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Dr. Withycombe vs. Dr. Smith. Neither will consider it "unprofessional" to advertise his cure-all for the people's ills.

Moser was the starter who surprised the onlookers. They knew he was making a loud noise but did not imagine he would be among the front ones at the finish.

The man who is perpetrating the story of the rolling dollar upon newspapers in the Valley is a lucky chap. A good many dollars are rolling into his pockets that should go to the publishers.

It is whispered that papers published tomorrow will violate the corrupt practice act by having any political references in their columns. Wonder if the Oregonian will again defy the law.—Dallas Observer. Yes, the Oregonian "again defied the law" as well as practically every other paper in the state, large or small. What's the use of worrying when the big constitution of the United States makes ample provision for the freedom of the press.

Parties in Portland advocating the use of a text book prepared from the Bible, in the public schools, advanced an argument the fact that "congress is opened every morning with prayer." Of course we do not attribute the asininity exhibited daily by that body to this fact, but if it is to be pointed out as a sample of what the effect of prayer is, we fear it will not prove a strong argument for using the Bible in the schools.—Salem Capital Journal. The chaplain of the House is blind so cannot see what is going on around him.

THE GRASS RANGE COUNTRY IN MONTANA

By John A. Koler

The grass range country in Central Montana, famous for its mild winters, is forging to the front. Less than a year ago the Milwaukee railroad completed its Great Falls Line to the of Grass Range and it is expected that it will be continued on east through a fertile country this year, thus opening to cultivation a vast territory which heretofore has been a stock country only as the lack of transportation precluded diversified farming.

The Great Northern railroad is also building directly into this territory from Lewiston on east and will build up many new towns.

The Soo and the Northern Pacific, not to be outdone, are both in the field for new lines, in fact all these lines of railroads are now recognizing it as a territory in whose future development they want a hand realizing that this country will furnish an almost unlimited supply of products and create heavy tonnage for their lines.

A good idea of the climate can be had from the work done on construction of an irrigation system now being put in. Team work on the canals has been in progress for the last fourteen months and plowing has been done a part of the time in every month since the work began.

The usual heavy rainfall, averaging over 19 inches yearly, of which over 10 inches falls during late spring and early summer, make it a sure crop country, besides there are thousands of acres of irrigated land and thousands of acres more to be irrigated from mountain streams with their never failing supply of water. Under irrigation the crops are almost beyond conception and alfalfa, timothy, clover, as well as all other crops, are not surpassed anywhere in the Northwest.

With a healthy, invigorating climate, 10 degrees warmer than the well known Judith Basin, an elevation of only 3,000 feet, a soil whose richness and depth is not surpassed anywhere in the Northwest, its future still in the making, it is an ideal country for the man of moderate means to get a start and see his efforts crowned with success not easily found in any other country. He can establish his home amidst unusual favorable environments and the rapid development by railroads and other agencies will make for him surroundings ideal.

It is a brand new country and prices of land have not yet reached a height commensurate with the value of products.

To any one who is interested and will send me a stamped envelope I will be pleased to answer any questions asked. I have nothing to sell but I want to see the country settled up by a progressive class of people.

THE PILL BOX

Out of respect for the candidates who didn't win, there will be no meeting of the good fellows in the Pill Box this week. While we do not deem it necessary to hang any crepe on the door, the following resolution is unanimously adopted:

"It's h— to lose but sometimes worse to win."

J. W. ORR FOR SHERIFF



I wish to thank the Republican party for the nomination so generously given me. I do not believe in idle promises but if elected I will adhere to my oath of office so far as is in me and stand upon it as my platform. I respectfully solicit the support of the voters of Polk county.

Sincerely yours,
John W. Orr.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

House Democrats Limit Programme to Anti-Trust and Appropriation Bills.

Washington.—House democrats in caucus voted to limit the legislative programme for the remainder of this session to anti-trust measures and appropriation bills. Rural credits will go over until next winter.

Of the 230 members who attended the caucus, not more than 29 voted against the programme. Majority Leader Underwood explained that the work of the session was being curtailed "in the hope of an adjournment of congress by July 10."

The caucus voted to have the house devote the next two weeks to consideration of the anti-trust bills—the Covington Interstate trade commission bill, the Clayton anti-trust bill and the Reburn measure for federal control of railroad security issues.

Prohibition Not Considered.

The prohibition and woman suffrage proposed constitutional amendments were not considered on the ground that they were not party measures. The action of the caucus, however, does not preclude their consideration in the house.

In presenting the administration plan, Mr. Underwood said the president had counted on inclusion of rural credits, because of pledges in the party platform, but that with the banking and currency committee absolutely unable to agree, it was impracticable to make it a fixed part of the programme for the present session.

New Banking System to Start.

Machinery for one of the final steps in the establishment of the nation's new banking system was set in motion when the reserve bank organization committee named five banks in each of the 12 districts to execute organization certificates for the federal reserve banks.

When that shall have been completed and boards of directors organized in each district, the controller of currency will issue a charter authorizing the banks to begin business.

The committee announced efforts were being made to expedite the organization so that the system might be inaugurated by August 1.

Suffrage Cohorts Present Petition.

Several thousand women from practically every state in the union paraded Saturday along Pennsylvania avenue from the white house to the capitol, and, presenting to members of congress petitions adopted at meetings all over the country a week ago.

The scene after the pageant reached the east steps of the capitol was impressive. Massing themselves on the plaza steps, and with several bands and a chorus of 100 girls at the entrance to the building, the enthusiastic paraders sang "The March of the Women," by Dr. Ethel Smyth, of England.

The bands then struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner," and the 531 petition-bearers filed up the steps into the rotunda of the capitol, where a special committee of congress received them. In the line were Senators La Follette, Thomas, Thompson, Owen, Bristow, Polindexter and Brady, and Representatives Madden, Sabath, Falconer, Stone, Knowland, Baker, Moss, of West Virginia; Roberts, of Nevada; Helvering, Keating and Bryan, who shook hands with each of their callers.

National Capital Brevities.

Surveys preliminary to the construction of the government railway in Alaska are to be made immediately. The senate and house have agreed on the plan of having President Wilson issue a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May of each year as national Mother's day. Senator La Follette told the senate that there was a conspiracy to coerce

the interstate commerce commission in favor of the proposed increase of 5 per cent in freight rates by eastern railroads.

At the opening of the next session of congress members will have their votes recorded by an electrical device. The house will be asked to appropriate \$20,000 for the installation of the machinery intended to save time in recording the votes.

The "little navy" men made their final stand against two battleships on a motion to send the bill back to the committee, which was defeated, 201 to 166. Democratic Leader Mann, and other prominent figures in the house, supported the motion.

Ending seven years of bitter legal warfare, the supreme court set aside sentences imposed by the District of Columbia supreme court upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison for contempt of court in alleged violation of the injunctions issued in 1907 and 1908 against boycotting the Bucks Stove & Range company.

"CEREAL KING" IS DEAD

Charles W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., Commits Suicide.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—C. W. Post, multi-millionaire cereal king of Battle Creek, Mich., committed suicide at his winter residence here by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. Mr. Post had been convalescing, it was thought, from a prolonged illness. He excused himself from the attending nurse, against her protest, by saying he wished to lie down and to be alone and quiet. He went to his apartment and in a moment a shot was heard. He had placed the muzzle of a rifle in his mouth and touched the trigger with his toe. The top of his head was blown off.

Storm Kills Four in Central West.

Chicago.—Four lives were lost and great property damage done by a storm which was especially severe in Iowa, southern Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and which continued east, impairing telegraph and telephone service.

In Dane county, Wisconsin, many persons were hurt. Crops and barns suffered heavily.

TRIBUTE PAID SAILORS KILLED AT VERA CRUZ

New York.—Nation and city paid tribute in silence Sunday to the 17 men who gave their lives in the occupation of Vera Cruz. Bearing the bodies of the bluejackets and marines, the armored cruiser Montana, escorted by the presidential yacht Mayflower, having aboard the secretary of the navy, reached port early Sunday morning and conveyed by the superdreadnought Wyoming, steamed up the harbor shortly before noon.

The bodies were brought ashore shortly before 8 o'clock Monday morning and placed on caissons for the procession up Broadway to City Hall for a brief ceremony there and on across the Manhattan bridge to the navy yard for the services. President Wilson reached the city from Washington at 7:15 Monday and delivered the memorial address at the navy yard.

"The feeling that is uppermost," he said, "is one of profound grief, and yet there is mixed with that grief a profound pride that they should have gone as they did, and if I may say it out of my heart, a touch of envy of those who were permitted so quietly, so nobly to do their duty."

The head of the nation looked over the thousands massed about the coffin on the parade grounds, and his voice shook with emotion as he declared his creed: "We have gone down to Mexico," he said, "to serve mankind if we can find out a way. We do not want to fight the Mexicans. We want to serve them."

State Road Aid is Decided by Board.

Salem, Or.—That only counties which provide substantial funds with which to build permanent roads will be aided from the state highway fund was the decision reached by the state highway commission. In further outlining its policy the commission announced that only permanent thoroughfares would be built with the state highway fund.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 90c; bluestem, 95c; red Russian, 85c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.
Butter—Creamery, 25c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 90c; red Russian, 85c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Eggs—20c.
Butter—Creamery, 26c.

The Popping Stone.

"The popping stone" marks the spot where Sir Walter Scott asked Miss Carpenter to marry him. It is situated in the beautiful valley of the Irthing, at Gilsland, an inland watering place near Carlisle. The popping stone is visited by many thousands during the summer months, and it is said many a laggard lover has had his courage screwed up to popping point at this romantic spot. In the immediate neighborhood may also be seen "Mumps Ha," which Scott immortalized in "Guy Mannering," while a little farther afield the Roman wall and Lanchester priory prove attractions to visitors to Gilsland.—London Chronicle.

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