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## USING POLITICAL RALLY SLATED

Member of Commerce Political Rally Bids Fair to be Grand Success. Secretary Has Promise of Large Attendance of Candidates.

Letters sent out by Secretary of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce to the various candidates to have their political lightning bolts up to draw the electric wave of popular approval on May 1st, has borne fruit to the extent many acceptances by candidates are present at the united political rally the secretary is staging for Friday evening.

A stroll about the outskirts of the city almost any evening this week and the woods full of candidates more or less engaged in laudable efforts to strike an oratorical pose and declaiming in tones and gestures a way that should be declaimed. In most of the candidates will be seen with bells, and all joking aside a public can come prepared to hear an excellent talk—short, perhaps, the number present will obviously be a good representation—but they will be led and to the point.

True, it is, that some are endeavoring to beg off from Mr. Stora's address of the heart is one in candidates we mean—excuse and serious other more or less minor objections are raised. But the secretary is meeting all excuses with the argument for their appearance and a good representation is expected.

A disappointment may be in store for those who attend in the possible absence of Edison I. Ballagh, candidate for the nomination for representative in the legislature. Mr. Ballagh's reticent disposition and well known timidity as a public speaker, led him to absent himself from the gathering. Mr. Stora hopes however, to induce him to be present, promising him that if five minutes is long to face the audience he may be down the time.

Mr. Flippin of Rainier, who seeks nomination for county commissioner, expresses regret that he will be unable to be present owing to previous date made to meet with the American Legion on the evening scheduled for the meeting here. In a letter to Secretary Stora Mr. Flippin says, in part:

"While I would enjoy being at your meeting, I hope you are not contending that it is necessary for me to be a handsome man or a great actor in order to make Columbia a good commissioner. For if it is true, mine is a hopeless case. I depended on good looks oratory to get through this world, would have been in the poor house many fifty years ago."

He further says that he has no axe to grind nor special interests to serve, and sees no reason why he cannot make a fair and impartial commissioner.

One regrettable feature of the evening's entertainment will be the absence of democratic office seekers who have filed for nomination. There will be no democratic primary unless perchance some of the non-office seeking spell-binders are induced to take a chance on a platform with the ugly old Republicans. Assurances are given at the speaker's stage will be made for the democrats, even though they are in the hopeless minority.

Friday, April 30th, at 7:30 p. m. the hour and the city will be the place.

Following the political talks Prof. Wambach of the State Agricultural College will deliver a lecture on matters pertaining to the college and to agricultural interests.

## PUBLIC SERVICE WILL HOLD HEARING MAY 7

May 7th is the Day Set By Public Service Commission to Hear Arguments on Needs of New Depot.

The Public Service Commission of Oregon has set the 7th day of May, 1920, as the day for the hearing and investigation of the suit instituted by the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce against the S. P. & S. railroad. The hearing will be held in the City Hall of St. Helens and all parties to the proceeding will be heard at that time.

The Chamber of Commerce has an entrenched belief that St. Helens is entitled to a depot building that resembles less an antiquated boxcar than a real honest to goodness depot. In this belief the citizens generally concur. This matter is before the Public Service Commission in the nature of a suit against the railroad company to bring about some relief in the way of adequate depot facilities. The S. P. & S. professes to be agreeable to the needs of the city in the way of a new depot, but is inclined to pass the buck to the Northern Pacific, which company is the real owner of the railway system.

However, now that the matter is to receive some action it is to be hoped that the commission will dig into the powers that be with the result that our city will come into its own in the way of a depot commensurate with our needs and standing as a shipping point, and likewise as the traveling public.

## PRISONER GIVES DEPUTY SHERIFF FOOT RACE

Deputy Sheriff Butler Outdistanced in Race With Prisoner. Man Makes His Getaway.

Deputy Sheriff Butler has always had a rather cheery thought that he was some fleet of foot and could hold his own in almost any sort of a free-for-all foot race. But he was outclassed last Saturday when a nimble-footed—and nimble-fingered—a well-prisoner gave him the slip and hot-footed it out of town.

An individual whose right name is Justus Alfred Johanson, but who goes about with him such names as Jensen, Lofstrand and Lousland as aliases, was gathered in at the deputy Sheriff Butler on suspicion of having stolen a suit of clothes and other wearing apparel, which suspicion was later confirmed.

The deputy took him to the court house and before putting him in cold storage allowed him to go to the toilet, and here Deputy Butler frustrated an attempt on the part of the prisoner to make his getaway by way of the window. Butler stepped back slightly to allow Johanson to pass through the door and he threw a surprise into the deputy by pressing in the dead run.

The race took them down the street past the Plaza and at the Episcopal church corner the deputy could have easily winged him, and was preparing to do that very thing when some one called to him not to shoot, which diverted his mind for a second and the prisoner dodged around the corner. He kept on down Columbia street and was finally lost to view.

To cap the climax Johanson made a getaway from Portland officials the same day. On telephone advice, he was located at the home of his sister, and as the officers came in the front door he left by the back door and at last accounts had not been captured.

The fugitive had been working at the Columbia county mills and was accused of having stolen a suit of clothes from a fellow worker named Page.

The sheriff's office is sending out descriptions of him, together with its picture, and it is thought he will be located before many days pass. He is described as 26 years old, weight 170 pounds, 5 feet 11 inches, all brown hair and a native of Sweden. Wore a gray suit, light and low shoes when he left, but by some hook or crook changed that costume after he left here.

## PRICE OF PAPER UP MUST CONSERVE

"Continued advance in the price of print paper," says the Cottage Grove Sentinel, "makes it imperative that very paper conserve that commodity and are likely to make necessary still further advances in subscription prices. Hardly a week passes in which The Sentinel is not compelled to leave out advertising ads because it does not feel justified in using the extra paper which would be required for its publication."

The Sentinel further points out that it has "become imperative that no papers be sent to any one who allows his subscription to get in arrears."

Less than four years ago print paper could be bought in small lots of three and one-half cents per pound. Today the same paper of a heavier grade costs the newspaper between ten and eleven cents in ton lots. In small lots it goes around thirteen cents. And it is a scarce commodity at that. And along with paper all other materials that enter into the publication of a newspaper have skyrocketed in price, and the price of labor as well.

Like our Cottage Grove friend the list is trying to conserve in paper, and our subscribers can materially assist by seeing to it that their subscriptions are kept paid up. At the present price and scarcity of paper the newspaper publisher cannot afford to carry a dead load of unpaid subscriptions. Besides all this the postal regulations require newspapers to carry only paid-up subscribers on their lists.

## NO QUORUM AT COUNCIL MEETING

Because of the absence of Councilmen Dixon and Wheeler no meeting of the city council was held last Monday evening. There was quite a number of the citizens of the town present as the proposed joint meeting of the council and water board was scheduled for that night, to discuss the problems resulting from objections offered the week before to the extensions of the city water system now under way. L. J. VanOrsloven was the only member of the water board present, but it is understood that he was precluded from explaining any action taken by the board had the occasion demanded.

Several matters of importance were taken up in an informal way and discussed, and after waiting until nine o'clock for the absentees to put in an appearance, the mayor announced that it was useless to wait longer and the crowd dispersed.

There will undoubtedly be a large amount of business to be handled at the meeting next Monday night and as there are many matters of importance to come before the council it is thought there will be a large crowd of spectators in attendance.

Mrs Gladys Costes and Harold LeMon of Portland spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

## HUMOR FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



## COUNTY CHAMBERS TO ORGANIZE

Various Commercial Organizations of County Will Assemble in St. Helens Today to Effect a County Organization.

The agitation which has been under way by the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce for a county commercial organization has assumed definite shape, the result of the agitation being that a representative meeting of various commercial organizations of the county will be held in this city this evening, Friday.

The Rainier Chamber of Commerce promises to have a delegation of perhaps a dozen at the meeting, and delegations from Scappoose and Astoria will also be present, which will embrace the four and only commercial bodies in the county.

Secretary Stora of the local chamber has been an indefatigable worker to bring about a county organization and this evening's meeting will perhaps see the fruition of his hopes realized.

It has long been the idea of leading men of the separate organizations in the county that a county commercial organization could do much to promote the interests of the county as a whole. Many problems of a complex nature arise that affect the entire county, and it is such problems that a county organization would handle, and which could be handled more satisfactorily and effectively than could be done by any one single organization working independently.

## SOUTH ST. HELENS GETS WATER TANK

A big 15,000 gallon water tank will be erected in South St. Helens in the near future. This is a part of the program of improvement as outlined by the water board to furnish a more adequate water supply to the residents of the city. The tank has been ordered for some time and it is expected to arrive in St. Helens daily, although the uncertainties of railroad transportation may cause delays. It is planned to put the big tank in place as soon as possible after its arrival and Superintendent Lope is at present making all preparations that there may be no unnecessary delay when the actual construction work gets under way.

This tank will act as a storage reservoir to supply the residents of that portion of the city. For some time there has been difficulty experienced with the water system in that section, due to low pressure and small main line pipes. The new tank will, it is pointed out by a member of the board, eliminate all these difficulties and give South St. Helens water service on a par with the remainder of the city.

Red and black is the combination of colors that Roy Stewart decided upon when he repainted his delivery Ford and when he appeared on the streets Monday morning in his newly decorated truck many of his friends congratulated him on his purchase of a new outfit, but he soon explained that the improved appearance of the truck was due to his ability with a paint brush.

## REPUBLICANS FILE DEMOCRATS SHY

Final Filing of Nominations Shows Sixteen Republicans Seek a Place On November Ballot. Democrats Fail to Make Any Filings.

The final outcome of the free-for-all nomination scramble of Columbia county men seeking a place on the ballot to be voted on at the May primaries, discloses a net result on the last day of petition filing with County Clerk Hunt to be 16 republicans.

There were no filings by members of the party of the "unaffiliated," but this doesn't necessarily indicate that the party has passed over or even sleeping—just resting, as it were, for the home stretch sprint in November. The republicans will come out of the primary with a full representation on the election ballot for places on the election ballot will be in the offices of county commissioner, sheriff, school superintendent and representative in the legislature. Two candidates are contending for the nomination for commissioner, three for sheriff, two for superintendent and three for representative.

The list of candidates and offices filed for in this county are as follows: County Commissioner—Isaac S. Baumgardner and T. J. Flippin. Sheriff—H. H. Bunting, H. E. LaBaro and J. H. Wellington. School Superintendent—J. W. Allen and Lillie M. Leith. County Clerk—J. W. Hunt. Assessor—C. W. Blakesley. Treasurer—Bessie Hattan. County Surveyor—L. J. VanOrsloven. County Coroner—T. S. White. District Attorney—George A. Gore. Representative in Legislature—A. H. Tarbell, Edison I. Ballagh and Glen R. Metsker.

## COLUMBIA COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED

On Saturday evening, April 24th, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma Brittain, the marriage of Mrs. Bertha Meyers to Arthur Ketel was solemnized in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the family. Rev. A. R. Spear officiated.

The newly married couple are well and favorably known in this locality and the happy good wishes of a host of friends go with them to their new home at Doty, Washington, for which place they departed following the ceremony, amid a shower of rice.

## DEATH OF WARREN RESIDENT APRIL 18

In the death of Matthew George in St. Vincent's hospital on April 18th, 1920, the community of Warren sustained the loss of a good man and kind neighbor, highly respected by all his friends and neighbors and kind hearted to a marked degree.

Deceased is survived by two nephews and one niece, Frank George of St. Helens, Walter George of Milton creek and May Horton of Junction City, all of whom were with him in his last moments. A brother and sister-in-law and a niece rest in the Deer Island cemetery.

The remains were laid to their last resting place in the Warren cemetery.

## AMERICAN LEGION TO HANDLE ALL CLAIMS

The Local Post of American Legion Prepared to Take Up Claims of Members or Ex-Service Men.

The Service and Information Branch of the War Department is a bureau originally established jointly by the navy and war departments to replace into suitable civilian occupation every ex-service man who could work. This it accomplished with amazing results, and has now directed its aim to the aid of disabled men, and those whose claims against the government have not been satisfactorily settled.

Its main purpose is to get in direct contact with the men themselves, find out what their trouble consists of, and then put the case before the proper official and see that it is given proper attention.

The local American Legion post is prepared to take up these matters with ex-service men, and Adjutant Russell is ready to assist any member of the post or ex-service man in the settlement of any differences with the government. The matter may be taken up with him either personally or through correspondence.

If you have a claim of any kind, fill out the following questionnaire, giving your name, address, rank, company, organization and serial number, and return it to the adjutant of the local legion post:

1. Have you received a proper discharge?
2. Have you received your bonus of \$60.00?
3. Have you received your full travel pay of five cents per mile?
4. Have you received your lost baggage?
5. Have you received the liberty bonds that you subscribed for while in service?
6. Were the allotments deducted from your pay paid to the proper persons and in the proper amounts?
7. Do you wish any information regarding the conversion of your insurance?
8. If your insurance has lapsed, do you wish to have it reinstated?
9. Were you disabled in the service?
10. If so, are you drawing compensation for disability?
11. Are you in need of any medical care or treatment?
12. If disabled, do you wish to take Vocational Education?
13. Are you out of employment?
14. Have you received a Victory Button issued by the Government?
15. If not, do you wish one?
16. Do you know of any tubercular soldiers?
17. If so, please give his name and address.
18. Do you know of any insane soldier or sailor?
19. If so, please give his name and address.

## APPROPRIATE CARS FOR JOY RIDES

Parties who wish to use other peoples' cars for joy riding, took from the old Muckle garage Wednesday night, April 21st, the Chevrolet car belonging to Victor Oliver and the Auburn which is the property of S. C. Morton.

The parties had a very enjoyable 20 mile (it is presumed) but came to grief near the shipyard plant at Columbia City, in some manner, the Chevrolet went off the bank and the Auburn came to the assistance of the stranded car. However, the Auburn was backed down a 15 per cent grade and into soft mud and there it stuck. When the thieves saw they could not get either car out of the ditch, they left them. Oliver and Morton located the cars Friday night. The Chevrolet was not damaged, but the driver of Morton's car had smashed into a stump or tree and the fenders on the left side of the car were damaged to the extent that new fenders were necessary.

The matter was reported to Sheriff LaBaro who is making an investigation and expects to apprehend the guilty parties. Mr. LaBaro and his deputies are determined to break up the gang who have a habit of appropriating for their own use, the cars of other people, and states that he wishes to co-operate with auto owners in this respect.

## AN OLD PIONEER CROSSES DIVIDE

The untimely death of John King Wednesday afternoon in his room at the Orcedia hotel was a shock to his numerous friends of this locality. Deceased was not feeling very well Monday afternoon and went to his room and called for the landlady, and just as she came into the room he fell over on the bed unconscious. He never regained consciousness up to the hour of his death, 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Apoplexy is the cause assigned as his death.

Deceased came to this country from Scotland in 1882 and has been a resident of this section since that time. His age was about 64 years. He leaves a brother, Andrew, of this city and two half sisters in Scotland to mourn his death. He was well known to all the old timers and to know him was to be his friend.

He was a valued member of the local Masonic lodge of this city and the funeral services will be under the direction of that order. The funeral services will be held from the Congregational church at 2:30 p. m. today and burial will be in Warren cemetery.

E. A. Rotger, mine host of the St. Helens Hotel, was a business visitor in Portland Wednesday.

## ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE BIRTH

Local Odd Fellows Lodge Observes 101st Anniversary of Founding of Order. Makes Large Gain in Members Since Organization.

Monday, April 21st, was the 101st anniversary of the foundation of the order of Odd Fellows in the United States, and this history making event of fraternal orders was observed by the local lodge of St. Helens with a splendid musical programme, speaking and banquet.

The chief speaker of the evening was Hon. W. J. Fullerton, and his subject of "Oddfellowship" was exhaustively handled. The speaker treated his subject from the time of organization of the order down to the present time, and the facts and figures shown places the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as one among the strongest in membership and finances in the United States, having a membership of 2,500,000, with 21,000 of this in Oregon. The lodge is one of Columbia county's foremost and interesting speakers and his address was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present.

The local lodge is among the strongest in Columbia county. St. Helens No. 117 was instituted July 30, 1892, with a charter membership of twenty-three. Of the original membership four are yet affiliated with the lodge—C. W. Blakesley, U. W. Clark, Andrew J. Rubert and David H. Pope. Some years ago fire destroyed practically everything owned by the lodge, the only articles salvaged being the seal and charter.

Undaunted, however, by this adversity the lodge members pushed steadily onward and a few years later purchased property and erected their present lodge building thereon. From a charter membership of twenty-three the lodge has grown to 190 members. Financially the lodge is in splendid condition. It has no indebtedness, owns its own hall and cemetery and has in cash on hand around \$1000. It is indeed one of the growing fraternal orders of Columbia county and its members feel justly proud of their order and their membership therein.

The ladies' auxiliary to the order, St. Helens Rebekah No. 217, is also a growing organization and now boasts a membership of about 180.

The evening's programme was as follows:  
Song "America"  
Vocal solo.....Mrs. Cook.  
Violin solo.....Miss Dorothy Akin.  
Vocal solo.....Mrs. Glen R. Metsker.  
Piano solo.....Miss Fay Price.  
Violin solo.....Harley Turner.  
Recitation.....Mr. Price.  
Vocal solo.....Wm. Russell.  
Address.....W. J. Fullerton.

## K. OF P. ORDER GROWING FAST

The local Knights of Pythias lodge is progressing and boasts a membership of 119 to date, with a number of new members ready to take ranks.

The increase in the order nationally for the past year has been 60,000 and it is confidently expected to bring this increase up to 75,000 by the 30th of June, the close of the fiscal year. In Oregon the increase for the year 1919 has been 1221, and there has been a material addition to this number since the first of the year.

The order now has a membership in the United States of nearly 1,000,000, and in the insurance department new certificates were written to the amount of \$10,160,500.

The order recently celebrated its 56th anniversary and it is with a feeling of pride that Pythians pause and contemplate the beauty and handiwork of fraternity that has been built by this great American fraternal organization.

## ST. HELENS TO HAVE AIRPLANE LANDING

Chamber of Commerce Takes Up Question of Making St. Helens Landing Point for Air Ships.

As a landing place for aviator St. Helens is to have a plan the map. A representative of the Or Washington and Idaho Air company of Portland visited our Wednesday and arranged for it to take place here Sunday of a gull flying plane. The "hop" and landings will be made in river.

In conjunction with the McCormick interests the Chamber of Commerce has taken up the matter of providing a landing dock here which will put St. Helens directly on the map as a landing point for this class of aircraft. It is the intention of the Portland concern to establish air service between that city and Astoria, and it is in keeping with the well-known commendable spirit of the Chamber of Commerce to get in on the ground floor for anything that benefits St. Helens by providing the airplane company with a suitable place to land their machines.

At limited expense it is proposed to put in a dock at the mouth of Nigger creek, which the representative of the airplane company considers an ideal location. The McCormick interests are lending aid to the proposition by their co-operation and Secretary Stora is an enthusiastic booster.