

VOTE FOR THE BEST MAN.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that tomorrow is election day, about the only persons displaying much interest are the candidates themselves.

Probably the many candidates and the lack of issues are responsible—rather than the personality of those seeking office.

The campaign has been clean from mud-throwing of any kind, free from the bitter personalities which have marred some of our election struggles.

Vote for the candidate that you think best qualified for the position. Don't let personal friendship interfere with your judgment.

Go at it as cold-bloodedly as you would if it were a business transaction. Pick the man you consider the most efficient, the best administrator, the best financier, the best business man, the most unselfish in his efforts as a city builder.

If you do this, and your judgment is good, no one will have cause to repent during the next two years.

Adam Sisemore, Pioneer of the '50s Passes Away at Gold Hill Home

(Gold Hill News.)

Adam Sisemore, one of the last of those daring argonauts and pioneers of the '50s, passed away upon the long trail at his home in this city on Monday, the 13th.

Funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. L. B. Overholser, of Talent, of the United Brethren church, performing the last sad rites.

In the pioneer days of Oregon, Adam Sisemore played a leading part in the drama of development and was widely known.

With the passing of Adam Sisemore Jackson county loses one of the oldest keepers of the stirring traditions of pioneer days.

Yreka eight years, in 1862 he set out on foot to travel through Oregon, eventually arriving on the Willamette in Benton county.

The following year he again started for the Idaho basin, afoot and driving a pack pony.

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WILSON UNDER BOND TO PEOPLE

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 13.—At a luncheon tendered him and New Jersey presidential electors here today, President-Elect Woodrow Wilson declared that he did not know himself how many electoral votes he would receive when the electoral college met.

"The people have turned their faces in a definite direction," said Wilson, "and any party or any one who does not go along will be rejected and ought to be."

"I'm under bond as the spokesman and instrument of all the people. My sacred honor is involved. I feel that the people have commissioned me and I want to say that with such a jury back of you, you can smile at the efforts of the gentlemen who meet in back rooms and arrange to beat you. It can't be done."

PHOENIX

The K. K. club met with Miss Lula Roberts Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pentecost, from Iowa are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Barnum and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Boyer.

Ray Yost and Lester Fay gave a few of their friends a sleighing party Thursday evening.

The Presbyterian choir gave a sacred concert in the church Sunday evening. Dr. J. R. Ballie, the pastor, gave a short address on music.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Rose Moore and Mrs. Luther Standcliff Thursday afternoon.

Girls and boys of all sizes and ages have been their evenings the past week coasting on the hills near town.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Selmers.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneck of North Phoenix, January 2, a son.

Mrs. Gard and Mrs. Campbell of Ashland, organized a Parents-Teachers' association Friday afternoon in the high school.

City election here promises to be very quiet. Guy Thrasher and Theodore Engle are candidates for councilmen in the first ward.

Doctors Dow and Dow have returned from a week's stay in Portland.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Seymour of Indiana are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wayman Warner and family.

County commissioner W. C. Leever is in Portland this week attending the good roads convention.

George Perkins returned Sunday from Wolf Creek where he attended

STATE UNABLE TO GIVE TITLE TO LAND SOLD

The clerk of the state land board reports the following lands in Jackson county sold and decided by the state, but to which the state is unable to convey title:

Lot 1, section 4, Twp. 39s, R. 3 W., 2.00 acres, dated July 11, 1898, S. B. Hamilton, grantee.

Those claiming ownership through the state are entitled to refund of the amounts paid.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were installed in Medford camp No. 90, Woodmen of the World, Saturday night, January 11th, by Past Consul Commander J. W. Long, Consul commander, B. F. Mulkey, adviser lieutenant, J. H. Atwell, banker, John A. Perl, clerk, W. R. Jackson, escort, B. C. Siefert, watchman, Geo. L. Shirley, sentry, Geo. H. Millar, manager, H. H. DeArmond, camp physician, R. W. Stearns and J. W. J. Marion. A large amount of other business was transacted including initiatory work.

It was decided that in the future, the camp would meet promptly at 7:30 every Saturday night.

The funeral of his brother, Howard A. Perkins, who formerly resided in this vicinity but moved to Wolf Creek several years ago.

The new motor contracted for some months ago for our water system, has arrived and will soon be installed.

Mrs. T. M. Jones returned to her home in Corning, California, Saturday morning after a several weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Hoagland and other relatives.

A. W. Moon and Kenneth Beebe spent the weekend in northern California on a business trip.

Miss G. Williams of Medford spent last of the week here visiting Mrs. R. C. Renne, returning home Friday.

Hotel Danlap changed hands Saturday, Jos. Curzon retiring and Mrs. M. Babine taking charge. Mr. Curzon and family left for San Francisco Sunday afternoon.

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O. M. Garvin and son spent the week-end with his father, Judge Garvin and brother Harry at Roseburg.

A very pretty house party was given at the home of Mrs. L. Hatfield by the junior class in the senior class.

The evening was spent in various amusements consisting of games, contests and other things. Rev. Aldrich sang two solos which were greatly enjoyed. Prof. Grossleaf also gave a very delightful reading which caused much laughter.

A very elaborate supper was served by the class. The juniors deserve much credit for their hospitality and also Mrs. Hatfield for her courteous treatment to the guests.

Several people having asked me my reasons for favoring the candidacy of J. E. Watt for mayor, and thinking others may be curious to know, is the reason for this letter.

About six years ago I was standing by the Exhibit Building with the rest of Medford's population, watching a passenger train leave town, when a farmer looking man approached me, inquiring if this was Dr. Page. Upon receiving an affirmative reply he introduced himself as Mr. Watt. He said he had recently moved here and purchased an orchard. Inquired how we liked it here, etc. Said his people and himself thought it the most perfect spot in the world.

He went on to say he had a friend named Merriek who had stopped in Portland, but he would soon get him here. Then he went on to say that some society or body, I have forgotten which it was, had put him on a committee to solicit and take an exhibit from here to the Salem fair, "And do you know," he said, "not one of them will do a thing. I have to drive all over the valley, collect the exhibit, pack it, and with practically no help. But I am going to have a good one just the same." Later on I learned he had a creditable exhibit. At this time he invited me to visit him at his orchard, which I did. In this way began my acquaintance with Jim Watt. He had attracted my attention by courtesy to a newcomer. I next knew of him as a director in our first little fruit association.

Time passed on. The Watt orchard, well known for its fruit, care, and up-to-the-minute methods, was sold. The natural inquiry was, what will Watt do? Did he leave with his profit? No! He purchased city property, built a nice home, bought more land, and continued as at first—a supporter of Medford and this valley. Every little while I would notice him at the station with team at first, and later with his automobile, greeting friends from away. Soon it would be known these same people had located here. And I would like to say that in my opinion Jim Watt has influenced more people to locate in this vicinity since his arrival than any other individual.

Next, I learn he is active in his church, participating personally, and financially. Then comes city improvements. His was a big frontage—cement sidewalks, sewers, water, paving, lights—and Jim Watt was "always there"—no whining—always willing to pay his share. Then a long term on our school board, giving much time and making more friends. Then two years on our city council, part of the time as president and acting mayor. This letter has to be brief, but think it over, Mr. Voter. Get the meat in it. Think of Jim Watt rustling an exhibit for the Salem fair, or think of him at any time since he located in this valley, and you will find him at the wheel of progress that has taken place here.

During these years mentioned he had attracted general attention as being a progressive, conservative business man, and before long these qualities caused him to be selected as a director in one of our banks. In conclusion, Mr. Voter, with all due consideration to the other candidates, whom I consider my friends, in addition to the above history of my acquaintance with Mr. Watt, I would add other qualifications fitting him for the mayoralty: 1. Long experience in handling city business. 2. Experience in finance. 3. Legislative ability. 4. Personal interests such that he can give unlimited time to the duties of the office. 5. Has proven his heart is in the right place, and is a friend and fair to all classes.

This letter briefly explains why I, as a taxpayer, shall vote for Jim Watt.

Respectfully, FRANK C. PAGE. (Paid Advertisement.)

John A. Perl Undertaker

28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 471 and 473 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

HEAVY RAINFALL SENDS STREAMS UP

An inch and a quarter of water either sank in the ground or was carried away by the creeks and river Sunday night, bringing the total precipitation for the season, from September 1, up to 9.35. The total normal precipitation for this period is 12.81, showing that this season is yet 2.46 inches below normal.

Three quarters of an inch of Sunday night's precipitation was rain, the other half inch being melting snow. Had the rain and warm weather extended to the hills where the snow is deep a flood would have been looked for but it is not thought this was the case. Bear creek is now higher than at any time this year but Monday afternoon had not reached a dangerous stage. Rogue river is also rising and a continuance of the rain and melting weather may yet mean flood waters. The snow in the city has almost entirely disappeared. Predictions are for more rain with no change in temperature.

Presbyterian Church

Yesterday in the Presbyterian church the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in an impressive service. George Andrews sang, "Nearer, My God to Thee," in a most inspiring way, eleven people united with the church of whom five were by profession of faith and six were by letter; and the evening sermon on the theme, "Supreme Desires of His Kingdom's Triumph" closed the week of prayer. This church has taken in fifty-three members since October 1, 1912.

ECHOES FROM PHOENIX

Phoenix Happenings Always Interest Our Readers

After reading of so many people in our town who have been cured by Doan's Kidney Pills, the question naturally arises: "Is this medicine equally successful in our neighboring towns?" The fervent statement of this Phoenix resident leaves no room for doubt on this point.

Mrs. J. Waterman, Phoenix, Oregon, says: "I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills as I have had ample proof of their merit. Over-exertion or being on my feet for any length of time, caused my back to ache and sent sharp pains through my loins. Frequent headaches and spells of dizziness also bothered me. I knew that my kidneys were at fault and hearing Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, I procured a supply. I began using them and they relieved the difficulties which had so long distressed me."

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MERLIN MAN CHARGED BY DAUGHTER WITH CRIME

District Attorney E. E. Kelly went to Grants Pass Monday to probe a case of incest brought against Wm. F. Pettit, of Merlin, arrested Saturday upon complaint of his 17-year-old daughter Julia and his bed-ridden wife who is being cared for by the county.

The mother admits knowledge of the father's unnatural crime, and the girl says that it had continued during the residence at Merlin, but that both the mother and the daughter feared the father's wrath of they made the situation public.

Pettit is a man about 50 years of age, and has worked off and on at day labor in the Merlin neighborhood. Under the Oregon statutes the crime with which he stands charged is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for from one to three years, or in the county jail from three months to one year, and a fine of from \$200 to \$1000.

LUMBER MILLS AT WEED AND HILT CLOSE DOWN

The freeze through the citrus belt has had a serious influence upon the labor situation in the milling towns of Weed, Dorris, Hilt and other centers of the lumber trade. With the destruction of a very great proportion of the orange crop these mills will have practically no call for packing boxes, which was their principal output, and as a consequence the mills in the three towns mentioned have discharged 3000 men.

DIED.

Mary R. Martin, wife of J. G. Martin, 624 N. Central avenue, died at 5:40 o'clock Monday morning at the Sacred Heart hospital. Mrs. Martin had been a resident of Jackson county for 35 years. She lived at Antioch for 25 years before coming to Medford seven years ago. Mrs. Martin was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania in 1851. She leaves her husband and one son, Carl. The funeral services will be held at the residence Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, burial to be in the Jacksonville cemetery. Rev. E. O. Eldridge will officiate.

FIVE PLUNKS EXTRA FOR SHASTA LIMITED

The Shasta Limited, for years a train exclusive to San Francisco and Portland travelers, is now accessible to Medford people. A new order has placed the train on schedule as an extra fare special \$5 extra fare being charged to passengers who wish to ride in "Shasta" style. Any person who wishes to board the train at Medford may do so, providing first that the accommodations are not all filled, and providing second that he has the extra five spot.

ASK \$20,000 BONUS FOR "EVER FRESH"

Representatives of the "Ever Fresh" company and members of the Commercial club and the Merchants' association met in the basement of the public library last night and talked over preliminary plans for the construction of an "Ever Fresh" factory in this valley. The company asks a bonus of \$20,000 and the site for building their plant. The directors of the Commercial club will appoint a committee to visit the head offices of the company and confer with the officers.

The "Ever Fresh" process, upon the face of the showing made with the samples, appears to be a worthy project, and a needed industry in this section, but it was the consensus of opinion of those present that the bonus asked was away too high, for many reasons, including the stringency of the times. Perhaps some compromise agreement might be reached between the two sides. J. A. Perry believes that this process would mean the development of a great loganberry market. Any of the smaller fruits and products can be treated and still retain their natural color and taste.

W. H. Paulhamus of Puyallup has written the committee appointed to secure data on the building and operation of a co-operative cannery and has written John H. Carvins of the Merchants' association that he will be able to visit Medford in the near future and talk over the situation with local fruit-growers.