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WOMEN PLAN FOR CLEAN UP WILL ALSO SWAT FLY

Mrs. J. S. Cooper Re elected President; To Meet In Moose Parlors Hereafter

Hints of strenuous activity are being given out by the Civic League workers and with the advance of Spring there also comes a decided swelling of civic pride. The League members are quietly discussing plans for a "City Beautiful" and are taking many steps to promote systematic work in every part of the city.

The Boy Scouts are being interested in the future plans and it is expected that much valuable services will be rendered by those energetic youngsters, stimulated by the many surprises which are held in store for them.

Among other things, a crusade has also been started on the "pesky fly."

A very busy session of the Civic League was held at the home of Mrs. Claude Skinner last Tuesday afternoon, at which time the following officers were unanimously elected: Mrs. J. S. Cooper, president; Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, 1st vice president; Mrs. Fletcher, 2nd vice president; Miss Elizabeth Cooper, secretary; Mrs. Fetzner, financial secretary; Mrs. Crosby Davis, treasurer; Mesdames O. D. Butler, P. M. Kirkland and A. L. Thomas, executive board.

Through the kindness of the local Moose, the ladies' parlors of their club rooms will be used as a meeting place for the Civic League. There are also some splendid entertainments to be given in the near future for which the Civic League will be the beneficiary.

V. S.

DIVIDEND DECLARED

The stockholders of the Independence National Bank held a meeting last Friday and declared the usual semi-annual dividend. President Hirschberg recalls that when the bank was started twenty-six years ago, he was sick and had to be carried to the first meeting.

DR. LYSANDER LYON A LIAR

Falsely Mixes People of This Town and Monitor In His Fool Statements

The Monitor as a rule pays no attention to those who seek newspaper notoriety for self pleasure but when anybody attempts to use this newspaper for such a purpose, is caught red-handed, and then to get out of it, misrepresents us, we kick and kick hard.

Dr. Lysander Lyon in an interview in a coast paper says: "The Independence Monitor is mistaken when it said last week that it is rumored that Dr. Lysander Lyon, nephew of Col. Lyon of San Francisco, is soon to wed Mrs. Nellie Goldengate, belle of the season." He marries that girl who uses slang, carries a gun, whistles through her teeth, swears in Spanish and thinks nothing of breaking a bucking broncho before breakfast! Not on your life!

When Dr. Lyon says that the Monitor published such as he claims it did, he is just a common, ordinary liar. What the Monitor did say was: "Society is glowing over the prospect of an early visit from Lysander Lyon, M. D. Dr. Lyon has communicated to close friends here that he recently took a financial flurry and married a widow with one foot in the grave and three hundred thousand in the bank."

When the Monitor addressed a request to Dr. Lyon for an explanation of why he attempted to misrepresent this newspaper he replied: "I told Harry Miller about it in Eastern Oregon, he wrote it on a postal card and sent it to Cyril Richardson. Richardson lost it and Willard Craven found it and read it. Craven told it to Miss Sella Robinson one day when she was in the hardware store buying a rolling pin. Miss Robinson told it to Miss Kora Browne one day at school when they ate their noonday luncheon of cheese and crackers on the schoolhouse steps. That evening Miss Browne told it to Miss Helen Eaton when the latter came over to borrow a pair of shoes to wear to a dance and Helen told her sister Frances who ran as fast as she could to the Monitor office and told it." "Told what? Let the Liar answer."

The firm of Moore & Walker were in Portland this week buying goods.

PROSPECTS FOR BIG CROP HOP ROOTS EXCELLENT

Other Interesting Gossip Regarding the Hop Industry and Its Future

According to reports received by Hal V. Bolam, the well known hop merchant of this city, as well as those received at headquarters of the hop growers' association, the hop roots of the Willamette valley have wintered in excellent condition and the indications are at the present time for an increased and unusually fine crop of hops for the coming season. Market conditions are also reported strong at 15 cents for choice 1914s, and little or no contracting is being done for futures, although 13 cents is being offered on a one-year contract and 12 cents for three years. There is nothing doing absolutely on contracts of any description over one year, however.

Owing to the sadly confused records regarding acreage in Oregon it is impossible to give an accurate estimate of hops in this state at the present time but Mr. Bolam places it at about 25,000 acres, with a possible variation of 1,000 more or less. At present there are not to exceed 2200 bales of 1914 hops in growers' hands in Oregon, the dealers having been sold out for a long time, and there are not more than 900 bales of olds, of 1913s, in first or dealers' hands in this state.

The unsettled conditions in Europe indicate that there will be short crop on the other side of the Atlantic this year, principally due to the inability to cultivate the crop under war conditions, and the quality of the foreign crop will consequently not be up to the usual standard. This will be a strong item in favor of the American product and serves to bear out the indications of an increase rather than a decrease in the Pacific coast acreage, which was predicted and strongly indicated under the market conditions which prevailed during the fall and winter.

There were some hops plowed up last fall but none were plowed up this spring of any consequence, and, owing to the increased demand and consequent increased strength in the market, it is believed that many of the yards which were not cultivated last year will be taken care of this year which will account for a considerable increase in the yield for this state. It is conceded that the brewers have some hops put away in cold storage, which will necessarily enter as a strong factor in the regulation of prices this fall and probably produce panicky conditions in the market, as is usual, but the exact extent of brewers' holdings is not definitely known at this time.—Salem Capital Journal.

The members of the Hop Growers' Association will meet in Salem March 20 to elect permanent officers.

UPPER WILLAMETTE LOW

"I Have Seen Nothing Like It" Says Graham; Worst In 27 Years

Taking it all of the way through, Captain A. W. Graham of the Oregon City Transportation Company, says the upper Willamette has been at a lower stage for a longer period this season than in the last 27 years. Since the high water of last June, he states, there have been no more than about ten days when the river was at what would be called a good boating stage.

"I have seen nothing like it," explained the captain, "in the many years I have been steaming out of Portland. It will soon be a year of low water except for the brief spells of rises following heavy showers. I suppose the cause of it has been the lack of rain and snow in the foothills drained by the Willamette. Even now the river is not more than two and a half feet above the zero mark. The steamers hit the bottom in getting over a number of the shoals."

But the skipper sees a ray of hope. He believes that March, April and May are going to prove the wettest months of the year. He says he has no particular reason for arriving at that conclusion, but he feels that such will be the case. His hunch has convinced him that the long siege of low water in the upper river is about over.

"I really look for a rainy spring," concluded Captain Graham. "I expect it to start soon, bringing the river up to the best stage it reached throughout the winter months. Of course there was some snowfall in the foothills of the Cascades. This will be melting in a short while, assisting the rains to increase the volume of water in the river. Just now we do not have to line the boats over the shoals, but in places they bump along on the gravel and sand beds."—Portland Telegram.

3 DISTRICTS HELPED

The Monitor has been informed that the crowd of farmers who visited the county court last week in the interests of a large appropriation for road purposes did not only represent district No. 7 but 8 and 9 also, residents of all the three districts being in the delegation and that it was an effort in behalf of all. So not only was district 7 helped but 8 and 9 as well which makes it just that much better.

OLD TIMER

A pioneer Buena Vista resident passed through this city Monday on his way to Woodburn for a visit in the person of W. R. Hall. Mr. Hall has resided in the little town up the river for the past 67 years. He is hale and hearty and states that he intends to spend the remainder of his days in or near Buena Vista.—Salem Messenger.

GETTING READY

Members of the committee tell the Monitor that the Valley & Siletz Railroad Co. is now getting their titles and abstracts perfected.

Our informants are confident that the construction of the railroad will commence within forty or fifty days.

Word has been received that a son of J. L. Linn was dangerously ill at Graybell, Wyoming. Mr. Linn is already there. Mrs. J. J. Fenton, mother-in-law of the sick man, left for Wyoming on receipt of the news.

PERHAPS ITS YOU AFTER ALL AND NOT YOUR TOWN

Maybe You Carry a Little Hammer Yourself and Don't Know It But Others Do

It may be as an unknown poet has written: "If you want to live in the kind of town Like the kind of a town you like, You needn't slip your clothes in a grip And start on a long, long hike. You'll only find what you left behind, For there's nothing that's really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town. It isn't the town—it's you."

WE SHOULD WORRY

The "promoters," who were going to erect a sugar factory in Independence, have announced that they will not do so. As nobody expected that they would, the announcement causes no disappointment.

BUENA VISTA

Word has been received of the approaching marriage of George Grounds, who is in California.

Fred Stump has purchased a milking machine, as 75 cows are too many to milk by hand.

O. DeArmond of Suver has been taken to a Salem hospital, suffering from neuralgia.

All of the students of the Buena Vista High School have won the Palmer Button for completing the twenty-five drills of the Palmer method of writing. A great many of the children are in the contest trying to win the student's final certificate. The Progress Plus, which are given by the Palmer Company for the first one hundred drills, were won by the following pupils: Clifford Wells, Alired Loy, Gilbert Loy, Bernice Larson and Frances Donaldson. All of these papers were sent to the A. N. Palmer Company and graded by them. The Manual Training Class is doing some good work this year. The following articles have been made: Center tables, piano stools, chairs, plant stand, jardiniere and taboretta. Lena Wells has a bird house up. The Athletic Club of the Buena Vista School has secured a piece of ground from G. W. Wells on which they are going to lay out an excellent base-ball diamond. The Industrial Club is well organized, with the following officers: Raymond Frost, President; Isabel Peterson, Secretary, and they have members enrolled in nearly every project and are getting hold of the work in earnest.

MONMOUTH

The clubs and societies of Monmouth have chosen the red rose as the official flower of the city.

W. J. Mulkey has been drawn on the federal grand jury and will report at Portland Monday.

Mr. Tally died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Miller, Sunday.

Riddell Bros. are at work west of town with their steam plow.

The Industrial Work in the Monmouth school is moving along in great shape, having nearly one hundred lined up in the work. The Monmouth school is leading out in the matter of organizing bird clubs and is doing some excellent work along this line.

Mrs. A. H. Craven, who is visiting her parents at Bandon, writes that she is enjoying the mumps.

WHO PUTS OUT THE LIGHTS?

Mystery at Monmouth Remains Unsolved; GUILTY PARTY MIGHTY STICK

Who pulls the fuse plugs and puts the Normal school building at Monmouth in darkness Saturday nights? The Oregon Power company has endeavored to solve this perplexing question for several months, but failing in its effort it posted a reward of \$10 for the apprehension of the individual or individuals, who perpetrates the crime, yet there was a repetition of the deed last Saturday night with the result that the terpsichorean entertainment in progress at the school came to a sudden close. Manager Martin received a word of warning on Friday, with a request that he station a detective near the pole carrying the transformer and thus catch the guilty ones, and he acted accordingly, but nevertheless the plugs were pulled and the dance stopped while the eagle-eyed sleuth was at his post of duty.—Dallas Observer.

SMALL CHANGE

Mrs. George Plov died at Suver yesterday morning.

It is reported that a five and ten cent store will be opened soon on Main street.

Parties from Dallas have purchased an interest in the meat market run by Cook & Son. F. S. Cook will retire from the business.

Ben C. Crow left Wednesday for California where he will fill several professional engagements and also attend the Frisco fair. He will be absent for two or three weeks. His pupils here will resume their work upon his return.

Officer Parker is around with a crutch and it will be several days before he will be able to resume work. The party who beat him on his ankle and foot with a wooden leg on being released from jail got out of town immediately.

Albany Herald: Rev. Grover Birtchet, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Independence, is in the city today visiting friends and renewing old acquaintances. He is a graduate of Albany College, where he was prominent in student life, being far famed as an orator and debator.

SATISFYING THE SKEPTIC IF HE MUST BE SHOWN

Evidence of the Coming Era of Prosperity Everywhere Its Sure Coming

Things have commenced to move throughout the country. Factories have commenced running, there is an active movement in real estate and capital has commenced to venture forth. The banks are full of money waiting for investment. Only the blind cannot see the dawning of a new era. Business men and capitalists the land over declare that the best times in American history are due to arrive.

TOLD ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. Bascue was a Portland caller this week.

Paint around the city is making things look spick and span.

Miss Edith West visited friends in Independence Saturday and Sunday.

Roy Bingman has gone to the eastern part of the state to see what he may see.

The Silver Tea for the benefit of the library will be given at the P. M. Kirkland residence next Wednesday.

The epidemic of mumps shows no abatement. It will evidently cease to exist only after everybody has had them.

O. F. Dixon has purchased a store building on Monmouth street now occupied by a fish and produce company.

The Albany Herald truthfully says that the Willamette Valley should be selling the world canned goods instead of buying them.

Mrs. E. L. Ketchum is in an Oakland, California, hospital, being obliged to undergo an operation. It is reported that she is doing well.

J. S. Cooper Jr. has gone out of the music business and will devote his time in the future to his hop journal and the interests of the Hop Growers' Association.

GETTING TOGETHER.



—Greene in New York Telegram.

LATEST WAR NEWS FROM THE FRONT—AND REAR.



—Reise in New York World.