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THE MIST'S GIFT TO ITS SUBSCRIBERS.

The editor of the *Mist* has ordered from the American Lithographic Co., of New York City, one thousand lithographed portraits of President Roosevelt, and upon their arrival, which will be in two or three weeks, we will present one of them to each and every subscriber to this paper, old or new, paid up or delinquent. These lithographs have the endorsement of the Republican National Committee, and are well worthy of a place in any home in Oregon. In addition to the fact that they represent the party whose principles are most conducive to the welfare of the whole country, President Roosevelt is personally popular with the people of this state. In his temperament he is decidedly Western and his sturdy directness of method has endeared him to the Western people. They will feel confident, therefore, that when they look upon his portrait they are gaining into the face of a friend, and will see to it that he does not lose a vote in Oregon that they can secure for him.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The Portland Evening Telegram, in its issue of September 16th, devotes its leading editorial to the subject of a new court house in this county. Its language is plain and to the point, as follows:

"In view of the warning conveyed in yesterday's fire at the town of St. Helens, the County Commissioners of Columbia County may not be deemed in their duty if they do not at once provide for the erection of a suitable courthouse and safe repository for the county records. The building now in use at St. Helens is a flimsy shack, which, by a trick of fate rather than otherwise, escaped destruction yesterday with all the records it contains. It is in no sense a credit to the county, nor does it in any way adequately serve the purpose for which it was built. It is a wooden structure verging up to the stage of dilapidation, that would be consumed like so much tinder if by mischance it should ever be attacked by fire.

It is possible that Columbia County officials may not consider this matter as one with which Portland people have any direct concern. This would be a mistake. There is a considerable investment of Portland capital in Columbia County realty. The practical local interest that is based on this fact is clearly manifest in view of yesterday's disaster. Had the fire started in the north end of the town, with a north wind blowing, the records of the county on which are based the titles to real property, that runs in value into millions of dollars, would have been utterly destroyed, causing trouble and loss not to be estimated.

It is plainly the duty of every county government to provide a place of safe-keeping for the public records, but in Columbia County conditions have rendered it emphatically urgent. It is rather a matter of surprise that the duty has not been fully met ere this. The building has been condemned by successive grand juries, while but two years ago one of the present County Commissioners, as foreman of the grand jury, signed a report demanding the immediate construction of a new building. Further than this, the emergency clause in the law under which the county seat election was held set forth as one of the reasons for such election the imperative necessity of a new courthouse.

Considering the interests involved, the risk of grievous loss that for so long a time has been allowed to obtain, the narrow escape from the absolute realization of that loss in yesterday's conflagration, and the opprobrium that must of necessity attach to further official neglect, it is difficult to understand how the Columbia County Commissioners can longer delay in the discharge of their duty.

No honest argument can be advanced for further delay in this matter. The county has been put to a great expense in an attempt to move the county seat, and those who voted for St. Helens have been compelled to pay their share of this expense. The attempt failed and the law fixes St. Helens as the permanent county seat. St. Helens certainly can not be held responsible for that expense. The people who were responsible for its location, and who are insisting that the bill be drafted and which is now a law, should be ignored by the officers whose sworn duty it is to carry out its provisions. St. Helens asks nothing except justice. It has passed through a severe visitation, but it is not pleading the baby act. It does not ask that a court house be completed this year or next, but only that no attempt be made to evade the law and cheat it out of its victory. It will satisfy the friends of this community and all others who are not actuated by personal motives if the County Court, at its next session, makes provision for the beginning of the work of constructing a court house within a reasonable time.

OUR INCREASE IN MANUFACTURING EXPORTS.

The figures showing the increased volume of exports of manufactures are gratifying in the extreme, and the more so because while they are equalling and in some cases exceeding our agricultural exports, they are not at the same time displacing them. It is true that our agricultural exports have fallen off somewhat during the past few months, but at the same time the farmer is getting no less benefit from his crops, either in the volume of his sales or their value. During the past year our home consumption of wheat and flour amounted in value to five hundred and seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000), which are the highest figures on record. The farmer then is benefited doubly by this increased export of manufactures which

bring about a still larger home market for his own products, and as the home market is the best market and gives the farmer the larger price, making his sales more certain and giving him a quicker return for his labor and investment, the result is one which we may all well like to continue. Writing upon this point, the Springfield Republican says:

"It is certain, however, that the nation has entered upon a new era in regard to the export trade, where manufacturers will permanently take a much more prominent place relatively than ever heretofore. We are passing rapidly from a country predominantly agricultural to one predominantly manufacturing. It is well that this should be so. It is better to manufacture for the outside world than to be its hewers of wood and drawers of water, as it were. The work is easier and more profitable.

"The protective tariff in general way has undoubtedly been a powerful agency in bringing about this great change."

This indeed is a most open confession for the Republican to make. To acknowledge that the protective tariff is a powerful agency in bringing about any good, must have been an admission wrung from the economic editor in an idle moment or possibly by his substitute while away on his vacation. At any rate, it is a sign of the times when the most powerful free trade paper in the country admits that our exports of manufactures are not only gaining, but that their gain is due to the operation of our present tariff law, without any qualification except that we might be careful and not let that law "over-stay its time of usefulness."

GOOD ROADS AT THE FAIR.

Among the educational features at the State Fair that closed at Salem last Saturday, there is none of greater value than that introduced by the Good Roads Association of Oregon. The average man who has not given the subject considerable attention, is slow to appreciate the value of the propaganda that is being urged by the active advocates of the good roads movement. In a general way it seems to be settled beyond argument that the roads of this country are to be improved. The end to be accomplished is accepted in the popular mind as entirely desirable; nevertheless, the factors of engendering public enthusiasm in the cause, and determining the most available ways and means, and in course of evolution. It is only by such demonstration and discussion as occurred at the State Fair that proper education along these lines is accomplished.

There was wisdom in the selection of the State Fair as an occasion when the crusade for good roads could be carried into the camp of public attention, and especially in such manner as to interest the farmers of the state, whose direct benefit in the successful development of the movement will not be surpassed by that which any other class of the state's population will enjoy. There should be immediate and practical results for good in the procedure of the good roads people at the fair, and the interest that was manifested in the matter should encourage them to push the work with increased assiduity.

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW.

At the last election a direct primary law was passed by means of the initiative amendment, providing that nominations for state, county and precinct officers shall be made direct by the voters, without the aid of caucuses or convention. Commenting on the need of such a law in Kansas, the Shawnee County News says:

"A big stride toward the purification of politics will have been made when a state law has been enacted going away with the caucus and the convention and giving the people a direct vote at the primaries with the same safeguards as is provided at the general elections. It will knock the political machines higher than Gilroy's kite and instead of a few bosses getting their heads together and arranging a ticket to suit themselves the people will take a hand in the matter and have something to say as to who shall represent their interests. When public officials realize that they are responsible to the people and not a political boss for their positions, the people's interests will be looked after instead of the professional 'fixers.'"

In view of the fact that certain interests which profit by the old method of making nominations will endeavor to have the law repealed at the coming session of the Legislature, it is well to show how people of other states regard the law.

October 1 will be the great Republican day in Oregon. Senator Fairbanks, the running mate of President Roosevelt, and Senator Dooliver, of Iowa, will be in the metropolis on the night of October 1, and the state committee is sending out invitations to all parts of the state urging Republicans to attend the monster rally that is being planned. Columbia County Republicans will no doubt be in evidence in Portland on this occasion.

The presidential electoral tickets of the four political parties were filed last Monday in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar:

Republican—G. B. Dimick, James A. Fee, J. N. Hart, A. C. Hough.

Democratic—Thomas H. Crawford, Jno A. Jeffrey, W. B. Dillard, W. S. Hamilton.

Prohibition—Leslie Butler, I. H. Amos, W. P. Elmore, T. S. McDaniel.

Socialist—S. H. Hoyt, William Beard, C. W. Barger, J. C. Herrington.

May 1, 1905, is the time at which the Celilo Portage railway is to be ready for operations. This is one of the conditions of the contract entered into between the State Portage Railway Commission and the executive committee of the Open River Association. The purpose is to have the road in operation in time to handle the wheat crop of next year.

The advice given by one of our exchanges last week was sage: "You who have been praying for rain had better ease up; you may get more than you want when the gates are ajar."

The Japs are making preparations to celebrate the fall of Port Arthur.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT

September Term, 1904.

Sept. 7th, 1904, 1st Judicial Day.

Present—Hon. R. S. Hattan, County Judge; H. L. Colvin, County Commissioner, and Charles L. Clark, County Clerk, Counselors; H. Henderson, County Clerk, and Martin White, Sheriff.

Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:

In the matter of the petition of W. H. Conyers et al, for alterations in route of Clatskanie and Mist county road, it was ordered by the court that the county clerk issue a writ of habeas corpus and return upon same and that they meet for this purpose at the U. S. postoffice at Clatskanie on Sept. 20th, 1904, 1 p. m.

In the matter of the petition of Wm. Resimuts et al, for the location of a county road, it was ordered that the board of county road viewers view, survey and report upon said proposed road, and that they meet for this purpose at the U. S. postoffice at Clatskanie on Sept. 20th, 1904, 1 p. m.

In the matter of the petition of E. C. Stanwood, et al, for the location of a county road, it was ordered that the board of county road viewers view, survey and report upon said proposed road, and that they meet for this purpose at the U. S. postoffice at Clatskanie on Sept. 20th, 1904, 1 p. m.

In the matter of the application of Louis Fluhrer for a license to sell liquor in Oak Point precinct, license was granted for twelve months from Sept. 9th, '04.

In the matter of the report of an unusual county bridge across Clatskanie river, the report was considered by the court and the County Road Master is authorized to call for bids to make a fill in place of the bridge.

In the matter of a settlement with W. C. Cooper for contract work on approach to Beaver Bridge, in Road District No. 9, the report of the County Road Master as to the completion of the contract was accepted by the court, and ordered that the work be done under the contract, less amount of the Mt. Hood Lumber Co's. bill for lumber supplied said contractor.

In the matter of county aid to the Sutherland family, it was ordered that the monthly allowance be increased to \$15, and that in addition to above, the clerk issue a warrant for \$20 for their immediate necessities.

In the matter of the petition of the voters of Rainier precinct for local option election, it was ordered that an election be held on November 8th, 1904, as petitioned for.

Adjourned to 8th inst.

Sept. 8th, 1904, 2d Judicial Day.

In the matter of the petition of P. H. Marley for return of amount bid by him at July, 1903, sale of county solidified delinquent tax sale certificates, upon investigation by the court, it appearing that the property involved in this transaction belonged to the State of Oregon, and that the assessment and sale of the same for delinquent taxes was therefore void, it was ordered, in this matter, that upon return of the sheriff's deed to said P. H. Marley, he issue a warrant in favor of said P. H. Marley for \$1.75, the same being the amount paid by him at said sale.

In the matter of the resignation of W. J. Mellinger as constable of Union precinct, it was ordered that said resignation be accepted and his bondsmen exonerated from further liability in this matter.

In the matter of the application for aid from the general fund in completing the gravelling of a county road in Road District No. 2, it was ordered that \$200 be allowed from the general fund, but the work to be done under the direction of the County Road Master.

In the matter of making payments on contracts for road work, as yet uncompleted, it was ordered that upon receipt of written certificates from the County Road Master to the effect that contract is completed, and work has been accepted by him, the clerk issue a warrant in favor of the contractor for amount due.

In the matter of claims against the several road districts, were allowed, and bills against the several road districts are now allowed as per published list:

Adjourned to 9th inst.

Sept. 9th, 1904, 3d Judicial Day.

In the matter of making payment on road work contract with Bert Mills, the County Road Master now verbally reporting to the court that specification of said contract with Bert Mills, is now completed and accepted by him, it is ordered by the court that the County Road Master's report be accepted and that the clerk issue a warrant in favor of said Bert Mills for \$145.20 in payment of same.

In the matter of the cancellation of unpaid advertised county warrants, which were over seven years old on July 1st, 1904, it was ordered that all said advertised county warrants, which have not been paid, be now cancelled by the clerk in the presence of the court.

In the matter of the memorial and petition of James Dart and 70 other taxpayers of the county as to the pressing necessity of erecting a new county court house, the court, after consideration thereon by the court, and the court deeming further consideration of this subject necessary, it is ordered that consideration of this matter be postponed till the next regular session of this court.

In the matter of the cost bills in coroner's inquest on J. B. Braun, and in the case of State vs. J. E. Dow, on justice of the peace of Auburn precinct, the cost bills in said matters not having arrived, it is ordered that if same arrive after this court adjourns, that the county judge allow the several claimants therein, if found correct.

In the matter of recommending the organization of Lewis & Clark Clubs in the several precincts of the county and designating a county clerk of the same, to the end that Columbia County make an exhibit at said fair, it was ordered by the court: That we, the County Court of said county, think it advisable to expend a reasonable amount to aid in the collection of said exhibit, to be used for incidental expenses in gathering and storing said exhibit; that we recommend the organization of a Lewis & Clark Club in each voting precinct in the county, and that said organizations, by petition or otherwise, designate some person to be appointed as president of the several county organizations, at the next regular term of this court; said president to have general supervision of the county exhibit, and to receive a nominal compensation for his services.

[Signed] R. S. HATTAN, Co. Judge.
H. L. COLVIN, Co. Com.
CHARLES L. CLARK, Co. Com.
Adjourned to October 1st, 1904.

Fearful Odds Against Him.

Bedridden, alone and destitute. Such in brief was the condition of an old soldier by the name of J. J. Havens, of Versailles, Ohio. For years he was troubled with kidney disease, and he was unable to get any relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies: "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for liver and kidney troubles and all forms of stomach and bowel complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by the St. Helens Pharmacy.

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THE RIGHT TANGLE.

Two distinguished co-workers in the field of human effort toward the uplifting of mankind warmed up to their respective subjects in the pulpit to the following degrees of religious fervor, says an exchange:

"What we as a people are most in need of is a greater reverence for law and order. With some of us, liberty often means no more than an opportunity to raise the devil. In other words, too many of us think that liberty means no more than license to raise hell.—Rev. J. S. Montgomery.

"A manly sport is being spoiled by 'sports' from town and college who celebrate their team's defeat or victory by profanity on cars, drunkenness, rowdiness to ladies on streets, debauchery and destruction of peace and propriety, which makes one think hell is empty and the devils have come to town.—Rev. O. L. Morrill.

We feel toward our brothers' frankness and aptness of expression very much as the woman did who stepped off a street car into the mud ankle high. Just behind her came a man who went even deeper into the filth. "Damn it," said he. "Thank you, sir," said she.

FAIR AWARDS.

The Messrs. P. A. Frakes and Harry West, the two Scappoose breeders of Jersey and Holstein cattle, were given awards on the following animals they exhibited in the live stock department at the State Fair held at Salem last week:

JERSEYS.
Bull, 1 year—Harry West's Empress Roter second.
Bull calf, under 1 year—West's Lassie's Fox, third.
Cows, three years and over—West's Empress of Sunnybank second.
Heifer calf, 1 year—West's Princess II first.
Heifer, under 1 year—West's I. O. II, third.
Exhibitor's herd—West, third.
Open herd—West, second.

HOLSTEINS.
P. A. Frakes was the only exhibitor and won all the prizes, as follows:
Bull, 3 years and over—Lind Oregon De Kol first, Clothilde Grace second.
Bull, 2 years—Sir Hengeruel first.
Bull, 1 year—Oregon Wayne De Kol first.
Bull under 1 year—Sir Albekerk Derbon first.
Cow, 3 years and over—Peckapoo Artis first, Gertrude De Kol Pauline second.
Cow, 2 years—Inkjet De Kol first, De Kol Floss second.
Heifer, 18 months—Linde Belle De Kol first, Requisite Clothilde second.
Heifer, 1 year—Lunde Calamity first, Inka Grace second.
Heifer, under 1 year—Inkjet Hengeruel first, Grace Gerbon second, Requisite Grace third.
Exhibitor's herd—Frakes first and second.
Breeder's young herd—Frakes first and second.
Four animals, get of one bull—Frakes first and second.
Two animals, produce of one cow—Frakes first and second.

Milch cows, butter test, West's Gasala, Jersey, first; West's Empress of Sunnybank, Jersey, second; Frakes's Peckapoo Artis, Holstein, third.
Graded stock, young herd—P. A. Frakes first.

COLUMBIA COUNTY'S EXHIBIT.

The Evening Journal of last Monday has the following of interest:

"After a week's work at the State Fair President Jefferson Myers of the Lewis & Clark State Commission has returned, bringing with him the fruits of his labors. He purchased for the commission the complete exhibits of Linn and Washington counties, and in addition secured 500 jars of edible fruits. Polk, Benton and Lane counties will keep the exhibits made at the State Fair, and after freshening them up and adding new material, will enter them at the 1905 Fair for the county prize. The exhibits purchased will form a part of the Oregon display."

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION DULY RETURNED to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Columbia, Oregon, dated the 15th day of September, 1904, in a certain action in said court for said county wherein H. L. Colvin, as plaintiff, recovered judgment against A. McCallister, as defendant, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) in U. S. gold coin, with interest at a percent per annum from May 26th, 1901, and costs and disbursements taxed at thirteen dollars and sixty cents, \$13.60 on the 26th day of May, 1904, and the further sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for attorney's fees, notice is hereby given that I will, on the 23rd day of October, 1904, at the front door of the County Court House of Columbia County, Oregon, in the City of St. Helens, in said county and state, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot eight (8) in block three (3) in the original town of Bryantville, now Clatskanie, Columbia County, Oregon, taxed and levied upon as the property of the said McCallister, defendant, on much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of H. L. Colvin, plaintiff, against said A. McCallister, defendant, with interest thereon, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

MARTIN WHITE,
Sheriff of Columbia County, Oregon.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 18th day of September, 1904.
DELLAR & DAY, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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