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ADMINISTRATIVE ECONOMY.

Few counties in Oregon are as economically managed as Clackamas. While the large area of this county compels a heavy expenditure for roads and bridges, the general expenses are kept down to the minimum and comparison with eight other counties in the state shows that Clackamas has an administration that looks after the corners.

The disbursements for general purposes in 1907 were \$35,179.61. In Lane, with about the same population, the cost was \$71,153.11, and in Umatilla, where the population is about equal to Clackamas, \$80,456.01 was expended. Marion is only a little larger than Clackamas, yet her expenses in 1907 totaled \$64,239.75, and Washington, whose population is not equal to that of this county, has a record of \$39,180. The contrast is noticeable, however with Columbia, with one-half of the people of Clackamas. Columbia County expended \$59,028.27, and Malheur's disbursements amounted to \$56,444.55, though it has only one-fourth of the population of Clackamas. Douglas has a less number of people, yet there was expended \$52,956.25, and in Polk, with one-third less population the cost of operation, exclusive of highways, was \$37,153.55.

These figures are especially gratifying and the members of the county court are to be congratulated on their showing. The policy of constructing permanent roads and good bridges will in time show a decrease in these items of cost, for the burden of repair to roads in Clackamas is no small one. The people demand economy from their chosen officers, who, perhaps, sometimes find it hard to resist the continued demand for money for roads, when the roads may be called a necessity.

CRIME AND THE YOUNG.

Hardly a week passes in which the attention of the reading public is called to the delinquency of minors in the Juvenile Court. We find scores, reaching into the hundreds, of children, abominably governed, or worse still, allowed to roam at their own sweet wills, without government. They commit all kinds of youthful pranks, and their escapades frequently develop into crime, when they are hailed to appear, with bowed heads, and shamed faced into the Juvenile Court, where they are dealt with mercifully and justly.

Much has been said and more has been written about the responsibility of parents for their children, but the problem seems to grow greater with passing years. We are proud to acknowledge the growth of our civilization, but with this progress we must be compelled to admit that obedience of children to their parents cannot be one of our boasts.

Of course there is a reason for this condition, or, it would be better to say there are reasons. Some of them apply to specific cases, and in twenty instances we may find as many reasons for deplorable conditions, but the principal cause is not far to seek. Parental responsibility is a grave danger and is fraught with terrible possibilities. Young children are out late at nights in the towns and suburbs. Do their parents know just where they are and what they are doing? Are the little ones compelled to give a strict account of their goings and comings? Are their morals and associates carefully watched?

The growth of crime in this country, keeping pace with out civilization, is abnormal. For centuries it was kept away from the youth, but it has reached out, and not only boys, but

girls are involved. It follows that youthful criminals produce adult criminals, and the end is the penitentiary and the rope.

It is just as well to think about these things, and seek a remedy, before they go too far. Crime breeds and thrives.

LABOR AND THE PARTY.

We come now to the question of labor. One important phase of the policy of the present administration has been an anxiety to secure for the wage earner an equality of opportunity and such positive statutory protection as shall place him on a level in dealing with his employer. The Republican party has passed an employer's liability act for interstate railroads, and has established an eight hour law for government employes and on government construction. The essence of the reform effected by the former is the abolition of the fellow-servant rule, and the introduction of the comparative negligence theory by which an employe injured in the service of his employer does not lose all his right because of slight negligence on his part. Then there is the act providing for compensation for injury to government employes, together with the various statutes requiring safety appliances upon interstate commerce railroads for the protection of their employes, and limiting the hours of their employment. These are all instances of the desire of the Republican party to do justice to the wage earner. Doubtless a more comprehensive measure for compensation of government employes will be adopted in the future; the principle in such cases has been recognized, and in the necessarily somewhat slow course of legislation will be more fully embodied in definite statutes.

The interests of the employer and the employe never differ except when it comes to a division of the joint profit of labor and capital into dividends and wages. This must be a constant source of periodical discussion between the employer and the employe, as indeed are the other terms of the employment.

To give to employes their proper position in such a controversy, to enable them to maintain themselves against employers having great capital, they may well unite, because in union there is strength and without it each individual laborer and employe would be helpless. The promotion of industrial peace through the instrumentality of the trade agreement is often one of the results of such union when intelligently conducted.

There is a large body of laborers, however, skilled and unskilled, who are not organized into unions. Their rights before the law are exactly the same as those of the union man, and are to be protected with the same care and watchfulness.—From Tat's speech of acceptance.

TRIAL IS SET FOR NEXT SATURDAY

YOUTHS MAKE CONFESSION OF BREAKING INTO BUILDING AT CANEMAH PARK.

Earl Paddock, Mort Lewis and Andrew Rintoul, who were arrested on Thursday of last week for breaking into the buildings in Canemah Park, and stealing goods, were brought up for a hearing in Justice Samson's court Friday afternoon, and were turned over to the Juvenile court, and their trial will come off before Judge G. B. Dimick next Saturday afternoon at the court house at 1 o'clock. Among the goods taken by the boys were \$9.90 worth of soda water, cigars valued at \$2.50, 40 cents worth of oranges and 2 1/2 dozen glasses. W. T. Smith, Frank Whitman, Eli Cyr and Eugene Ogle were the plaintiffs. Paddock and Lewis were before the justice of the peace on Thursday for the same offense, but as young Rintoul's father resided in Portland, the hearing was postponed until Friday. Paddock made a confession to the theft, and his companions acknowledge the truth of his statements. The boys are under the age of 10 years. Rintoul, who has been staying in this city with relatives, was taken to Portland.

RUTH BRIGHTBILL MISSING. Frantic Parents Spend Half the Night in Search of 18-Year-old Girl.

Ruth Brightbill was missing Monday night and her parents were frantic with anxiety until Tuesday morning when Mrs. Brightbill and Miss Marybelle Meldrum went to Portland to assist in the search of the missing girl. Miss Brightbill, who is about 18 years of age, is the oldest daughter of Henry P. Brightbill, a grocer at 503 Main street. She taught school in Eastern Clackamas last Spring, but has been home for several months. Monday she went to Portland to see a physician, who was treating her for throat trouble, and did not return home that evening so her father went to Portland and notified the police, but they were unable to give him any material assistance.

"I do not think Ruth has come to any harm," said Mr. Brightbill Tuesday morning, "but she has probably met some friend of hers and stayed all night in Portland. I am certain that she would be particular to inform us but it is very possible that she sent word up here by some one who failed to deliver the message."

Miss Brightbill was found Tuesday. As supposed by her parents, she met some friends and spent the night and sent word to her people by a man who was going to Oregon City. This man, however, did not arrive here until midnight and nothing was heard from him until Tuesday morning.

School is Enlarged. The Mount Pleasant School Board of Directors met at the school house Tuesday night and transacted business pertaining to the opening of the school. Heretofore only one room of the building has been used for the studies, and one teacher, but owing to the increased number of children attending the last year, it was decided by the board to furnish another room, and employ an extra teacher. Individual desks have been purchased by the district, and the room will be supplied with necessary furniture. Miss Muriel Watkins, of New York, has accepted the position as principal, and Miss Mabel Smith, of Eugene, will have charge of the primary grades. The school term will begin Monday, September 14.

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TIME CARD. O. W. P. RAILWAY

Table with columns: Leave, Arrive, Leave, Arrive. Rows for Portland, Ast & Alder Sts., Oregon City, Canemah, Oregon City, Ast & Alder Portland.

*9.30 from Portland, 9.32, 11.55 and 12.50 p. m. from Canemah Park to Milwaukie only. Via Lents Junction. Daily, except Sunday; leaves on Sundays 4.15 a. m. A. M. figures in Roman. P. M. figures in black.

SOCIETY

Saturday night was the scene of festivity among the alumni of the Barclay High School, in the form of a hay ride. The party of about 25 young people left Oregon City about 8:15 with no fixed destination in view, save as going as far as possible and leaving as good a time as possible. Both of these ideas were fulfilled to the highest extent. The party drove until about 12:30 and arrived at Clear Creek bridge, where in a grove Japanese lanterns were strung, and a huge bonfire was built and refreshments served by the chaperones. After the luncheon was served songs and toasts were indulged in until a late hour, when the party reluctantly started for home. It was at this point in the festivities that an unfortunate accident to one of the horses delayed the young folks to such an extent that the party finally arrived at home early in the morning. On the return trip the pickers took huge delight in singing "I'm Afraid To Come Home in the Dark," and other appropriate lullabies. A vote of thanks was tendered to Albert and John Berger and Clifford Gynup who provided the team and driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, who reside on Third and Jefferson streets, were surprised on Saturday evening when a number of their friends called to remind them that it was their 20th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips had retired for the night, but it was not long before they were awakened from their slumbers by a disturbance from outside. After they had sufficiently recovered from the shock the guests took possession of the house and arranged for a mock marriage. "The bride" was attired in blue silk and wore a long veil, which was held in place by roses, and carried as an arm bouquet, a broom. The ceremony was performed by Z. T. Woods, who announced the happy couple "man and wife." The "bride" was attended by Mrs. William Rambo and the groom by A. J. Wilson. There was plenty of rice in store, and the participants were fairly showered. After the "marriage ceremony," a feast was enjoyed, and was followed by games. Many pieces of handsome china were received by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. The affair was in charge of Mrs. A. J. Wilson, Mrs. Augusta Lutz and Mrs. Frank Donovan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moehnke entertained about 50 of their friends at their home on Sunday afternoon, the occasion being the 28th birthday of their son, August. During the afternoon the Oregon City Band, of which Mr. Moehnke is a member, played many selections, and at 5 o'clock a supper was served the guests, after which all repaired to the banks of the Willamette, where the band embarked on the steam launch of Mr. Moehnke, and gave several selections. Mrs. Moehnke was assisted by Lydia Voltz, of Willamette, in the entertainment of the guests, who also assisted in the decorating of the Moehnke home, which was in pink sweet peas and roses.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. France and children, Mr. and Mrs. M. Switzenberg and children, Mrs. M. Schwartz, Mrs. E. Blakely and children, Mrs. M. Nixon, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer and children, Miss Lena Moehnke and Levean Moehnke, of Oregon City.

FRANK ERNST LOSES MIND.

Found Wandering Around Oswego and Taken to Salem.

A man who said his name was Frank Avery, but who turned out to be Frank Ernst, was found wandering around Oswego at a late hour Thursday evening and acting in a very peculiar manner. At one time he stopped beside a small pool of water in the road, knelt down with his arms extended and stayed in that position for nearly half an hour. Lucian Davidson brought him to Oregon City and turned him over to the sheriff. Ernst has two children, Albert and Frank, in St. Mary's Home at Beaverton. The wife is dead. Dr. Monnt was called and pronounced him insane. The authorities took him to Salem on the evening train. When Davidson approached him in Oswego, he asked him what he was looking for. Ernst said that he had come all the way from Canby, on foot to get it.

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Going to Mount Hood on Foot. Robert Bowen and Phillip Sinnott left Tuesday morning for Mount Hood, traveling on foot. They were weighted down with their blankets, tent and other camp equipment and expect to grapple with the fatigue of traveling in the mountains without inconvenience.

Miss Cross Returns to Chicago. Miss M. Dorothy Cross, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Cross, in Gladstone, for the last three weeks, left Sunday for Chicago to resume her teaching in the Columbia College of Expression. She graduated from that institution in 1907 and immediately accepted a position on the faculty. Miss Cross went to Chicago three years ago and this is her first visit home since that time.

TACKELSON AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

Fined in Justice Knight's Court for Abusive Language.

H. K. Tackelson, an ex-saloon man of Canby, was tried in the justice court at that place last week. The suit was instituted by William Cantwell, a real estate man of that place, who was formerly in a similar business in this city, and was also connected with a newspaper here. Cantwell claimed that Tackelson used abusive language towards him in a barber shop a few days ago. Attorney Charles Waite, of Canby, represented the defendant in the case, and Attorney C. Schuebel, of

PICKERS TO INVADE VALLEY HOP YARDS

PEOPLE WILL SWARM TO THE FIELDS NEXT WEEK IN VERY LARGE NUMBERS.

By the middle of next week picking will commence in most of the hop yards in the Willamette valley. The hops have already matured but do not look very promising.

Hop contracting has been resumed, a large number of deals of this kind having been made in the past three days. The prices paid have been 7, 7 1/2 and 8 cents. The resumption of contracting is due to the near approach of harvest time and the necessity some of the growers are under to raise picking money. The sales show but little profit to the growers, but will probably save them from loss and enable them to tide over what they fear will be a poor market year.

There will be plenty of pickers this year. Judging from the success Krebs Bros. are having in signing up applicants at their office in the Worcester building, Mr. Krebs is arranging for the biggest hop excursion train that ever left Portland. It will consist of at least 17 coaches.

HOP PRICES ARE LOW.

Growers Who Have Contracted May Be Considered Fortunate.

The prospects for a large crop of hops in Clackamas County is not particularly bright, nor is the price such as to bring joy to the hearts of the growers, though in some instances hops have been contracted for more than the present market quotations. This is true in the case of J. L. Kruse & Son, of Stafford, who have contracted their hops for nine cents, and expect to have about 25,000 pounds, which will bring them \$2250. There is a little money in hops at this figure, as pickers can be obtained at not to exceed one cent per pound, and some of the local growers are expecting to pay not more than 80 cents per hundred pounds, in the belief that the reduced amount of acreage will not make pickers as scarce as they have been in the last few years. Mr. Kruse was in the city Saturday and stated that picking will probably commence in his yard by September 1. He has 17 acres in hops which were not cultivated, but are in much better condition than they were last year, when the field was given careful cultivation.

ESTACADA BANK INCORPORATED.

W. H. and F. L. Heylman and E. W. Bartlett Form a Corporation.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office Friday of the Bank of Estacada, the incorporators being W. H. Heylman, F. L. Heylman and E. W. Bartlett, residents of Estacada, for a duration of 25 years. The object of this corporation is to establish, conduct and carry on a general banking business at the town of Estacada, Clackamas County, and to establish in connection therewith loan and deposit offices as a savings bank department, and to do everything necessary, useful or convenient to carry on said enterprises. To borrow money, buy, hold or sell notes, mortgages, commercial paper or other securities. To act as trustee of express trusts, to buy, hold, rent or lease or improve such real estate as may be necessary for its bank building or offices in connection therewith, also to purchase, hold, convey, lease or mortgage real estate acquired in the satisfaction of or on account of debt previously contracted in the course of its business or obtained by it under purchase at sale, judgment or decree of mortgage foreclosure under securities held by said banking corporation.

The principal office and place of business will be at Estacada, and the amount of capital will be \$10,000. The number of shares of stock will be 1000 valued at \$10 each.

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this city, represented the plaintiff. The trial was exciting as both parties are well known in that town. Tackelson was found guilty of the charge, and a fine imposed upon him by Judge Knight.

Tackelson, is one of the saloon men of Canby who got into trouble with several other liquor dealers of the same town.

Tackelson accused Cantwell as having used his influence at the last election in driving the saloon men out of business when the town went dry.

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