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The Elks Convention

Surely, the antlered herd that crowded the streets of Portland for the past week have had some time. The purple and white paraphernalia that ranged from a tiny button pinned to the lapel of the coat to the gorgeous decorations that hung from the sky scrapers along the busy thoroughfares of the convention city, has now been laid aside and one is prone to ask himself the question "Did it pay?"

Portland spent several hundred thousand dollars in preparing for the reunion that was to last but a few days and thousands of superficial thinkers have been led to say that this was an extravagant waste of money and wholly unjustifiable during these hard times and scarcity of money.

Well, the News is of the conviction that not a single dollar was wasted that was spent in the preparation for the convention. Every dollar that was used came from the pockets of those who could afford to give of their treasures and it ultimately went into the pocket of the workingman who wrought with hammer and saw in the completion of the splendid work that stood as a monument to the spirit that characterizes the B. P. O. E.

The tremendous expenditure of funds for the entertainment of the members of the order that came from all sections of the United States was fully justified from the standpoint of advertising, alone. There are lessons not found in books and visions not seen in literature. The vision of the Rose City regaled in its gorgeous attire of lights and tinsel coupled with the Oregon spirit of hospitality and freedom has left a feeling in the heart and an impression on the mind of every visitor that will fully compensate Portland and the state at large for the few paltry dollars expended. A real vision is the highest virtue of advertising.

That Pay Roll.

While times are a little slack around Hood River it might be a mighty good thing to stir up a little interest among the citizens looking toward the establishing of an industry or industries that would assure a pay roll for the city.

The city can never hope to get BIG concerns to locate here on account of our remoteness from terminal shipping facilities. However, we might be able to interest practical men in smaller concerns that would in the aggregate mean a substantial monthly pay roll for Hood River.

Hood River needs a fruit canning plant and it is wholly practical to operate such a plant here at a profit because the valley produces the raw material in abundance. It is safe to say that 40 tons of cherries will be sent out of this valley this season to be canned elsewhere, and that 2000 crates of strawberries that were good for canning have rotted on the vines this year. Say nothing about the unlimited supply of apples that could be worked into merchantable products. Hood River has a fine opening for a cannery that could be operated on a co-operative or private plan.

Street Paving.

It will, no doubt, be a matter of great satisfaction to the property owners and citizens, generally, of Hood River, to know that at least the matter of paving the streets in the business section of the city has been taken from the table of possibilities and filed with immediate probabilities, and that

the struggle of past years to redeem the city's principal streets from the hog wallow type has at last crystallized into an unanimous effort on the part of the city council to have a "clean town."

It is not expected that any will remonstrate to the work that is being outlined by the city council to place Hood River where it should be relative to its street conditions. There is scarcely a town in the state the size of the Apple city that does not have the main business streets hard surfaced.

It will be necessary to make a wise selection of material that will enter into the construction of the paving in order that the best results may be secured for the streets that have the greater grade, and together with a judicious expenditure of funds, there will be no kick coming.

Who Did It?

Somebody surely slipped over on the metropolitan press of the country in giving out the story that probably President Taft and would-be-President Theodore Roosevelt, would be urged to quit the fight for the presidency in the November election in order to heal the breach in the Republican party. Surely, some Associated Press reporter had his nerve to "play the game" and it is really worth a little "kale" to pull off a stunt of this color. Wonder if any of the shrewd Democrats had anything to do with getting this "dope" out? It may be that some over-scrupulous Republican talked in his sleep. In any event there are a lot of people who think that this is just the thing that ought to be done. To the student of politics two facts must be apparent however. First, Teddy is bound to be nominated for president, somehow. Second, with Teddy and Wilson in the field to split the "progressive" vote Taft stands a big show in slipping in between them on the crest of the united efforts of the anti-progressives of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Chautauqua (?)

Those who were present at the Commercial Club rooms Saturday afternoon will fully understand the meaning of the interrogation point within the parenthesis but the name can be changed, you know.

The gathering of representative citizens from the different sections of the valley at the club rooms Saturday to consider the question of holding an annual reunion of all of the organizations in the valley for the purpose of mental and social uplift will undoubtedly result in substantial progress that will guarantee for future years an annual gathering in the Hood River valley that will elicit interest from the entire Northwest in the discussion of problems by experts that will concern the horticultural and agricultural welfare of this region. The personell of the several organizations that are to cooperate in the success of this movement are a guarantee of its future value and high character.

It appears that the voters of the state will have an opportunity to vote by the yard in the coming election, with 48 general measures on the sheet together with the names of the various officers. The ballot in November will be nine feet long.

It is a mighty good thing that Hood River apples grow during holidays or the size of the fruit might have been a little shy during the past few weeks.

Christian Science Services

Christian Science services will be held in the Commercial Club rooms Sunday at 11 a. m., subject, "Christian Science."

Sunday school at 11 a. m. in room 9, Davidson building. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are held in Davidson building. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Reading room open daily, No. 9, Davidson building.

TROUBLES AND TRIALS OF MUNICIPALITIES

Over 400 votes were cast Tuesday afternoon at the bond election for \$12,100, of which \$11,500 was to complete the Freewater school. It was defeated by a majority of 72. The Freewater school was built about three years ago. Besides the lack of room, the building is not in a sanitary condition, and the taxpayers and parents want better accommodations.

"He who shall not work shall not loaf," is the way the Pendleton city council puts it. At a meeting last night it decided to put all men on the rockpile who refused a job when offered them.

The council of Lebanon, Or., by unanimous vote has awarded the paving contract to the Federal Construction company of San Francisco. The council decided to use what is termed the heavy gravel bitulithic. The price bid for that kind of paving by the successful bidders was \$1.75 per square yard for finished pavement.

Robert Wakefield & company have sued the city of Portland in the sum of \$408,000 claimed to be due for work done on the Mt. Tabor reservoir.

A fund of \$200,000 will be raised at Oakland to fight the proposed annexation to San Francisco.

J. N. Hoffman, secretary of the Forest Grove Press, was present before the Forest Grove city council last week and requested that action be taken on charges preferred against the chief of police. Charges read as follows: "To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of Forest Grove, Oregon: We would respectfully call your attention to the fact that your chief of police, C. W. Watkins, is guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, inasmuch as he, in the presence of Sexton and others, repeatedly called the informant herein a s-o-b." The chief was present and admitted using the language charged, explaining that he was not wearing the star at the time, having left it at home that morning. The council decided that they would have no authority to pass on the matter and the communication was laid on the table indefinitely.

FREAKS, FANCIES AND FOLLIES

Three healthy girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Henthote early Thursday. This is the first case of triplets being born in Vancouver.

San Diego, Cal., is given the record for the highest proportion of suicides in the United States. Statistics show that suicides are on the increase throughout the country. Reports from 100 cities show a general rate of 19.6 per 100,000 people, as against 17.7 for 1910. San Diego leads with 59.9; Elmira, N. Y., second with 47.8.

Although Long Beach is a prohibition city, 504 arrests for drunkenness were recorded during the last fiscal year.

False Alarm.

Upon hearing the sound of cow bells, tin horns, tin pans, etc., Tuesday evening, the reporter for the News climbed into a gasoline wagon and made a record run for the scene of Dan Cupola's festivities on 12th and Eugene streets. Being aware of the fact that the speed limit is only 10 miles per hour we arrived too late to be positive of the location of the demonstration. A number of young ladies were met on Eugene street carrying charity paraphernalia but all refused to divulge the secret. Mr. Albee was met near the scene of disturbance but he was mum. So there you are.



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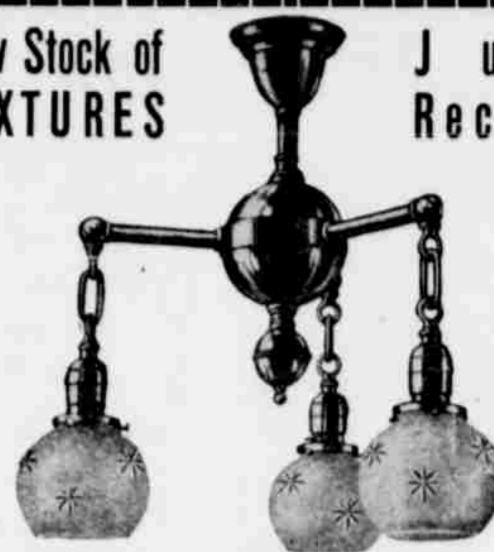
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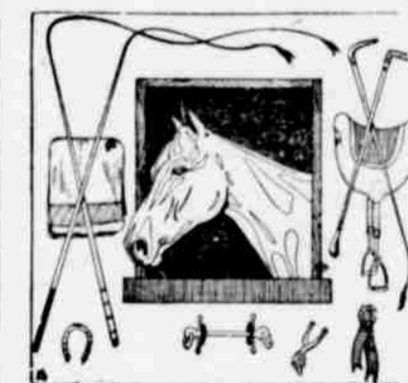
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