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DEMOCRATS PLANNING TO CAPTURE COUNTY

CONFERENCE IS HELD

General Miles and Dr. W. E. Welch Plan to Make County Democratic

It is possible that Columbia county will throw off its republicanism and join the democratic ranks. At this rate, this is the hope of the two democratic leaders of Columbia county, General Sherman Miles and Colonel W. E. Welch, and if the republican leaders are not alert to the schemes of these wily politicians the political complexion of Columbia might be changed.

Conference is Held. Dr. Welch, who is acknowledged the democratic warhorse of the Rainier district, was here Monday and was closeted with Sherman Miles, another democratic warhorse. At the conference of these two leaders, it is said that Miles imparted instructions received from Milton Miller, that astute democratic politician who managed to land a good federal job and hang onto it while lesser lights of Oregon's democracy were fighting over empty spoils without the \$5000 per year appropriation which Mill draws from the U. S. exchequer.

County to be Divided. It is thought that the county will be divided, so far as the democratic campaign goes, and that Dr. Welch will be appointed colonel for Rainier and all territory as far as the Clatsop county line. Sherman Miles, by reason of his close relationship with Milton Miller, will undoubtedly receive the preference in rank, and probably be appointed as brigadier general for the entire county. His particular duty at this particular time, will be to take charge of the territory from Prescott to the Multnomah county line and to keep tabs on the republican operations in this territory.

Two Officers at Scappoose. In the Scappoose neighborhood, which is a large and important section, it is thought that Mr. Miles will appoint two on his staff. George Grant and Jim McKay, both recognized as democratic leaders of this city, so it is up to Miles to confer with both of these workers. From the fact that Jim is a political worker of experience and knows the lay of the land, it is possible that Miles will appoint him captain and George will receive the title of lieutenant. Miles thinks that these two would work together and accomplish the end desired.

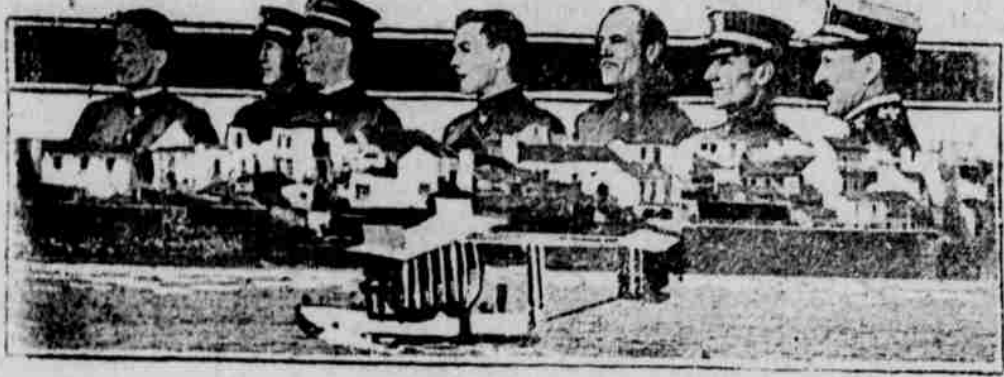
No Leader for Warren. In the Warren sector, the situation is difficult. W. J. Fullerton is the logical man for the command of this district, and it was thought that Miles might appoint him, but inasmuch as Miles is a strong supporter of Martin White (even though White is a republican), it is hardly possible that the leadership will be entrusted to Fullerton. The fight in this neighborhood will be a big one. Washington Muckle is now a resident of Warren, as is Mr. Miles, and since Muckle is a "dyed-in-the-wool" republican, it is thought he will immediately take steps to combat the democratic schemes, even though Mr. Miles is his neighbor.

St. Helens it is a difficult matter to say who will be the leader of the democratic forces. It is known that both J. H. Flynn and J. H. Thatcher are ardent workers, as are W. B. Dillard, J. E. Ramsey and J. T. Taber. The first mentioned gentleman is a close friend of Mr. Miles and although he supported Fullerton in the race for the judgeship, this might be overlooked and Miles might appoint him captain of the St. Helens division. The doctor is an energetic worker and if he receives the appointment, undoubtedly will give a good account for himself.

Nehalem Causes Worry. General Miles and Colonel Welch, both are worried at the situation in the Nehalem country. This section is a republican stronghold and the results of the democratic forces will be a most difficult matter to change the political complexion. This being the case, it is thought that they will select astute democratic leaders to lay the plans for the campaign and rely upon them to carry this section of the county. Judson Weed, county commissioner and a staunch republican lives in this section and he is used to fighting for the G. A. R. man, and it is not thought he will surrender to the democratic forces without a fight. Therefore, the campaign managers of the democratic forces, are somewhat alarmed at the situation in that portion of the county.

A Quiet Sector. The Trenholm part of the front, which embraces that territory between Yankton and Pittsburg, is regarded as a quiet sector of the front, and it is not probable that Miles will pay particular attention to this. In all probability Mode Griffith will be appointed corporal or sergeant, for it would not be worth while to waste a big title on this territory. Inasmuch as there are so many more important sections of the battle line, the same situation prevails in other

SMILING YANKS AS THEY HOPPED INTO AIR HISTORY



These photographs show the crew of the famous seaplane NC-4 which has just made history by flying the Atlantic, and the arrival of the craft at Ponta Delgado in the Azores. This was the last stop before the hop to Lisbon, Portugal, completing the continent to continent air trip. Admiral Jackson, U. S. navy, is posing with the "Naneys" crew. Lieut. Com Read was in command of the craft.

SCHOOL ELECTION MONDAY NIGHT

School Director and School Clerk to be Chosen

The annual school election will be held Monday night. The place is the city hall and the time, 8 o'clock. Director LeBare is the member of the school board whose term expires and a successor must be chosen. It is understood that the people of West St. Helens wish representation on the board. W. J. Mellinger, at the time of his election, was a resident of West St. Helens, but has moved to St. Helens since his election. Therefore, the people of West St. Helens claim they have no representation on the board. It is said that they favor T. S. White and will present his name at the meeting.

Quite a number are in favor of retaining H. E. LaBare as director. It is pointed out that the new school building is under construction and that the taxpayers of the school district will be called on to pay some \$40,000 or \$45,000 for the building. The contract is under the supervision of the present board, was let by them and the people are holding them responsible for an accounting, therefore, it is thought good policy to retain Mr. LaBare. The retiring director, it is understood, is not hot after the job, and, as a matter of fact, thinks he has served his time on the "free, gratis and without charge" job, but it is thought that if the taxpayers insist on his serving another term, he will consent to do so.

Very little interest is manifest in the election at this time, but it is probable that matters will begin to be stirred up and there will be a number of interested taxpayers present when the meeting is called to order.

TOURISTS CAMPS ALONG THE NEHALEM HIGHWAY

Mr. Porter S. King, chief fire warden of the Fire Patrol association, was a recent visitor in St. Helens and a pleasant caller at the Mist office. Mr. King said that he and his force of men were building tourists camps in convenient places along the Nehalem. They have cleared a considerable number of places along the river bank, built nice cooking places and installed other conveniences. Mr. King thinks that by providing the camping places, and having the underbrush and timber cleared away, there will be less danger of fire.

The Fire Patrol association, under the direction of Mr. King, has also installed a telephone line across the mountain from Trenholm to Pittsburg. It is possible to now talk to Vernonia instead of going the roundabout way via Clatskanie and Mist. The line, while primarily for the business of the association, will be available for the public and is a great convenience.

Republican May Awake. When Jimmy Gattens and Tom Watts realize the situation, it is possible that they will have a conference with County Chairman Glen Metaker and see if plans cannot be made to successfully combat the democratic strategy. If they see that the first and second line trenches cannot be held against the democratic onslaughts, it is possible they will send out a call for outside help. The fact that Columbia county is strongly republican leads many republicans to believe that the democratic campaign plans will amount to naught, but the fact that such plans have been laid far in advance of the real campaign time, is taken as an indication that a determined effort will be made to place Columbia county in the ranks of the faithful who support Oswald West, George Chamberlain and their coterie of democratic henchmen. The next few months will show just how well the plans have been laid and just how much interest the republicans will take in combating them.

ELKS WILL WORK FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

DR. WADE CHAIRMAN

Local Elks Have Charge of Drive for Salvation Army Funds

The campaign in Oregon for Home Service Funds for the Salvation Army will be held June 22 to 30 and the drive is to be conducted under the auspices of the Oregon State Elks association. The Elks of Columbia county recently met at the rooms of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce and formulated plans for the conduct of the campaign. Dr. C. E. Wade was chosen chairman and Oswald Deming, secretary. The county was divided into two districts. From Goble to the Clatsop county is the Rainier district and the work in this district is under the supervision of George W. Russell, a prominent Elk of Rainier. From Goble to the Multnomah county line is the St. Helens district and Dr. C. E. Wade will supervise the work in this district.

Columbia Quota \$3000

The amount Columbia county will raise is \$3000. One-third of this amount has been assigned to the Rainier district and the balance to the St. Helens district. Each district has been divided into sub-districts and promptly on the morning of the 22nd the Elks will start to work. There is a good natured rivalry between St. Helens and Rainier as to which district will be the first to raise the quota, and the Elks do not intend to make it a week's job. On the contrary, they expect to wire headquarters the very first day of the drive that the entire amount and then some, has been raised. So far as can be learned, there are about 35 Elks in Columbia county, 23 of whom live in the St. Helens district, and are, E. I. Ballagh, Von A. Gray, C. D. Morgan, S. A. Hawkins, H. E. Cornthwaite, George Dommeoy, J. H. Wellington, Fred Morgus, Roy Copeland, Oswald Deming, Fred Watkins, Carl Christensen, A. C. Tucker, S. B. Hoskin, S. C. Morton, A. M. Holt, J. F. Ryan, H. E. Abry, Alva Smith, L. Bosworth, Sam Weist, Frank McDonald and C. E. Wade. Each of these Elks will be assigned a certain job and he will have to do it. One of the rules of the Order of Elks, it is said, is not to fall down on any charitable proposition and the antlered brothers from St. Helens can be depended upon to produce the results.

Speaker Coming the 19th.

In order to more forcibly bring the needs of the Salvation Army to the attention of the public, a speaker, Dr. Wheeler, will be here the evening of the 19th, Thursday. Weather permitting, he will speak from the courthouse steps and the St. Helens band will furnish music for the occasion. If the weather is inclement, the speaking and music will be in the city hall.

The Salvation Army is firmly entrenched in the hearts of the American soldiers and the parents of soldiers. No longer is the Army thought of as the people who used to parade the streets at night beating drums and cymbals and offering salvation with "jazz" trimmings. They are now thought of as a body of men and women who devote their lives to humanity, who have made sacrifices to "carry on" and every Columbia county soldier who has been over there and who the Mist has interviewed, has a good word for the Salvation Army. Columbia county will raise this little \$3,000 for the Salvation Army and raise it in ONE DAY.

THREE ARE MADE U. S. CITIZENS

Wednesday was citizenship day in the circuit court and 13 applications were made for final papers. The greater number of the applicants showed a surprising lack of knowledge of the national affairs of our government as evidenced by the fact that eight were turned back for further study. Two applications were dismissed because of irregularities and the following named persons made citizens: Dr. Alfred John Peel, Canadian; Paul Christian Boysen, German; Alben Larson, Swede.

STANFIELD EXPRESSES VIEWS ON ELECTION

Oregon Will Suffer on Account of Defeat of Reconstruction Measure

The Mist has received a letter from R. N. Stanfield in which he expresses regret that the \$5,000,000 Reconstruction Bonding measure was not approved by the voters of Oregon. He thinks that an injustice was done the State University and other state institutions. Mr. Stanfield says:

"The failure of the passing of the \$5,000,000 Reconstruction Bonding measure is a keen disappointment to me. I cannot understand why the voters should turn this measure down, unless it was that they were not properly informed. I believed when the legislature proposed this measure that they were making a mistake in putting it up to the voters as a reconstruction measure. They would have better have gone to the voters and explained to them these were necessary appropriations which they could not make because of the six per cent tax limitation. The money that this measure would have provided for reclamation purposes were not entirely necessary, but I think would have been a splendid investment for the taxpayers of the state of Oregon, inasmuch as its uses were contingent upon a Federal appropriation of a like amount, but the expenditure of the sums for state institutions are absolutely necessary and the state of Oregon will suffer because the funds could not be provided.

"Our state university is in a deplorable condition and it is a disgrace to the state that they cannot provide quarters which are adequate and sufficient for the attendants at this institution. Our penitentiary is also a disgrace, and we are perpetrating a crime against criminals when we do not provide a better reformatory than that which we possess.

"I sincerely hope that in your paper you will undertake to mold the public opinion, so that when again the necessities of these institution requirements are presented to the voters of the state of Oregon, that they may better realize and appreciate the need for the improvements.

"With kind regards, I am Very truly yours, R. N. STANFIELD."

VICTORY FESTIVAL DRAWS CROWDS

During the past few days St. Helens has been somewhat deserted as every one who could possibly get away, attended the Victory Festival in Portland. The warship, airplanes and parades were the main attractions which drew thousands to Portland, and those from St. Helens who have been taking in the big fete, speak highly of the Victory Festival. The great industrial parade on Wednesday afternoon was a magnificent effort and showed the wonderful progress Oregon is making along industrial lines.

POLE AND PILING CAMP STARTED

Jacob Johnson and W. A. Davis have started a pole and piling camp near the Milton Creek dam. They are carrying on their operations on the line of the Milton Creek Logging company and have a force of ten men cutting poles and getting out piling. To a Mist representative, one of the firm said they had enough timber in sight to continue their work for more than a year. Before moving to their present location, the men operated on the Chapman road.

CATCHES MANY MOLES

Clarence Olson, son of Pete Olson of the Warren neighborhood, is one of the champion mole catchers in the county. During the past two months he has caught 77 moles. Mr. Olson brought the skins to St. Helens Tuesday. He received \$7.70 mole bounty from the county, and the skins will bring \$10 or \$15, so young Olson, who is only 10 years old, has quite a little start on the bicycle money he is saving. In addition to earning the money, the lad has done his father a good service by destroying so many of these farm pests.

COTTAGE GROVE EDITOR VISITS IN ST. HELENS

Well Known Journalist Gives St. Helens a Look-Over

Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, accompanied by his wife, were here Monday and Tuesday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morton. Mr. Bede is one of the best known newspapermen in Oregon. He is secretary of the Oregon Newspaper Conference and has been president of the State Editorial association and the Willamette Valley Editorial association. He is a son of Adam Bede, for many years congressman from Minnesota, who was known throughout the United States as the "Wit of the House." The younger Bede inherited much of his father's wit and his writings and speeches demonstrate this fact.

Mr. Bede motored up from Cottage Grove and says the worst road he traveled in the 190 mile trip was the road between Scappoose and St. Helens.

SHINN AND WHEELER CANNOT AGREE

George Shinn, while a good friend of Councilman Charles Wheeler, does not agree with the councilman as to his project of making the city dock a dancing pavilion. Mr. Shinn says he is a good church member and does not believe in dancing, hence, he is not in favor of paying taxes to maintain a dancing pavilion. He suggests that the city dock be made into a public meeting place and that the dock be dedicated to the public by having a strawberry festival. Good strawberries and cream, Mr. Shinn says, could be enjoyed by every one and would hurt no one, but he is opposed to dancing.

Other suggestions have been made as to the use of the dock and the most popular one seems to be that the city council fix up the approach to the dock and use real common horse sense in trying to make the dock useful.

GREATER MAXWELL WILL BE HERE SOON

Dr. J. H. Flynn, county agent for the Maxwell automobile, telephones the Mist from Portland that the Greater Maxwell will be out about July 1st, and he expects to have a carload of these wonderful machines during July. The doctor says the Greater Maxwell is the most wonderful car in America under \$1500 in price.

In the next issue of the Mist, the doctor will have an announcement as to this car and will furnish prospective auto buyers with complete specifications of the car which the Maxwell people claim is their notable achievement in auto building.

COUNTY DEPUTIES GET SALARY RAISE

Three of the county deputies had their salaries raised by the county court at its last session. Deputy La Bare in the sheriff's office is raised from \$1000 per year to \$1200. Deputy Paulsen in the clerk's office is raised from \$900 to \$1100 and Deputy Godfrey in the assessor's office is raised from \$800 to \$1000. In all, the salary raise amounts to \$600 per year increase in the county pay-roll.

"Not in Vain"



Edith Cavell left England for Belgium as one of the many thousand nurses called to war service. Her body was returned home the other day, buried with honors such as no other woman than Queen Victoria has ever been given. The martyred nurse made the supreme sacrifice—before a German firing squad. Here is the crowd outside Westminster Abbey as the body arrived.

COUNCIL GIVES AWAY VALUABLE PROPERTY

GOES TO THE COUNTY Lot Adjoining the Court House Will be Deeded to County

The most important matter that the council acted upon at their regular meeting Monday night, was to give away a valuable piece of city property. They didn't exactly give it away, but they paved the way so it could be given. That portion of the Strand adjoining the courthouse and in front of the residence of A. S. Harrison is the property which the county wants and which the city council is anxious to give. County Judge Martin White presented the matter to the council and before any one could say stop or start, or say anything else, the resolution had been passed with only one dissenting vote. Councilman Dixon voted NO because he thought the council should have more time to consider the matter, but his colleagues were in a hurry, and they slipped the resolution through. The skids were well greased and the resolution, which had previously been prepared, went through faster than lightning.

When the council leased a portion of the Strand to the Creamery association, it took about two months to get the resolution through, prepare and pass the ordinance, etc., but the action of the council Monday night is in marked contrast with actions of former councils. City property, its value, the necessity of giving it away, the advisability of the city owning any water front, was not considered by the council. It was a Bing, Bang, Hurrah matter and had to be gotten through quickly, and it went through.

The property which the council proposes to give away, is considered quite valuable. To be definite in describing it, the Mist quotes from the deed which the city proposes to give to the county: "All of that portion of the Strand, in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, lying between the easterly extension of the northerly and southerly boundary lines of Lot 14 in Block 11, in said City, produced to the Columbia river, excepting therefrom, however, a strip of land thirty feet in width, in the form of a rectangle, off the entire westerly end."

The council did not receive a satisfactory bid for the improvement of Winter street, so held this matter up. The estimate of the city engineer for the improvement of Cowlett, Casneau and Tualatin streets was submitted and there was quite an argument over it. No action was taken.

It was decided to ask the school board to fix up the floor of the city hall, which has been used as a school room, so that dancing could be indulged in.

The question of allowing firecrackers and fireworks for the Fourth of July was taken up, but no action taken.

Several others matters were taken up and discussed, but when the council adjourned, nothing definite had been accomplished except to give away some city property.

VULCANIZING SHOP IS NOW READY

The Independent Auto Company have further enlarged and improved their garage business by installing a complete and up-to-date vulcanizing and tire repair shop. The vacant room between Constantia's store and the garage entrance was secured for the "tireshop," and being located on the street, will make it quite convenient for automobilists. In addition to doing vulcanizing and repairing, the shop is also equipped to do re-treading. Manager Copeland says he is now ready to promptly care for any and all tire troubles and guarantees that his shop will turn out work equal to that of any other shop.

HAM KAUTZMAN GOES TO JAIL

On account of his failure to pay the \$500 fine imposed by the circuit court, Ham Kautzman, editor and publisher of the Columbia Herald, was taken to Portland by Sheriff Stanwood Saturday last and placed in the Multnomah county jail. Kautzman was convicted of publishing libelous articles and obscene matter in his paper and was sentenced to six months in jail and a fine of \$500. The case was appealed, but for some reason, the appeal was dropped, therefore, the editor was arrested and has begun to serve time in jail.

K. OF P. MEMBERS VISIT RIDGEFIELD

About 50 members of Avon lodge and their families went to Ridgefield Thursday evening to attend the annual strawberry festival. For several years the St. Helens lodge has enjoyed the hospitality of the Lake River lodge of Ridgefield on such occasions as this one. The St. Helens K. of P.'s are unanimous in reporting one of the most delightful visits they ever made.