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THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

Clackamas County's importance and position as one of the growing and rapidly being developed communities in the state, requires a strong man, one of ability and experience in the state senate. The experience of 12 years in the state senate has undoubtedly given one man a great advantage in the minds of the voters and the people of this county, as being well equipped to fill this place. There is no doubt but when he was a member of the state senate that he occupied a position in the body and was recognized all over the state as one of the principal men of the senate and as a leader. This must be true from the fact that the senate in 1902, selected him as president of that body, and no one has ever questioned his ability and his good work while a member of the state senate. We refer to George C. Brownell.

The Enterprise has not been hasty in making up its mind as to what course it shall take. It has waited in order to find out as near as it can, the wishes of the people as well as to know what would be for the best interest of the Republican party and the people of this county. We have concluded, on looking the ground over, that Mr. Brownell is much the strongest man for this place. Considering the matter on all sides, first, as to ability, qualifications, experience that no one will deny that Mr. Brownell possesses, we have concluded that the best thing in the present situation, is for the party to get together and give Mr. Brownell their support. There is one thing certain, and that is this, that if Mr. Brownell is sent to the state senate from this county, the people of Clackamas County and the balance of the state will know that there is some one at Salem. He will be heard from and we do not know of any man that is able to defeat him. We propose to give him our support.

REDUCING LIVING EXPENSES.

To strike a blow at the high cost of living and at middlemen's profits, to get for the farmer a fair price for his products, and for the consumer a reasonable price on what he must buy, the Washington State Grange and the Central Labor Council have had representatives in conference in Seattle for the last week. The result will probably be the establishment of a great string of co-operative stores all over the state, beginning with such a store in Seattle, and at which the farmers will market their produce, and where farmer and workman alike can make purchase at prices far below what merchandise is now retailed at.

This scheme, involving a \$250,000 stock and entailing the establishment of stores all over the state as fast as they can be installed, comes at the same time that the hotel men and others in Seattle are bitterly fighting the Commission Trust, as the commission merchants along Western avenue are called. For years they have handled all of the fruit, vegetables and dairy products in Seattle and have been closely allied with the meat dealers. The result has been higher prices on farm products in Seattle than anywhere else in the Northwest, while the farmers were getting less for stuff shipped to Seattle than for what went elsewhere. The Commission Trust took the difference and waxed fat on its profits. An effort is now being made to prosecute the Seattle Produce Association, which is the so-called "trust," the hotel men being behind the plan.

The hotel men would doubtless be glad to patronize the proposed Grange Union Company, with its big co-operative plan, and with every factor, both producer and consumer, enthusiastic, it is likely that this state will witness

a few weeks see the greatest co-operative scheme in the country started.

STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION.

The fight of the Anti-Saloon league and the opponents of the liquor business to pass a state-wide prohibition amendment in Oregon and a county unit local option law in Washington, are proving an important phase of the political situation in these two Northwestern states, although in neither state are the anti-liquor people meeting with the same enthusiasm that they did when local option laws under the township and precinct unit plan were passed. Both states now have local option, and there are many "dry" districts in each, both town and county elections resulting in many cases favorably to the Anti-Saloon league. The people of Oregon, however, are a little slow to enthrone over Prohibition, believing that if some cities want to remain "wet" they have a right to do so, as long as the "dry" communities can please themselves. In Washington the question is not up to the voters direct, but to the legislature, and the Anti-Saloon league is working hard to elect its friends to office. The Republican convention failed to mention local option or the "county unit" in its platform, and it is not thought likely that the Democrats will. In the Democratic conventions in Nebraska and Minnesota, "county unit" planks were voted down, even the eloquence of William J. Bryan failing to carry the day for the "dry" in his own state. Probably the Anti-Saloon workers will have to make their fight without the support of either party, but they are not discouraged and will do their best in any case.

OREGON'S STATE FAIR.

On September 12 of this year will open the forty-ninth annual Oregon State Fair. What has been accomplished by the present board of directors can hardly be told in print, as only the eye can picture the improvement to the grounds and the buildings that have been added to the greatest exponent of the resources of Oregon, the State Fair. Realizing that the annual exhibit of "All Oregon" has won national reputation, the directors have carefully studied every detail for the 1910 show with the view that it shall be a complete showing of what the "Beaver State" can do, also that it will go down in history as the greatest and most successful of forty-nine endeavors to show what has been done and impart knowledge to those seeking advancement in all pursuits. Interest this year in the State Fair is greater than ever before, for in this day, when every county of the state is pounding publicity to show the resources of each section, a number have or are arranging exhibits to best picture what has been and can be accomplished in that part of the most-talked-of state in the Union. From prospects taken from inquiries made to the secretary, Frank Meredith, more visitors will attend the 1910 fair than ever before and it is potent that all counties be represented, as thousands of Eastern visitors will attend the fair to see better and in a short space of time what section offers them best for their desires.

NONE TO SUCCEED HIM.

The sudden death of Harvey W. Scott, editor of The Oregonian, was a painful shock to thousands of Clackamas County people, who for a score of years have read his editorials in his newspaper. The admiration for Mr. Scott here was that which comes to men of courage and convictions. Even those who held different views about public matters admired his truthfulness and boldness of utterance and his passing is mourned. There is none to take his place.

Oregon's two infantry regiments and ambulance company of the National Guard will go into camp at American Lake this month and participate in the usual joint field maneuvers with the regular army. August 5 is fixed as the date of departure, and the men will remain in camp ten days. Adjutant General Finzer has issued orders for the mobilization of his troops.

Cool Bay is going to improve its harbor and the channel from the ocean into the bay. Public docks and warehouses are to be built as well. For this purpose it is the intention

to expend \$200,000. It is proposed to issue 20-year bonds, bearing 5 per cent. interest. Cool Bay people approve this project generally, but the Commission of the port has decided to leave the matter to a vote at the fall election. The plan contemplates a great improvement of the Cool Bay harbor.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has been in Oregon during the past week seeking information in regard to the settlement of lands included in the forest reserves of the state. He plans to have the reserves re-mapped and the boundaries established in an accurate way. It is said much land is included in the reserves that should not be, and when the new maps are completed 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 acres now in reserve in this state will be opened up for settlement.

THE GRANGE
Conducted by J. W. DARRROW, Chairman, N. Y.
From Correspondent New York State Grange

FARM EXCHANGE.

Advantage of Co-operation is Shown on Long Island.
A Potato Exchange That Did a Great Business of \$407,425.03 on a Capital Stock of \$12,000.—What These Farmers Did Others May Do.

Riverhead, N. Y., is headquarters of the Long Island Potato Exchange, a co-operative organization that is making money for its stockholders by saving it. From the American Agriculturist we take some figures concerning the society's operations that will show what farmers can do if they will be loyal to themselves and to organization and will properly grade their products. During the year the exchange handled 422,000 bushels of produce shipped in 706 cars as compared with 395,318 bushels shipped in 634 cars last year, an increase of 56,751 bushels, or about 16 per cent. The grain handling increased from \$3,259 the previous year to \$14,879 this year.

The sale of paris green, vitriol, sal. soda, lime, etc., shows several hundred dollars increase. It is expected that these commodities will be handled in car lots before long. While paris green was sold at a lower price this year than last, it is believed that with equal market conditions for crude material the exchange can offer it for even less next year. It is expected that the exchange will ultimately handle practically everything needed by the farm. The average amount of money invested in the exchange is slightly over \$20.50—that is, each member averages four and a fraction shares. There are now 903 stockholders, who own 2,492 shares at \$5. This gives a paid up capital of \$12,460 on each. The exchange has done a great business of \$407,425, having turned over the capital about thirty-one times during the year. The treasurer handled an average of over \$1,200 each working day during the year.

Last year 1,900 tons of fertilizer and chemicals were sold, this year 3,953 tons. But of this amount only 2,877 tons could be delivered because the fertilizer company failed to fill orders. The volume of business done by the exchange upon its small capital necessitated borrowing money at interest from the banks. This money could just as well have been paid to stockholders. To sum up the season's experiences, the exchange is making wonderful progress in spite of difficulties. It is gaining ground continually and certainly will become a larger factor in the business of the island because of its increasing strength as a buying and selling organization. All that is needed is the local support of every member to build up business.

The report of the secretary-treasurer, E. M. Robinson, shows a total transaction of \$407,425.42 divided as follows: Fertilizers and seed potatoes, \$10,000.00; Paris green, etc., \$4,501.00; Coal, \$62.25; Grain, \$18,729.00; Potatoes, \$37,666.00. Total, \$107,958.25. The gross business of the previous year amounted to \$340,424, leaving a balance in favor of the second year of \$57,254.

Farm and Grange. Farm specials on New Hampshire railroads have been prohibited by the legislature. Foodish. New York state granges have been adding Massachusetts dairymen in their war with milk contractors by withholding milk intended to be shipped from New York to Boston dairies. Granges are opposed to the sale of oleo as butter. No wonder! Last year over 22,000,000 pounds of oleo were manufactured, but only 6,000,000 pounds were sold as colored oleo and paid the ten cent tax. Governor Hughes vetoed all the bills for new agricultural schools on the ground that those already existing should first prove their right to exist. This is grange doctrine.

A Day For Grumblers. A grange in New York state celebrated recently "grumblers' day." Each officer was allowed to grumble for five minutes. A few of them improved the opportunity. This might be extended to the whole membership and let one day suffice for the year. New York State Grange. The executive committee of the New York state grange has chosen Tracy as the next place of meeting. Rochester made a bid for the session, but all things considered, it was deemed best to take the meeting into an eastern county next February.

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CRAWFORDS IN PLENTY

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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WASHINGTON GRANGE.

State's Recent Meeting at Pullman an Enthusiastic Gathering. The Washington grange held its twenty-second annual session at Pullman, June 7 to 10 and devoted considerable attention to the very unsatisfactory state of things in the national grange, as was to be expected. It was resolved to adopt the Michigan Patron as the official organ and ask the national grange to do the same; also to demand an accounting from the treasurer of the national grange with special reference to the money that has been spent and is now being spent on the national grange organ. Other resolutions authorize the master to endeavor to arrange for conferences with other state masters in an effort to combine forces for legislation that is desired in the states represented, throwing the influence of the whole Order in its favor. Plans were laid for founding a "state wide co-operative movement," which is hoped to prove attractive to those farmers who are desirous of gaining financial benefit from their membership. In our opinion, besides should go into such fraternities to unite forces for the common good, not in the hope of getting directly back a certain number of dollars per annum themselves. Other resolutions favored direct legislation to which the farmers of the northwest appear to be committed. The report of the secretary showed a gain in membership over last year of 4,000; 101 new granges were organized during the year at a cost of \$2,750. Receipts from dues were \$4,950.

The Lead Pencil on the Farm. Lead pencils may be purchased as low as 1 cent each; yet, notwithstanding their cheapness, they are not used by the average farmer nearly so much as they should be, remarks the Farm Journal. The successful merchant figures closely for profits on everything he sells. The farmer ought to do likewise and thus be able to cut out the unprofitable productions. The average farmer of today buys for home consumption too many things that the farm should produce. A little figuring with a lead pencil would soon convince him that it would pay to produce such things for himself instead of buying them.

The farmer should keep a pocket memorandum and a lead pencil with him at all times, which, like the merchant's daybook, would show the business transactions if a little time was given to the matter of bookkeeping. At a recent meeting of Eureka grange at Lyons, N. Y., the lecturer introduced for discussion the question as to whether or not the grange should take an interest in politics or discuss political questions. He said that the charter of the grange provided that politics and religion could not be discussed in grange meetings; but, inasmuch as some of the granges had discussed the direct nomination bill, at that time much in evidence in New York state, and had adopted resolutions favoring such a bill in the legislature, he thought the topic a timely one. He held that such resolutions were not consistent with the charter declarations, and according to reports practically all agreed with him.

What Prominent Men Say. William McKinley said, "There is but one way for the farmers to secure just legislation, and that is through a compact organization of the agricultural classes." Theodore Roosevelt said, "Such a movement as the grange is good in itself and capable of well nigh infinite further extension for good." Ex-Governor Nash of Ohio said, "The 10 per cent of the farmers who are organized secure more legislation benefiting agriculture than the 90 per cent who are unorganized."

Dedicating Farm Homes. The Whitehead dedication ceremony, we are glad to note, is being used in dedicating farm homes. The farm of A. B. Armstrong of McKean county, Pa., was dedicated by this beautiful ceremony on June 14. National Lecturer Wilson and State Lecturer Dorsett of Pennsylvania and State Lecturer Lowell of New York were present. We recommend the use of this ceremony as a most pleasant and instructive feature in grange work.

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"Marked Copy" Did the Trick.



The first prize in district one is a \$50.00 merchandise certificate at amount may be selected from their stock by the winner of this prize. Huntley Bros. also have stores at Hubbard and Malaga as well as Oregon City. Known as "The Rosall Store," because it is the home of the "Rosall" remedies. Everything in drugs, books, stationery, toilet and leather articles, phonographs, kodaks, etc., etc., are carried in stock. The first prize in district two is a \$50.00 merchandise certificate at J. Lovitt's store at the corner of Seventh and Main streets. He carries a fine stock of ladies' suits, cloaks, fancy and dry-goods, furnishings, etc., and you will have no trouble in finding quality and price in goods that will compare most favorably with the Portland department stores. Patronize a home merchant and save money as well. You have only to look over Lovitt's big store and get his prices to realize this. The winners of the second prize in the two districts have their choice of selecting a piano scholarship at the Oregon Conservatory of Music, or a business course at the Electric University. The Oregon Conservatory of Music is well and widely known as one of the strongest and best music schools on the coast. It has the very best musical instructors in its faculty, and its methods, courses and instruction are thoroughly excellent. The Electric Business University has a most enviable reputation among the business houses of the coast for the practical and thorough nature of the training given its students. A student from this business school has something more than book knowledge and typewriter technique. He has an understanding of principles and practical application of his study-work.

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