

HAVE PROH'S LOST GROUND?

Results in Recent Election Indicate That Movement Is on Decline.

the spring as well as the summer demands.

Charley Obenechain and wife have settled down with the old folks for a short time.

Charles Edmondson and family, as also John Obenechain and family, are wintering upon their homesteads.

B. H. Harris has been among his many friends in the Falls and is enthusiastic over the coming prospects of Butte Falls.

The young people are arranging interesting festivities for the approaching holidays.

Oliver Adams and Aaron Beck are both improving their property. Mr. Beck runs the hotel and the public can find sleeping accommodations at his hotel and meals may be had at either the "Albert" or "Duprey" restaurants.

J. P. Hughes as also Claspill and Wheeler are prepared to take good care of horses and teams. They have excellent feed stables.

Dagney Sheriff Claspill is frequently called upon to assist Sheriff Jones in serving papers in this section and does his work well.

B. P. Tucker of Brownsboro is a member of the grand jury and was in Medford Wednesday, returning with other grand jurors from a visit to the poor farm.

J. Doubleday has purchased the ranch of Emanuel Ponce. This is a very desirable place and has many advantages.

E. Poole has purchased a business lot of J. Doubleday and will erect a store-room on the lot.

The J. M. Heckathorn business property has been sold by the administrator D. G. Karnes.

Frank Netherland of Derby has gone to Medford on business matters. He is operating the Castor sawmill plant.

Parties owing lots in Butte Falls had better look after their taxes, as many lots are on the delinquent list and certificates are being secured for the same from the sheriff.

C. P. Briggs, who has been visiting the valley, has returned to the Falls.

Several new houses will be finished in the Falls this coming year.

It is expected that the new Reese creek road will be begun soon and work will be given to a large force of men.

The "unsurveyed" settlers are much disturbed over the scripping of their homesteads by the Northern Pacific. These men have faithfully attended to their homestead duties and many of them were on the land claimed by the railroad years ago and prior to any right of the railroad. The government should protect them, as these and the other homesteaders have chiefly been instrumental in bringing this section into notice and settlement.

Much dissatisfaction is expressed at the way homesteaders are treated and at the many difficulties which they experience. They try to follow the law as laid down in the government books, yet they find that is not enough, as many other requirements are imposed upon them, so they know not what rule to follow.

"DISARMAMENT IS GOOD ONLY IN THEORY"—VON BEULOW

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Chancellor von Beulow said in the Reichstag today: "Germany always has regarded international restriction of navies as extremely desirable, but doubts its practicability. Moreover, she does not believe this is a good time to carry on a fruitless discussion of her navy, which is designed merely to protect her coast and trade. In her shipbuilding she will not exceed the requirements of her own protection."

"And it is my opinion that from the very moment Germany decides to reduce her military equipment below the level required by her position in Europe the empire's foreign relations will become grave and peace will be seriously threatened."

Foreign Secretary von Schoen said that Germany had been preparing to reduce her military force in China, but a change in the Chinese government made it inexpedient to do so immediately because experts think that to withdraw the German troops at this moment might occasion disquiet among the Chinese people and lead to disorder. The government intends, however, to either withdraw its Chinese troops entirely or make a big reduction in their numbers.

CARRIE NATION ATTACKS SMOKERS IN SCOTLAND

KIRKCALDY, Scotland, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Carrie Nation arrived here today from Dunfermline.

Having to wait on the way at Thornton junction, she improved the occasion by addressing the passengers on the evils of smoking and terrified one man by telling him that if the Almighty had intended him to smoke he would have built with his nose upside down, to serve as a chimney.

She also remarked that some smokers would continue in their evil ways until they reached the region of everlasting smoke.

MOVING TRAIN HIT BY TORNADO DRIVEN BARN

STEVENS POINT, Wis., Dec. 17.—Although it only lasted a few minutes, the tornado which struck this place did damage to the extent of \$30,000.

A southbound train passing through here at the time was struck by a barn, which the wind carried through the air. The train narrowly escaped being wrecked. The engine cab was demolished and the fireman severely cut.

Many persons on the street at the time were cut and bruised. A terrific electrical storm, accompanied the tornado. A 22-room house was blown from its foundation and several business concerns suffered considerable damage.

THIRTEEN DEAD, MANY ENTOMBED IN COAL MINE

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—Thirteen are known to be dead and many are entombed as the result of an explosion in the Doman coal mine near Reichen today.

INDIANA—County option main issue in state campaign. State went 10,000 for Taft, but Wilson, republican candidate for governor, was beaten on county option issue by Marshall, democrat, by 18,000. New legislature democratic as result of Governor Hanley calling special session of legislature at which he forced county option through.

MINNESOTA—County option main issue in election of members of legislature. New legislature opposed to county option, 2 to 7. State went republican for Taft by 75,000, but republican candidate for governor, Jacobson, who strongly declared for county option, defeated by 30,000 by Governor Johnson, democrat, who ran for third term.

NEBRASKA—Not an issue so far as governorship was concerned, but Anti-Saloon league made bitter fight to elect a legislature favorable to county option. Majority of new legislature opposed to county option.

NEW JERSEY—Local option one of the main issues in election of members of legislature. All leading candidates who favored local option defeated.

OHIO—State gave Taft a republican plurality of 65,000, but Harris, republican candidate for governor, who favored the Ross county law and favored state wide prohibition, defeated by Harmon, democrat, by 20,000.

OKLAHOMA—State dispensary law passed by last legislature and submitted for ratification to people defeated.

RHODE ISLAND—Entire state voted on question of license or no license. Out of 23 wet towns and 18 dry ones before election, 30 went wet and 11 small ones dry, a net loss to prohibitionists of seven. Aggregate majority for license was 20,000.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Entire state voted under initiative and referendum on county option law, which was defeated by 7000.

TENNESSEE—General election ratified action of June primaries by re-electing Governor Patterson, democrat, who is opposed to state wide prohibition, and electing a legislature to carry out his views.

TEXAS—Legislature elected which will pass on question of submitting to vote of people bill for constitutional amendment providing for state prohibition. Result in doubt.

WASHINGTON—Legislature elected favorable to local option, but opposed to county option. Not issue in governorship.

WISCONSIN—Legislature elected which is strongly opposed to county option.

BORN.

RENSHAW—To the wife of James A. Renshaw, Medford, December 16, a girl.

SENATOR LODGE TAKES UP PRESIDENT'S FIGHT IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts today came to the rescue of Roosevelt in the Brownsville affair in an address in which he arranged the methods proposed by Senator Foraker. He said the Warner bill made re-conditions obligatory under penalty of disqualification and declared the Foraker bill was ruinous to any discipline.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

Many complaints are being made at the condition in which the roundabout has left the roads between Brownsboro and Eagle Point, and the old road near the Wert place. On both of these roads much bad work has been done, and travel over them in many places is worse than before they were touched.

H. H. Bradshaw and T. C. Hall of Brownsboro have been transacting business in Medford the past week.

Our stores have been doing a good holiday trade and all carry an excellent line of holiday goods.

J. H. Miller and family have decided to remain at the Falls all the winter. Mr. Miller has entire charge of the mill and is getting out lumber for the trade and the yard will be well supplied for

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OVER 100 WOMEN OFFERED TO MARRY THIS BACHELOR

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 17.—Levi Merrick Stewart, known as "Elmer" Stewart, a millionaire bachelor, celebrated his 1st birthday today and became reminiscent.

"Many people," he said, "think it an achievement to have lived 81 years. I do not consider it so. Many people think it strange that I have lived all this time and never married. I do not think that is strange, either.

"I have had more than a hundred proposals of marriage, but I have never felt called upon to accept any of them. Some of them came after I had made a little money, and I feared the suitors wanted it more than they did me. That is one reason why I never married."

"I was born in Maine eighty-one years ago today," he continued. "In school I suppose I was whipped by teachers over a thousand times."

"My father was a minister of the old Calvinistic school. I can remember when we used to have family prayers in the house how my mother used to shake her finger at me when I interrupted. 'I guess I was a bad boy.'

"The only way in which I shall celebrate my birthday will be by doing a good day's work," he said. "I expect to celebrate a great many more in the same way."

BRAKEMAN FELL OFF TRAIN AND MAY DIE

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Dec. 17.—Taylor J. Murphy, a brakeman on freight train 227, was found underneath the bridge over the eleventh crossing west of Sims about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Murphy had a severe scalp wound, his left side was paralyzed and it is believed that his spine is broken. He was brought to the emergency hospital at this place on a passenger train, Dr. Cornish accompanying him.

Murphy stated to the doctor and railroad men that he had stepped out in the rear platform of the engine to take in the marker lamps and put out flags, and fell from the platform. The train left Dunsmuir at 5:40 a. m., running as an extra.

Murphy will be taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at Sacramento. He is in a critical condition. He is a member of the Elks' lodge at Ashland, Or.

MARSHAL GIVES UP LIFE IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

GREENWICH, O., Dec. 17.—Discovering robbers in the act of attempting to enter a bank in this city, Marshal Wood shot and killed one on the spot and was fatally wounded himself by the other three. Instead of obeying the command to raise his hands, Wood fired the fatal shot after being felled by bullets. Woods' body was kicked in the street by robbers who were pursued by a posse.

ST. JOHN'S IS AT LAST IN THE "WET" COLUMN

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—After a year's fight between the liquor interests and the "dry" of St. Johns the "wets" won a victory last night when the council passed an ordinance permitting saloon licenses.

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FORGED MILLIONAIRE'S NAME TO MANY NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—James A. Murray, a Montana millionaire, is trying to learn the identity of the men who used his name in endorsing promissory notes aggregating \$300,000. He expects to unearth a scandal as bankers are suspected of being in the deal. He says he knows of an instance where promissory notes were prepared while he was ill and not expected to live. In the event he died the authenticity of the notes could not have been questioned.

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