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LET THE PEOPLE HEAR

IT WAS fortunate on all accounts that the Senate refused Senator Lodge's request to discuss the peace treaties in executive session. Executive sessions are only nominally secret at best, everything that transpires of interest is telegraphed to the ends of the earth on the first wire.

On the other hand, there is every reason that here at home the country should know why after all these years of agitating for international arbitration, definite proposals to that end are being held up in the Senate for amendments that plainly are intended to take the life out of the whole business.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

ONCE more we proudly celebrate the birthday of a man Who in the sterling virtues leads the world's immortal van, And he commenced that leadership when he was but a youth By showing he could fearlessly and always speak the truth.

APHRODITE.

MOTHER of Love, oh, daughter of the sea, Harken and hear, for, though thy reign be done, One heart still worships thee beneath the sun.

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ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Miss Olive Richards and Miss Gladys Roberts entertained at a very extensive Valentine-Leap-Year party at the Hotel Sumner last Saturday evening. The decorations were unusually many, chiefly huckleberry and evergreens and hanging red hearts.

Herbert Lockhart was host to a number of guests at a dinner party at the Chandler Tuesday evening. The big table was charmingly decorated with pink carnations and ferns that were strewn at each place and were bunched in a beautiful centerpiece and pink-shaded candles added their softness to the well-appointed table and a zest to the dainty meal.

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ald contained the following concerning their marriage: 'Miss Blanche Harter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harter, was married to Andrew Victor Wickman at the home of the bride's uncle, Judge L. W. Fulkerth, on Fourteenth street, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. E. Pickett, was attended by only a few relatives and close friends.

The formal reception that was given last night at the North Bend high school building by the pupils of the eighth grade and high school, in honor of the Bandon debaters' was the most charming affair of its kind ever given by any school organization on the Bay. The reception room had been decorated in a wonderfully skillful manner by the different classes.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church gave a silver tea Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Mamie Gulovson on Fifth street and Donnelly avenue. A number of guests were present to enjoy the program, included in which were readings by Anna Downs and Bernice Patchet; a talk by Mr. McKee; solos by Edith Ayre and Eddeva Wheeler, and a piano solo by Miss Helen Gulovson.

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NEW LEAGUE FORMED HERE

Marshfield Citizens Form Civic Organization for Community's Welfare.

At a meeting at the Finnish Hall last evening, steps were taken for the formation of a civic organization to try and advance the interests of the municipality. Although the organization was not named, it will be, it is understood, somewhat similar to the Civic League which was in existence here a few years ago.

Several current matters were brought up for consideration, one being the Mayorality election contest, another the plan of dividing the city into wards and having the elections conducted in accord with the state election law which requires registration and also the waterworks matter.

Officers Are Chosen. J. C. Kendall acted as temporary chairman of the meeting and O. W. Briggs as temporary chairman. The meeting which was attended by about forty was called to order by Justice Penneck. A committee consisting of Messrs. R. A. Copple, H. G. Hoy, C. L. Penneck, M. C. Horton and Geo. Baines reported the election of the following as permanent officers, the election being ratified by the meeting.

President—S. B. Cathcart. Vice-president—Thomas Howard. Secretary—F. M. Friedberg. Treasurer—Eugene O'Connell.

A proposal to have the city charter amended so that municipal elections in Marshfield would be conducted according to the state election law was acted on favorably. Messrs. H. G. Hoy, I. S. Smith, C. L. Penneck, Warren Bachtel and M. C. Horton were named as a committee to draft the necessary amendment to the charter and present it to the Council Monday evening so that it could be submitted at the special election which is proposed to be held in the near future. It is proposed to divide the city into two wards.

Oppose Hasty Election. A resolution was adopted opposing the reported plan to have the Council call a hasty election to have the people vote on the waterworks proposition. It was stated that the election should not be called until all phases of the matter are thoroughly investigated and thus the voters be enabled to pass intelligently upon the question.

Several Make Talks. R. A. Copple was the first speaker of the evening, being called upon by C. L. Penneck to state the objects of the meeting. He stated that there were two or three current matters of importance for present consideration.

First, he said, he wanted to know how the people felt about the contest he had instituted over the Mayorality election. He said that he was not contesting to gain the office but because he was satisfied that there were frauds in the election. He said that if the people wished to fight fraud, he was willing to help them do it but it would be necessary to have their moral support and possibly some financial support. He also said that it seemed to him that it would be wrong to have a special election called to submit the waterworks question before the matter had been thoroughly investigated and that he was opposed to the effort being made to force the calling of an early election. Besides this, he said that he believed that to safeguard the purity of the ballot here in the future municipal elections should be conducted under the state law and suggested that the necessary changes be made in the charter to permit this.

I. S. Smith also spoke briefly. He said that he never favored election contests because they were never decided until after the tenure of the incumbent was over. He spoke in favor of maintaining the purity of the ballot and municipal reforms.

C. I. Reigard spoke along the same lines. H. G. Hoy gave a brief resume of the election contest and said that one of the reasons why it had not been filed immediately after the election was to permit a thorough investigation to make certain that there were frauds in it.

M. C. Horton spoke briefly and dwelt particularly on the necessity

of maintaining the purity of the ballot.

The next meeting will be held next Friday night when the by-laws committee will report on a name for the organization and the membership committee will report.

Timely Hints on Horticulture

Crop Pest Series.

The scope of the educational work of this service has been broadened to include the circulation of information concerning the control of crop pests, agricultural as well as horticultural, and the recommendations herein contained conform to the advice issued by the Oregon Experiment Station, adapted to local needs, and are published by the press of Coos county, gratuitously, for the benefit of the farmer, who is advised to preserve these articles for future reference.

Cut Worms.

While practically every farmer in this region is familiar with this pest as far as the damage it does is concerned, still few have been successful in efforts to control it. This has been largely due to lack of knowledge as to what a cut worm is, from an entomological standpoint, what its life history, or in other words, what it comes from, what its habits are, and what remedies will be so effective as to make their application profitable—that is to say, what can be done to protect the growing crop from its ravages which will not cost more than the damage done by the worms amounts to.

What is a Cut Worm?

The term cut worm is applied to a variety of species of worms whose habits in search of food result in cutting off the succulent stalks and shoots of plants. The variety is great, individual species differing somewhat in life history and having marked preference for certain plant foods. Generally speaking, all are the larvae of the common moths, which fly about by night and are often seen fluttering about any lamp or light at night. Except under rare conditions of soil and food supply the worms or larvae do their destructive work by night, remaining concealed during the day in the ground or under some like protection from light. Their habits, like their species, vary.

Feeding at night, some emerge from the ground and attack the plants at various heights, from the forks of the roots to the branches of the stalks, while some have assumed a climbing habit and attack the leaves and fruit buds of orchard trees. The habits of these insects indicate that we must apply some remedy before the worm has reached the young plant—interpose some attractive bait which will kill quickly between the plant and the point of emergence from the soil. This, for immediate needs, is the best course to pursue, inasmuch as it is the cheapest, most effective, and at this season really the only one.

Practical Remedies.

In our mild climate we cannot hope to kill out the hibernating larvae by fall plowing, thereby exposing them to the action of the frosts of winter (which in this climate do not penetrate the soil to such a depth as to make this method effective), nor can we, in the average garden, practice such crop rotation as will, by reason of the preference of certain species of the worms for certain plants, diminish the damage done by the starvation method, for all cut worms possess a degree of adaptability to change of diet which would defeat our efforts in this direction. Therefore we must pursue the more direct method of killing the worms themselves, which is to distribute about the young plants poisoned bait. This method is, by comparison with the loss of plants, labor of re-setting, with the resultant interruption of farming activities, a practical and economical and immediately effective one.

Arsenic and paris green in combination with bran according to various formulas are largely used, but a comparison of results has developed that the paris green formula as given below is the surest and quickest. Arsenic will kill but it is too slow, and the worms often do great damage even after they have partaken of the arsenical bait, whereas the

paris green acts quickly, prepared as follows:

Bran, 16 pounds. Paris green, 1 pound. Salt, half a pound. Cheap molasses, 1 gallon. Water to make a thick mash. If smaller quantity is desired, use in above proportions. Throw paris green, salt and molasses, with a little water, into a vessel and stir thoroughly; then add the bran, stirring continually in order to get a perfect mixture. Add more water as needed, but be careful that the completed mash shall be crumbly and not saturated. The salt and molasses in the mixture will absorb moisture after being placed on the ground about the plants, hence for convenience in handling, the mixture should be finished up as dry as possible. Paris green is an arsenate of copper, a double poison, much more soluble and consequently quicker acting than the common white arsenic.

Dangers in the Use of Paris Green.

The action of paris green in contact with the human skin is very corrosive, and the hands should be protected while mixing and applying the poison bait. Poultry should be excluded from the area where the bait is used, of course. Handled with ordinary precaution, poison bait is no sense dangerous, but the above mentioned as a warning against carelessness. The bait should not be applied in immediate contact with the roots, stalks, or foliage of the plants, a little being placed about each plant or applied with a seed drill along the rows of plants to be protected. Always apply poison bait immediately after setting plants.

Some Other Worm Remedies.

Dry Lime, while of some value as a repellent of insects with soft sticky bodies, such as slugs, has no insecticidal value.

Tobacco Dust, applied freely over the seed rows of radish and turnip plantings, has been found very effective in combating the root maggot, and placed about young cabbage and cauliflower plants close to the stalks has proven likewise effective, acting also as a fertilizer.

Hellebore, (the powdered root of a plant), is of great value in combating certain of the climbing worms which feeds upon the foliage of certain plants. This should be dusted over the plants in the early morning, while the dew is upon them.

Paris Green, mixed dry with slaked lime, and applied with a powder or dust gun in the proportion of one part of the poison to twenty parts of the lime will be found effective in cases where the pests are persistent, but in this moist climate should be applied even then sparingly, by reason of the corrosive nature of the poison.

It is a very safe practice, and one which I strongly recommend, to protect the hands either by coating with vaseline or with gloves while handling any corrosive poison, in whatever dilution, and avoid inhaling the dust of any such preparations.

P. M. HALL-LEWIS, County Fruit Inspector, Marshfield, Ore., Feb. 22, 1912.

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WHO was it saved our state when it jumped into those Russian men? And liked to not get it again? G. Wash. WHO was it never told a lie? For anything? Oh, me! Oh, me! How different from you and I? G. Wash. WHO was it never made a cent By working for the government And was our greatest president? G. Wash. WHO was it knew enough to quit When he had got his share of it? And lived and died a private cit? G. Wash. WHO was it didn't know a trust Except in God and wasn't cussed My magnates of the upper crust? G. Wash. WHO was it was a democrat Who always knew where he was at And therefore easily stood pat? G. Wash. WHO was it, freed from public strife Preferred to live the simple life—One flag, one country and one wife? G. Wash. WHO is it that we celebrate Upon the present well known date As still the nation's truly great? G. Wash. —William J. Lampton.

MARY UP TO DATE.

MARY had a little calf, And it began to sicken, She sent it off to Packingtown, And now it's labeled "Chicken." —Lippincott's.

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