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A COUNTY FAIR.

A matter that should interest the people of this county is the movement set on foot at the recent session of Pomona Grange for the organization of a county fair association. It is the opinion of the farmers and of many business men that the best interests of the county would be materially advanced by such an organization. A committee has been appointed and will shortly begin work along this line, the first requisite being pledges of money for stock in such association. The Columbia County Fair Association will be organized, a meeting called, and the place for holding the fair determined upon. The sentiment at the Pomona seemed to favor a spot midway between St. Helens and Houlton, where it is understood land will be donated for such a purpose. The location of the fair grounds will be a decided advantage to the neighborhood, and the people of St. Helens and Houlton can afford to take a liberal share of the stock. Citizens of Clatskanie and other parts of the county have expressed a willingness to subscribe liberally and we have no doubt the amount required (about \$2,500) will be readily raised. No money will be required until organization is perfected. The editor of the *Mist* is chairman of the committee, and will be glad to receive pledges of subscription. Send in your names for publication. See your neighbors and get them to subscribe. Put your shoulder to the wheel and push Columbia County along.

WHAT THE GRANGERS THINK.

Pomona Grange for Columbia County at its meeting on Saturday last adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Pomona Grange denounces the assault made upon W. C. Fischer of Rainier by a hired thug, in the interests of the saloons of that place, and earnestly requests the proper authorities to vigorously prosecute all persons connected therewith, to the end that the good name of this county may be cleared of the blot put upon it by those who, in the conduct of their dangerous business, have been persistent violators of the laws.

The resolution had practically an unanimous vote, its few opponents agreeing with its spirit, but not being fully informed as to the facts. The farmers of Columbia County can be depended upon to uphold law and order, and when they once become convinced that the saloons are hotbeds of crime and disorder, they will unite at once to put an end to them.

No Republican will refuse to vote for James Withycombe. He is an ideal candidate.

Soon the voice of the spellbinder will be heard in the land and the candidate with the glad hand will be telling the good people how much he loves them.

Rainier may have some knockers, but the worst knock it ever received was when a hired thug assaulted a man whose only offense was that he insisted that saloon keepers had no special license to violate the law.

Mr. Miles Sheerin, of Rainier, makes a very able defense of the proposed amendment to the local option law. We suggest to the liquor league that it bounce Crofton and give the job to Miles.

The pay of a county commissioner should be not less than five dollars per day. Columbia County is not an object of charity, and has no right to expect good men to serve for less money. Mr. Colvin loses money every time he attends court in St. Helens, and will be extremely glad when his term of office expires. He has made a good compromise.

THE RAINIER OUTRAGE.

It is rather hard upon Mr. Fisher, of Rainier; but it clarifies the atmosphere. Decent men will now line up, and we hardly think they will be found acting or voting with the saloons. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," and the saloon men appear to be mad clean through. A number of determined men have started in to see that the laws of Oregon are enforced, and they will never quit their work until they have succeeded.

When Rader was assaulted at Salem the saloon men succeeded in making a good many people believe that the affair was a fake, and that Mr. Rader cut himself in order to create sentiment against the saloons. But in Mr. Fisher's case the facts are too plain for any dispute. He could not knock himself down or bruise his own face. He was assaulted by a hired thug who gloried in his crime, and boasted that he was paid one hundred dollars for his dirty work, and told Rev. Kemp that he would "get him" after a while. The knock down argument is alright, but it must be a mental instead of a physical knockdown. Columbia County is not the North End of Portland, and its citizens will have no patience with such methods nor with the men who favor them or even fail to denounce them.

The anti-saloon league of Rainier is asking for nothing except the enforcement of the law, and if the saloons cannot acquiesce in this demand the sooner they are put out of business the better. The question of revenue has no place in this discussion, but even from that standpoint the taxpayers of Columbia County cannot afford to permit matters to go on as they have in the past. There are thirteen licensed saloons in the incorporated towns of this county, and the revenue derived therefrom is paid into the city treasuries. Not one cent goes to the county. But all the expenses of suits caused by the liquor traffic must be paid out of the county funds. There are cases enough pending today to cost this county a large sum, not taking into account the bills for paupers and insane persons whose poverty or insanity is the direct result of the whisky traffic.

There is but one argument in favor of the licensed saloon, and that is that under license saloons can be regulated and compelled to keep within what are considered decent bounds. They must not permit gambling, they must not sell to minors, and they must not keep open Sunday or permit women to frequent them. The law is said to "recognize" the saloon traffic, but it recognizes it as dangerous and hedges it around with restrictions that are not placed upon any other business. If these restrictions are unavailing, and if men who insist upon the enforcement of the law are in danger of death and assault from the criminals who hang around the dives, then this argument is forceless and prohibition becomes the only hope of the law abiding. The outrage at Rainier may result in this.

HARRY HENDERSON—DEMOCRAT.

At the recent session of the county court the bill of the Portland Journal for advertising for bids for the new court house came up for consideration, and the commissioners asked Mr. Henderson why he gave the work to that paper. The county clerk very promptly answered, "You left it to me, and I am a democrat, so I put the advertisement in a democratic paper." The *Mist* commends Mr. Henderson's answer. He is not a mugwump nor a party man, but an old-fashioned democrat, and every bit of work he controls goes to support democratic papers. He has given many hundreds of dollars' worth of the public printing of this republican county to the Democratic Register, including the semi-annual financial statement, the printing of the ballots, and all other job printing necessary in conducting the business of the clerk's office.

We hope the Republicans of this county will remember these facts when Democrats tell them there is no politics in the office of county clerk, and all we need is a good and competent man. As an officer, so far as his clerical duties are concerned, there is no fault to find with Mr. Henderson, and as a man and neighbor he is distinctly alright. But if you vote for him do so with the full knowledge that his election means that every scrap of patronage he controls will be given to the support of a paper whose main reason for existence is that it does it's best to establish Democratic supremacy in this county and nation.

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