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## LOST A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

According to our way of thinking a good opportunity was lost yesterday to get water on land in the Grande Ronde valley when a heavy remonstrance to the district plan petition completely knocked it out and this made the course of the county court imperative in turning down the petition.

Quite true, it is a matter of most interest to the land owners and they if they see fit to reject something many believe would be of extraordinary worth, it is their privilege and the transaction must close with their action.

In Mr. Huffman's communication, which was printed yesterday, the cause for rejection was set forth when he stated that Grande Ronde valley would produce now very good crops and some parts of the valley really had sufficient water.

If this valley was a barren desert like Idaho, or like Baker county, where nothing would grow without irrigation then we would have had it long ago and this would be the richest spot in the northwest. But nature did considerable for the Grande Ronde and this causes it to occupy middle ground where crops are reasonably sure, yet water is welcome but not absolutely essential.

It is now up to private capital to develop the irrigation plant if we ever have one. It has been demonstrated that the co-operative plan will not work and now comes the chance for moneyed men to come in and make themselves millionaires by storing the flood waters and placing it on land of their own or that they take option upon. It will be worked out in time, but there was hope that next year would find thousands of acres of land in the valley under the ditch.

## HE THINKS AND THINKS WELL.

Governor Jay Bowerman occupies the unique position of having been hastened temporarily into the governor's office right at a time when he wanted to run for the office of governor. Many have said, "It is the finest thing that could have happened Jay," but there is a question about this statement being true.

In the first place Jay Bowerman is honest and though he realizes he is only acting governor there is not a thing of importance to the state arising which he does not give his personal attention and think deeply on

what will be best for Oregon in the premises.

This takes his time from a campaign and gives other candidates a chance to meet more people and cover more territory. If the voters will all stop to consider Bowerman's worth at the present time to the state of Oregon, omitting to consider his candidacy they cannot help knowing that he is making a splendid executive.

He has started the ball rolling to save the state hundreds of thousands of dollars on supplies; he has taken a stand on the banking question, he has deeply interested himself in the conservation, and now the last thing of great importance is his expressed intention of seeing that Oregon gets her share of the irrigation appropriation made by congress and to personally look into merits of different irrigation projects in the state.

These things are what we believe to be marks of statesmanship—plain, honest, hard thinking of a common sense mind trying to ascertain what is best for the people. Oregon needs more men like Jay Bowerman and she needs Jay Bowerman in the governor's chair for a term or two.

# TUBE RAILROAD COMPLETED

**NEW YORK A MERE WHISTLING STATION HEREAFTER.**

Outside Points Connected With Manhattan—Service is Electric.

New York, Sept. 8.—Direct railway connection between Manhattan and all points on Long Island, without the use of ferries, was established today by the opening of the tunnel under the East river. A complete passenger service was inaugurated today between the Pennsylvania station and the Long Island railway system. Through electric service will be operated from the Far Rockaway branch, from Long Beach, from the Hempstead branch and from Jamaica, connecting with all steam trains to more distant points on Long Island.

In connection with the tunnel under the North River, the Pennsylvania railway now has a tube stretching from the Jersey shores of the Hudson, under that river and the entire island of Manhattan and the East river to Long Island. To the traveler from the west to points on Long Island, New York will be less than a whistling station since the passenger may, if he desires, pass under the metropolis and ignore its existence.

The palatial new Pennsylvania station in Seventh and Eighth avenues and Thirty-first to Thirty-third streets will serve as a terminal for both the North and East river tubes. The new building is the finest railroad structure in the world. The ferries of the railway companies will be continued on both rivers for a time, but it is likely that they will be abandoned entirely when the traveling public has become accustomed to the tubes.

# PARKER DIVORCE CASE HEARD

**MANSLAUGHTER INCIDENT SAID TO HAVE FOLLOWED SUIT.**

**Evidence Presented to Judge Knowles Yesterday Afternoon.**

Jess Parker of Elgin is not alone under indictment for murdering his father-in-law but yesterday he was made defendant in a divorce suit. This suit was commenced prior to the fatal shooting, and it is said the shooting grew out of the suit which was then pending.

The evidence in the case was presented to the court here yesterday afternoon and taken under advisement. Parker is out on bail following his indictment for murder in the first degree.

# REED COMES TO MEET VOTERS

**"ONLY INSURGENT" IN OREGON IS HERE THIS AFTERNOON.**

Sold Machinery to the Wrights at Union When They Opened Stores.

C. J. Reed, the man who claims to be the only avowed insurgent in Oregon, is in La Grande today looking after alignment of his political fences insofar as the pertain to his nomination for congress in the second district—this district. Mr. Reed is one of those fellows who knows how to meet public for he was a "drummer" for many years, selling machinery to the Wright family at Union ever since the Wrights commenced to do business there. Mr. Reed has never been an attorney, which is often considered a virtue for congressional timber, and in this he is rather unique. He is a real drummer and that has been his business always. He is an anti-assembly man.

## The Writers.

Florence L. Barclay, the author, is a sister of Mrs. Ballington Booth. Mrs. Margaret Deland has been at work for the last three years upon a new novel. It will probably be published in the autumn.

Henry James, novelist, will return to the United States soon, probably to remain. His health has not been satisfactory for some time, and he hopes the change to America will greatly benefit him.

Dr. Caleb Williams Saleeby, widely known as a writer on topics related to medical art and science, is still a young man. He was born at Worthing, England, in 1878 and is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh. His wife is a daughter of Alice Meynell, the poet.

## Aviation.

As the motor of an aeroplane makes too much noise for an aviator to hear anything else, a French army officer has invented a telephone for a passenger to use to talk to him.

A machine on the principle of an aeroplane, yet which runs on the ground, has been built by a French instructor of aviators so his pupils may run no risks in their preliminary lessons.

A balloon with a capacity of 7,000 cubic feet when inflated with a new gas invented in Germany has a lifting power equal to that of a balloon of 10,000 cubic feet charged with ordinary coal gas.

Rome, Sept. 8.—It is reported here that the Rev. Father Alphonse M. Consolazio, the New Jersey priest who broke his vows by marrying a young Trenton girl, and who later repented and came to Rome seeking forgiveness, will be required to spend ten years in a monastery. It is alleged that he will be virtually a prisoner and will be required to wear coarse clothing, eat the simplest of food and engage in mental labor until such time as the church authorities consider that he has atoned for his sin. Father Consolazio is said to be willing to un-

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dodge any punishment to regain the priestly robes he has lost and to maintain his place in the church.

## Spinners in Session.

Boston, Sept. 8.—With delegates from all the local branches represented by delegates, the International Spinners' Union convened in Boston today.

## Lancaster Celebrates.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 8.—Just two centuries ago, in 1710, Pastor Hans Herr led a little flock of German pioneers into Lancaster county, then a barren wilderness of dark woodland and heavy swamp. Today the citizens of Lancaster county, Quaker and Scotch-Irish as well as German, are celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the first settlement near the House of Hans Herr and paying tribute to the memory of the brave pioneer.

Hans Herr was a Mennonite, as were his followers, and, like the Quakers and the pilgrims, fled to America to escape religious persecution. Nearly all of the pioneers are now represented by hundreds of descendants bearing the family name, and the celebration today will be of the nature of a great family reunion.

## Roosevelt Wouldn't Prosecute.

New York, Sept. 8.—The New York World today prints the first of a series of articles by George Earl, a former receiver of the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company, designed to show that Roosevelt, while president, refused to prosecute the Sugar trust. Earl says article is being written because of Roosevelt's attack on the United States supreme court. Today's story says Earl asked Roosevelt and Bonapart, then attorney general, to prosecute.

## To Try Alleged Murderer.

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 8.—Trial of Bertram G. Spencer for the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone is to begin here tomorrow. It will be the first murder trial in this city since 1902.

## Kaiser to See Maneuvers.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—With bands playing, and the guns roaring out an imperial salute, the annual maneuvers of the German imperial army were commenced today, with Emperor William as an interested spectator. The scene of his year's mimic warfare is a great field on the Baltic sea, near

Danzig and Koengsburg.

A spectacular feature of the maneuvers will be the participation of the fleet in combined landing operations. Dirigible airships of the various designs represented by the Zeppelin, the Parseval and the Gross types are on the field, and with biplanes of the Wright pattern and several varieties of German flying machines, will take part in scouting and reconnaissance work.

Two army corps are participating in the maneuvers today, with a total

of about 85,000 men engaged. One division of each of the corps is clothed in the new gray uniforms, which is soon to be generally adopted by all branches of the service for field work. Princess Luise and other members of the imperial family accompanied Emperor William to the maneuvers. Both the Kaiser and the Princess are wearing the brilliant red uniform of the Death's Head Hussars, of which the young princess is the honorary colonel.

## Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

**S. F. WILSON,** Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

candidate for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. **CLYDE T. HOCKETT.**

**An Open Letter—Rusk to Hockett.** Joseph, Oregon, Sept. 1, 1910. To Dr. C. T. Hockett, Enterprise, Ore. Dear Sir:

**C. A. BARRETT,** Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability. favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe, the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, **C. A. BARRETT.**

Inasmuch as you were a delegate to the late republican assembly at Portland, and as you state in your announcement for the republican nomination for joint representative, Union and Wallowa counties, that you favor holding assemblies in this state, I as a candidate against you and pledged to uphold the Primary Law, Statement No. 1, and opposed to assemblies, do hereby challenge you to publicly discuss the assembly proposition before the voters of our district, you may fix the times and places during the primary campaign and defend while I shall oppose the assembly scheme. I also invite you to discuss adversely. If you please, my record last session or any part of it. No "pussy footed" campaign for me. Let us see if the people deem themselves capable of choosing their own officials. Respectfully, **JOHN P. RUSK.**

**DR. C. T. HOCKETT,** La Grande, Oregon. —The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election.

Republican candidate for renomination joint-representative Union and Wallowa counties. Paid advertisement.

**DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT,** Enterprise, Oregon—I wish to announce my

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