PEARLS OF ORATORY

Tremendous Enthusiasm at Democratic Rally.

LARGE AUDIENCE IS PRESENT

About Forty Persons Attend Last Services of Campaign in Hibernian Hall and Listen to Political Exhortation.

A small and desolate company of Democrats gathered into a small upper room over Hibernian Hall last evening to make medicine and prepare for a wake to be held sometime after the Kishinef which they feel sure is coming to them after next Tuesday.

Alex. Sweek, known for labors oft and fruitless in conection with Oregon politics, presided and a number of gentlemen with Bourbon leanings, disposed of a quantity of plain and fancy talk.

The first speaker to go against the forlorn hope was young John A. Jeffreys, of Salem, who advanced to the platform wearing a noticeable "made up" tie and a heavy ulster, which he removed with some ceremony. Mr. Jeffreys resembles a lithograph of the winner of last year's Interstate collegiate oratorical contest. His offending lies in that he is young, earnest and uses union-made gestures.

In the beginning he looped the loop up among the dizzy heights of sophomorical rhetoric. He only went back to the time of Washington to prove that the Father of his Country was a Democrat. After working his way down through the intervening years to the panic of '93, he proceeded to arraign the Republican party for stealing Mr. Cleveland's gold-standard thunder.

Young Mr. Jeffreys has just returned from the World's Fair, and he "pointed with pride" a number of times to the fact, as he sees it, that the Democratic party fathered the Exposition by some subtle clairvoyance; he figured it out to a certainty that because of the success which St. Louis has achieved with its Fair, Judge Parker would certainly be elected.

Mr. Jeffreys should have used lantern slides with his lecture on the travels of an Oregon Democrat. He concluded by assuring the faithful gathered there that in four years the electoral vote of Oregon would be for the Democratic Presidential candidate. Since Mr. Jeffreys is a candidate for Elector this year his open concession to the defeat of himself had the effect of deepening the gloom. Before he set down he boasted that one of his hands had shaken the hand of Joe Folk, and at the close of the meeting there was a rush to shake the hand that shook the hand of Joe Folk.

Colonel Robert A. Miller, was the second speaker, and he threw all his Oregon City vim into his remarks. Alex. Sweek and John Manning bubbled over with merriment a number of times when the Colonel shot his shafts of wit.

During the progress of his remarks a drunken Democrat wandered into the room and occupied three seats. He mistook the gallant Colonel for George C. Brownell, and under the impression that he was demoralizing an enemy he butted in with numerous questions and suggestions. The Colonel closed with the remarkable statement that John Manning was the only Democrat in the state who had an office and a graft. The Colonel didn't mean to say just that and tried to square it by laughing heartily at his wit.

Mr. Manning, just to prove that no animus had been engendered, spoke next, and told about a recent visit to New Orleans and of his confidence that Parker would carry Louisiana.

W. T. Vaughn, who looks enough like Melbourne MacDowell to be his understudy, added a few sparkling gems of real oratory when John Manning had talked himself out. The expression which marked Mr. Vaughn's address as a masterly effort was his statement that he was from Southern Illinois. He conveyed this intelligence by explaining that "we was about two-thirds niggers where I was raised."

By this time the drunken Democrat had commenced to snore, the crowd was suffering from stagnated blood and with a few parting words of warning to all true and faithful Democrats to vote on Tuesday and to see that the Republicans did not steal the election the "rally" ended.

There was a total attendance of 40 and the striking resemblance of the audience to the spectators at an execution was heightened by the fact that it was confined exclusively to Democrats and newspaper men.

SCHOONER IN TROUBLE.

Lumber Vessel Is Trying to Reach Mouth of River.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—A telegraph message received from North Head about 3 o'clock this afternoon stated that a three-masted schooner, lumber laden, was five miles off shore and heading for the mouth of the river. She appeared to have lost a portion of her deckload, was close reefed, had only one small sail set and, while she had no signals flying, it was thought she might be in trouble.

The tug Tatoosh was notified and left down at once, but could find no trace of the schooner, and she is supposed to have put off shore again. Shipping men do not believe the schooner was in distress, or she would have had signals flying.

GATZERT IS DELAYED.

Did Not Reach Her Dock Until Ten O'Clock Last Night.

The steamer Bailey Gatzert, from The Dalles, did not reach her dock here until 10 o'clock last night. The passengers got in at 7 o'clock, having been landed at Vancouver and transferred to the cars. The steamer was delayed by taking on the freight of the Hercules, which was disabled at Hood River, and also lost much time in handling stock. She took aboard several hundred head of cattle and hogs at Lyle, the cattle for Vancouver and the hogs for Stott's Landing. Owing to a mistake, all the stock was put ashore at Stott's, and it required some time before the cattle could be driven on the boat again. One steer baffled the efforts of the crew and swam across the Columbia, but was finally captured.

The steamer Hercules came down immediately behind the Gatzert. She will be put on the ways today for repairs.

Buy a Wrecked Steamer.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 5.—Bullen Bros., of the Esquimalt Marine Railway, were the purchasers at auction of the wreck of the steamer Barbara Boscowitz, the price being but $625, and have sent the steamer Maude with a wrecking outfit to save the hull and machinery, if possible. It is considered by water front men that they have a bargain, as the engines and machinery, although old, are in first-class order and can be used to advantage in another hull. The disasters to the steamers Nell, Boscowitz and Mermaid, all lost within a single fortnight, leave the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company masters of the entire Northern British Columbia trade. It will not be for long, however, as Barnsley & Co., the operating owners of the Boscowitz, are now negotiating for a suitable craft to take her place.

Remeasuring of the Europe.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—The remeasuring of the French bark Europe was completed today. Under her French registry the vessel's gross tonnage is 2967 and her net tonnage is 2070 tons, exemptions amounting to 887 tons being allowed. According to her new measurement the net tonnage is 2942 tons, exemptions amounting to only 15 tons, for the donkey engine and boiler, being allowed under the American law. Thus an increase of 872 tons in the net tonnage was made by the remeasurement and as the vessel pays 6 cents per ton dues that amount was increased by $52.32.

Complete Grain Cargoes.

Two more grain ships completed their cargoes yesterday, making three to finish since the beginning of the month. The Cambronne, at Irving dock, finished loading 2744 tons of wheat and hauled into the stream. The Pierre Loti, at Montgomery No. 2, got all of her cargo aboard, 2963 tons. Both ships will leave down the river early this week. The Dupleix, the first to finish this month, is now on her way to Astoria.

Whaler's Good Catch.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—The whaler Alexander arrived here today from the Arctic with 11,900 pounds of whalebone, 1000 fox skins and 50 polar bear skins. She also brought 7000 pounds of bone which belongs to the Bowhead.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

Astoria, Nov. 5.—Arrived at 7:10 A. M. and left up at 9 A. M.—Steamer Redondo, from San Francisco. Arrived at 7:10 A. M. and left up at 10 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, from San Francisco. Outside at 5 P. M.—Three-masted schooner. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., rough; wind southeast, heavy gale; weather cloudy, with rain.

South Bend, Wash., Nov. 5.—Arrived—Schooner Churchill, from San Francisco.

New York, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Steamer La Touraine, from Havre.

Plymouth, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Steamer St. Paul, from New York.

Queenstown, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Steamer Umbria, from New York.

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Whaling steamer Alexander, from Unalaska; Californian, from Bellingham; steamer Geo. W. Elder, from Portland; schooner A. F. Coats, from Everett. Sailed—British ship Scottish Moors, for Queenstown; German ship Allan, for London; French bark Emilie Galine, for Queenstown; steamer City of Para, for Astoria; schooner Transit, for Gray's Harbor; steamer Queen, for Puget Sound; steamer Whittier, for Portland.

Hong Kong, Nov. 5.—Arrived previously—Siberian, from San Francisco, via Honolulu and Yokohama.

WINTER BUILDING BEGINS.

Two Important Structures to Be Commenced at Once.

The heavy building operations of the Summer have been about brought to a close and the Winter work is being taken up. This will probably be no lighter than what went on during the dry season, though the residence districts will receive proportionately more attention than business sections. The building permits of the past week contained two important structures, the Oriental American Company's warehouse at Twentieth and Wilson streets, to be made of steel, costing $12,000, and the A. D. Charlton residence, to be built on Twentieth and Terrace Road, for $15,000.

The real-estate market is still engrossed with minor sales amounting in the aggregate to good, round figures. The tendency to build residences has a healthy effect on residence property, and the sales in this form of real estate have been increasing. The week's report of real estate transfers and building permits follows:

Transfers for the Week.

October 29	$ 25,650	November 3	$11,944
October 31	14,043	November 4	10,113
November 1	53,800		
November 2	31,306	Total	$145,956

Permits for the Week.

October 29	$ 4,850	November 3	$ 19,950
October 31	28,280	November 4	1,190
November 1	33,550		
November 2	13,400	Total	$102,220

Injured by Falling Timber.

T. F. Madison, an employe of the Eastern & Western Lumber Company, was seriously injured at 7 o'clock last night by a falling timber, which struck him and pinned him to the ground. His back was badly bruised and he suffered internal injuries. He was removed at once to Good Samaritan Hospital, where medical attention was immediately given him. His condition was favorable at a late hour last night.

Wright to Visit Philippine Provinces.

MANILA, Nov. 5.—Commissioner Wright will leave November 12 for a 20 days' tour of inspection of the southern provinces of Mindanao and Jolo.

HOP BEARS IN PANIC

Thirty-Two Cent Sale Causes Consternation.

IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY FACTS

Farmers' Views Strengthened by the Advance, Much to the Displeasure of Would-Be Purchasers—Buying for Export.

The sale of a lot of Oregon hops to an Eastern brewer at 32 cents f. o. b. Portland, which was made in this city Friday, caused consternation in the camp of the hop bears, and they are now making frantic efforts to discredit the report. It is rather late in the season for them to open up a campaign of this kind, as the market has reached that point where such tactics are of no avail. It was a bona fide deal closed by Seavey & Metzler and the hops are acknowledged to be worth fully 32 cents.

The talk of the futility of a hop pool is superfluous when it is considered that it was this very same project that has raised the market to 32 cents. Growers are well aware of this fact and know that the continuance of their policy will eventually send prices up to 35 cents. Since the pool was first talked of, the big farmers have stiffened up in their views and the same condition has been brought about as if a pool were actually formed. The idea was rather to reach an agreement to keep out of the market until a fixed price was reached than to enter the hops in a formal selling pool. This has been accomplished and it is now confidently believed by those in the movement that the 35-cent mark will come.

Hops May Go Higher.

Discussing his sale, J. J. Metzler said yesterday: "I have as much faith in the market as I have always had, and I firmly believe that hops will go to 35 or 40 cents. However, we are dealers and as we saw a chance to profitably turn over our money, we did so, selling 130 bales of our stock. We are not letting go all of our holdings, by any means, and our selling at 32 cents does not prove that we have lost faith in a 35-cent market."

The same firm yesterday made another sale at 30¾ cents, but they were of a lower grade, one which only a short time ago could have been picked up around 29 cents, showing that inferior hops, as well as choice grades are moving up in price. The lot comprised 246 bales and was taken by E. C. Herren, of Salem. Mr. Herren bought quite extensively in the local market yesterday, all his purchases being for export.

Another Big Deal Closed.

Another big deal was closed in this city when E. C. Kirkpatrick, of Dallas, bought 473 bales at from 30¾ to 31¼ cents. The majority of the hops were secured from Harry Hart, the remainder from J. S. Cooper. Numerous other transactions were made, and it is probable that more hops changed hands yesterday than in any day since the season opened.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is enthusiastic over the future of the market.

"Hops were never so strong as they are today," he said. "Consumers are in the market in force and as the majority of growers are holding firmly they have given a strength to the market that cannot be broken. An effort is being made by the bears to weaken the situation, but they are wasting their time. All the manipulation in the world cannot hide the fact of an actual shortage in hops.

"I am told that 40,000 bales have already been shipped out of the state. Whether this is a fact or not I do not know, but I do know that 20,000 bales of the Oregon crop have been sold for export."

No Decline in London.

The statement made yesterday that hops have declined in London is flatly contradicted by a private cable announcing that Oregon hops sold yesterday in the English metropolis ½ cent a pound higher than at any time this season. The message also stated that the market had an advancing tendency.

Dealers who returned last night from the country reported that it was almost impossible to buy hops from growers, as the latter are hanging on with a tendency they have never shown before. The statement printed in a local paper that 30,000 bales remain unsold does not correspond with the opinions of the leading members of the trade here. Their estimates run from 12,000 to 15,000 bales, but it is acknowledged that hops may turn up in the course of time in localities where they were least expected.