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**Dropping Party Lines**  
Party lines will probably be less in evidence in the voting this Fall than they have been for many years. This fact is evident from the talk which is being heard every day on the street. There is being manifested a general intention in the present campaign to consider principals rather than political creeds. Party platforms have been announced, but they have not elicited the same interest as in former campaigns. There is that in the balance with which the people are more deeply concerned than in the recital of timeworn party platforms. There are unmistakable demands on the part of the people for progressive principals in the conduct of the national government and it is agreed that the successful candidate this Fall will not be the one who holds closest to the principals of the party which he may represent, but the one, rather, who the people believe will best represent them in their demand for such progressive policies, by which is meant substantial reduction in the tariff on the necessities of life and more effective curbing of the moneyed interests.

At the time of this writing the Democratic nominee at Baltimore has not yet been chosen. But whoever he may be it is certain that his supporters will claim for him that he stands for the progressive in politics. Indeed this will be the assertion of each of the candidates. It will be for the people to decide for themselves which of them does in fact sincerely represent them in this regard. Taft's supporters point to his record in trust prosecution and to his creation of the tariff board as proof that he is working for what the people want and assert that he is the safe and sane progressive working with the powerful forces of the Grand Old Party. Roosevelt, too, has undertaken to steal the progressives' thunder, and if he runs, will proclaim himself the only and original dyed-in-the-wool progressive.

One of the most apparent facts at the present writing is that the people themselves, at least in this community, hold a great diversity of opinions and public sentiment has far from crystallized. If Bryan is the Democratic nominee he will doubtless swing a heavy progressive vote from both parties. If it is Wilson his strength will not be so great. Only one thing can be predicted at this time and that is that the successful candidate this Fall, whether Taft, Roosevelt, or a Democrat, will be the one who can convince the people that he will conscientiously carry into effect the new policies which they are now almost unanimous in demanding, regardless of party lines.

**Tomorrow's Celebration**  
Tomorrow's celebration, although a sane one, is not going to be a bit the less enjoyable for that reason. Fireworks have been eliminated from the streets by order of Mayor Blanchard in accordance with the ordinance to that effect, but their place will be taken by events which will not only be safer but also more in accordance with the original meaning of the day. Many children who have never or rarely ridden in an automobile will be given an opportunity to get into the parade in the morning and the old folks can't help but enjoy seeing all the youngsters having such a good time.  
The patriotic significance of the day will be recalled, as it should be, at the 11 o'clock exer-

cises and the remainder of the day will be replete with amusing and entertaining events. If the Weather Clerk does his part, it will be the kind of a celebration which will be a credit to Hood River and strictly in accord with the National Holiday.

**"Just An Ordinary Woman"**  
She was just an ordinary woman, without much leisure or time for culture, says an exchange. She did not know the difference between an Ionic and a Doric column in architecture; and she was not "up" on china painting or the Roman emperors, but she brought up three children to tell the truth, and to love God, to love their brothers, and to do honest labor with their hands and not to be ashamed of it. When she died the paper did not notice it, but the Recording Angel said, as he reached for a fresh pen and turned over to a clean page, "a queen is coming; get her throne ready."

A life prisoner at Stillwater, Minn., refuses to accept freedom. The poor fellow has been reading about the Taft-Roosevelt struggle, the high cost of living, the Mississippi floods and the suffragist parade until he feels safer where he is.

We see by the papers that two Los Angeles girls rescued two young men from the angry deep. This being leap year, there can be no doubt about the sequel.

**MAZAMAS PREPARE TO CLIMB MT. HOOD**

When the members of the Mazama party reach their camp on the north side of Mount Hood, near Cloud Cap Inn, on the afternoon of July 15, they will find that a system of camp administration has been devised by the outing committee which will insure comfort and safety. Each member of the committee will supervise some one department of the outing. This is done to prevent misunderstandings, confusion and accidents.

Francis Benefiel, chairman of the committee, will have charge of all matters pertaining to the commissary. He will also see to the collection and distribution of mail. H. H. Riddell will supervise fishing, organize parties, select outfits and trout streams. Dr. Otis F. Akin will act as physician.

The ascent of Mount Hood will be in charge of H. H. Prouty, who has acted as the Mazama guide for several years.

Before any member can join the party climbing the mountain he must first sign an agreement to obey the guide. This is required on all hazardous trips. All excursions are organized the night before they start.

A list of those wishing to join these parties is made up the night before and leaders are chosen. All this is entered in a book kept in the camp. In this way the committee is advised of the whereabouts of members absent from camp. If parties do not return at the time expected, others can be sent out to look for them. The committee appoints as leaders only those persons who are familiar with the territory. Every precaution is taken to avoid accidents.

**FUMES OF STRAWBERRIES INTOXICATE, SAY SAILORS**

According to the London Standard, a strange story about the danger of strawberries when in large quantities comes from Brittany. Recently there have been several demands by local tradespeople and tourists to be granted a passage to Plymouth on the little steamers which carry the supply of early strawberries across the channel from Plougastel, but in every case the request has been refused. As the refusal was ill received in some cases, the shipowners have now given their explanation.

The fumes given out by such large quantities of strawberries, they say, are quite as overpowering and dangerous as those of any strong alcoholic liquor. The crew have to keep on deck for the greater part of the voyage and no passenger could be carried except at a risk to health.

The sweet peas may be planted as soon as the frost is out of the ground and will stand dry weather the better if they are put in to a depth of from four to six inches. After they come up the surface soil should be stirred frequently, and later on the peas should be watered if the weather turns very dry.

**ESTIMATES ON NEW YORK CROP REDUCED**

That early estimates on the fruit crop in western New York were too optimistic is now the opinion of dealers.

Reports are less glowing, stating that more or less damage has been done by cold rains, which came when the blossoms were setting, blasting many of them. As a result, dealers said the yield of apples and pears would undoubtedly be smaller than last year.

Owners of pear orchards at Manchester reported that they would have very few pears to harvest, chiefly owing to the ravages of an insect known as the bud moth. This pest, it was said, appeared early in the spring and spread rapidly, especially in orchards which were not sprayed early and properly. Where the spraying was effective, orchards have a fair showing of pears.

Just how much the total apple and pear crop of western New York has been shortened is not known. Both growers and dealers say it is too early to make a definite or accurate estimate. But they agree that both Greenings and Baldwin will be lighter than last year. Some of the other varieties are said to be showing up well and give promise of an average crop.

**MRS. ANNA MCDONALD IS GRANTED DIVORCE DECREE**

Mrs. Anna McDonald of Portland, formerly Miss Anna Jackson of this place, was granted a divorce the last of the week from Donald R. McDonald, a chauffeur. She testified that he took her riding in his car on one occasion, but compelled her to disembark at a roadhouse, where he dragged her before the bar and commanded her to order whiskey. When she insisted on lemonade, he cursed her before the habitués of the place. Irregular hours, frequent intoxication and constant abuse were included in her complaint. On one occasion when she threatened to go home to her parents he tore off her clothing and threatened to kill her, she testified. The decree was allowed.

**FLOATER IS IDENTIFIED AS MAN DROWNED AT WYETH**

A dispatch from Vancouver, Wash., a couple of days ago states that "The body found floating in the river by C. H. Dickey, member of a pleasure party, making a trip up the Columbia River on June 2, has been almost positively identified as that of Henry Williams, who, with two other persons, was drowned at Wyeth, Ore., near Hood River on May 21. Coroner W. J. Knapp yesterday received a letter from A. C. Post of that place giving the description of Williams, which tallies exactly with that of the man picked up here. The body at the time it was picked up, was unidentified and it was buried in the City Cemetery."

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