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THEY TALK ABOUT IT

The Fair Appropriation—Some Opinions That are Expressed.

Throughout Benton county, a quiet discussion is on, of the proposed appropriation of half a million dollars by the state legislature for the Lewis and Clark fair to be given in Portland in 1905. The near approach of the legislative session, which convenes at Salem next Monday, makes the question a live one. Some of the farmers are said to be against the appropriation. A well known farmer said in the TIMES office Saturday that perhaps a majority of them were against it. He thought their opposition was due in a large measure to a failure to understand the benefits to accrue as a result of the exhibition. He said:

"Personally, I am heartily in favor of a half million appropriation for the fair. It has been figured out that but 28 per cent of the appropriation will come out of the farmers of the state. Under the new arrangement, Multnomah county will herself, have to pay nearly one third of the proposed appropriation. The state taxes are no longer paid on a total valuation of the taxable property in a county, but on a total of the expenditures of a county for current expenses. Under a law passed by the last legislature, this will continue to be the case in the future. By the arrangement, Multnomah county pays 31.23 per cent of the total amount of the state's expenditures, and accordingly will have to pay in taxes, nearly one-third of the proposed half million appropriation. Benton county will have to pay but 2.02 per cent, or only about one-fiftieth of the amount, making but \$5,000 per year for two years. By this, it will be seen that Benton's portion is very small. If by the reason of the appropriation, as is sure to be the case, a considerable immigration is attracted, an advance in the price of land is sure to result, and an increase of a few cents per acre on the price of land will more than pay Benton's portion of the appropriation. The mere settlement of a score of well-to-do families in the county, and their purchase of land and consequent disbursement of money, will advance the price of land more than enough to make up the amount Benton would be taxed for the appropriation. If a hundred come between now and the proposed fair, and I believe many more than that will settle in Benton during the time, the benefit to our people in a direct way, will be many times more than will be our portion of the appropriation. It seems to me that this matter ought to be discussed in the newspapers, to the end that all the people may come to understand the question."

A Corvallis business man talked on the same subject. He said: "Benton county's portion of the proposed appropriation at half a million, would only be \$5,000 a year for two years. Benton county receives every year from the state a regular appropriation of \$25,000 or \$20,000 a year more than she pays out. This \$25,000 a year is spent to build up and maintain the Agricultural College. That institution is a benefit indirectly, but not only to the people of Corvallis, but to every land owner in the county. I personally know that when newcomers arrive here looking for a location, that the very first thing they admire is the Agricultural College, and that they are at once in many instances, seized with a desire to locate near it so they may educate their sons and daughters. Some of them locate within a mile, some within 10 or a dozen miles of the institution, and to my mind, there is no doubt that the result is a very great benefit to every property owner in the county, in that it centralizes and popularizes and adds to the value of every piece of land in the county. This addition of value when the owner goes to sell, and all expect to do so sooner or later, is a benefit that is tangible and material. The cost of the appropriation, so far as Benton county people are concerned, will be as nothing compared to the resultant benefits."

Another farmer spoke on the subject. He said he was opposed to the appropriation of half a million. He knew the sum was to spread over two years, but he said even that makes the burden a large one. He said he had not investigated the subject at length, but that as he viewed it, a half million appropriation was too great. He added, however, that Multnomah

county, while she paid about one third of the state taxes, was rarely if ever at the door of the legislature asking for an appropriation, and that on this account, he was disposed to regard the present application with more than usual favor. He thought some benefit would accrue to all the state as a result of the appropriation. He thought, however, that about one-half the sum asked for, would be sufficient. The columns of the TIMES are open for discussion of this subject. Views on either side will be cheerfully published. The end that can thus be gained is that a general view of the question may be obtained, and education on the subject result.

AUSTIN HOWELL

Died in Ashland—Was a Pioneer of Benton County.

Austin Howell, a pioneer resident of Benton county, was laid to rest near Peoria Sunday, having passed away at Ashland on January 2nd, from the effects of asthma and bronchitis, at the age of 53 years. At the time of his death, Mr Howell was a member of the police force of Ashland. On request of a son who resides at Peoria the remains were sent to that place for burial in Lone Pine cemetery. The funeral occurred Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev Speice of the M E church, North.

Deceased came to Benton county in 1853, and resided here almost continuously until four years ago, when he moved to Polk county. He resided there a year, but being troubled with asthma, decided to go to Ashland in hope of benefitting his health. He had been quite well in Southern Oregon, but finally contracted a cold from which he did not recover. His wife died three years ago. The children surviving are, Walter, of Peoria, Virgil, of Lobster, Mrs Albert Bennett, of Waldport, and Albert, a lad of 15 years, who makes his home with Ed. Williams of Dusty. Surviving brothers are, Wm. and Silas Howell, of Benton and Lincoln counties, respectively.

NEARLY TEN MILLS

For School Purposes—That is tax Corvallisites Must pay.

The Corvallis taxpayers will have a heavy tax to pay this year. A special tax of nine and a half mills for school purposes will be a feature of the condition. It looks now as if the resident of the town will have to pay a tax of 42 to 45 mills. Monday there was a vote with reference to a special school levy. The result was the adoption of propositions aggregating a seven and one-half mill levy, and with two additional mills to pay of an outstanding bond and interest, the levy for the schools, will be nine and a half.

Only 17 votes were cast Monday. The result was:

- 1st.—Five mill tax for payment of teacher's and janitor's salaries, for, 15; against, 2.
- 2nd.—Two mill tax for payment for sewer, water closets and plumbing, for, 14; against, 3.
- 3rd.—One half mill tax for payment for wood and repairs on boiler furnace, for 17.

Fire! Fire! Fire!

The Salvation Army will open fire on Wednesday eve, Jan. 7th. The meeting will be conducted by the officers who have just arrived from San Francisco, where one week of special meetings were conducted by General Booth the leader and founder of the Salvation Army. The General spoke very elevating of the Army work in America since his last visit four years ago, the result of the campaign was nearly 300 souls converted, and about 400 officers baptized with the fire of the Holy Ghost. Very special meetings will be held in Corvallis, soliciting the attendance of all. Officer in charge, Captain C. E. Brooks. Lieutenant C. E. Maness.

NEW DEEDS.

Farms Sold by Antone Luther—Other Transfers Made.

New deeds filed for record are, J H Gibson to Eli and William Spencer, lots one and two in Avery's addition to Corvallis \$22.50.

G F Garshwiler and wife to Peter Adamson, farm lot nine, 10 acres near Philomath, \$1,250.

V R Buckingham and wife to J P Gragg, 105 acres east of Monroe, \$2,540.

Byron D Arnold and wife to Annie McHenry, one lot in Wilkins addition, \$20.

W A Wells and wife to Rebecca Harlan and Ivy J Young, four lots in Jobs addition, \$120.

THE SECRET OUT.

A Mysterious Buggy and its Mission—How it Left Town.

A buggy was driven stealthily out of town Monday afternoon, headed south. Its movements were so mysterious that people acquainted with the facts speculated on its mission. The two occupants, who sat silent and straight, glanced neither to the right nor the left. Each wore a solemn look and the pair might have been mistaken for a couple of preachers en route to a camp meeting. There were other circumstances that suggested they might be a pair of sharpers, traveling about the country with a skin game. Questions asked them before they left were answered very briefly and unsatisfactorily.

Neither looked like a married man, though either seemed old enough. Certain well known ear marks indicative of the married state were absent. The chief of police did not molest them, and it was just as well. Their errand was harmless. One carried a marriage license in his pocket. The other went along as a sort of body guard to keep the boogers off his friend.

The pair were George Horning and Henry Wortham. The question of which is to be the groom makes the mystery more complete. It is certain that both their hearts have flip-flopped many a time. They won't be back until tonight or tomorrow. Meantime it is known that Henry paid for the license. Unfortunately however, for him, the records at the clerk's office relate that the document authorized George Horning and Miss Frances Rickard to wed. Where and when the event happens is not known here. The TIMES congratulates George and condoles with Henry.

HAS RESIGNED

Patterson Goes East—Officers Elected—Other News.

The midwinter meeting of the regents occurs this afternoon at the college. Regents Killin, Olwell, Apperson and Church arrived Monday and Tuesday.

G W Henkle leaves today to visit his son Raymond in San Francisco. He expects to be absent a month. Miss Elva Washburn will be on duty at the store during Mr Henkle's absence.

A roll of linoleum recently advertised in the TIMES as lost, has not been reported as found. It was lost on the state road south of town and the roll was seen by several passersby. Two hours later the loser returned to look for the package, but it had disappeared, showing that some one had picked it up. The finder is requested to leave it at the TIMES office.

J B Patterson, head of the physical culture department at the college has resigned his position to accept a similar place in Y. M. C. A. at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, and is to leave for the east in a day or two. His new field of labor is but fifty miles from Mr Patterson's old home, and a considerable advance in salary goes with the new position. It is supposed that arrangements for filling the vacancy will be made at the meeting of the board today. Mr Patterson has been at the college for several years and is a very competent instructor.

At a meeting held Friday night the A. O. U. W. lodge installed the following officers for the ensuing year:—Past master, V. E. Watters; master, T. T. Barnhart; overseer, W. C. Corbett; foreman, W. B. Lacy; recorder, E. Holgate; financier, M. T. Starr; receiver, E. B. Horning; inside watch, A. F. Peterson; outside watch, N. Newhouse; medical examiners, Drs. Lee, Perot and Farrar.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the reception of Grand Master Wm. Smith of Baker City, who will visit this city January 15th. This committee is making arrangements for a lecture to be delivered by Mr. Smith, at the Opera House on the evening of the 15th.

S. L. Kline will be pleased to mail his 1903 calendar to any person sending P O address.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of the Oregon Fire Relief Association will take place on Tuesday, January 13th, at 10 a m in the Opera House at McMinnville, Oregon. All members who can be reasonably present are cordially invited, as important measures are under discussion, in which every member should be interested. Three trustees are to be elected to serve three years. Come out and see what the Association is doing for the people of Oregon.

A. C. CHANDLER, Sec.

COMMITTEE COMING

To Investigate Carriage Business and Carriage Making Plant.

E. C. Smith, F. M. Wilkins and W. L. Gilstrap, Eugene citizens, were expected in Corvallis yesterday afternoon to make an examination of the plant and stock of the Cramer Carriage Factory. They are the members of a committee appointed by Eugene people at a meeting last week, at which the proposition of a removal of the factory to that place was under consideration. R. M. Cramer of the local firm was present at the meeting. He returned from Eugene last Friday. He explains that the requirements in the way of capital for conducting both an organ and carriage business are more than his firm could supply. He prefers rather to use all the firm's capital in the organ business and push that department than to attempt to handle both. He has endeavored to enlist Corvallis capital in the carriage business but has been unable so far, to do so.

At Eugene, Mr Cramer made a proposition to the people by which the latter may ultimately acquire control of the carriage department of the local factory. A meeting at which the matter was discussed was largely attended and much enthusiasm was manifest. The organization of a company with a capital of \$25,000 to \$35,000 was discussed. The outcome was the appointment of the committee above named to visit the works, for the purpose of making a subsequent report to the Eugene investors.

It is understood that the plan is to continue operation of the plant in Corvallis this year, but in the fall to effect a removal of about two-fifths of the building and all carriage-making machinery to Eugene. It is supposed that much will depend on the report to be made by the committee to the Eugene Commercial Club with which the Cramers are negotiating. Ample capital is said to be available if conditions appear favorable. Corvallis ought to keep this factory at her own door.

Blooded Chickens

I have for sale a few Plymouth Rock roosters and hens. These birds are among the best on the Coast.

J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.

To the Public

On and after Jan 1st, on account of the raise in blacksmithing, feed and repairing, etc, we the undersigned draymen, find it necessary to raise the price of hauling lumber to 25, 50 & 75c; 4ft wood, 75 c per cord. Household goods, 50 & 75 cents per hour.

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A twelve room house and six acres of land on College Hill. House fitted with modern improvements, three fire places water supply from good windmill and tank located on premises. For terms apply to E E Wilson, Corvallis Oregon, or H T French, Moacow, Idaho.

Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Nov. 7, 1902. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by G. W. Bigham, contestant, against homestead entry No 12774, made May 11 1900, for 3 1/2 of SW 1/4 and 3 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 10 Township 12 S, Range 7 W, by George H Jackson Contestee, in which it is alleged that Contestant "knows the present condition of same; also that said entryman has never resided upon or cultivated or improved said claim since making entry or at all and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Navy, Army, or Marine Corps, of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged," said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 a m on February 24th, 1903, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed on Nov 7, 1902, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

GEORGE W. BIEBE, Receiver.

Administrator's Sale of Real Property.

In the matter of the estate of T P Waggoner, deceased, notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an order of sale made by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, on the 4th day of December, 1902, in the above entitled matter, the undersigned as administrator of the said estate of T P Waggoner, deceased, will from and after the 24th day of January, 1903 proceed to sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all of the following described real property to-wit: The donation land claim of Jesse Hawley situated in Sections 19 and 20 in Township 14 south Range 8 W, being claim No 81, notification No 2491, containing 24.70 acres in Benton County, State of Oregon. Said sale is to be made for the purpose of paying claims against said estate and charges and expenses of administration.

Dated this December 6, 1902.

E. M. WALTZ, Administrator of the estate of T. P. Waggoner deceased.

Abstract of Title—Conveyancing

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Annual Sale.

Our Great Annual Reduction Sale of Winter Merchandise will begin Saturday, December 27th and continue 30 days. Every article in our extensive stock will be reduced except W. L. Douglas' \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes, "Hawes" \$3.00 Hats; Monarch White Shirts, Walk-Over Shoes, and our own Overalls. All goods sold at reduced prices are for cash only.

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