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Mayor Hall has been writing to several mayors of cities that two years ago went dry, with the idea of ascertaining how they proceeded when the saloon revenues ceased. Mayor Matlock of Eugene stated that they continued the same policy as before and felt no inconvenience. He added, however, that Eugene, from a financial standpoint, was fortunate in having a county assessor materially raise the assessment and the usual tax levy brought in sufficient money to more than offset the losses from the saloons.

The mayor of Albany responded that the first year under local option the city went behind about \$2000, but since that time has been holding its own the same as before. They at first considered the proposition of enacting an occupation tax as a revenue producer, but did not.

Mayor Hall states that he has interviewed several of the business men of this city and they would not object to an occupation tax, provided any legal way could be enacted whereby outside peddlers could be kept out. These peddlers do not pay any rents or taxes, nor assume any of the public burdens and, further, they sell a class and quality of goods that dealers who depend upon their reputation, would not think of putting on their shelves. The city attorney is of the opinion that such an ordinance could be drafted, but he stated that he had not given the subject sufficient investigation to warrant such action. This matter will undoubtedly be looked into later. Mayor Hall is not sure that an occupation tax would be just altogether and believes that probably it would be best to adopt the Albany plan for a year at least, before any radical changes are attempted.

Farmers have been warned by both the Oregon and Idaho experiment stations to go slowly on the new variety of wheat called "Alaska," which the promoters claim yields as high as 200 bushels to the acre. It might be well to sow a little patch, sufficient to get a sack or two, and have a milling test. Of course, the heavy yields claimed makes it very attractive, and while it may be simply a scheme to sell a lot of seed wheat at a fancy price, it may be worth investigating. However, from all the reports so far noted, no farmer would be warranted in sowing this variety exclusively.

August just past being the second month under local option, a comparison of the records of the police record shows eight arrests for August, 1908, as against 20 for August last year. The fines for the month just past were \$35.50, one year ago the fines were \$400. One hundred and eighty-five of this amount, however, was collected from the "redlight" district. That policy has been abolished since August 1 of this year.

The city certainly effected a great saving in the cost of pumping by installing electric power. The cost of power for the city pumping plant for the month of August, one of the heaviest of the year, the height of the irrigation season, cost only \$211. Fuel under the steam heating policy would have cost much more than twice this amount.

Won't Visit Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 3.—Bryan will not be an attraction at the New York state fair week after next, as advertised. His refusal to speak is due to the fact that the fair managers insisted upon an admission fee.

COL. WOOD ON POLITICS

Col. C. E. S. Wood, one of the well known attorneys and leading democrats of the state, passed through La Grande this morning, en route to Ontario, in the interest of the Williamette Valley wagon road grant, of which he has been an attorney for years. In speaking of politics the colonel remarked that undoubtedly more activity would soon be manifest, as the hot weather wore away. However, he anticipated more interest would be taken in the election of United States senator than in the presidential contest. He says an effort will be made to defeat the election of Governor Chamberlain, while he does not believe it will be successful, it might be brought about.

THE UNION COUNTY FAIR.

As there has been some comment relative to the present status of the district fair, I desire to offer a few scattering remarks relative to the same.

For the last few years the fair has not been the howling success that it should have been. With the varied products, both of crops and livestock, there is no valid reason why every stall and available space should not be filled with the very best stock the west affords. And, the pavilion taxed to its fullest capacity to hold the fruits, vegetables and grain.

The only reason that this has not been so, I think, is a lack of co-operation between the different elements of business.

If every citizen of the county would consider that it is our fair, and do his mite, there would be such a clamor for room that the society would be forced to build additional room rather than look at empty stalls.

First of all, there should be an effort made to thoroughly advertise the fair. Let it be known in every part of the county that there will be a fair, and that the premium list can be had for the asking.

Let the cities of the county do all they can to boost the thing along.

Let every one bring on their exhibits, put up the best they have, quit knocking and go to work for the county and the fair.

We should not only boost our own county fair, but send exhibits to the state fair and the A.-Y.-P. exposition, and show the world that Union county is on the map.

Let us all stand by the managers of the society; let them know that we are with them, and surely they will put up a fair that will be a credit to the county and state.

C. D. HUFFMAN.

Veterans March in Toledo.

Toledo, O., Sept. 2.—To the music of many bands and the lusty cheers of thousands of spectators, the boys in blue of the Grand Army of the Republic marched through the elaborately decorated streets of Toledo today. Many distinguished men reviewed the procession. This evening there will be a great electric display, covering a distance of four miles, on the Maumee river. A pyrotechnic display of Sheridan's ride will also be shown tonight and tomorrow night. Two hundred troops will be required to produce the spectacle. The sessions of the national encampment will begin tomorrow.

TROUBLE IN MINING CAMP.

Conference on Today to Decide What Mine Owners Will Do.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 3.—The industrial peace of Montana, Washington and Wyoming hinges on a conference begun here today between coal miners and the United Mineworkers, on the wage scale for the northwest. A failure to decide means a general strike affecting Montana and Washington. A strike will prolong the Wyoming trouble, affecting 25,000 men.

DAHLMAN IS DEFEATED.

Late Returns Show Bryan's Man Was Not Nominated in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 3.—Returns indicate that this city, with 96 precincts out of 400, give Congressman Shallenberger the democratic nomination for governor by a plurality of 10,000, over Mayor Dahlman, who was Bryan's candidate.

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