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HOOD RIVER PEOPLE PICK FRUIT, SUNDAY

Town Folks Help Orchardists in Saving Their Crops in an Emergency.

Hood River, Or., Oct. 23—Hood River orchardists have never been so far behind with the task of harvesting their apples. Despite the fact that for the past ten days fully 5000 men and women have been engaged in the harvest among them the students of the local high school and the clerks, business men and professional men of this city, whose places of business were closed three afternoons last week, several hundred thousand boxes of fruit still remain on the trees. Picking will not be completed even next week.

The apples have matured so rapidly owing to the favorable weather conditions during the past ten days, that many growers have lost heavily from the drop and in case of a wind storm in the next few days the damage may aggregate thousands of dollars. The harvest went forward steadily yesterday and many city folks spent Sunday at work assisting their country cousins.

The Measures on Ballot

A reader has asked for advice on the measures on the ballot for the November election and in reply we submit the following:

There are amendments referred to the people by the legislature, viz:—
1—Single Item Veto Amendment, which will allow the governor to veto any single item in an appropriation bill and approve the rest of the bill. A good sensible measure. Vote 300 x yes.
2—Ship Tax Exemption Amendment. Exempts ships of more than fifty tons capacity, registered in the state, from payment of all taxes other than state taxes, for 19 years. This measure is discriminatory and should be defeated. Vote 303 x no.
3—Negro and Mulatto Suffrage Amendment. Will give Negroes, Chinamen and Mulattoes the right to vote. It seems only fair that this measure be adopted, as most of the states so provide. Vote 304 x yes.

There are eight measures proposed by initiative petitions, as follows:
1—Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemakers' Loan Fund Amendment. Will abolish present system of taxation and in place thereof will assess against all land the full rental value thereof. This is the worst single tax scheme

yet proposed and if adopted would eventually result in the confiscation of all private ownership of land, stop improvement of farms and reduce one-half the people of Oregon to a condition similar to the peons of Mexico. Its loan feature is visionary and entirely impracticable. Be sure to vote 307 no.
2—For Pendleton Normal School, etc. Provides for the establishment of a State Normal School at Pendleton and ratifies the location of certain other state institutions. Vote 303 x yes.
3—Anti-compulsory vaccination Bill. Vote 310 x yes.
4—Bill Repealing Sunday Closing Law. Vote 312 x yes.
5—Permitting and Regulating Manufacture and Sale of 4 per cent malt liquors. This bill if it becomes a law will allow the manufacture of beer and like liquors and its sale in bottles, with out proper or adequate restrictions. If you want a dry state, vote 315 x no.
6—Amendment Prohibiting Importation of Intoxicating Liquors for Beverage purposes. If you wish to prevent liquor being imported into the state, vote 316 x yes, but if you are satisfied with the present prohibition law vote 317 x no. Should both these liquor measures be defeated the present law will remain in effect.
7—Rural Credits Amendment. This amendment is class legislation, in this it provides for the use of the credit of the whole state for the benefit of a part only, and in other respects is not practicable. Vote 319 x no.
8—State Wide Indebtedness Limitation Amendment. This, as the title indicates is intended to limit the amount of taxes levied. Good, so far as it goes. Vote 320 x yes.

Direct Legislation that Helps

Out of the eleven Direct Legislation measures on the ballot in Oregon this year, there are perhaps two worth voting for—the debt and tax limitation and the Single Item Veto amendments. The former would stop increasing taxes and indebtedness faster than the community develops, and the latter would enable a fearless governor to knock out items of logrolling activity. All the other nine are unimportant from the standpoint of good government and lower taxation—most of them would involve the state in further exploitation by the ever-active office-holding class.—Ex

Maybe it's just absent-mindedness on John Bull's part, but he seem's to be always committing some little act that offends the United States.

Those bakers who have decided to sell a small loaf for five cents instead of a larger one for ten had the interests of their customers at heart.

WHEAT SHOOTS UP TO \$2 PER BUSHEL

5000 Bushels Bring Big Price in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Oct. 23—Five thousand bushels of No. 1 Durum wheat sold in the cash market here today at \$2 a bushel. The wheat was purchased by a local firm for milling purposes. Several cars of Montana Durum to arrive sold at the same price.

Portland, Oct. 23—Twenty cents at least, perhaps more, will be added to the local price of patent flour tomorrow morning, breaking all records in the history of the milling business in the state of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. This will make patents \$7.50 a barrel wholesale and \$9 retail. At the same time other kinds of flour also rise 20 cents, wiping out previous records.

The advance is caused, as have been all previous rises, by the sharp jump in wheat prices.

Portland again has \$1.50 wheat. This was the bid price at the Merchants' exchange this noon for spot bluestem while November was quoted at \$1.51 and December at \$1.52.

Bill Means Confiscation

Charles E. Spence, master of the State Grange and advocate of progressive legislation, has joined in the campaign against the so-called land and loan measure that has been put on the November ballot through the machinations of W. S. O'Ren and other single tax propagandists.

"The measure would not benefit the farmer in the least," said Mr. Spence, "in fact, it would injure every enterprising farmer severely."

"The way I understand the bill—and I have given it a whole lot of study—it would amount, practically, to confiscation of all land by the state. Now if they start in to confiscate land, the next step will be to confiscate improvements on the land.

"What recourse would there be for a farmer, resting land under the provisions of this bill, if he found himself unable to keep up his payments on the land after he had spent his money and his labor for many years in improving it? He would lose the land, of course, but how could he save his improvements? He couldn't take his barn with him, nor his irrigation ditches, nor even his fences.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

State will spend \$160,000 in improvements and additions to state insane asylum, feeble minded institution and girls industrial school.

Hillsboro—First Washington County peppermint still now operating is beginning of new industry.

Gardiner—Contract let for construction of jettys.

The office of county agent costs each of the counties that has one \$1200 to \$1800, and the state as much more. Then there is a state official "County Agent Leader," who gets a good salary. Oregon needs fewer officials more producers.

Marion county, one of the most carefully governed in the state, increased expenditures \$15 per voter in last three years.

Sherwood will have a farmers co-operative cheese factory.

Eugene—Viel Bros. building garage 80 by 160 feet.

Reedsport—Star Lumber Co. of St. Paul to build mill here.

Wallowa—J. P. Morclock to build a garage 84 by 50 ft.

Marshfield—Smith-Powers Co. to develop coal mine on Eden ridge.

Oregon total taxes collected in 1915, \$80 for each vote cast.

Paisley—Alkali Lake soda plant now ready for operation with 50 ton per day capacity and employing 50 men.

Oak Hill has completed new school house.

Portland—Capt. C. H. Fuller's quick launching life boat davits pass government test and \$200,000 offered for patent.

Baker—Erection of large sawmill to handle 124,000,000 ft. of government timber on Middlefork of John Day river will be started at once.

Portland—100,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$125,000 will be transported to South America from Portland this month, this being largest consignment, it is said, ever going from Columbia river to the west coast of South America.

Marshfield—During past week local power company secured contracts for 315 horsepower in motors from various local industries. Plans are being made to open a new shingle mill and lumber mill and several small coal mines in the vicinity are getting ready to use electrical power.

Coburg—Michigan firm buying up peppermint oil and menthol crops from farmers in Willamette Valley averaging \$65 per acre, or from \$2000 to \$3500 for each grower.

Grants Pass—Fire was put under boilers of first sugar factory in Oregon during past week.

Grants Pass—Reported that Twohy Bros. have sold \$2,000,000 bonds to extend railroad 45 miles from Wilderville to Waldo.

Too many foolish laws have cut down registration of voters 30,000 below 1914.

Sutherlin Valley will ship about 150 carloads of sugar beets this season and have hopes of a factory in the future.

Lane county candidates campaign for tax reduction.

Toledo votes down 12 mill special tax levy.

Klamath Falls—President Sproule of the Southern Pacific Co. has viewed proposed Modoc Valley railroad.

Fred Lockley Wan's More Normal Schools

Fred Lockley, special writer of the Oregon Journal, was a recent visitor here in the interest of the proposed Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Pendleton. In speaking of the matter Mr. Lockley said:

"Oregon is one of the few states in the Union that has but one Normal School. Idaho, with half our population, has two Normal Schools and spends twice as much in training her teachers as does Oregon."

"Oregon by rights should have two more Normal Schools, one in Eastern Oregon and one in Southern Oregon. The rural schools of Eastern and Southern Oregon are unable to secure trained and experienced teachers and this would furnish experienced teachers for all of Eastern and Southern Oregon."

CALIFORNIA HAS SUNDAY TREMBLOR

Two Slight Shocks Felt but No Damage is Done in Oil Fields.

Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 23—Two slight earthquake shocks were felt here and at nearby towns about 6:40 o'clock last night, but were so faint that few residents noticed them.

The shocks were also felt at Oil Center, where no damage was done; at Fresno, where they were quite severe; at Los Angeles, where chandeliers and pictures were shaken in residences; at Ventura, where they were slight, and at Santa Clara, where in many houses dishes were knocked off shelves and broken.

The Very Chiefest Reason

Election day is drawing very near. The presidential election is of momentous interest this year. The man who will be at the helm this year will meet stormier and more confused seas than any president has met for half a century. There will be troubles from both without and within, which will try the brain and the nerve of the president so fiercely that unless he is of iron fibre he will fail. And the troubles from within are able to be the more severe.

Our labor troubles are acute and if our land is left open for the inflow with out restriction of foreign goods and the hordes from southern and Eastern Europe, we shall have a state of affairs almost or quite as trying as would be a civil or foreign war.

Indeed a war calls up the patriotism of a people. A mighty trade and labor depression, accompanied with a vast inflow of cheap foreign goods and cheap laborers to enter at once into competition with our own laboring forces, would engender more ill feelings and a greater desire for vengeance than could a war.

A little war submarine the other day appeared off the New England coast and sunk two or three foreign ships. The incident was enough to smash stocks and make a half panic in the east last trade he interrupted. What then will happen when some morning the news comes that a truce has been called between the nations at war beyond the sea?

It will come to this country as the hurried order to an engineer down in the engine room of a ship to "stop and back at full speed" does. And as then the ship will tremble through all its length and breadth.

Well, it might happen that the electoral vote of Utah may be the deciding one in the election of president this year.

Republicans should keep this in mind. There are many important questions under consideration this year, but the election of president is the overmastering one, and every vote should count, for this is the most important year, and more momentous questions are bearing upon the result at the polls than the people have been tried with before for quite half a century.

Geographic Positions in Oregon

Bulletin 644, part O, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, gives descriptions, latitudes, and longitudes of 22 mountain peaks or buttes determined by triangulation and of 539 points determined by primary traverse in Oregon in 1913 to 1915 inclusive.

Each triangulation station is permanently marked by a metal tablet cemented in solid rock. The true directions in degrees, minutes, and seconds and distances in miles to other visible triangulation stations are given.

The points listed under primary traverse are mostly road crossings and township and section corners.

All these positions are utilized by the Geological Survey as the foundation or horizontal control for its topographic maps. They may also be used by local engineers for the same purpose or as checks on land surveys.

The supply of these bulletins is small but a copy will be sent post free to any one who is especially interested in such data. Requests for them should be addressed to the Director of the Survey at Washington, D. C.

Slowly but surely the pictures of football warriors are ousting the baseball cuts from the newspapers.

If the election returns could only be flashed in the daytime the victorious supporters would feel even better the next morning.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Bear Near Canyonville

Canyonville, Or., Oct. 23—Two large black bear were seen in the wagon road a mile and a half north of Canyonville on Sunday.

Loganberry Juice Goes to Texas

Dallas, Or., Oct. 23—C. J. Pugh, of Falls City, shipped a carload of loganberry juice to Fort Worth, Tex., last week. Mr. Pugh will have about 15 carloads of juice from this year's crop of berries and nearly all of it is contracted for. Next year he expects to enlarge his plant.

Blacksmith's Appendix Holds Metal Particles

Brownsville, Or., Oct. 23—Fred Burk a blacksmith of this place, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Howard hospital here last Wednesday. The physicians found two metallic substances in the appendix resembling cinders. It is the opinion that they were formed from coal dust by chemical action.

1700 Bushels of Wheat Burn

The Dalles, Or., Oct. 23—Seventeen hundred bushels of wheat in the stack were burned at the Fisher ranch, 15 miles south of here, on Saturday afternoon, the fire starting from a threshing machine that had just moved up to the stacks. The fire started while the men were at dinner.

Albany Boy Arrested

Canyonville, Or., Oct. 23—A boy age 15, claiming to be Arthur Peterson, of Albany, was arrested on the charge of stealing a watch from a room at the Canyonville hotel this morning. When the deputy sheriff went to the telephone to report to the sheriff, the latter was just calling him to have the boy and a stolen bicycle stopped. The boy was taken to Roseburg.

Youthful Thief Says That He Prefers the Penitentiary.

Portland, Oct. 23—Carroll W. Powell, aged 15, pleaded guilty to a charge of robbing the postoffice at Tolo, Or., in the federal court this morning. Judge Wolverton said he would sentence him to the Reform school, if possible. Young Powell wanted to go to the penitentiary. His home is in Medford. Powell's irregular record extends from the time he was 10 years old. Barnett H. Goldstein appeared for the government.

Wife is Held as Accessory in The Killing of Ed Way.

Klamath Falls, Or., Oct. 23—Henry Hobbs has waived his preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of killing Ed Way, of Algoma, last week. Evidence introduced at the coroner's inquest tended to show that Mrs. Hobbs had a gun trained on Way at the time her husband fired. Owing to the fact that she has two small children she was released from custody on Saturday by Justice of the Peace Gowen, before whom the preliminary examinations were held, but Prosecutor Irwin immediately had her placed under arrest, holding her as an accessory. The killing took place on the Hobbs homestead last week, and Hobbs claimed he shot Way for making advances to Mrs. Hobbs.

Child's Clothing Set on Fire and Death Results.

North Yakima, Wash., Oct. 23—Opal Growcock, a girl about 3½ years old, was badly burned Saturday afternoon near her home at Toppish, and died four hours later, after suffering intensely. The child and a little companion were playing with matches when her clothes caught fire. She ran screaming toward home, but fell before help could reach her. All of her clothing but the shoes was burned off her body.

When the news of Greece's very benevolent neutrality reached the Bulgarians, they fell back. It is understood, to a stronger position.

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