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**The Weather**

Weather report for week ending December 12, 1909, furnished by H. L. Hasbrouck, local observer:

Date	Temperature		Clear days	Rainfall
	High	Low		
Dec. 7	30	14		1.00
8	25	22		.00
9	32	18		.05
10	36	20		Trace
11	35	25		.05
12	45	25		.50
Averages				Total
56				34 1.90

The snowfall during the week was 20 inches.

**THE ASSEMBLIES**

The holding of meetings to consider the assembly plan of agreeing on candidates for state and national officers has stirred up something of a tempest in a teapot in the ranks of organizations which arrogate to themselves the right to meet and agree on a policy or measure, but would deny the same right to others who may not see things from their point of view. It is very apparent that these organizations have not informed themselves, from an unbiased standpoint, about the calling of assemblies, nevertheless they are voicing their protests by word of mouth, through circular letters and otherwise.

The granges throughout the state are adopting resolutions condemning the movement as everything short of criminal, although they assume the right to organize for the purpose of creating, suggesting and securing all sorts of legislation, good or bad as the case may be. In fact a large part of the doings of the grange, it is admitted by its members, are devoted solely to politics.

We find that the "Central Labor Council of Portland and Vicinity" as its circular is headed, devotes a long typewritten sheet in opposition to the assemblies, and then illogically and inconsistently finally resolves:

"Resolved, That in making the above declaration, we do hereby reaffirm and emphasize our adherence to, and our faith in, those provisions of the Magna Charter and of the Constitution of the United States, sealed with the blood of our forefathers, which guarantee to all citizens the right to peacefully assemble as citizens, and to advise and agree together, and make any recommendations in their own name and by their own authority to their fellow citizens which they deem wise and patriotic, without any attempt to usurp the political rights of the people."

On the heels of this we have a circular letter from Jonathan Bourne filled with buncombe about the purity of politics, pleading one moment tearfully and the next pugnaciously to "Defeat the Assembly Plan," and distributed about the state with the aid of the long purse which Oregon's senior senator found such a valuable ally in his previous campaign. It urges the people to organize and oppose the "assembly plan," but it opposes the right of the same people to meet, to recommend or to consider the endorsement of candidates to be nominated or rejected as the voters may see fit.

In the election of national officers the constitution of the United States takes no cognizance of the direct primary law. Its operation in relation to them is, therefore, of a negative quantity, only serving the purpose of selecting or recommending those candidates to the legislature or the people, which if they so desire they can elect. In the selection of the president and vice-president it is without prestige or influence. In a word it is unconstitutional and illegal as applied in these respects except on sufferance of the people.

The direct primary law provides for the selection of state officers, but it does not make it illegal for assemblies, conventions, meetings, or whatever name may be chosen,

to meet and recommend or agree to support such candidates as they desire.

The "assembly plan" may not possess all the desirable features of elective government, but the right to employ it is unassailable. The remedy for those who are opposed to the assembly is the ballot and not in attempting to abridge the privileges granted to its supporters by the very essence of American form of government, and which it is apparent various organizations and individuals would arrogate to themselves.

**CO-OPERATIVE MEETINGS**

State dairymen and fruit growers held their annual conventions in Portland during the past week and both were well attended and very successful. Both these great industries will receive a decided impetus from the gatherings of the past week. Better acquaintance of the men actively engaged in dairying and horticulture has resulted and the interchange of ideas is always valuable. Thursday night a reception to the two bodies was given by the Commercial Club. A valuable suggestion was made by President H. C. Atwell, of the fruit growers, who advises an annual fruit show in Portland, at which all sections of the state shall be represented. This idea, according to the Portland press, is being taken up actively by all interested in the development of

**NORTHWEST NOTES**

From our Seattle correspondent.

Seattle 14—Out of the 28,947 persons on Uncle Sam's payroll in Washington, D. C., just 218 come from the Pacific northwest, which is seventenths of one percent. Of this number \$5 are credited to Washington, 36 to Oregon, 33 to Montana and 24 to Idaho. California alone has 264 federal jobs at the capitol. Notwithstanding the fact that the places are supposed to be apportioned on the basis of population, New Hampshire, with one-third the number of residents found in Washington state, has been able to put 144 persons into different government positions. Maryland, with practically the same population as the Evergreen State, has obtained jobs for 2,192. The total salary list of the 28,947 employees is \$91,541,225 a year, of which residents of the northwestern states get \$267,351. This suggests the conclusion that either the people of this part of country are too well employed at home to want jobs at the federal capitol, or else our representatives in congress have not been active enough to get places for more constituents. A report just issued shows that the total number of persons employed by the United States government in all departments on July 1 last, was 370,065, an increase of 64,924 in two years.

Plans are rapidly maturing for the taking of the 1910 census in this state. The supervisors named for the three congressional districts are R. W. Hill of the first, G. E. Kelley of the second and A. H. Storch of the third. Recent instructions are to the effect that women are eligible to act as enumerators. School teachers and country doctors are regarded as the

that it is attracting unusual attention. Being stocked with choice specimens of northwestern products, the people flock to it at every stop and inspect the displays carefully and listen to the talks of the demonstrators.

Jacob Schaefer will establish a daily German newspaper in Seattle on Jan. 15, 1910, according to an announcement just made. In politics it will be Republican.

**Notice.**

Hood River, Ore., December 8th, 1909. To the Stockholders of the Home Telephone Company of Hood River, Oregon.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Telephone Company at Hood River, Oregon, will be held in the rooms in the Hood River Commercial club in the city of Hood River, Oregon, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, the third (3rd) day of January, 1910 for the purpose of electing a board of five (5) directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

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**PUBLICITY WORK**

"Sneaks and thieves don't advertise," was the text of an immigration sermon recently delivered by a McMinnville minister, according to our Portland correspondent. He followed this up by showing the value of intelligent publicity work in attracting settlers to the Pacific northwest and the benefits alike to the newcomer and the country settler. Each settler means added wealth to the state and in return the Pacific states offer greater opportunity to the man from the older sections of the country. The northwest has a duty to perform, believes this pastor, in bringing people from the overcrowded districts of the east to this land of opportunity and live cities in the northwest are making the most of their advantages in attracting settlers.

**DR. McLOUGHLIN**

Dr. John McLoughlin and his work in aiding the early settlers at Oregon City will not be forgotten and by a decisive vote this pioneer city has declared it will maintain the historic home of Dr. McLoughlin as a public monument to his work. This tribute to Dr. McLoughlin will meet with the hearty approval of all right thinking people everywhere.

best qualified for this work. Enumerators will be able to earn from \$3 to \$4 a day.

The war on the white plague is gathering force throughout the northwest. Extensive sales of Red Cross Christmas stamps are being made and the proceeds will be used to carry on the country wide campaign against this dreadful disease. In Seattle, Dec. 18 has been set aside by the King County Anti-Tuberculosis League as button day. One thousand men, women and children will devote the day to raising funds for the sanatorium which is to be erected at Kirkland.

Looking ahead five years, when it is believed that the Panama canal will be ready for use, the people of San Francisco are planning to celebrate the event with a commercial exposition. San Diego has proposed a similar event, believing it is to become the prime port on the Pacific ocean, as being the nearest western terminal of the great waterway. At all events the great achievement will not be overlooked.

The consolidation of municipal and county administration in cities of the first class, will be urged at the next session of the Washington legislature. A movement to this effect was started in Spokane recently and Tacoma and Seattle have fallen into line. Under the dual system now in force there is frequent conflict of authority and the double expense does not yield any proportionate benefit.

Reports from the Great Northern's exhibit train, which is now touring the middle west, are to the effect

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