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While all the returns are not in from the election held Tuesday, still there are enough to show in a general way what happened.

The majority of the democrats in congress has been materially reduced, but still a working majority. The progressives have about petered out, having 10 left.

Woman suffrage carried in Montana and Nevada and was defeated in Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, North and South Dakota.

The dries carried Oregon, Washington Colorado and Arizona, while Ohio and California went wet. Ohio adopted a home rule amendment and Missouri defeated a county unit system.

Oregon elected all republican officers but the senator and Idaho all the state officers but the governor. It is easy to understand why Haines was defeated in Idaho but not so easy to figure out how Oregon voted dry by such a large majority and then voted for Chamberlain, who has always been a drinking man, ignoring Mr. Booth who has been a worker in the dry ranks for years.

In the county election the county seat question overshadowed the county officers in most of the county. Weaver for treasurer was the only republican elected. Incomplete returns indicate that the county seat will be retained at Vale for another four years.

The election has many surprises and mix ups and returns are hard to analyze, but it is generally conceded that the tear argument gave the victory to Vale, through sympathy.

The state is to be congratulated on having thrown off the West collar in part, by electing James Withycombe, who will do much to regain the lost prestige of the state. There is every prospect that when the people have another opportunity they will select a republican to represent them in the senate.

Everything indicates that at the next general election there will be a return to republican rule and the protection of the American Farmers, recovering from the progressive contagion.

HOMESTEADERS WIN

Owners of Mining Claims on Pine Creek Disappointed.

Kellogg.—A ruling from the land office at Coeur d'Alene city on the contests filed by a number of owners of mining claims along Pine creek against the entries of homesteads covering this land has been received, and the result is that the mining men are dumfounded, the homestead entries being upheld, the land office ruling that the land is of more value for agriculture and grazing purposes than for mining. The bulk of the property involved lies near the forks of Pine creek, and much work has been done on it. It is not far distant from the Highland Surprise property, which has paid dividends.

The mining men have announced that it is their intention to carry the case further and endeavor to check the issuing of patents to the homesteaders, claiming that these patents would be a great blow to the mining industry along Pine creek.

Cotton Exchanges to Open.

Washington, D. C.—An outlet for the tied up cotton markets of this country was worked out, when at a conference of federal reserve and private bankers together with Sir George Falah and Basil B. Blackett, representing the British treasury, it was simultaneously agreed to open up on November 16 the New York and the Liverpool Cotton exchanges.

Cavalry Horses Wanted.

Silver Lake.—Cavalry horses are at a premium in central Oregon as government agents have been searching the three chief range horse counties, Lake, Harney and Malheur in an effort to find desirable mounts for the military service. It is estimated that not more than 200 cavalry horses will be taken out of Lake and Harney counties this fall.

Insane Mother Kills Baby With Ax.

St. Helens.—In a fit of temporary insanity, Mrs. William Gabrielson, wife of a farmer at Warren, struck her eight-weeks' old baby in the back of the neck with the sharp edge of an ax, killing the child instantly. The mother was carrying the body of the little victim through a field when she was taken into custody.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Round-up a Great Success

Pendleton.—The 1914 Roundup is a thing of the past, which it can safely be said is regretted by all. It has been a wonderful show most wonderfully staged.

The new world champions are: Broncho buster, "Red" Parker; Cowgirl broncho buster, Bertha Blacett; bull dogger, Fred Spain; steer roper, Tommy Grimes; cowboy relay rider, E. A. Armstrong; cowgirl relay rider, Ruth Parton; pony express rider, Fred Spain.

Road Agreement is Filled.

Hood River.—The contract between the O-W. R. & N. company and Hood River county for the use of portions of the railroad right of way for the construction of the Columbia Highway was filed here with County Court Clerk Hanson.

The county agrees to finish the highway in three years or relinquish all claim to use of the railroad right of way.

Uniform Road Dragging Urged.

La Grande.—Granges of Union county have started a movement to get uniform dragging of county roads by the King drag system. The county court has purchased many drags. The granges believe that they can educate every farmer who has land abutting a highway to get into the movement and drag his own piece of road at the correct time, with the result that the bad road question will largely have been solved.

Dredging is Discontinued.

Marshfield.—The government dredge Oregon, which has been at work here for some time past, has stopped operations and is to be removed to Grays Harbor. The government appropriation was exhausted and the dredge has been working on money furnished by the port commission. The government bar dredge Col. P. S. Michie is idle on account of no operative funds, but will remain here.

A. D. Baker, portland manager for the National Mercantile company of Vancouver, B. C., was arrested at Portland on a warrant from Seattle charging conspiracy to break a federal law by using the mails to promote a lottery.

The registration of the state, not including the figures of five counties which have not been reported, is 289,729. The counties yet to hear from are Coos, Polk, Malheur and Wheeler. These probably will increase the total registration by 20,000.

There are 95,756 million board feet of Douglas fir in the 28 national forests in Alaska, Oregon and Washington, according to an estimate just completed by the forest service at Portland. Western hemlock ranks second, the report shows, with yellow pine third.

According to information obtained by Labor Commissioner Hoff for his biennial report, the onion industry of Oregon is becoming greater yearly. He gives the number of growers cultivating more than one acre as 197 and the number of those growing about one-quarter of an acre as 535.

That the humane prison policy in vogue in the Oregon penitentiary has been a great success in reforming wrongdoers and that the inmates' health has been safeguarded by the sanitary system adopted, is indicated in the report of Superintendent Lawson, filed with the board of control.

In his biennial report, filed with the state board of control, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent, shows the per capita cost of conducting the state insane asylum has been \$14.64 a month, or 48 cents a day. This included clothing, food, medical treatment, heat, light, water, repairs to building, etc.

The annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society will be held at Medford, December 2, 3 and 4. A good attendance is expected. Speakers will be present from California and Washington and a number of the members of the Washington State Horticultural Society are expected to attend.

Receipts during 1914 for registration of motor vehicles, motorcycles, dealers and chauffeurs totaled \$77,258 during the 10 months ending October 31, according to Secretary of State Olcott, a gain over 1913, when the receipts for the entire 12 months totaled \$15,873. Fees received in October totaled \$898.50.

AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION NEEDED

The Farm the Place to Study All Legislative Problems.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The principal function performed by government today is to collect taxes, keep records and prevent and punish crime; but that is not sufficient. Government should tip its hat to the Goddess of Opportunity as courageously as it draws a six-shooter on a train robber. We ought to encourage thrift as well as restrain greed. We have been basing legislation upon the extremes of human life—the classes high and low, the deprived and the talented—let us now reach the masses and the extremes will more nearly disappear. Our statutes are filled to overflowing with pity and revenge; let us add opportunity.

The slogan of the Farmers' Union is co-operation. Not only among individual farmers, but between all legitimate and useful occupations. We want to sit around the hearthstone of industry and talk over problems of mutual interest with our neighbors.

We want to invite those who are earnestly searching for information on public questions to get back to the soil with their investigations where, in the stillness of nature, they can climb the mountain-top of wisdom, explore the deep canyons of knowledge and stroll through the quiet valleys of understanding.

There is no problem in civilization that cannot be found in its native state on the farm. The labor, educational, financial, transportation, home-building and all other problems are there. We will discuss a few of them.

The Labor Problem.

We bow to the dignity of labor. No one would be willing to do more to lighten the burdens, increase the safety, comforts and profits of those who labor in commerce and industry than their fellow-tollers in agriculture. But how about the farmer who bows his back to feed and clothe the world, and who works from sun until sun? Is he not also entitled to an increase in pay and a shortening of hours? Much has been said about the women in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman in the field, drenched in perspiration, gathering the harvest, the little children, their lips wet with mother's milk, tolling by her side? Are they not also entitled to consideration? Is not the man who digs in the ground entitled to the same consideration as he who toils at the forge, weaves at the loom and works behind the counter?

The farmer has been bearing his burdens as patiently as the beast he plows, but is patience a bar from justice? The labor problem of Virginia today is on the farm, and the first attention should be given those who labor in the field.

The Need of Cheap Money.

Agriculture has never been properly financed. The farmer pays a much higher rate of interest as a rule than any other class of borrower and his property, especially that of farm products, is not so readily accepted as a basis of credit as the property of other lines of industry of equal market value.

A rural or land credit system is needed that will enable a farmer to buy a home on long time at a cheap rate of interest.

A statute based on sound business principles that will enable the landless to buy and encourage the large land owner to sell, is much needed, and one that merits the most serious consideration of our law makers.

The financial problem of the state and nation is on the farm, and first attention should be given those who create the nation's wealth.

It is an admitted economic fact that there can be no permanent prosperity without a permanent agriculture.

An up-to-date farmer must have an accurate knowledge of today and a clear vision of tomorrow.

In this age of advancement in agricultural science there is no excuse for soil depletion to further menace the nation's prosperity.

Soil is not a dead, inert substance, as many suppose. It is an active, virile force, full of energy and power and the farmer should know his soil if he would maintain its productivity.

Playing with a shotgun, believed to have been not loaded, Ernest Brandt, 5-year-old son of John C. Brandt, discharged the weapon and killed his baby brother, Edward, 15 months old, at Oregon City.

Damage to the American steamer Santa Catalina through the fire which attacked her October 18 on the Columbia river, will amount to \$300,000, while her cargo has been damaged to the extent of \$75,000.

ODESSA IS SCENE OF SEA BATTLE

London.—A dispatch from Petrograd says that Odessa was visited by Turkish warships.

They succeeded in sinking a merchant ship. The Turks also bombarded Novorossysk, a seaport of Caucasia. Two Turkish officers landed at Theodosia, on the southeast coast of Crimea, to demand the surrender of the port. The governor promptly imprisoned them.

A dispatch from Bordeaux says it is officially announced there that a Russian gunboat was sunk by two Turkish torpedo-boat destroyers in the attack on Odessa. This gunboat was the Donetz. Part of its crew were drowned and the remainder killed or wounded.

Shells also were fired on the suburbs of Odessa near a number of oil tanks, but the tanks were undamaged. A sugar factory, however, was hit.

Italian Ministry Out.

London.—The Italian Cabinet has resigned, according to a dispatch from Rome.

The Italian Cabinet has suffered from the same division of opinion as exists in the country at large. Italy's neutrality has been approved by the whole cabinet, but there existed among the ministers two opinions, as in the country, the one favoring military preparations at any cost, and the other supporting the idea that the risk of Italy's becoming involved through these measures was disproportionate to any advantage she might gain.

Lane Hoppgrowers Unite.

Springfield.—Hoppgrowers representing about one-half the acreage of Lane County met here and effected organization of a hopgrowers' association, non-political in character, which will have for its purpose the furtherance of the hop industry. E. E. Morrison was made chairman and James L. Clark, secretary.

Russians Occupy Przemyśl.

London.—The Russians occupied the greater part of the city of Przemyśl, Galicia, according to a message from Vienna.

FRUITLAND NEWS BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

The union program given Sunday evening at the Baptist church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. was well attended, the large auditorium being crowded to the doors by an appreciative audience. The program had many good points in favor of our "country dry".

Miss Carrier, a friend of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hunter, and a trained nurse is taking care of Mr. Hunter under the direction of Dr. Catron of Payette, who is treating him. Mr. Hunter seems to be improving. It is hoped that he may soon be able to be out again.

The return basket ball game played here between New Plymouth and the local teams resulted in favor of Fruitland 21 to 18. The second team of New Plymouth and the second local team played, the result was 28 to 17 in favor of New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Day who have lived on Mr. Spainhower's ranch south of town the past season, left last week for their former home in Kansas.

J. M. Davis shipped a car of hogs to Portland one day last week.

John Rands and family are enjoying a visit from Mr. Rand's brother, Mr. A. H. Rands and family, of Idaho Falls who are on their way to the coast.

As Mrs. Pete Johnson and little daughter accompanied by Mrs. Johnson's mother Mrs. Ayres, were returning from Big Willow where Mrs. Johnson and Mildred were visiting her parents, the horse they were driving took fright and overturned the buggy and they were thrown to the ground. Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Johnson were unconscious for a time and Mrs. Ayres was taken to Payette where she was confined to her bed a few days. Mildred escaped uninjured.

Friends here of Ralph Bailey, received word that he was married to Miss Lydia Raymond, of DeLamar, Idaho, by Rev. S. J. Knight at Boise, an Oct. 21. After a few days stay in Boise,

they returned to Wilson to make their home. His many friends here wish them a long and happy married life.

Several from here attended the Korn Karnival at Payette Friday and Saturday.

Mamie Bayer spent the week end with the home folks.

The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Rowse on Thursday of last week.

Rev. Herwig of the Anti Saloon League, will give a stereopticon lecture at the Methodist church Friday evening, Nov. 6th. His subject will be—Temperance Situation in Idaho. Admission free. Everybody invited.

The Hallowe'en entertainment given by the schools here was enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served in the domestic science hall by the domestic science class and their teacher Miss Hall.

John Comiskey held a public sale last Saturday at the place known as the O. K. Wilcox place, to dispose of their personal property before leaving for their former home in Illinois.

S. R. Frazier formerly of this place had a public sale at his home at Midvale last Wednesday and will come back to his place on the bench to live. His old friends are glad to welcome him and his family back.

A large crowd of school children and young people and men and women went from here to Ontario Monday to take part in the water wagon parade at the temperance rally.

Church Services UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young people meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Subject of morning sermon—What Makes a Contented Christian? Evening subject—Estimating One's Self Fairly.

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