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An Agricultural Problem

The great agricultural problem of this country is the markets. We can grow quantities and of excellent quality. Our soil is apparently everlasting in fertility and the water supply abundant. The crops are or can be raised economically and scientific knowledge is being introduced to aid in this matter.

But our markets are very unsatisfactory. Associations have been formed to handle the market question in certain lines such as fruit, honey, etc., and men have worked at it independently, but the field has been scarcely touched. Look at the amount of fruit and vegetables that has gone to waste this year and also the hay that remains unsold. If the boosters of the county who have been doing a great work in bringing in settlers could solve the problem of markets so that the farmers could dispose of his produce in a profitable manner their work would be easier, in fact would be a success. The short cut to development in this country is good-markets.

Unite On Warm Springs Project

"United we stand," was never practiced more opportunely or more completely than by the present delegation from Malheur County to the irrigation congress assembled at Portland. Last week representatives from Nyssa, Vale and Ontario met in the city hall at Ontario in a get-together movement and in perfect harmony unanimously agreed on the things they should ask and favor at the irrigation congress. They thoroughly outlined their method of procedure and decided on a course of action which they should follow, irrespective of which town it would most benefit. They agreed to drop past enmities and join forces to secure the endorsement of the Warm Springs Reservoir project by the irrigation congress.

It was a time for concerted action and the fact that Malheur County is represented by about fifty delegates is ample proof that the greater good has been made the common cause. This united effort and strength should always be the aim of the county. If every town or community would drop its jealousies and selfishness and get into the harness and pull for Malheur County, a great change would be effected. Instead of reaping the memories of secret plotting for probable factories and the like, for their own little city, they would be enjoying the pleasures and profits of the real thing if all worked together. Team work gains more than individual effort. There are enough things needed in this county to go around, so what is the use of fighting over who shall have them and thereby putting off development.

Here's Where We Stand In Regard to Keeping This Town a Clean Place to Live In!

PUBLICITY is the one sure cure for IMMORALITY. VICE CANNOT THRIVE WHEN THE SPOT LIGHT IS THROWN ON IT.

THE HOME NEWSPAPER does more to preserve the morals of a community than any other single factor. A HABITUAL ATTENDANT IN THE COURTS FEARS PUBLICITY MORE THAN THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING FINED. PUBLICITY IS THE PREVENTIVE OF VICE.

This HOME NEWSPAPER should receive the unalloyed support of every citizen who is anxious to uplift the morals of our community.

This newspaper works hand in hand with the churches in all worthy efforts to make this community a better place. It supports all movements tending to improve conditions.

The churches, the citizens and the press should co-operate in making this a clean town in which to live, in which to bring up our children.

Every one should read this newspaper. Every one should assist in ridding the town of all forms of immorality.

It would be easy to open a gambling den on the principal street of the town were it not for the publicity that would be accorded such an undertaking. Illicit selling of intoxicating liquors would be easy were it not for publicity. Other nauseous forms of vice would thrive were it not for fear of publicity.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE. A FAR BETTER HOME FOR OUR CHILDREN, BY CORDIAL CO-OPERATION WITH THIS NEWSPAPER. YOU CAN POINT OUT WHERE VICE EXISTS. THIS NEWSPAPER WILL FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION TOWARD EVIL SURROUNDINGS. PUBLIC SENTIMENT WILL THEN BE AROUSED. NO INSTITUTION IS STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERCOME PUBLIC SENTIMENT. PATRONIZE THE HOME PAPER!

PLAN TO PROTECT INNOCENT BUYERS

State Land Board Asked to Withdraw Big Law Suit.

Salem.—A tentative proposition was made to the state land board to have the state withdraw proceedings for recovery of 20,000 of the 60,000 acres involved in the Hyde-Benson dummy frauds, upon the payment of \$2.50 an acre by the innocent purchasers. The consent of the government is necessary before the state can carry out the agreement.

A report of the purchasers asserted that they had secured the school tracts in good faith, and that to push the suit to recover title would be to inflict a hardship on them. Some of the tracts have passed through several hands, it is said.

IDAHO LEGISLATURE MEETS IN BOISE

Republicans Pick Connor for Speakership of the House

Boise.—The republican majority house caucus was deadlocked over the speakership for 24 votes, none of the three candidates, Peter G. Johnston, of Bingham county; A. H. Conner, of Bonner county, and C. R. Koelsch, of Ada county, having received the 17 votes needed to control the caucus. On the 25th ballot Conner was elected.

David Burrell, of American Falls, was elected chief clerk of the house, and Storey Buck, of Lewiston, assistant chief clerk.

The democratic senators elected E. M. Pugmire of Bear Lake county, leader of the minority.

The republican senatorial and majority caucus resulted in the election of Senator John Hart, of Maman, president pro tem of the senate, and Stephen D. Taylor, of Bonners Ferry, secretary. Other important attaches elected were:

Engraving clerk, Bessie von Herten, Ada county; assistant engraving clerk, Frankie E. Smith, Bingham county; enrolling clerk, Jessie E. Warrington, Twin Falls county; assistant enrolling clerk, Bessie Moore, Ada county; chaplain, D. H. Jones, Ada county; sergeant-at-arms, S. E. Fisk, Canyon county; assistant sergeant-at-arms, J. W. Jones, Jefferson county; doorkeeper, A. A. Tuckey, Bonneville county; janitor, James Daley, Cassia county; pages, Peter Johnston and L. M. Thomas.

Murder and Suicide After Funeral.

Lewiston.—The bodies of Frank Larue and his wife, a bullet hole in the right temple of each, were found here in the apartments of Larue at the home of Mrs. Mary L. Sullivan. At the coroner's inquest the jury returned a verdict that Larue had shot his wife in the night with a .22-caliber revolver and then committed suicide. The funeral of the 3-months-old child of the Larues was held the day before.

The body of Mrs. Larue was completely attired and its posture indicated that she was murdered while she knelt at the bedside. Larue's body was lying on the bed and a revolver was found within several inches of his hand.

TAX DECISION MIDDLES

Shoshone Official Refuses to be Bound By Order of County Heads.

Wallace.—The decision of Judge Woods of the district court holding special school tax levies in excess of five mills void, which was followed by an order of the county commissioners reducing the levies in seven dependent districts in the county to that amount, has caused complications.

The reductions amount to several thousand dollars and made a reduction of 34 mills in the aggregate levy.

Miss Kathryn O'Rourke, tax collector, has refused to be bound by the order of the board. The tax collector was a defendant in the suit of the Rutledge Timber company against the county and its officers to prevent the collection of an 11 mill school tax in district No. 14 on Pine creek.

According to the tax collector she was never served with summons or other notice in the suit and was not represented before the court when the matter came on for hearing. No official notice has been received by the tax collector of the board's action in reducing the levies by the service of a copy of the order and the only

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knowledge she has of the action is the same as any other person of the county.

Approximately three-fourths of the taxes of the school districts affected have been paid.

The tax collector is segregating the taxes collected in excess of the five mills and this amount will be deposited with the proper officials to await the outcome.

Sleuths' Bill is Protested.

Wallace.—The sleuths employed by county officials to ferret out alleged gambling games in this city and who were allowed \$702 for their services by the board of county commissioners are confronted with a legal battle to secure possession of their money.

Walter H. Hanson and James A. Wayne, taxpayers, have decided to appeal from the order of the county commissioners in allowing the bill and the county auditor has been notified that if he turns the county warrant over to the Thiel Detective association of Spokane, in whose favor the warrant is drawn and who furnished the services, he will do so on his own responsibility. This has stopped the delivery of the warrant.

PROSPERITY SHINES THROUGHOUT STATE

News Items Gathered Over Oregon Tell of Better Times.

Building permits issued by the city of Salem during the year totaled \$268,410.

A carload of flour is to be Klamath county's donation to the Belgian relief fund.

Irrigationists from all over Oregon gathered at the Imperial hotel in Portland Thursday, for the fourth annual session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress.

The Ashland sub-station of the Oregon-California Light & Power Company, situated across Bear Creek, outside the city limits, was burned with a loss of \$15,000.

A special short course for the teachers of Oregon whose terms of school end early has been announced by the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, to commence on April 5.

Pras Lewis, president of the Grand Ronde Cash company of La Grande, was admitted to \$1000 bond following his arrest at Burley, Idaho, on a charge specifying larceny by baillee.

The completion of the new \$125,000 high school for The Dalles, which will be ready for occupancy February 1, will give that city the best and most complete educational building of its class in the state of Oregon.

All pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers of La Grande must keep a record of all articles purchased or otherwise acquired, the ordinance being the result of petty thieving which was reported in the last few months.

The prune acreage in Polk county has been increased greatly this fall by the planting of many young trees in each of the prune districts, according to a recent survey of the various sections of the county.

Extensive plans have been made by the Polk County Association for the eighth annual show which will be held in Dallas, January 18, 19, 20 and 21. Numerous cash prizes, a number of valuable ribbons and eight silver cups are among the prizes offered.

Howard B. Woods, manager of the Weinhart Ice and storage plant at Springfield, was arrested in that city, charged with violating the state white slave act. He is accused of transporting two women from Eugene to Springfield for immoral purposes.

George Moar, one of the oldest pioneers of Yamhill county, died at the home of his sister in Lafayette, on December 29. Mr. Moar was born at Lafayette on December 26, 1851. He was the son of Oliver and Hester Moar, pioneers of 1845, and one of a family of nine children.

The fees of the motor vehicle department of the state totaled \$77,592 for 1914, according to a report of Secretary of State Olcott. Fees are paid for registrations of dealers, chauffeurs, motor vehicles and motorcycles. In 1913, they totaled \$56,873, making the gain for 1914 \$20,719.

According to data assembled by Colonel Lawson, warden of the state penitentiary, 226 life-termers have been received at the institution since it was established in 1854, and to the total Multnomah county has contributed the greatest number, 51, and Marion county the second largest, 15.

That the action of the state board of health in attempting to remove Dr. J. A. Van Brakle, an osteopath, as health officer of Clackamas county, was illegal, was the decision of the supreme court in an opinion by Justice Bean. The court affirms the findings of Circuit Judge Campbell.

The new year found all state institutions and departments, excepting those having continuing appropriations, penniless, and they will remain in that condition until the legislature comes to their rescue. It is specifically provided that money appropriated by the last general assembly may not be used after January 1, and, as a result, a number of the institutions and departments will find themselves in the unhappy position of impoverishing themselves for the benefit of the general fund.

Because of an oversight of the framers of the law providing for an interstate bridge connecting Portland and Vancouver, the state tax commission has notified the county commissioners of Multnomah county that no provision has been made in the tax levy for the payment by the state of \$62,500 interest for the first year on the \$1,250,000 bond issue of that county. Under the law the county is to provide Oregon's share of the expense of building the structure and the state is to provide the annual interest on the bonds. Just what complications will arise as a result of the oversight no one is able to predict.

S. G. Sargent, state superintendent of banks, in a supplement to his biennial report, announces that his department will turn back into the state treasury \$5221.03 of the appropriation for 1914. He also announces that if a plan now being considered to turn over all the banking business of state departments, including the filing of articles of incorporation of banks, now filed with the corporation department, to his department, it would be self-supporting. The receipts, not including the appropriation of \$10,000 for 1914, totaled \$12,655.46 or \$2,855.67 more than in 1913.

Solved the Mystery.

The late Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence, famous for his theories that Bacon wrote Shakespeare's works, used to tell this story against himself. On one occasion, talking on his favorite subject to an old lady, he impressed on her as final proof the "fact" that Shakespeare could not write his own name, let alone the plays. "Oh, I see!" the old lady said. "I quite agree with you now, Sir Edwin. You mean that he dictated them!"

Hans Andersen's Great Fear.

Hans Andersen, the great Danish writer, was an excessively nervous man, and he had a very great fear of being buried alive. So great was this dread that every night when he went to bed he would place by his bedside a large piece of paper on which was written, "I am only apparently dead."