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**School Entertainment.**

The people of Estacada appreciate the value of public schools. Although the town is but a few months old, it has a good school house, the money for building having been raised by subscription. School is now in progress, with an enrollment of twenty-four pupils. Miss Talbert of Clackamas, is the teacher. On last Saturday night the Spring-water Dramatic Club presented, for the benefit of the Estacada school, a drama entitled, "Out on the Streets." After the rendering of the play, which was a success in every respect, a large number of elegant baskets containing most delicious lunches, were disposed of at auction, at prices ranging from sixty cents to four dollars apiece. The entire affair was a most enjoyable one. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to about \$140.

If the people of every school district in the county would only show such commendable zeal for the welfare of their schools, the educational system of the county might be improved to an almost unlimited extent.

**Initiation at Logan.**

Initiation of three candidates into the Masonic Order at Logan took place last Saturday. Those present from Oregon City were Mayor Dimick, Judge Ryan, Messrs. Clark Ganong, J. P. Keating, Joseph Lynch, H. M. Templeton, E. Rands. At noon a feast was spread, and it is reported that the gentlemen from Oregon City made those who prepared it feel that their labor had not been in vain.

The rapid manner in which this section of Clackamas county is being developed made a deep impression on these gentlemen. The quick and profitable returns of dairy farming are leading many to engage in the industry and those looking for an object lesson should visit the Logan country.

**The Dalles-Dufur Railroad.**

It is but a matter of a day or two before work begins in earnest on the Dalles-Dufur Railroad. Saturday morning, April 9, the construction plant for which Contractor Nelson had been waiting, arrived from Fairhaven, Wash., and was taken up to Seufert's spur. It included 120 tons of "paraphernalia". Sub-contracts have been let and the first work is to be done at the old Floyd place.

The people of Dufur and vicinity will rejoice on account of this activity, for nowhere has a railroad been needed more than this one. An immense amount of freighting must be done each year from Dufur and vicinity to the Dalles, and the nature of the country is such that makes teaming a slow and difficult task. The value of property along this route will also rise considerably.

**Y. M. C. A. NOTES.****What it Has Been Doing the Past Winter.**

Now that the season is changing and people generally are looking more to out-of-door amusements it might be well to sum up the work that has been carried on this winter in the Oregon City Young Men's Christian Association. A very great handicap has largely been overcome by the loyalty of members, the generosity of the business men, and the assistance of the people at large. From the first of September until the first of January is the best time of the year to create interest among members, work up various enterprises, secure new members, and in part give the institution an impetus that carries it along for several months later.

For the present season this very important time was lost since the Association opened its doors about the middle of December, thus losing the best part of all the year. Under previous circumstances it would have been useless to have attempted the work but it seemed, and has proven to be true, that the season was ripe to open the doors again and this was done so that a young man could find a place to spend his evenings or spare moments in some other place than in the saloons. Better support has been given by the people of Oregon City this season than ever before and under even usual circumstances the Association would have shown itself to have been a power for good in ways that have been impossible before.

The reading room has been used to quite an extent, although not as much could be desired nor hardly expected. A goodly number of up-to-date magazines are constantly on the tables and the daily and weekly papers of Portland and our surrounding districts are on hand. All persons desiring fresh and first-class reading matter will be welcomed to the rooms at any time of the day or evening.

The educational classes have not been up to what they were last year, although considering the lateness of our start they have done exceedingly well. Students are enrolled in shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping, arithmetic and spelling.

Gymnasium work has been working under peculiar circumstances. No physical director has been in charge, yet there has been a goodly attendance all winter long and some work in that branch will probably continue until late in the summer. The indoor baseball team has won sufficient distinction to have a call for its picture for the National Indoor Baseball Guide for 1904-5. The senior basket ball team has won two games and lost none, while the intermediate have won two and lost three. The baths have been used constantly and are quite an attraction to members.

A good average attendance had been a feature during the entire season, and it has had a good effect generally. However, under present conditions the institution will be able to do a better work next season with the public support and an early start than it has been able to do during the past.

## THE OFFICES SEEK THE MEN.

And as a Result a Particularly Strong Ticket is Nominated.

The deep interest felt by the citizens of Clackamas county in the approaching campaign was shown by the large attendance at the Democratic County Convention last Saturday. Regardless of the fact that it was an ideal spring day for farm work, the various precincts of the county were well represented.

In striking contrast to the Republican convention of the preceding Wednesday, there was no indication of boss rule. No slate had been prepared, and no nomination had to be railroaded through, as was the case in at least one nomination made by the Republicans. The delegates to the Democratic convention were under no obligations, direct or implied, to follow any guidance other than their own judgment. As a result, they were free to select the men best fitted for the various offices. The ticket is one of which Democrats may justly be proud, being made up of the best men of the county; men who are successful in their own business and who will be successful in conducting the county's business in a business-like manner. The very fact that the nominations were unsought has already worked largely in favor of the ticket, for the condition of affairs when "the office seeks the man and not the man the office," is one devoutly to be wished, but one which is seldom realized. All good citizens are called upon to support these men who have, even at a personal sacrifice, yielded to the call of their fellow citizens to serve the people in official capacities. And all good citizens will prefer supporting such a ticket to one made up by professional politicians, and to some extent of men who have, recently left other parties for the sake of obtaining office under what has hitherto been the dominant party in the county.

The Convention was called to order by Chairman Beattie. O. D. Eby was chosen by acclamation for temporary chairman and Shirley Buck was chosen in the same manner for temporary secretary. When permanent organization was effected, the temporary officers were elected the officers of the permanent organization. Mr. Mort. Latourette was appointed assistant secretary.

The routine business incidental to organization was disposed of, after which delegates were elected to attend the State Convention at Portland on June 19, as follows: O. W. Robbins, Molalla; R. A. Miller, Oregon City; C. N. Wait, Canby; J. K. Gribble, Macksburg; O. D. Eby, Oregon City; E. D. Kelley, Oregon City; J. P. Lovett, Oregon City; W. H. Vauhan, Oregon City; J. A. Ridings, Marquam; M. C. Strickland, Oregon City; T. R. A. Sellwood, Milwaukie.

The committee on resolutions, consisting of W. W. Jesse, J. T. Lovett, O. W. Robbins, T. R. A. Sellwood, and Chas. Thompson, reported the following resolutions which were adopted by the convention:

**RESOLUTIONS AND PLATFORM.**

Resolved, That we hold the Republican party of Clackamas county responsible for the present financial condition of our county, wherein our indebtedness has grown from \$40,000 to nearly \$200,000 since the last term of Governor White's administration. At the same time property valuations in the county have more than doubled and the per cent of taxation has greatly increased, yet this enormous debt hangs over us when it should have been wiped out. We fully believe it time to have a change of administration in county

affairs and ask all voters to consider well before casting their ballots.

Resolved, That we favor the election of road supervisors by the people; also that we favor that good roads after being constructed shall be kept in repair by contract work; also that 75 per cent of the money collected in each road district be expended in that district.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that it will be best for the whole people and the Democratic party that William Randolph Hearst be nominated for President by the National Democratic Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate a legislative and county ticket, as follows:

Representatives, C. W. Evans, S. Hutchinson, and J. W. Loder; Sheriff, Charles Ely; Clerk, Millard Crissel; Treasurer, N. F. Nelson; Assessor, T. R. A. Sellwood; Commissioner, J. H. Kitching; Recorder, H. W. Lang; School Superintendent, H. G. Starkweather. The nominations for Coroner and Surveyor were left blank, to be filled by the committee.

**Wants Information.**

Editor Courier—Well, what is the matter with Hanna? Or rather, I should say, what is the matter with Mr. Roosevelt? From the best information I can get, Congress was too slow in passing pension laws. Mr. Roosevelt passed one himself, and presumably in a shape to suit himself. Am I rightly informed? If so, what can the people do about it? If this action of the President is without warrant of law, why does not the Senate move for his impeachment? If the President is warranted by law in such action, why do not his friends give us the benefit of such information?

The President of the United States is the servant of the people, sworn to execute every law of Congress passed by authority of the Constitution. It seems to me that common decency, yes, and common justice too, would require that he keep entirely aloof from partisan politics while in office. Presidents are not elected to serve the party, in the party sense, but the whole people alike regardless of party affiliations. Has Mr. Roosevelt acted in that way? It seems not; but rather has thrown off his political and moral force to the party that elected him to the Vice Presidency, and to the only party that can give him the nomination for the highest office within the gift of the people. The office should hunt the man and not the man the office.

It seems there is a question here: Can Mr. Roosevelt be nominated for the Presidency? The personal affront, for it was no other, he gave General Miles, should make it impossible. If nominated, could he be elected against this insult to the people?

Again, the promotion of subordinates over superiors in the Regular Army is enough, it seems to me, to condemn Mr. Roosevelt as an unsafe man to place at the head of national affairs.

The claims made by Mr. Roosevelt during the last national campaign that the expansion intended by the Philippine acquisition was the same as that intended by the Louisiana Purchase, are, in my opinion, far from being correct. The Louisiana Purchase Act provided for citizenship of the inhabitants, with an open door for immediate statehood, while the policy of contraction and not expansion was pursued against the Filipinos. "Unconditional surrender, and we will provide a government for you." And this "unconditional surrender and we will provide for you" policy is still going on in the Philippine Islands, and will continue to do so while dollars are considered of more worth to us than justice and freedom for other people.

KIRKLEY.

**Parkplace to Have a Grange Hall**

Abernathy Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, recently organized at Parkplace, is a wide-awake and growing institution. Nine names were added to the membership roll last Saturday night. This brings the total membership to 76.

Members of the grange are organizing a joint-stock company for the purpose of building or purchasing a hall in which to hold their meetings. The project is a worthy one; and aided as it is by the untiring efforts that Mrs. W. W. Smith is putting forth to secure subscriptions to the capital stock of the company, it can scarcely fail.

**WASHINGTON NEWS.**

Washington, D. C., April 7, 1904.

**TOO MUCH TALK.**

It is now seen that adjournment before May 1st is not to be thought of, and that those who have bet on an earlier date "had better hedge" in the technical language of Speaker Cannon. A determined effort has been made to shut off the gentlemen who are most distinguished "hot air", but they are too numerous and the occasion too tempting. Every day they break out whenever the reading-clerk pauses for breath and punctuate appropriation bills with their oratory.

The Senate is attending pretty closely to business this week, but in the House the silence has been fractured into small pieces by eloquent partisans who have pinched the American eagle until he has screamed with versatile vicioration. On Tuesday members were electrified by those distinguished electricians, General Grosvenor, Rep., Ohio, and Mr. DeArmond, Dem., Missouri. DeArmond insisted upon a Congressional investigation of the post-office frauds. Grosvenor pleaded that the postoffice department had investigated itself and left nothing for Congress to do. Mr. DeArmond asked how many offenders would ever go to jail if they served as their own jury. When General Grosvenor eulogized the President for his genius, courage, patriotism and honesty in the Panama Canal business, Mr. Fitzgerald Dem., New York, asked: "Haven't you forgotten something?" General Grosvenor shouted "I have forgotten more than you know", to which Fitzgerald replied, "the gentleman is to be congratulated on the fact that his vanity equals his ability." General Grosvenor said the Republican party was a unit; that it had already selected its candidate and written its platform, while the Democrats had at least a dozen candidates. Mr. Williams, Miss. retorted that when Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and McKinley were nominated there were a dozen candidates each time and that it would have been thought demoralizing and indecent to select a candidate and rule out all others before the convention met. General Grosvenor rejoined by ridiculing the Democratic party on the incompetency and imbecility indicated by its inability to get together. There is such excitement here over Cleveland's endorsement of Parker.

**WORK HURTS THEM.**

The clerks in Washington are making a deliberate fight against the recent order directing them to work seven hours a day. They say that seven hours work is too much for mere mortal flesh and blood to endure, and so they have formed a conspiracy for malingering, soldiering and neglecting their work when they are supposed to be doing it. They now advertise that the order has been wholly futile; that they do not work as required during the last half hour; and that no more work is or will be done under the order than was before. This is also affirmed by several officials by General Robert S. Oliver, Assistant Secretary of War; by John O. Schofield, Chief Clerk; by Sylvester R. Burch, Chief Clerk of the Department of Agriculture; by B. F. Peters, Chief Clerk of the Navy Department; by Chief Clerk Taylor of the Post Office Department, and by Chief Clerk Dawson, of the Interior Department, several of whom add that their clerks spend the last half hour of the day in "watching their watches." Of course this is just as dishonest as stealing ribbons from a dry-goods counter or "knocking down" fares on a trolley road. The government has a remedy in its hands. It should discharge these officials who permit trifling and the defrauding of the government, and it should deal with the watch-inspecting loafers by supplanting them with honest men and women or by simply adopting and then enforcing an eight or nine-hour day.

**A PECULIAR CUSTOM.**

Egg-rolling day, a holiday peculiar to the District of Columbia, is over. You don't know what it is? It is the child's carnival of Easter Monday. Thousands of the children of the city assemble early in the morning on the White House lawn, the most immaculate spot we have, with baskets full of soft-boiled eggs, painted in grotesque colors, to celebrate the sacred day. The infant who cannot get a basket of eggs for this great occasion weeps and is unhappy indeed. The game consists in rolling eggs against each other when the egg that breaks becomes the property of the owner of the unfractured. It is an idiotic sort of game, but it does not take much of a game to make children happy if it is accompanied with plenty of noise and dirt. The egg-rolling is a tumult and a saturnalia. Children of every color roll eggs of every color. Eggs and noses are broken. Clothes are torn in the great small mob, and unaccommodated walls are wailed into the President's windows. On Tuesday there was a dirty clean-up. A brigade of workmen armed with rakes, brooms, hoes, hoes, and abundant water, attempted to clean the lawn of its debris of paper, lunch boxes, smashed baskets, pie, bread and butter, bones, rags, and broken eggs. They made some progress, but the lawn as viewed from the south windows of the White House is still a speckled perial and a fearsome sight. It is fervently hoped that this preposterous method of seeking amusement will not spread to other cities.