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M. J. BROWN, EDITOR

Three fires in successive nights, all at same hour, all starting in about the same place. This looks bad.

It will be hard to convince many city residents that there is nothing in the old superstition that fires go in bunches of three.

Jonathan Bourne is now out opposing government ownership of railroads and telegraph lines. He'll be going back on Roosevelt next.

The Oregonian has finished up bringing Booth out for U. S. senator, and now it is said it will pull John Bargar out for governor "in the name of the people."

Judge Harris declares Springfield dry. Judge Campbell declares Oregon City dry and Judge Galloway declares Salem and Stayton wet. When judges disagree who will decide—Stayton Mail.

After a little judges won't disagree over matters that voters decide, because the people won't permit it. No judge has any right to set aside the voters' verdict and if they continue to do it, you will see the recall of judges in Oregon.

Robert Booth has "responded to the call of the people who 'stormed' his home three weeks ago and will 'submit' to being run for U. S. senator. And it is my judgement that 'being run' will be all there is to it. We have too many millionaires and big interest representatives in congress now—we don't want any more Stephensons. Booth is a lumber king, a man who stands behind banks, a stand pat Republican, and that 'call of the people' was a call of the old line politicians of Oregon—an old political trick that has moss on it.

Where the liquor interests are concerned, there are judges who seem to be unable to see more than one side of the case. While our state constitution gives the people of the cities the right to make their own charters, provided they do not conflict with the criminal laws of the state, Judge Galloway says that the people of Stayton did something they had no right to do when they put prohibition on the licensing of the sale of liquor in their charter. And he even says that because there are other ways provided in which the sale of liquor may be prohibited, it conflicts with the criminal laws of the state to prohibit the issuance of licenses by charter amendment. But then Judge Galloway said the Bachelor's Club had a right to sell liquor here in defiance of the ordinances of the city.—Woodburn Independent.

Polk County will have to pay a little over five dollars per capita for every man, woman and child as its share of the running expenses of the state. It is almost time to call a halt somewhere in the state expense roll. The taxpayer does not object to paying his money to make better schools, better roads and things of this nature which come in the regular county levy, but when the state sends their ultimatum to send over to the capital city \$74,600,000 this sum must be raised in addition to that required to properly care for the county, many taxpayers are beginning to "set up" and take notice that public matters in the state are of interest, and we predict that men aspiring to state offices at the coming election will be required to answer many questions along the line of reducing state expense.—Polk County Observer.

W. S. U'Ren explains his \$1500 tax exemption, of course, by the pretense that it will relieve the fellow struggling to get a start and throw the burden upon his rich neighbor. But doesn't explain that with all these exemptions counties will be compelled to raise their levies upon the property that is assessed and in the end the little fellow will find that he has been relieved of taxation on his home and had it transferred to his farm. He will then put in his time wondering what it was all about until it dawns on him that it is the old single tax idea indirectly applied.—Hillaboro Advocate.

This is rather a leaky argument from an editor as tight as Mr. Killen. If all the property in Oregon was held by the "little fellow," and every little fellow was a farmer, it would work out as above, but I have an idea there is a LITTLE property in Oregon that the farmers do not own.

And yet they come. L. H. McMahon of Marion county thinks the Progressives have a show to cop out the governorship, and that he is the modern Moses to do the coping.

Once more Judge Galloway has set aside the verdict of the voters, declaring Harrisburg wet after the people had declared it dry. Let the judges rule.

Judge Campbell, at Oregon City, pronounces the November election there on the license question entirely legal. He says the people have properly expressed their wishes, and as no fraud is claimed in the election or the count, their will should be obeyed. Wouldn't it be refreshing to have some such decisions in Marion county?—Woodburn Independent.

We look forward to the time when temperance in all things will be the rule rather than the exception, for it is hard to imagine a more disgusting spectacle than a drunken man. But does prohibition mean temperance?—Salem Messenger.

As much as any law means anything, we have laws prohibiting all kinds of crimes, but crimes are committed just the same and the criminals are punished. Our laws prohibit murder, but they hang murderers right along in the Messenger's home city. Such a question as the above is rather a weak question from the editor of the Messenger.

The last legislature passed a registration law, which the supreme court gave the k. o. to. At the time the legislature passed it a companion law was passed providing for the times of registration, and the registration law, we have to fall back on the old law, and under it the new law regarding registration books being kept open cannot be complied with, as there is no room and time enough.

So here we are. How the spring under these conflicting laws, is the question, and none have authority to change except the legislature, and Governor West says he won't call a special session.

And it looks as if Oregon were going to be a kid all its life.

Governor West applied to the emergency board to provide work for the idle men of the valley, but it was declared illegal. I suppose idle, hungry, desperate men do not constitute an Oregon "emergency."

San Francisco papers state that there are 20,000 idle men in that city. Portland papers don't state it, but here are half as many in the Rose city.

There are 5,000,000 in the United States looking for work.

What is an "emergency" if this army of the unemployed doesn't constitute one?

Every man of them could be given work by the states and made to give value received for the wages, on highways, irrigation projects, public buildings, etc.

These men won't starve. If they can't get food outside, the jail will break in, and the people will support them in idleness.

But you see if they make highways and build public works, there won't be bonds and contracts.

So there is "no emergency." Let them hit back doors, look postoffice jobs on the highways. It is of more importance to Oregon to take care of its fish hatcheries than of its men.

The advent of the parcels post was the opening wedge for government ownership of public utilities such as railroads, telegraph and telephone lines.

Every attempt to bring these matters before our representatives has resulted in the crying, "paternalism." But the start has been made, and it is safe to predict that in ten years the Federal Government will be in control of the great transcontinental public service lines of railroad, telegraph and telephone.—Salem Messenger.

Will some one get right down to tacks and explain why, if corporations can make billions out of railroads, wire corporations, express, mines, and so on, the government can't run them and save these billions for the people?

If corporations ran our postoffices, we would be paying five cents postage on every letter.

If corporations owned our highways, as they own the railroads, we would be paying toll on every mile we rode over.

If our schools were owned by corporations, every pupil would have to pay high tuition.

If we had not adopted the parcels post, the express companies would still be gaffing us.

If the great corporations can pay dividends on stock that is half blue sky, why can't the government make it pay twice the dividends on a physical valuation, and let the people have the dividends?

The Panama canal has shown what the government can do with great projects, and the people will never forget it.

The government didn't let contractors, and let contractors sub-contract and every Tom, Dick and Harry take off a graft.

They built a canal, beat all speed records and notwithstanding the big expense of getting all food supplies into that country, they cut the cost of living in the army of men who were low what it is in Oregon.

Was this good for the people and the country, or wasn't it?

It is stated that with the present rate of travel, that the cost of transportation of a passenger from Portland to New York is \$14.50.

Now it costs the government from \$5 to \$100. If we could make this trip for a quarter or half this expense, would not government ownership be of great benefit to the people?

There seems to be every argument for and very little against government ownership of transportation. There are better arguments for and poorer ones against the ownership of supplies of food and clothing.

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Always a green Christmas in the Willamette Valley.

The Albany Democrat hands some hot and heavy ones to Congressman Hawley over his three years' failure to accomplish anything for navigation up the river to Albany. The editor says if he had accepted McAdoo's report and went to work on that line his efforts would probably have been successful, but instead he went after a dream of expensive locks and dams that the government engineers turned down. The Democrat thinks Hawley had better be replaced by a congressman who can deliver some goods.

Oregon is weighted down with boards and commissions, with political jobs and deputies and assistants. And Oregon is too little developed to carry the load.

The fish and game commission is little less than a leech on the state. It costs big money and what are the results? If we would close the streams to commercial fishing we wouldn't need any hatcheries and but few of the many men who wear big stars.

And the game protectors, what do they accomplish except to draw salaries? Case after case has been tried in this and other counties and the violators freed because juries were not in sympathy with the restrictions and would not convict.

The railroad commission—it costs Oregon big money, and is it worth while? Why do we appeal our charges of rate extortion and discriminations to this body, when we have courts of law whose business it is to determine just such cases, and a county attorney in every county in the state whose business it is to prosecute such charges, just as it is his duty to prosecute any violations of state laws. Why a railroad or utilities commission in a state that has so few railroads and public utilities as Oregon.

Our state board of health—it would stagger you if you knew what it and its side lines and side appointees cost the state. And do its results warrant it? Are you, Mr. Taxpayer, getting value received? You who are, hold up your hands.

During the typhoid epidemic in this city a little over a year ago, did ever a state board of health official cross the corporation limits of this city? Only 13 miles away, yet did a member of that board ever come here? Did they ever investigate or assist in any way to stop an epidemic that was killing our people?

In a later outbreak the board did send a man here to determine the cause, and we laughed at his verdict. He said the causes were private wells and the milk dairies—when we knew better, because we knew the cause was our water supply.

Each county can take care of its health conditions, far better than the state can, if the responsibility is put keenly up to them, and the people will put good men on the job.

And so it goes. There are a half dozen cases with leaks in them. A half hundred more could be put in evidence.

Commissions, boards, appointments, deputies, assistants, clerks, and so on.

Politics, pull, graft, soft snaps, patronage, easy money.

Legislatures, appropriations, new laws, new jobs, and big taxes.

Oregon isn't a New York, Illinois, Ohio or Indiana.

It will be, if we will let the people come, but until it is more populated and richer, it must be undeveloped Oregon.

Wer't drinking champagne when cider is on the menu.
We have got to slow up and give Oregon a chance.

MALVERN

W. T. Milliken
Malvern sat at his cobbler's bench with heart

As cold as were the snows that, edging, fell

Without his lonely door. No wife, no child,
No friend had he to cheer the declining day

Of life. Once smile met smile, and wifely lips

Were raised to greet his coming. The rare sweet
Music of children's laughter filled his home.

But one, who seemed a friend yet proved a foe,
Like the "fell snake" in Eden, entering in

To cloud the radiant circle of that home,
Poisoned the mother's heart with lies unfounded

Against the father of her sons, and when,
Her soul recoiling from what seemed his guilt,

She bore her children hence to seek her father's

House, she added wrong to wrong unwittingly

By sending back unsealed her husband's missel
Which bore the proof that cleared his name of wrong.

Then Malvern's pride revolted at her scorn,
And from his heart her image thrusted forth,

The meanwhile nursing thoughts of black revenge

Against the quondam friend, he lived alone,
And scorned all proffered sympathy

until
Men drew apart and left him to his gloom.

Some seven summers gave place to winter's snows,

And when the eighth had passed, one night, alone
He plied his task by lamplight, when a bell

Pealed out upon the frosty air of night

The song of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

It was the eve of Christmas, Malvern sat,
Listening with bitter heart, great with the thought

Of happier time e'er hope was dead, self-slain;
When through the storm a feeble wail As of a child in anguish. Swift he threw

Ajar the door, and drew across the portal

A tiny girl, whose ragged scarce served to cover

Her trembling frame. When he had chafed her hands,

And given the fragments of his evening meal

To appease her hunger, he stooped to ask her name

And mission at his door that bitter night.

She told of father lying in a hut
Pain racked, his orphaned children crying out

For bread, and how, like star of hope, the light

Of Mary, gleaming o'er the snows, held out

A chance for refuge, he arose, Asking the child, meanwhile, "What is your father's name?"

It was his bitter enemy, stricken Even unto death. The swift exulting blood

Flooded his brain. Here then was his revenge!

Seizing the child's thin arm he thrust her forth,

Bidding her go and bid her father die And rot like thing unworthy that he was.

But when her wall was swallowed by the night

A cloud of horror rested o'er his soul,
And haunting voices whispered "Murderer!"

In anguish Malvern called aloud to God,

When, like a flash, came back the words from heaven:

"Our debts forgive us we have others shrunken;

As thou hast dealt with others, so with thee!"

Swift starting to his feet, his sin discerned,

Eager for pardon, hatless, he sped Until he overtook the weeping maid And brot her back from out the wind and storm

To where his firelight glowed in grateful warmth;

Then, heaping high her arms from out his store,

He filled a hamper full of Christmas cheer

For starving mouths, and followed on to where

The man who wronged him lay in direst need.

Next Morn
With upraised hands that late had felt the clasp

Of hands that, not in vain, had groped for pardon,

With lips that late had voiced a full forgiveness,

Light hearted, Malvern sought his home, and, entering in,
He bowed his head in prayer. And forth again

The voice from heaven spoke peace to Malvern's soul.

"For me thou hast the least of these, my children,

Feed and clothe, and hast forgiven thine enemy;

Thou hast so done to me. Thy sin is shriven."

Six peaceful days passed by, and New Year's eve

Fell clear and cold upon a waiting world,
Which watched, expectant, every passing hour

Until the downing of another year; While myriad windows cast their starry glow

Across the snows to mock the lights in heaven.

Then Malvern bowed his head in prayer to God

That Christ might watch o'er those he had forgiven,
And, lost in reverie, he missed the lifting latch,

Nor knew, until the sweetest soul on earth

Fell weeping at his feet to plead for pardon,
And children's loving arms his neck encircling

Enforced their mother's plea. Within, the willing bond

Of his embrace he drew them to his heart, his lost

And told the tale of Malvern's brave forgiveness.

And, when at midnight's hour the chiming bells

Pealed forth their welcome to the new-born year,

He rose with peaceful heart, to stir the fire;

And, as he saw its gleam again reflected

In eyes in which the love-light flamed anew,

Upon his soul there fell a strange sweet calm,
And Malvern knew, with joy, his sin forgiven.

LIBRARY REPORT

Splendid Showing for Carnegie Library for First Year

To the Honorable Executive Board and Members of the Oregon City Library Association.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to present to you the librarian's report of the work done by the library from January first to November thirtieth of the current year, the report being a month earlier this year than last.

The statistical report is appended. We cannot make a comparison of circulation by classes with last year, as no statistics by classes are available for last year. The total increase in circulation, however, in the past eleven months over the previous twelve months is 1800.

The chief events of the year's activities are too well known to you to require a report; namely the occupancy of the new building and the late campaign for a county library.

You will notice the record of 130 volumes donated. This report could not include the 165 volumes which are the result, to date, of the book day recently planned and promoted for us by Mrs. Meta Finley Thayer, through her department in the Enterprise. As the book day was Dec. 2, these must go into next year's report.

The 130 volumes, however, included some very valuable gifts. In this connection, distinctions may seem difficult to make, since all gifts are appreciated by the library in the spirit in which they are given. But two items are especially noteworthy. The first of these in point of time is the gift, by Mr. Rockwell, of the latest edition of the Standard dictionary.

This gives us a very fair equipment of dictionaries, as we had already bought the international. The second of these important gifts, and the most valuable gift the library has received, is that of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hedges, consisting of twenty-two volumes of the drama of the world, beautifully printed and bound. This is a really unusual addition to a library of this size, as it supplies us with at least one representative drama of each language, period or school of the drama, from the earliest days enacted to the present. In addition to these texts, there are scholarly articles on the drama of each division, whether by nation, language, period or school.

Since the opening of the schools this fall, I have been able to visit each room of the public schools once. Since these visits, there has been a marked increase in the number of children coming to the library, so that our children's shelves are practically empty all the time.

I have begun a series of book talks for the high school pupils. There were twenty-five present at the first one of these.

We are constantly using the State Library's books, borrowing whole collections on different subjects for from six weeks to three months, and obtaining special books for individuals for shorter periods. We are supplying our German readers by borrowing from the State University Library.

If we could have a few new novels for our fiction readers and a good many new children's books right now, we could do fairly effective work for the winter season with these resources. We should have at least one hundred dollars' worth of children's books of our own selection.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Price, Librarian.

Book Account

Additions	
Books purchased	239
Books donated	130
Total Additions	369
Net increase	345
Volumes in library	2136

Withdrawals

Worn out	24
Total number of volumes in the library	2136
Number of volumes added during the year	369
Total circulation during the year	10673

Largest daily circulation 82

Smallest daily circulation 9

Average 42

Percentage of children's books circulated (last 6 months) 31.8

Percentage of adult fiction circulated (last 6 months) 55

Number of books repaired in the library 104

Number of newspapers and periodicals received regularly 40

Number of borrowers' cards issued 505

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Rev. Smith's Sunday Services
Rev. E. A. Smith will preach the coming Sunday at Highland, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Alberta at 8 P. M. At 7:30 he will preach at Henriette school house. The subjects at Alberta and "The Bethlehem Messenger" at Henriette.

Library Notice
The Logan Sunday School will celebrate Christmas next Sunday with appropriate exercises.
The public library in Oregon City is still free to all residents of the county, although without county support. Reference questions will be answered by mail or by telephone, Home M. 69. The library has on hand a supply of good magazines from which it will be glad to give numbers to people in the country, or to people who are ill. These need not be returned.

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