED USEFUL LIFE

Northwest Pioneer, Who Crossed Plains by Team, Passes Away at Ripe Old Age of Seventy-three Years

William M. Priest died at his home on Military hill Monday morning at the ripe old age of 73 years and 25 days, following a long illness during which he suffered from heart trouble. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Wednesday morning at 9:30, and the large attendance bespoke the high esteem in which Mr. Priest was held. The services were conducted by the Rev. Leo L. Totten, assistant pastor of that church, and the remains were shipped to Spokane Wednesday morning for burial.

William M. Priest was born near Sedalia, Missouri, on July 15, 1841. From that place he went to Centerville, Ohio, where he met and married Harriet S. Ronimous. To this union were born eight children, of whom seven survive.

From Ohio he came west as one of the early pioneers, crossing the plains by team and settling in Oregon. Later he removed to Washington and located in the Big Bend country, coming to Pullman in the fall of 1899, where he has since resided. On February 24, 1894, he was married to Mrs. B. A. Hunter, who survives him. After a long illness he departed this life Monday morning, August 10, at about four o'clock, and a long life of Christianity, usefulness and public spirit was ended.

Deceased served in the Confederate army during the civil war and since coming to Pullman has taken an active interest in all things in which the old soldiers were concerned. For several years he acted as secretary for the Veterans' Association of Whitman and Latah counties, and until last summer, when his illness made impossible active participation, he was instrumental in making the annual encampments of that association at this place the successes which they have been.

Besides his wife, Mr. Priest leaves seven children, four daughters and three sons, to mourn his death. Of the daughters Mrs. Alma St. Clair and Mrs. Mary E. Dickey reside in California, Mrs. Rachael L. Jamieson is living in Spokane, Mrs. Myra L. Goodenough is a resident of Hatton. Paul L. Priest resides at Dalcona, Stanley William Priest at Dyer, and George Priest at Wapato.

The Rev. W. G. M. Hays, for many years a close friend of Mr. Priest, sums up the characteristics of deceased as follows:

Piety—He was a man of prayer and faith. Family worship was a life-long custom in his home and he showed great familiarity with the Word of God. His public prayers were couched in scriptural terms. Until failing health prevented, he was an attendant on the services of the sanctuary and mid-week prayer meetings. He once declared to the writer that there was no kind of social meeting he so enjoyed as a prayer meeting. Here his remarks and prayers were marked by strong feeling.

Liberality in support of the church and of every good cause. In the M. E. church, South, of Eastern Washington, he was one of its most generous givers. He was known as one of the strong supports of the College of M. E. Church, South, located at Athena, Ore. He seemed to give as the Lord had prospered him.

Benevolence (charity)—No needy soul was ever turned empty-handed away from his home. The cry of the needy specially appealed to him. He gave not only of his means, but himself for their comforting and relief.

Hospitality—Ever since he had a home it was the welcome stopping place of ministers of the gospel. He specially delighted in the companionship and conversation of the Godly. Unless the circumstances of the moment prevented, the pastor who called at his home was always invited to lead the family in devotions at the family altar.

J. N. Emerson returned last week from his stock buying trip east. He was in New York the day the stock exchange closed on account of the war news from Europe and says that the excitement was intense.