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STATE SUPERINTENDENT WILSON WILL SPEAK SATURDAY

This paper announced last week that State Superintendent R. H. Wilson would speak in Beaver, Saturday afternoon, October 9th, during the County Fair. Other announcement was made, through error, by the Beaver Democrat, that Supt. Wilson would speak Friday, the 8th, which has confused the matter considerably. County Agent Hanly advises us that the date as announced by The Herald is correct and that Supt. Wilson will speak here Saturday. Bear this in mind and arrange to hear him.

DISTRICT AGENT MARKLAND WILL SPEAK HERE

District Agricultural Agent B. F. Markland will attend the County Fair here this week, serving as a judge, and he will also deliver an address to the farmers, on topics of particular interest to them, Friday. Agent Markland's talk will be one well worth hearing. Don't miss it.

NEWS FROM STORKDOM

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jones, September 30th, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Karnes, of Elmwood, September 28th, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stranathan, September 30th, a girl.

HON. JOE R. FRAILER

Hon. Joe R. Frailer, floor leader of the Iowa State Senate, will speak in Beaver, Friday, October 8th. He is a forceful speaker and one who will interest and hold the attention of his audience. This will be a splendid opportunity for the people of Beaver county to hear a man who is unalterably opposed to the League of Nations and who is amply prepared to give good, sound, logical reasons for such opposition. Do not fail to hear him in Beaver Friday.

WEATHER INSURANCE TAKEN ON FAIR

The amount of time and money expended to make the Beaver County Fair a "sure enough go" this week was too great to risk any tomfoolery on the part of the weather man so accordingly, the fair management this week wisely insured the undertaking against loss by reason of unfavorable weather conditions. This is rather a new thing in the insurance line but the proper procedure in this case and the management are to be congratulated upon their good judgment. We are all hoping for a continuation of the fine weather of the past week but, if the worst comes, the fair management will at least be safe from loss.

COUNTY ENGINEER INGRAM ASKED TO RESIGN

Upon the convening session of the Board of County Commissioners this week, following the disclosure in district court last week in which W. A. Ingram, county engineer, was involved, in which it will be remembered that Joe Bowers, a road contractor swore that he had paid 20 per cent of his contract money to Ingram, McLain, Whitaker, and a chief clerk of the state highway department, the present board of county commissioners promptly asked Ingram to resign. Upon his refusal to do so, a motion was made by Commissioner Frank H. Drum, and seconded by Commissioner A. G. Daniel, that the office of county engineer be declared vacant.

The motion carried, all commissioners voting "yes." This action on the part of the board of county commissioners will meet with the hearty approval of the people of all parts of the county. While the testimony of one man is hardly sufficient to convict yet the evidence of Bowers and the statements of others, who say they are willing to testify to the truth of the allegations, was sufficient grounds for the board asking for the resignation at this time and, failing to receive the same, declaring the office vacant.

Since road work cannot proceed legally without the supervision of a county engineer and there being a great deal of such work necessary just at this time on account of the recent floods, an effort will be made to procure another engineer at the earliest possible moment, however, an engineer who is capable of passing a rigid examination and who is acceptable and will be approved by the state highway department, must be employed and, like other workmen, such men are not always easy to find.

LET'S HAVE ORDER

Right now is mighty good time to call attention to the fact that we must insist upon having order, at all times and in all places, during the progress of the County Fair here this week. There will be more or less public speaking, in which some of the people at least will be interested, and they are entitled to respectful consideration, as are also the speakers themselves. We hope that those in authority will see to it that order is maintained and reasonable quiet observed.

Another thing that must be given attention is the observance of law and decency. Too often there is an inclination on the part of some to be too lax in these matters and Beaver cannot afford to permit questionable characters to operate here during Fair week. The people of Beaver have contributed a large amount of money and many have given a great deal of time to make this County Fair a success and it must be so in the fullest sense of the word. Our people and those from the surrounding country who will come here this week to enjoy the three days' season of fun, are law abiding, respectable citizens and we must see to it that they are respected and treated as such. Let everybody in Beaver appoint themselves as a reception committee of one to receive our guests on these days and feel personally responsible for the pleasure of each one. Be courteous, whether in your home, your place of business or at the Fair grounds. Let us show our guests that we are royal entertainers indeed and make the Beaver County Fair of 1920 such a happy event for all that the occasion will remain long in their memory as one of the very best times of life.

CROOKED WORK EXPOSED

Statements and acts exposed by testimony in district court Wednesday of last week, in the case of Strickland vs. Bowers bears out the truth of The Herald's assertion many times in the past, in reference to Tom McLain and George Whitaker, former members of the board of county commissioners. Bowers testified to crooked work, extravagance and graft by which Beaver county was plundered and public funds wantonly wasted and misused. The testimony of Joe Bowers, a road contractor of Beaver county during the McLain-Whitaker administration, also involved W. A. Ingram, county engineer, and a chief clerk of the state highway department, at that time. Bowers testified, under oath, that 20 per cent of his contract money went to these men—Ingram, McLain, Whitaker and a chief clerk of the state highway department, at that time. F. J. Imel, republican member of the board of county commissioners, was not involved.

When The Herald attempted to show up this kind of work it was branded by those who wished to shield the offenders, as "political dope" and "mud slinging." How about it now? Is Bowers' sworn testimony "political dope?" Further developments in the case will doubtless prove interesting reading and the public may depend upon The Herald keeping them informed.

Dr. J. P. Powell, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Woodward will be in Beaver, October 14th, which is his regular visit here. If you need his services, don't fail to see him on that date.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases have been disposed of in district court here the past week:

Criminal cases
Scott & Blackmer vs. Thaddeus Green et al, confirmation. Sale confirmed.

State of Oklahoma vs. J. W. Stephens, larceny. Defendant enters plea of guilty. Sentenced to 5 years in Granite Reformatory.

Civil cases
Willie Pearl Stevens vs. Harry McCarter et al, to quiet title. Judgment for plaintiff. Motion for new trial over-ruled. Notice given of appeal.

Alexander J. Dickson vs. John Taylor and J. B. Buck, partition. Judgment for defendant. Motion for new trial over-ruled. Notice of appeal given.

Donley Bros. vs. W. F. & N. W. R. R. Co., money judgment. Motion for new trial over-ruled. Notice of appeal given.

J. C. Strickland vs. Joe Bowers, attachment. Judgment for plaintiff. Motion for new trial over-ruled. Notice of appeal given.

H. N. Lawson vs. William Stubbs et al, partition suit. Judgment for plaintiff.

J. D. Hodges vs. Naomi Kidder, specific performance. Judgment for defendant. Motion for new trial over-ruled. Notice of appeal given.

J. Richardson vs. W. C. Hodges et ux, on contract. Judgment for plaintiff.

J. R. Sutherland vs. Ed Dixon, conversion. Judgment for plaintiff.

J. M. Smith vs. Walker & Kerr, garnishment. Judgment for plaintiff. Motion for new trial over-ruled. Notice of appeal given.

Bank of Beaver City vs. Bernardine S. Wiles et al, replevin. Judgment for plaintiff.

Bertha C. Nicholson vs. John J. Berts & C. C. Blount, specific performance. 30 days given to file amended petition.

L. R. Brooks vs. G. E. Brokaw et al, quieting title. Judgment for plaintiff.

REPRESENTATIVE STEFFEN HERE

Representative J. W. Steffen, candidate for reelection for a second term, was a Beaver visitor the past week. He is interviewing the voters of Harper county this week but expects to return here in time for the County Fair. Those who are keeping tabs on the campaign tell us that Steffen is a popular candidate for reelection. The people of this district generally feel that he made them a good representative and is entitled to reelection for a second term. Steffen is a live wire and a booster. Wherever he turns his hand things are bound to move. Everybody knew this district had a representative at the last legislature. Steffen made himself known and heard. He accomplished all that could be expected. He will do so again if favored with reelection. We believe the people of this district could not do better than to reelect J. W. Steffen for representative. Beaver county should, and doubtless will, roll up a big majority for him. He is entitled to support of all the voters regardless of party affiliation. Vote for Steffen.

CHASE-MEESSE

Beaver friends are extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chase this week. Mrs. Chase was formerly Miss Lela Meesse, daughter of County Judge and Mrs. H. D. Meesse. The young people were married last week. Mr. Chase attended high school here and was a star player in the basketball team. Lela was a graduate last year of Beaver high and was also a leader in athletics being one of the best players on the girls' basketball team.

The Herald joins with their host of friends in extending best wishes.

BOWERS ARRESTED FOR BRIBERY

Upon recess of district court last week, following the testimony of Joe Bowers, in the case of Strickland vs. Bowers, in which he testified that 20 per cent of road contract money received by him for road work on state roads in Beaver county, had been paid to County Engineer Ingram, Tom McLain, George Whitaker and a chief clerk of the state highway department, Bowers was placed under arrest charged with bribery. He was arraigned in county court, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to district court at the April term. The trial of this case will be awaited with a great deal of interest by the people of Beaver county who have felt for a long time that graft and extravagance of the old board of county commissioners had plundered this county and caused wanton waste of public funds.

W. G. Stranathan and Little Miss Genevieve and Jack drove over to Liberal, Kansas, Sunday to see the young lady who arrived Thursday of last week, to make her home with the Stranathans. They all pronounce her a mighty fine dame, except Jack. He is not so particular about another girl in the family but has consented to let her stay.

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DEMOCRAT CHANGES HAND

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Carson of the Carson & Company real estate and loan firm, entertained at dinner Tuesday evening the following gentlemen: Wm. L. Sharp of Wm. L. Sharp & Company, Chicago, Harry W. Stone of the Illinois Life Insurance Company, Chicago, R. O. Renfrew, C. A. Wyatt, H. A. Berg and C. E. Buchanan of the Renfrew Investment Co., Woodward, V. T. Coles of Carson & Company, Beaver. Mr. Carson also entertained the out-of-town men at a special breakfast and dinner at the Narrow Gauge Wednesday. These gentlemen were in the northwest inspecting the country, having wide financial interests here. Carson & Company represent them in Beaver.

Mrs. Kate Costin returned Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in Colorado. She spent the night in Beaver with her niece, Mrs. J. A. Miller, going on to her home near Ivanhoe yesterday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTIES

The Intermediate Girls Sunday School Class, of the Federated Sunday School, entertained the Intermediate Boys at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Davis, last night.

The Junior boys, of the same school, entertained the Junior girls the same night, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. A. O. Andrew.

Last week's issue of the Beaver Democrat reported the sale of that paper to Kimball & Cox. Mr. Kimball was formerly of Liberal, Kansas, having been employed on the News and the Democrat, of that town. He recently purchased the Forgan Eagle and has since that time been living at Forgan. Mr. Cox is a new arrival in Beaver county coming to Forgan some two weeks ago. We understand that Mr. Cox will have charge of the shop here. Mr. Kimball will continue the management of the Forgan shop. Former Editor L. B. Tooker will also be associated with the papers for a time though he tells us that he expects to leave Beaver as soon as business matters can be adjusted.

The Herald extends a "glad hand" to our new competitors. We do not object in the least to honorable competition and we believe the new owners of the Democrat to be fair-minded business men. On the other hand, we are truly sorry to note the retiring from this field of Editor Tooker. While we had our differences in a business way we had no personal grievance against Mr. Tooker and would have been glad had he continued in the newspaper business here.

In welcoming the new publishers we trust that they will find business good. We don't claim to have a corner on the publishing and printing business here but, as in the past, feel that we will get our share of the trade, at any rate, they'll find us perfectly willing and glad to "take fair" and do business in a business way. It's only a question of time anyway until Beaver will have to absorb Forgan, either move it over bodily or annex it as a suburb, taking over the best—the newspaper fraternity—first. Welcome to our city, Forganites.

Mrs. John W. Savage and Little son Jack are in Wichita, Kansas, this week where the latter is receiving treatment for his eyes.

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