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OF MORE IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE TO OREGON and the western states than the administration's program of preparedness is the Ferris bill which has just recently passed the house.

In more common terms it takes away the right to the use of the water power of the mountain streams of Oregon and places it in the hands of the secretary of the interior or some other official at Washington who never saw the west, and gives him the sole right to say who shall have leases upon these water power sites, who shall develop them and how, etc.

In legal terms, effective upon the passage of the bill, it virtually sets up Oregon a perpetual landed proprietor whose lands shall remain forever exempted from the taxing power of the state, and also from its powers of eminent domain, so that they may be closed to development or allowed to be used on such terms and charges as the proprietor of the lands, the federal government, may choose to name.

So effectually does this Ferris bill bottle up the west that future development along the lines of the greater opportunity is practically forbidden and only at the pleasure of some official in Washington will our great water possibilities be even touched upon.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and all the Rocky Mountain states have immense potential wealth in the undeveloped water power. It only requires the denser population and the manufacturing impulse to set these mighty machines of power in motion. Those things will come, are inevitable and the growth and development of the country will be checked and held in abeyance until such time as the federal government shall please to release this mighty power and even then it is doubtful if its energies will be properly developed or directed in the proper channels.

The Ferris bill effectually bottles up the water power sites, prevents capital from investing and takes away the sovereign rights of the state to the use of its own property; it effectually throttles individual development and practically creates a monopoly to which future generations must pay big toll.—Pendleton Evening Tribune.

THE CAUSE OF CLEANLINESS AND DECENCY has won in Portland. The Ministers' association in that city has gone on record in support of Mayor Albee's efforts "to suppress indecent films and their more indecent advertising through the daily press and on the billboards."

Then the advertising managers of the Portland papers notified the theatre men that their advertisements must conform to the standard set by the ministers' resolution, and in the last few days a few of the more progressive and far-sighted moving picture houses in that city have publicly declared that only decent films would be shown in their places.

And, mind you, all this has come despite the stand for advertised female legs and commercialized hips taken by the Oregon City Courier.

Almost two weeks ago, before the matter had been settled in Portland, the Enterprise editorially observed that certain pictures being shown in Portland, were indecent, and that it was for the best interests of all concerned to have them barred. The Courier declaring itself in favor of making as public as possible the disgusting scandal on which these unwholesome films are based and approving these screen "dramas" which have for their sole drawing power the showing of the human form clad only in the thinnest and most suggestive clothing, defended this class of pictures.

Lacking in argument, common sense and ordinary decency, the Courier, in presenting its case, resorted to harangue and abuse. But what else have the thinking class of people of this county learned to expect from that sheet?

The Enterprise does not now and never has opposed what the Courier terms "education of the most liberal variety" in the public schools and in the home. But the Enterprise does plead, and the position now taken by the Portland Ministers' association, the Portland daily press and the most progressive moving picture houses in that city confirms our views, that the sacredness of the human form should not be commercialized in films based on indecent plots.

And, again on another page, the Courier says: "It may be remarked that the Oregonian and the Journal, in Portland, have a nice healthy amount of movie ads; but the Telegram hasn't. And it is the Telegram that is seeing such awful things on the screens. From which it may be reasonable to conclude that some people, like some newspapers, find fault with the movies chiefly as a matter of advertising."

And again, the Courier is mistaken. The same week that paper prints this outburst, the Oregonian and the Journal, the papers the Courier says are perfectly content with these indecent films because they profit thereby, of their own will and accord, banish these ads of a questionable type from their pages and adopt a resolution passed by the Ministerial association as their guide.

There is only one explanation. The Courier judges the morals of other publications as its own. Probably, confronted with the same conditions, the Courier would be silent as long as it profited by silence, and yell if it cost the Courier bank account nothing.

GOVERNOR JAMES WITHYCOMBE has completed his first year as executive of the state of Oregon. He has been in the office long enough to show the people of Oregon just what kind of a man he is, to show us that he is practical, sane and sure.

During the last year, the governor of Oregon has not been mixed in any

sensational newspaper stories, he has not sent a girl across the state to quell a disturbance, or closed up any resort with the aid of the state militia. He has not issued orders and interviews which were sensational enough to get on the Associated and United press wires, and advertised the name of the governor through the nation.

During the administration of a former governor, the state's business was run largely in the interest of personal advertising, and sensational newspaper stories.

The people of Oregon have learned that they can count on Governor Withycombe doing the right thing at the right time. He conducts his office and supervises the affairs of the state government in a thoroughly practical and a quiet manner. All the branches of the state government, the militia, the state hospitals and penitentiaries, the state house itself and the experimental farms have profited because of the change.

The last year has seen the pre-election arguments of the Democrats—that Dr. Withycombe is a decrepit old man, unable to take the responsibilities of the office, that he would be merely the mouthpiece of an "amens government"—have been thoroughly knocked in the head by his record in the last year.

IN THIS PRESENT DAY AND AGE we hear much concerning the mail order house—that great American institution situated often times a thousand miles from its customers and is dependent entirely on the mails, express companies and parcel post for communication with them. Handicapped by distance, the mail order house has been able to take business directly from the home merchant, and the home merchant, naturally indignant when he watches good cash trade leave his own town, has been emitting a plaintive wail concerning the big stores that get the business, while they do not pay taxes or develop the towns in which their customers live.

It is no more than a farmer, a patron of one of these much denounced mail order houses, who has found a method whereby the home merchant can retain his trade and take business away from the out-of-town imitations. His letter, printed in the Independence Enterprise, follows:

"If the mail order houses get \$1,000 out of this vicinity each month, that belongs to the home merchants, the fault is with the home merchants entirely. The mail order houses advertise and give us prices on everything they offer for sale. They'll tell us what they have and what they want for it. Of course we get soaked once in awhile, and if we do we can try some other house. Most of the home merchants who advertise at all don't quote prices. They neglect to tell us what we want to know—prices. Of course we can go to the store and ask the prices of this article and that, but you know how it is—one doesn't know so well what he wants to buy when he gets in a store as when he is at home. And there is where the mail order houses make their hit. They send their advertising matter into our homes and we read it when we haven't anything else to do and every member of the family usually finds something that he or some other member of the family wants, and many orders are made up and sent out at just such times.

"Right here is where the home merchant falls down. If he talked up this business in our homes the same as the mail order houses do, the people would be in to see him the next time they came to town, and in many cases extra trips would be made to get things at once that we wanted when they were brought to our attention.

"The home merchant can save the expense of getting out a catalog. We people read the home paper more carefully than we do a catalog, and if the merchant wants to talk business with us, let him put his talk in the home papers, and put it in so we know he means business. The home merchant, nine times out of ten, sells his goods as cheap as the mail order houses, and I believe on many things he is much cheaper, but how are we to know if he does not tell us about it?

"A merchant must not think that even his best customers know his goods so well that they can tell what he has without being told.

"It is none of my business how the home merchant runs his business, but I don't like to see these roasts in the paper all the time about us fellows who get a little stuff shipped in once in awhile, and never anything said on the other side. There are always two sides to a question, and I have given you mine. If it is worth anything to you, you can take it."

COUNTY TREASURER GETS LICENSE MONEY

CLACKAMAS IS SIXTH IN NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES, ACCORDING TO STATE FIGURES.

County Treasurer Dunn has received from Secretary of State Olcott, \$2,697.86, which is Clackamas county's share of the state automobile license money. The sum received by the county is deposited to the credit of the general road fund.

The total amount of license money collected by the state from Clackamas county automobile owners is \$3,367.50, but \$669.64 of that sum was used to buy license tags, pay clerk hire and meet other expenses.

Secretary of State Olcott has just completed sending to the counties the monies received from motor vehicle and chauffeur licenses for 1915. The total receipts amounted to \$108,851.50. Of this amount \$87,230.08, or 80.1-10 per cent of the total receipts, was returned to the counties; \$8,838.38 was paid for license plates and chauffeur badges; \$7,127.56 for clerical services; \$2,617.10 for postage and forwarding charges; \$2,282.95 for printing blanks, forms, monthly lists required by law to be furnished county clerks, etc.; \$719.63 for stationery, and \$67.50 for refunds.

Of the total receipts for 1914, 78.7-10 per cent was returned to the counties, and for the year 1915, 79.6-10 per cent of the fees received was refunded to the counties. License plates and chauffeur badges in 1915 cost \$1-10 per cent of the total receipts, in 1914 the cost was \$ 2-10 per cent, and in 1913 it was \$ 2-10 per cent. From the best information obtainable Oregon pays as little as or less than any other state for its license plates—these now costing but 10 cents each or 20 cents per pair. Contracts for these have never been allowed to go outside the state and are at present being furnished by Portland firms.

RIFLE CLUB IS FORMED

ORGANIZATION HERE HAS 30 MEMBERS NOW.

The Oregon City Rifle club, connected with the National Rifle association, has been organized here with 30 members. The membership of the club is expected to double within the next few months.

The government, to encourage rifle practice, has offered to give guns and shells to such organizations.

The officers are: President, H. F. Way; vice president, D. M. Shanks; secretary, H. A. Swafford; treasurer, M. W. Hedden and executive officer, Captain M. D. Phillips.

LEGALITY OF ALCOHOL MADE BY SEPARATOR IS DEBATED BY BURKE

DRY LAW'S RELATION TO CIDER AND CREAM SEPARATOR IS STUDIED DILIGENTLY.

It is possible to make practically pure alcohol by running apple cider through a cream separator, declares a Clackamas county farmer who has written to District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges to find if he is violating the prohibition law in manufacturing the liquid in this manner.

The letter has been turned over to Deputy District Attorney Thomas A. Burke, who at present is attempting to work out an answer.

The correspondent says that by running apple cider through a cream separator, alcohol is discharged through the tube, and a tasteless liquid from the other.

Deputy District Attorney Burke has been called upon to decide for another Clackamas county man who wanted to know if he could bring liquor back from California with him in his automobile next summer. The answer is held up until word is received from the attorney general.

Practically every drugstore in the county has asked questions concerning the prohibition law and Deputy Attorney Burke, whose special duty it is to attend to the prohibition law, is kept busy passing upon them.

STOCKHOLDERS OF NEW BANK WELL PLEASED

At the first annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Bank of Commerce of Oregon City, held Thursday afternoon, the board of directors and officers chosen when the bank opened for business December 20, last, were re-elected. The name of W. F. Harris, the well known resident of Beaver Creek district, was added to the board of directors, to fill the place caused by D. T. McEain's resignation. Reports were made to the meeting of the bank's business since its organization and the stockholders represented with the success of the bank. President Leroy F. Walker goes to Molalla to attend the annual meeting of the Idaho Bank of Molalla Friday, as he is one of the directors. He will attend a similar meeting of the Bank of Estacada next Tuesday.

LaGrande: Reports say that livestock industry is on increase in this part of the state.

G. L. HEDGES AND W. W. SMITH FIGHT ON MAIN STREET

PARKPLACE MAN RESENTS QUESTIONS DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASKED JURYMEN.

EACH PRINCIPAL CLAIMS OTHER STRUCK FIRST BLOW IN STRUGGLE

Passengers on Car Say Smith Made First Lunge—Two Roll on Snow

Bank and Kent Wilson Separates Them.

District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges has a badly discolored eye and a swollen nose and William W. Smith, of Parkplace, a former employee of the State Game and Fish commission, has a cut over one eye as a result of a fight Wednesday noon on the corner of Eighth and Main streets. Wednesday was the 42nd birthday of Mr. Hedges, told his former opponent.

Although the struggle between the district attorney and Smith, formerly a net fisherman on the Willamette, was witnessed by a number of persons, several conflicting stories have been circulated. It was the one topic for conversation on Main street and in a few minutes it had spread to all parts of town.

Smith Calls Hedges Aside.

Hedges and Deputy District Attorney Burke were walking south on Main street, after spending the morning in the trial of George Brown and Alex Douthit, charged with violating the Gill act, and Smith, who was standing on the curbing, called the district attorney to one side. The two men agree on the preliminary conversation.

"Why did you bring my name into that case and ask all the jurymen if they had talked with me about the case?" Smith asked.

Hedges replied that he asked that question of the prospective jurymen to learn if they had expressed an opinion, and added he had heard stories to the effect that Smith had been unusually active in the case. Smith declared that anyone circulating stories to that effect was a liar. The conversation then became warm, and Smith acknowledges he called the district attorney names.

Two Stories Differ.

At this point the fight started. District Attorney Hedges says that when Smith began to call him names, he tried to shove Smith aside so as to go down the street, and that Smith made a swing for him. Smith declared that Hedges struck first.

An interurban car from Portland stopped in front of the pair, and passengers say Smith hit the official first. The district attorney slipped and the two men fell into a pile of snow that lined the curbing and Smith hit Hedges at least once.

Kent Wilson Steps In.

Kent Wilson, University of Oregon athlete and son of Sheriff Wilson, then interfered and with the help of bystanders pulled Smith off of the official. The report has it—but it is denied by several of those who witnessed the incident—that young Wilson struck Smith while he was down. Smith emerged from the fight with a cut over his eye and blood was running down his face.

"Well, Bill your face is dirty and you are bleeding. You had better go and wash it," the district attorney told his former opponent.

Hedges picked up his opponent's hat, and Smith grabbed Hedges'. The two exchanged hats. Hedges noticed that his cigar, which he had in his mouth when the struggle began, was broken, and said, "Say, Bill, you knocked the stuffing out of my cigar, are you going to buy me a new one?"

Case Will Be Dropped.

Smith will not be prosecuted, said the district attorney Wednesday afternoon. "I've got to expect things like this when I prosecute fish cases," he said. "It's all in the business."

Smith declares that Hedges was attempting to get him "in bad" with Master Fish Warden Kelly, who was present at the Brown and Douthit trial, and that he asked questions of the jurymen that reflected on him.

Smith also says, in arguing that Hedges struck the first blow, that he was afraid to hit a prosecuting official first, and that if he had made the first lunge at the district attorney, he would be arrested. "They're afraid of me," he concluded. Smith is about 65 years old and lives in Parkplace.

BEAVERS HAVE A GAME

COLORED GIANTS TO PLAY PORTLAND TEAM.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—Once more Rube Foster and his Chicago American Colored Giants are planning to clash with the Portland Beavers during their spring training stunts.

A letter from the famous Rube Foster, manager of the aggregation was received by Walter McCredie today, stating that as a favor to the Portland team, he would "consent to book a few games with it."

The Colored Giants have been playing the Beavers for the last three years, and have given them tougher battles than any of the California semi-pro teams. Consequently McCredie is in favor of playing all the games possible with them.

The Giants will play Portland Mar. 20, 31, April 1 and 2. With Santa Clara and St. Mary's and a prospect of games with the New California State league teams, McCredie figures that he will be able to get plenty of games during the three-week stay of the Beavers in the training camp at Sacramento.

MEMBERS SELECT EBY COMMERCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT

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struction will be engaged thereon as soon as the weather is favorable for the conduct of this work; (b) the large and important additions to be made to the manufacturing plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company just recently decided upon.

New Mill Means Much.

This great enlargement of one of our established industrial plants will be of immense benefit to this city as a whole, employing a large force and providing a large payroll during the period of active construction of the plant and thereafter furnishing permanent employment to a large force of working men. In the continued operation of the plant, who will bring their families into and live in our city, thereby augmenting our population requiring the building of many more homes, providing more patrons for our merchants and consumers for the products of our farms in this county.

These increased homes and the improvements that must follow, with the enlarged industrial plant will greatly increase our property valuations and aid materially in paying our public debts and reduce our individual taxes.

The permanent benefits accruing to any community from the establishing and enlargement of permanent industries like this are far-reaching, and all citizens should do all possible at all times to foster them and help to make them successful so that they can continue in business and expand here where established.

Membership Campaign Is Success.

On Friday evening, October 15, 1915, a smoker and entertainment was given at the club rooms to the members and their friends which marked the start of a big "membership campaign" under the direction of the membership committee, to increase the membership of the club. At that time fifteen committees each consisting of five members were started out on a thirty days' crusade for members with the result that eighty-five new members were added to the club's roll. This large increase in the membership is of great benefit to the club, greatly increasing its effectiveness and financial strength and it will also increase its usefulness to the community.

Publicity Work Reviewed.

During the past year the publicity work done by your publicity committee has been of exceptional merit and very successful in spite of the fact that the committee has been handicapped by having less financial support than during former years.

Some of the important achievements were:

- 1. Arranged for and carried out on February 20, 1915, Willamette Valley Southern day, a very successful celebration of the completion of this electric railway bringing to our city large numbers of people from the rural districts served by this valuable new factor in the development of our county.
- 2. Conducting the Annual Booster day and the Rose Festival day in May, making a great success of the combined events.
- 3. Assisted the special committee in handling the celebration on May 6th, 1915 of the formal transfer of the Oregon City locks and canal to the U. S. government and the opening of said locks and canal to free navigation. This event through the efforts of the president and the special committee was combined with the celebration of the formal opening of the Celilo canal on the Columbia river. The celebration held in our city was a great success, was attended by many notable persons from our own and other states, including state governors, U. S. senators and congressmen and other prominent citizens who participated and addressed our people. The publicity and benefits resulting from this can hardly be calculated. The success of the celebration and our part at Portland in the afternoon of the same day was greatly helped by the courtesy of the Crown Willamette Paper company, which, through its mill manager, Mr. B. T. McEain, donated the use of their two river steamers for the use of our guests and people for that occasion.
- 4. Assisted in making Clackamas County fair a success.
- 5. Assisted in making a very creditable exhibit at the State fair at Salem.
- 6. Assisted in making a very fine exhibit at the Manufacturer's and Land Products show in Portland during part of October and November, 1915.
- 7. Assisted in making and maintaining a remarkably good exhibit at the Panama Pacific International exposition at San Francisco during the entire period of its existence. This county captured one-third of the prizes from the whole Willamette valley section, Clackamas county taking 49 awards.
- 8. Have conducted a publicity or promotion office in which a well-arranged samples of the products of our city and county are on display at all times for the inspection of visitors seeking new homes and locations. The publicity office is in charge of the secretary of the publicity committee who is on hand to meet all persons and prospective settlers seeking reliable information about our county and supply it to them accurately and truthfully. All mail inquiries also receive the same courteous and careful attention.

It is much to be regretted that most of the merchants of this city have practically withdrawn support from this publicity work which has done so much for this community and the county especially. Unless they come to the support of this work again as they have in past years the active work must be discontinued and the exhibit room only can be maintained.

Live Wires Have Busy Year.

The Live Wires of the Commercial club, to which all members of the club are eligible, continue to hold their luncheon meetings in the club rooms where they meet each Tuesday noon to discuss all questions of import to the community and take such action in such matters as good judgment dictates. Their activities for the good of the community have not abated and the year has brought the completion and fulfillment of many undertakings in which they were foremost in pushing them to a successful conclusion.

The most important of these undertakings were:

- (a) The completion of the new mountain water supply system, now supplying this city.
- (b) The completion and putting in operation the passenger elevator operating between the Seventh street and the bluff levels.
- (c) The paving of Main street.
- (d) The final transfer of the Oregon City locks and canal to the U. S. government and making them free to the public.
- (e) Continued good work in behalf of good roads, organizing and successfully carrying out a program in visiting a trip for our county officers and road supervisors by automobile to and over the hard surface roads of Multnomah county including the now famous Columbia highway.

Fallarians Organized in 1915.

Early in the year and immediately following the conclusion of the celebration of the formal opening of the Celilo canal and the Oregon City locks and canal to free navigation an effort was made to organize within the Commercial club a uniformed marching body. This movement resulted in the organization of the uniformed body now known as the Fallarians, consisting of about sixty members. The Fallarians made their first public appearance in uniform in the parade in Portland at the Rose Festival. They made fine appearance and received many compliments and favors. They took part in the Cherrion fair at Salem, where they made a very creditable showing and carried off the first prize for uniformed and marching bodies. They also took part in the celebration of our national independence holiday on July 4th, at Gladstone park and later appeared at the county fair at Canby where they gave an exhibition drill and won well deserved compliments from the large crowds of people there congregated.

This uniformed marching club should be of great benefit to the Commercial club and the entire community in the way of real publicity and proving that the Oregon City Commercial club is a real live and progressive body.

Co-operation With Other Bodies.

The policy of constructive cooperation of the preceding year has been continued through this year and I trust that such policy will always continue. The purpose of the club, through its members, should always be to encourage every legitimate enterprise, be it manufacturing, transportation or business interest. To cooperate with other like organizations in a united effort to promote the development of the great natural resources of our county and state, the increase of our manufacturing, the consumption of Oregon-made goods and especially those made in our own city and in West Lane across the river, also "Buy it in Oregon City" preferably when all things are right and equal.

During this past year as in the preceding, all the expenses of the club, including smokers, entertainment and good fellowship events were paid entirely from the club's treasury and regular revenue. No assessment for any of these affairs have been levied against the members.

The treasurer's report shows that the fiscal balance at the close of this year is greater than at the end of the preceding year and that the club's affairs are in a very good condition. With greater membership and a good healthy organization with no debts but with a good cash balance in the bank, with our income now greatly increased due to larger membership, I feel confident that the success of the club is assured and will continue.

In closing, I desire to thank the members of the club, the board of governors and the other officers and committees for their loyal and consistent support and assistance which they have given me during this, my second year's service, as the president of this club.

BOOKS TO BE USED IN 8TH GRADE TESTS

QUESTIONS WILL BE AIMED TO FIND ABILITY OF PUPIL IN EXPRESSING THOUGHT.

In the May and June eighth grade examinations, a new plan will be tried in testing the pupils in the subjects of United States history and civil government, according to word received by County School Superintendent Calavan from State Superintendent Churchill.

During the examination, the pupils will be allowed to refer to their text books, but the questions will be framed so to test the ability of the pupils in expressing what he has learned in clear, concise language. The advantage of such a plan, according to County Superintendent Calavan, is that it permits the teacher to emphasize the historical events which she considers most important.

He says: "It gives the trained teacher greater freedom so that she can do a much higher quality of work than simply helping the pupils 'crum' for an examination. It frees the teacher and the pupils from so teaching and studying as to make the examination the end; it tends to give the pupils power of expression, and eliminates the memorizing of unimportant dates and facts."

Help for Bronchial Trouble and Cough

"Foley's Honey and Tar Compound acts more like a food than a medicine."

Mr. Will G. Richmond, Ingleswood, Calif., says: "I wish to recommend Foley's Honey and Tar Compound as it has greatly benefited me for bronchial trouble and cough. It acts so well in harmony with nature that it is more like a food than a medicine."

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has a wonderfully quick way of soothing the inflamed and tickling tubes. It eases the tightness over the chest, raises the phlegm easily, and helps the stubborn rickety cough that is so exhausting and weakening.

It is the best medicine you can buy, and better than anything you can make, for coughs, colds, spasmodic croup, whooping cough, bronchitis, tickling throat and stuffy wheezy breathing. It contains no opiates, and is acceptable to the most sensitive stomach.

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