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The voter is responsible for the officers elected. If you wish to have good men elected it is necessary to see that they are nominated. Only one-third of the voters of this section have registered and will be able to vote at the primary election. The same condition exists in all the sections of the state outside of Portland and the voters of Portland will cast about one half of the total votes cast at the nominating election. If you are stified with the West kind of officers it will not be necessary to register or vote as the agitators are all prepared to vote, only the conservative ones are neglecting their duty, the very ones who have the most at stake. It will not take over five minutes of your time to register at the city hall today.

At the meeting in Denver of the Governors of the Western states the leasing of the public domain was up for discussion and the governor from Oregon was the only one who favored the leasing bill. West always claims to be a friend of the poor man and toadies to the rough neck element, but when a measure comes up that favors the monopoly of the range by the big cattle companies he favors it and slaps every small farmer and cattleman in the face. He probably thought the people of Oregon would not know what position he took on the proposition. It is always a safe bet that West is on the wrong side of any proposition that comes up.

Politicians and office seekers are around in bunches these days and we begin to hear the old scheme advanced that it should not make any difference what party a man belongs to. The voters have been caught by this several times and it is always the cry of the minority party. At present we have two senators and a governor, all elected by republican votes, who are working over time to defeat every measure and principle advocated by the republicans. This same minority party also advances the argument that there is no difference in the platforms, and they might as well tell you that black is white as far as the truth is concerned, but they succeed in making many of the republicans believe their story. The republican party believes in protecting the products of the farm and range, the democrats do not. If there ever was a time when every republican should stand strictly by his party nominees, that time is now.

Just 1526 eggs in one year is the unofficial record of a pen of seven hens owned by the landscape gardener at the Oregon Agriculture College. The pen is from the best egg strain of the College-bred Barred Rocks. The hens had the run of a small orchard and were kept and fed under ordinary farm conditions. Heavy egg yields were made by them in the fall and early winter months, when eggs were selling at 50 to 60 cents a doz. Had the year's crop been sold at market prices as it was gathered it would probably have brought about 33 1-3 cents a dozen. The entire crop, more than 127 dozen, would have brought about \$42.35, which is \$6.05 a hen. The average cost of keeping is about \$1.25 per hen a year. This leaves a profit of \$4.50 on each hen annually.

Armour and Company received a cargo of beef at Boston from Argentine and the first customer was the United States Navy for 2800 quarters. You farmers who voted for democrats can not find much patriotism in that act.

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**CELILO CANAL OPENS FEBRUARY**

Portland, Oregon, Apr. 7, 1914. Special—Of great interest and importance to the entire Columbia Basin is the prediction made recently by Major J. J. Morrow, engineer in charge of this district, that river steamers would be passed through the Celilo Canal before the first of next January. The past month of March was notable in that more actual progress was made on the canal than in any other single month. From end to end the great ditch is the scene of ceaseless and effective activity. Locks are being constructed, gates installed, the bottom of the canal is being floored with steel bars over which is poured thousands of tons of concrete, the sloping sides are being ripped in one place with reinforced concrete, in another with rubble masonry and in still another with great blocks of lava rock, according to the character of the backing material.

At the head of the Five Mile Rapids a little band of men is at work boring holes into the rocky walls of the gorge, carefully examining the material brought up by the drills and carefully recording their observations. These men are the pioneers sent out by the states of Washington and Oregon to determine the feasibility of constructing a great dam across the river at this point for the purpose of installing the most powerful hydro-electric plant west of Niagara Falls. The river is only about 200 feet wide at the head of the rapids, but the depth nearly equals the width.



GUS C. MOSER

I was born and reared upon a farm in Buffalo County, Wis.; educated myself by my own efforts, and have practiced law in Portland since June, 1894. Have always taken an active part in public affairs, and have held several official positions.

I stand by my record as State senator at the last session of the legislature. I worked and voted against the new tax law, and favor a law making taxes payable semi-annually without penalty.

Only five of the laws passed at that session were referred to the people by referendum petitions; four of these the people approved by overwhelming majorities, and I voted for them; the fifth was almost as badly defeated, and I had voted against it in the legislature.

I worked and voted for Senator Malarkey's minimum wage bill for women, providing for an impartial commission to fix the maximum hours of labor and the minimum amount of pay.

I favor a similar law providing for an impartial commission without compensation, to fix the maximum hours of labor for men in the various industrial occupations; this in preference to a flat eight hour law.

I favor good roads legislation with state aid, so that we may have cheaper transportation from the farms and producers in every direction.

I favor the reduction of taxes by consolidation of various commissions, or the abolishment thereof, and placing their duties into the hands of the State Board, and by the reduction of the expenses of conducting the various departments of the state.

I favor suitable appropriations for our State Educational Institutions and the continued improvement of our great bulwark—the public school system.

And above all I favor the vigorous and efficient enforcement of all the criminal statutes, including those regulating and prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, and this I shall do with firmness and impartiality. The rich, the poor, the great, the humble, the capitalist, the laborer, the churchman and the liquor dealer shall be measured by the same standard and each shall answer for his own acts.

**FRUITLAND HAS TWO MORE WEDDINGS**

Mrs. S. M. Thomas, who has been away several weeks visiting friends in Montana, returned last week. Her health is much improved by the trip.

The Christian Endeavor business meeting was held at the home of Earl Scritchfield last Saturday evening. After the regular business the time was spent with games and dainty refreshments which were prepared by Mrs. Scritchfield.

Ralph Makinson has accepted a position as official milk tester of this county and commenced his work Monday.

The Easter services at the Methodist church were well attended and enjoyed by all. The Sunday school gave a program and at the preaching service 4 came into full membership of the church.

Queen Esther circle will meet at the home of Miss Alice Whealdon next Saturday afternoon.

Ira Melcher and Miss Katherine Kaessner were married at Weiser on Wednesday, by Rev. H. E. Cullison at the M. E. parsonage.

Robert R. Robbins and Miss Grace Bailey, of Nyssa, were married at the J. C. Himler home by Elder J. E. Shamberger, on Sunday at high noon.

Mrs. Stephens, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Washington the last two months is expected home this week.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will give an entertainment in the Association Packing house Friday evening, April 17. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Ice cream and cake will be served free. All are cordially invited.

Miss Rowena Robinson, domestic science teacher here, met with a very painful accident Saturday when she fell and broke her left hand. Dr. Wright took her to New Plymouth where he got the use of an X ray machine and set the bones.

Mr. Scritchfield is building a house on his property, just west of his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Humphry will move into it this week.

Mrs. E. A. Stegner is having a siege of pneumonia.

The high school ball team went to Payette Friday for a game with the Payette, but the rain prevented.

Several from here attended the Easter services at Friendship Sunday afternoon.

The school directors have not made definite arrangements, but the following is about the teachers for next year: Superintendent, George Cottor, High school Prof. McIntosh, prin.; Prof. Dewhirst and Miss Sutton; Prof. T. R. Neilson, music and art for the high school and grades.

Grade teachers are Bessie Griep, first; Miss Pearson, second; Elsie Schmid, third; Emma Kessler, fourth and fifth; Miss Bowers, sixth; Mrs. McIntosh, seventh; Miss Apphia Robinson, eighth.

Sunnyside, Prof. Bollinger and Miss Troyer.

Friendship, Miss Edna Harris.

Domestic science and manual arts are to be taught at Sunnyside and a cooking department will be added to the home economics of Fruitland Central school.

Misses Vikers and Gilkers of Nyssa, who visited with Ontario friends several days last week, returned home Monday morning.

**INSTITUTE AT BOULEVARD GRANGE**

An ear of corn, brought all the way from Corvallis as a specimen, produced a laugh at the farmers' Institute held last week at the Boulevard Grange hall, when Prof. Larson declared that he had selected the ear for exhibition purposes and had considered it good until coming to this section he had discovered how much better corn could be grown in Oregon. During his address he admitted his surprise at the quality and, moreover, the quantity of corn that can be grown on this land. For the most part his time was taken up with practical suggestions for improving the quality and yield of corn. He was followed by Mr. Shinn, the new agricultural adviser, who briefly outlined his plans. Mrs. Robbins told of the possibilities of home improvement and to illustrate her points referred to the advances made in the past few years that have added to the comforts in the home.

Prof. Fittz concluded the evening with an illustrated lecture on dairy stock, showing slides of a large number of the finest types of the various breeds. The attention of the audience was directed to the different good points and differences of each animal.

On the following afternoon Mrs. Robbins demonstrated cooking for the ladies, a large number attending. In the evening Prof. Larson again gave a talk on farm subjects of special interest and Mrs. Robbins illustrated her lecture on the O. A. C. at Corvallis with a large number of slides showing the beauty and efficiency of that institution. The institute which was held under the auspices of the extension department of the O. A. C., proved one of the most interesting that has been held in this section.

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