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CONSISTENCY

The News is in receipt of the following communication taking it to task for its attitude on the re-election of the retiring members of the city council:

Hood River, Or., Nov. 29, '09.
 Editor Hood River News,
 Dear Sir:—In the last issue of the News I observed that you advocated the re-election of the retiring members of the city council. After opposing their action on the bond issue so strongly it seems to me that this attitude on your part is rather inconsistent.

Yours truly,

From a superficial point of view the position of the editor of the News on the re-election of the retiring councilmen may seem, as the communication put it, "inconsistent" but he can't see it that way. The News made its fight against the bond issue previous to the election. It didn't think it wise to vote the bonds under the existing conditions, and it doesn't think so yet. The voters, however, decided otherwise and majority rule with the News is sufficient.

The reason the News is advocating the re-election of the retiring councilmen is because they, in conjunction with the other members of the city council, previous to the election issued a statement to the taxpayers making promises that they should not ask new incumbents in the office to fulfill, and in addition called the election to vote bonds. The result of the election was unquestionably an endorsement of this policy, and they should be willing, as they are, to bring it to a successful issue.

GIRDLES THE GLOBE

From Chicago we receive the usual joyful tidings that the Hood River apple is "it," and at Spokane we scooped the only prizes we exhibited for. At Cincinnati a mammoth specimen of the valley's best sold for an unprecedented figure and news comes from Boston that it has joined the "just as good as Hood River" chorus.

People who haven't the slightest idea where Hood River is, we are told, are asking to be served with Hood River apples, while New Yorkers are getting so jealous of their reputation as epicures that they insist that they shall consume all the crop this year, with a few to tickle the palates of the nabobs of the Tight Little Isle and the decadent scions of French nobility. In fact, the Hood River apple may be said to have arrived with both feet and frequently. Its aroma is wafted to Alaska, to the shores of the Orient, across the continent to the Atlantic, and its blush like the never setting sun spreads a red glow and a moreish feeling around the world.

PERMANENT ROADS

With the progressiveness for which it is noted, Pine Grove grange took up the question of better roads at a recent meeting and advocated the voting of a special ten mill tax for that purpose. It is understood this organization will make a campaign with this in view. Whether the grange is successful or not there is no question that it ought to be.

There is no public improvement that would mean so much to the valley as good highways, and none that would be more willingly paid for once they are in use. As an illustration the mile of macadam road recently finished on the east side proves the point. Many who were loud in their denunciation of the expenditure are now its warmest supporters. As one of them says, "We feel that we are a mile nearer town."

Road building of a permanent nature is expensive, but like everything else, relatively it is the cheapest in the end.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Boating hours on 12th street will hereafter be limited from sunrise to sunset and the city will not be responsible for drowning accidents.

After hammering the town for six months the Glacier makes a virtuous protest against the knocker. This would be funny if it wasn't serious.

The Merchants' Association gave a smoker last week. Incidentally flour went up 25 cents a sack next day. Let us hope it wont give a full-fledged banquet.

If you didn't have turkey Thanksgiving don't feel bad about it. You have the satisfaction of knowing that you wont have to eat chuck steak the rest of the winter.

To those who would escape the perils of the matrimonial bark we would recommend the story of "The Man and The Mattress" in Lively Doings at Frankton, published in another column.

Did you notice at the "Spinsters' Convention" that all the alleged spinsters were married, and that the charming characters they were transformed into were not? That is about all, thank you?

Five and a half inches of rain fell during the first of last week. This puts the Tucker spring out

connection with Mr. Scott bears out the old axiom that "The pen is mightier than the sword," although it appears the veteran editor has had a whack at both during his long and active career. The sketch of Mr. Scott's life is as crisp as snow in Alaska in January, and as equally interesting as it is crisp. The person, however, who cajoled, induced, perloined, misappropriated or otherwise secured the picture of the Nestor of Pacific coast editors printed with the article made an unhappy selection, to say the least. We prefer Mr. Scott minus a silk hat. In it he is a little too suggestive of John L. Sullivan in the days when he defied all comers.

ALL OREGON NEWS

State pride run high during the past week because Oregon apples won the grand prize at the National Apple Show at Spokane in competition with apples all over the United States. Tronson & Guthrie, growers of Eagle point, Ore. were receiving congratulations on all sides over their success, and the victory was such a splendid one that the whole state took pride in it. The Rogue River Valley, of course, is entitled to all the honor for it grew the apples but fruit raisers of the whole state feel proud of the victory.

Concerted efforts to develop the Portland livestock market on a big scale have been begun during the week by the livestock men of the Northwest in connection with the

NORTHWEST NOTES

Endorsed by the Progressive Republican League, composed of thirty Eastern Washington editors, Congressman Miles Poindexter of Spokane, is now an avowed candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Samuel H. Piles of Seattle. At the last meeting of the League it was decided to extend it into Western Washington. But will Poindexter have smooth sailing in his own balliwiek—that is the question? Already his opponents call attention to the fact that President Taft told some of his Spokane friends that they ought to be represented by a Republican, inferring that he did not regard the congressman as such, because of his affiliation with the "insurgents." The result is that several well known Spokane men are willing to contest with Poindexter for the senatorship to break his strength. At the same time, seven candidates are already in the field to get his job as congressman, so that the former judge seems to have a battle ahead to hold his forces together.

There seems to be a decided difference of opinion on the liquor question in Washington. Cowitz County has gone "wet," while Stevens voted "dry." Whitman County has a bitter fight on that will be decided on November 30. A petition is being circulated in Spokane County, calling for a special election on January 25, 1910, to settle the issue. Gov. Hay's home town went "dry" recently with the executive's hearty approval. Auburn, in King County, on the other hand, refused to banish the saloon. Many localities are wrestling with the issue. On the whole, the local option forces have the best

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of business. Can't those water bonds be converted into a fund to buy a dust making apparatus?

Thirty happy couples took each other for better or worse in Portland at Thanksgiving. Pretty expensive start if they had turkey. Relief is in sight, however. The divorce court meets right after Christmas.

The fact that there is no opposition to the candidates for city offices at the coming election is cause for rejoicing. It banishes the probability of a visit from the State Board of Health, the State Militia or Uren.

According to an experienced expressman the best way to insure delivery of Christmas packages is to start them off about Thanksgiving time labeled, "Not to be opened until Christmas." This may be all right from the expressman's point of view, but he overlooks the fact that more than one half the inhabitants of good old mother earth are women. We have a sneaking idea that this expressman is looking for trouble.

Harvey W. Scott occupies the center of the stage in the "Who's Who and Why" page of the Saturday Evening Post this week, under the caption of a "Two Fisted Fighting Man." The article in

connection with the matter of more favorable rates. A conference was held between a number of representative stockmen, the management of the local stockyards and the traffic manager of the railroads centering here. Uniform livestock rates that will be of great benefit to this market as well as to the stock raisers throughout the territory are expected.

Oregon dairymen are showing great interest in the annual convention of the state association, to be held in Portland December 9 and 10, and the attendance will be large. Many prizes have been offered for the best showing of dairy products made at the convention.

According to W. R. Parker, of Baker City, who has been in Portland during the past week, Oregon has the only herd of ibex known to exist on the continent. He discovered the rare animals in the vicinity of Mount Eagle in the Cornucopia Range and urges that a game preserve be created there for their preservation. Unless this is done, Mr. Parker fears that the ibex will be exterminated by hunters.

The Portland Fair & Live Stock Association has elected officers as follows for the coming year: President, E. L. Thompson; vice-president, C. C. Colt; treasurer, Julius Meyer. G. A. Westgate was chosen temporary secretary. Plans are under way for next year's fair.

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of the argument, as to the number of towns carried, so far.

A continuous telephone line from St. Paul to Puget Sound, by way of Spokane is to be constructed soon. Independent interests have acquired a large number of telephone companies in the intervening territory, so that a through connection can be established without much difficulty, it is said. Seattle is to be the western terminal. This wire will ultimately give telephone service to New York, thereby making it possible to talk from Atlantic to Pacific.

Merchants of the Northwest look forward to the largest Christmas season that has ever been known. The last statement of banking institutions submitted to the government shows that there is more money on deposit in this part of the country than ever before. Marked gains are shown in the November report over December. And the best of it is, that all the money for the 1909 crops has not yet come in. The statement also shows an increase in loans, indicating business expansion; whereas the money centers on the other side of the Rockies having been calling in their accounts, because of local conditions.

From a newspaper man's standpoint, Lynden, Wash., seems to be the ideal place to live and Dan Cloud seems to be the luckiest of all editors. The local commercial club has just voted him substantial evidence of its appreciation of his efforts to boost that locality, through the columns of The Tribune. It is generally taken for granted that that is a part of an editor's everyday's routine. But the business men and farmers of Lynden seem to be of another stripe.

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