

OREGON EQUITY NEWS

P. W. Meredith
Editor

Our state meeting was the best ever.

Quite a number of new faces present.

Clark County, Wash., was well represented.

A co-operative creamery in Portland was agitated.

Equity people are getting acquainted with each other.

Our state union constitution and by-laws need revising by a good committee with plenty of time.

The fish and game law with its numerous and expensive employees were severely criticized.

The state Equity will have five directors instead of seven as formerly and we trust this will prove a benefit both for economy and expediency.

We need a legislative committee to refer resolutions pertaining to legislation. Too many propositions are coming before us and catching us unprepared and uninformed.

We wish information regarding to the Oregon and California land grant. Where is it? How much and what kind of land and what is it worth? If Oregon gets this land how must we settle it? These are some questions.

The Equity Warehouse Company is complaining because they have too little capital for the large volume of business and shippers are complaining on slow returns and no answers to correspondence. A committee of three was appointed to investigate and report.

Brother Ward B. Lawton, of Mt. Pleasant land, has been elected secretary of the Clackamas County Fair Association. Mt. Pleasant Local F. S. E. has decided to have an exhibit at our county fair so he attended the meeting of the fair association in the interest of his local and he was drafted in to service for one year.

Bro. Lawton is one of the active workers for Equity and is a man of ability and one Clackamas county has been proud of for years. He makes good.

If it keeps on raining the good roads question will break out again and if it turns off dry the prohibitionists take the floor, but we or dry the Equity is going to keep you posted on our commission men who are charging the farmer 35 cents and charges the consumer one dollar. We are going to try and teach you where the other 65 cents go. We want you to know that millions go hungry while commission men dump out produce in the rivers. Who pays the freight?

A certain lawyer, member of one of the leading firms in Oregon City, wants to change our tax law so we can pay our taxes four times a year, instead of once. If said lawyer will dig into this matter and discover the causes why we farmers cannot pay our taxes once he will find that farmers do not object to high taxes or paying them all at one time if they are making money, but when we are robbed by our own legislature as we are by commission men, we are going to object to paying any tax at all.

We are taxed to the limit to pay a state fish and game commission to protect the fish and no saw dust must be dumped into the rivers and only one line to a boat, but the laws are here can dump their acid saturated pulp right into the midst of the "sportsman's paradise" and nothing said or done. Also the coloring fluid from the woolen mills adds more poison for our precious salmon that sees only one hole to the boat for escape from his misery.

We have contracted sore ears listening to "back to the land" song of city people. Nearly 40 per cent of the farmers are tenants. Why don't they own their land? Who has taken it from them? Oregon is about to get back the land granted to the Oregon and California Railroad. Can we arrange to settle this land with poor people who cannot buy other land. Can't we get this land back to the people? Will our politicians ever change their tune to "the land back to the people?"

We farmers have always thought that the Steel Trust was very wealthy, selling steel rails for \$30 per ton that cost less than 10 to make. We knew from court records that it contained a very large amount of watered stock and we also knew that Carnegie had a \$400,000,000 mortgage on it, water and all, but we were surprised to learn that this steel trust had to borrow money in order to pay a dividend to the stock holders on their stock. Next year they will have this extra interest on their borrowed money to pay. Will they issue bonds and go bankrupt?

Here is an object lesson on bonds. Eight southern states of our U. S. A. owe British bond holders \$75,000,000 and cannot pay principal or interest. If the farmers down there could pay the heavy taxes the states could pay the interest. If the farmers could sell their produce they could pay their taxes. Then here comes this crazy market system again. O, well! These Britishers are getting anxious for their interest. Uncle Sam had better let Mexico alone and look after his business here at home a little.

The Dawson Daily News is very much elated over the policy of Uncle Sam building his own railroads. Alaska is to get the first line. This paper also prints a dispatch stating that former President Taft said that socialism is the central political issue to which the U. S. is coming. Mr. Taft thinks that the Democratic party has many tendencies toward socialism. We suppose he gets his idea from the fact that President Wilson is to appoint Mr. Taft as a supreme judge, but the Equity editor saw nothing in the associated press about this article of Mr. Taft's and had to rely on the special service of the Canadian press. Alaska needed railroads and it was either Guggenheim or Uncle Sam and Uncle won. Congressman Humphrey of Washington is opposed to the government operating this road after building it. We wonder if he wants Uncle Sam to build this road for the Guggenheims and turn it over to them to rob the people with? We wonder if this is the tendencies of the Democrats that looks so like an issue to W. H. Taft.

400,000 acres of public land are to be disposed of to private individuals in Washington early next month by orders of President Wilson. If Doc Wilson would give it to me I wouldn't kick very much, but if Doc is our guardian and gives our property away, all we can do about it is just to worry. Ishkabibble.

May 16th Portland celebrates the opening of her public markets. This market is a step in the right direction and ought to prove a success. But so much depends on how it is managed. Will the city people patronize it or will they still go to the corner grocery. The parcel post is a step in the right direction, but will the people use it. We believe that both these aids depend on the organization of both farmers and city consumers. Live! wires! Here is a job for you.

The last legislature passed a law that the farmers must assess our farms at its actual cash value and they did not neglect to add a fine if we fail. Now we can tell how long it is with a surveyor's chain. We can tell how wide it is with a tape or even a yard stick. We can tell very nearly how much it costs us to run it and how much the mortgage is. We might be able to tell its latitude and longitude or even its altitude, but will some of these sages of Salem fame tell us how to measure it's cash value. Some suckers from Missouri and other states would like to know.

The reason your Equity editor can mix politics so easy and freely is because he was raised a Democrat and registers as a Republican signs all the Prohibition petitions and votes for the Socialists. The Progressive party is so young yet we cannot tell whether it is a seedling or just a graft. We have found out that there are eleven kinds of Democrats, seventeen kinds of Republicans, no two of which alike, and hardly any Progressives at all. We farmers will have tried low tariff and high tariff and now going without any and no change in the symptoms. Send for the coroner.

The debate at the Congressional church the 21st between C. E. Spence and T. W. Sullivan was well attended and proved instructive, entertaining, and at times amusing. It was a gathering of representative men. Men who think. Men who grasp some of the great questions confronting us for our future. Pastor Edwards deserves all credit due a leading spirit in the general uplift of all the people.

Over in ancient Egypt where for thousands of years the tiller of the soil was a slave and fed and clothed his master, he sought his way, built his great pyramids as a resting place for bones, formed from the toil of men, women and children. But a peaceful revolution is now on there. The farmers are organized for co-operation in buying and selling. They have succeeded in getting their organization recognized by the fundamental law of the land. May they prosper and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

We hear too much of late about the waste of road money by men who may own it or soil their hands with road building. Some of these men say hard surface roads pay for themselves. If that is true why issue bonds? These hard surface roads will pay for themselves on the same principle that a snake swallows itself. One speaker says "the automobile has come to stay and we must build our roads accordingly." The flying machine has come to stay too, Bro. Sullivan, and we must vote bonds to build soft places for them to light on also.

Talking about waste! We farmers have to pay 20 cents per pound for salmon steak in less than a mile from "the sportsman's paradise." By losing a day from our spud raising and paying one dollar to the state and several others to boat owners we might catch our own salmon. The fish belong to all the people but the seiners pay us nothing for them. The canner gets them for one third what the farmer pays. If we farmers are taxed to run hatcheries, pay game wardens and an expensive commission, shouldn't we have fish as cheap as anyone?

Notice
The investigating committee of the F. S. E. desire that all members having grievances against the Equity Warehouse Company, report them to the committee, so that they may be investigated. Address all letters to any member of the committee in care of the Courier.

All complaints must be in the Courier office or in the hands of the committee not later than Thursday, May 8, 1914.

J. T. Campau, Chairman.
M. C. Young,
F. H. King,
Committee.

State Grange Meeting May 19-22
The forty-first annual session of the Oregon State Grange will convene at Monmouth, Oregon, Tuesday, May 19, at 10 o'clock a. m. The session will continue four days, closing Friday evening.

Every year the Grange sessions become of more importance, as the Grange grows in power and influence, and this session will be watched with keen interest.

The usual convention rates, on the certificate plan, will be given on nearly all the railroads to the Grange members.

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Pres. W. Grisenthwaite, Oregon City, Ore., Rt. 3.
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W. Grisenthwaite, Oregon City, Ore., Rt. 3.

"PROHIS" RECEIVE HINTS

Portland Newspaper Forecasts Ticket "Dry" Will Put in Field

Tuesday the Evening Telegram, of Portland, made some guesses about the prohibition party's plans for the forthcoming election, and opined that George M. Brown, of Roseburg, would be endorsed and nominated for attorney general, that W. C. Hawley and A. W. Lafferty would be endorsed and nominated for congress, and that George E. Chamberlain would probably get the endorsement and nomination for United States senator, even if he is not notoriously a "dry" supporter. The Telegram sees politics in all this; and further surmised that W. S. U'ren will be endorsed for governor.

Last week T. T. Geer gracefully declined to be the prohibition candidate for governor, saying that he was a jobber and a republican and that if the republicans didn't want him going to get out and rattle on the dry ticks. The Telegram says that George C. Brownell has "been dismissed from further consideration, although Brownell has been making dry speeches in churches and other places since announcing his candidacy, and has sought the nomination of the prohibition convention."

The Telegram political expert intimates that the leaders in the prohibition movement have marked republican tendencies, and that probably most of the nominees will be of republican persuasion, with the exception of Chamberlain and U'ren. These, in the minds of some, are pretty big and radical exceptions.

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DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

Uncle Sam and Taxpayers are at Odds Regarding State's Debts

A preliminary bulletin from the Census Bureau at Washington, prepared in Oregon papers, says that Oregon's debts are far below the average. Statisticians at the national capital have it figured out that Oregon only owed \$31,000 in 1912, whereas in 1880 she owed \$511,000. The bulletin says that the state's debts are less than those of any other state, while two years ago it was 68 cents. In 1880 it was \$2.93.

Oregon City taxpayers say that this is very interesting, but somehow they were inclined to doubt the correctness of the figures. They say that the public debt is the result of late years at an alarming rate, and that while the state itself may be cutting down its debt, the various municipalities are doing enough in the opposite way to more than even up things. If the total state debt is now only \$31,000, taxpayers say that Oregon City owes seven times as much as the whole state, and is rapidly piling up more obligation.

COLTON DOES THINGS

Fifty-Six Days' Work Donated on Good Roads Day

"I'll think when the Governor named a day for good roads, he said something. I don't think that he could have got any better scheme to give the people a chance to show their real interest in good roads, and we are now watching in Colton to see what other districts have done, and also watching to see what the Oregon City Live Wires did on that day. In Colton Dist. No. 21, the following men turned out and made roads for good roads day:

A. E. Swanson, Alfred Swanson, A. N. Swanson, E. A. Anderson, Emanuel Nelson, E. Erickson, L. D. Croford, L. L. Jones, John Anderson, John Erickson, Vernon Brandlund, Oliver Fisher, Carl Erickson, W. Harrison, John Johnson, John W. Swan, H. Warner, W. Warner, W. Shafer, Clark Knags, E. Westberg, Erick Trygg, John Engstrom, Jonas Lettersson, W. S. Dix, L. S. Shoburg, L. England, W. R. Klang, Mr. Fogg, Mr. True, C. True, Frank Wilson, John Westlund, August Johstrum, Yelmer Sandberg, Arthur Sandberg, John Seagren, Emil Peterson, W. Peterson, Victor Backman, Charles Backman, Nels Lundmark, G. Asplund, L. P. Peterson, Ernest Wallace, L. Johnson, G. Pedersen, John Larvidson, August Johnson, Victor Hill, D. McClaren, George Willows, W. S. Gorbett.

This made a total of 56 days work on good roads day.

Now come on you Live Wire road builders and see how your report shows up as well on good roads day. Remember this is from a small road district.

W. S. Gorbett.

FOR COMMISSIONER

H. G. Trullinger of Molalla Announces Candidacy for House and What he Will Work For

Guy T. Hunt, of Garfield, who recently filed his petition for the Republican nomination for Representative in the state legislature, was asked to become a candidate by hundreds of people living in his own section of the county, where he is best known. In reply to the petition, Mr. Hunt issued the following statement:

"I will use every honorable effort to give comfort to stout persons. A good wholesome cathartic that has a stimulating effect on the stomach, liver and bowels is Foley's Cathartic Tablets. Thoroughly cleansing in action, they keep you regular with no gripping and no unpleasant after effects. They remove that gassy distended feeling so uncomfortable to stout persons. For sale by all druggists.

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FOR SALE—At Meldrum, Oregon City, carline. Alex Gill, with office 1 block east of station or 1 block N. east of Glen Echo, at brick house, has several tracts of land for sale, including lots and acreage close to the stations on Oregon City carline. Most of these tracts are cleared land ready to plow. He also has 1 7 room house and 2 big lots at 2nd Ave., near Corner, at Lenta, Oregon.

FOR SALE—Registered Poland China Boor for sale cheap. Good pig, age 2 years. Address W. F. Harris, Oregon City, Rt. 3, Bx. 72.

FOR SALE—94 acres, about 40 acres in cultivation and in crops, horse barn and out buildings, fine location, running water, good well, on cream route, 3 miles to school and church, 3 miles to R. R. station. Owner, John Melody, Oregon City, Route No. 1.

FOR SALE—Two fresh cows, one Jersey, one part Jersey. Walter Hitchman, Crescent Heights, Abernathy road, Oregon City, Rt. 2.

STRAYED OR STOLEN from near Carus, Bay Horse, weight about 1100, white face, white hind feet, mane roached, 2-brand on left hip. Notify Philip Heiman, Oregon City, Rt. 1.

WANTED—Three good wood cutters and splitters. H. G. Trullinger, Molalla, Ore.

WANTED—Young geese or baby geese. State number for sale and price.—Principal of Schools, Meskill, Wash.

JAMES F. NELSON

Open Letter to Voters by Republican Candidate for County Treasurer

To the Voters of Clackamas County:—
I am a candidate for the office of county treasurer, subject to the action of the Republican primaries, May 15.

I was assessor of the county before Assessor Jack, and I believe my administration qualified me for the office of county treasurer, and I believe the records will show that I was the only assessor who ever raised the railroad and other corporations to where they paid their fair share of taxes.

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MERCHANTS TO BLAME

If they Won't Provide Markets, Must Not Expect Farmers' Trade

Editor Courier:—
In the last week's issue many of the business houses were telling of the benefits of home industry, and making an appeal of all trading at home and the advantages that could be gained by so doing.

I know that it is natural that anyone should trade where the best inducements are offered, and to gain the home trade effort should be made in that line. Oregon City is a large manufacturing town and surrounded by a large farming district and should be a place where farmers could find a ready market at all times at reasonable prices, but every one that is willing to admit facts knows that such is sadly not the case. Whose fault is it that the merchants are complaining? They are making possible the very things that they are objecting to. Take for example Canby, with practically no comparison with Oregon City, yet they buy anything farmers bring, at low prices and come and "take the trade from under the nose of our city, and who is to blame? Is it not the store keepers themselves that make such things possible?

It is natural for people to trade where the best inducements are offered and that is sadly lacking in that line. I have store, and seen others, go from one store to another trying to sell a sack or two of spuds or a few sacks of grain and no one would even make an offer, and if finally someone would take them off our hands it would be like taking it away counting up the trouble we had in getting rid of those few articles.

When we ask for cash for our products the looks we get are enough to turn anyone away in disgust. Why don't the merchants have a market as they have at other places, and in much smaller towns also. If this was the case there would be no need of complaining, but when we are compelled to sell elsewhere then we will buy there also.

A Farmer.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mrs. J. D. Bishop of Sellwood was calling on old friends in this vicinity last week. She formerly lived on Roosevelt Street.

Mrs. Grennell, an old neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crawford, who they were residents of Kansas, visited there for a few days recently.

Mrs. Wiley May has been quite seriously ill the past week.

T. Carrio has remodeled his home on Irwin Avenue, adding a sleeping porch and enlarging the upper story. William May is building a neat little cottage on the corner of Pleasant Avenue and Caulfield street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst visited their aunt, Mrs. Hickman last Friday and Saturday. Their home is in California.

Mr. Chanler came home last Monday from Walla Walla, Wash., but returned to that place again on Thursday. Mrs. Chanler went with him as far as Portland.

Mrs. John Baker of Beaver Creek and Mrs. R. M. C. Brown of Molalla Ave., visited Mrs. Moran at Glen Echo last Wednesday.

We would like to know why a detective could not be employed to catch a doctor issuing a booze prescription, as well as catching anyone else breaking the laws, and we uphold all legitimate means to get those fellows, for very few, if any drinking man will betray the source from where he gets his liquor and a few more detectives would not hurt Oregon City, especially in regard to the cigarettes.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Chanler recently. Twenty-two ladies were present, and a splendid programme was rendered. Mrs. Matheson sang a solo, and the different parts taken on the Home Mission work was interesting. The hostess served dainty refreshments.

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ALBRIGHT'S PLATFORM

What he Would do if Elected Sheriff of Clackamas County

To the Voters of Clackamas County:—
In seeking at your hands the republican nomination for the office of Sheriff of Clackamas county at the forthcoming primaries, I desire to say a few words in regard to myself and my platform through the columns of the Courier. While I am personally known to many of you, and while I have tried to call upon all of you, the press of my own work has made it impossible for me to visit all portions of the county, and I believe this the best way of reaching the voting public.

I believe the sheriff should enforce the laws as he finds them, and if honored with the nomination and elected, this will be my policy. The people or their representatives make the laws, and I do not believe that it is any part of the sheriff's duties to enforce some of these laws and permit others to be violated, or to enforce some of them against certain individuals and not against all. If nominated and elected I shall do my utmost to see that our laws are rigidly yet justly enforced with regard to all.

While I believe firmly in law enforcement, I do not believe that in order to enforce these statutes it is necessary to be brutal or harsh. We are all of us human beings, even though we may do wrong, and therefore I believe in treating everybody with as much consideration, kindness and leniency as circumstances will permit. Because a man may be in jail or under restraint, I believe in treating him harshly; or if a man is sentenced to a term of punishment, I do not believe that he should be tortured. If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to have my actions towards all guided by justice and right, and not by any spirit of vengeance or cruelty.

It is also the duty of the sheriff to investigate complaints regarding alleged infractions of the law, as these complaints may be brought to his notice. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to look into every matter officially brought before me, and if I find a wrong has been committed, or that a warning will rectify matters, I promise to take whatever action may be called for in the case.

As a county officer I believe that the sheriff should do everything in his power to conserve the public moneys, and in line with this it will be my policy, if nominated and elected, to conduct my office on the most economical system. There will be a ledger kept by me and my deputies at all times, in which will be set down each day the work that each man has done and fees he is entitled to, or the time on the work he has spent, and this ledger will always be open to the inspection of the public. I will have nothing to hide in my conduct of the office, no superfluous deputies; and as I