

FOLLOW THE TEAM TO MEDFORD TOMORROW; SEE THE BOYS REDUCE THAT LEAD

Sams Valley Organizes Good Government League

Will Seek to Discover How
When and Where Taxes
are Disbursed

A movement that promises much for Sams Valley is the recent organization by the citizens of a good government association having for its object the welfare of the community as set forth in the following preamble to its constitution:

"Those of us who have lived for many years in this peaceful valley as well as later comers realize the need of some systematic and centralized effort to secure for our community, better government, more just taxation, more economy in the expenditure of our money, more earnest and conscientious public officials. Especially is the burden placed upon the farming of this valley by shrewd politicians becoming too heavy for them to bear. In the hope of bettering the present deplorable conditions that confront us and that by concerted action and co-operation, the citizens of the valley may be aroused to the danger that threatens their homes as well as to the many colossal injustices perpetrated by those we elect to serve us, this movement is inaugurated from a spirit of equity and justice."

The organization is non-political and non-sectarian and expects to co-operate with similar organizations throughout the county. Meetings will be held the first and third Saturdays of each month in Cooper Hall. Active committees will attend to important matters as they arise, and every effort made to remedy conditions as they non-exist.

The officers of the association are: Mr. James Fjedenberg, president; Mr. Thomas Strathern, first vice-president; Mr. Tom Pankey, second vice-president; Mrs. Ida A. Warrell, secretary; Mr. Tom Kelly, treasurer.

William C. Kelsey, public stenographer, office in the Gold Hill Hospital.

Ashland Accepts Lease on Future

Ashland joined the ranks of progress yesterday, by a vote of 1274 for, to 308 against, passed the \$175,000 bonds for the development of the mineral springs fathered by Bert R. Greer, and opened the gates of the coming of hundreds of tourists. Never in the history of the city was so much enthusiasm shown over a local project, and last night when the result was known, a celebration like unto a Fourth of July. The campaign has been under way for three weeks, and closed Saturday night with a rally by the bond supporters, and a meeting Monday night by the foes of the measure, that was converted into one for bonds by its adherents.

Notice of Annual School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 57 of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at High School Building; to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 15 day of June, A. D. 1914.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for three years and a clerk to serve for one year, and the transaction of business usual at such meetings.

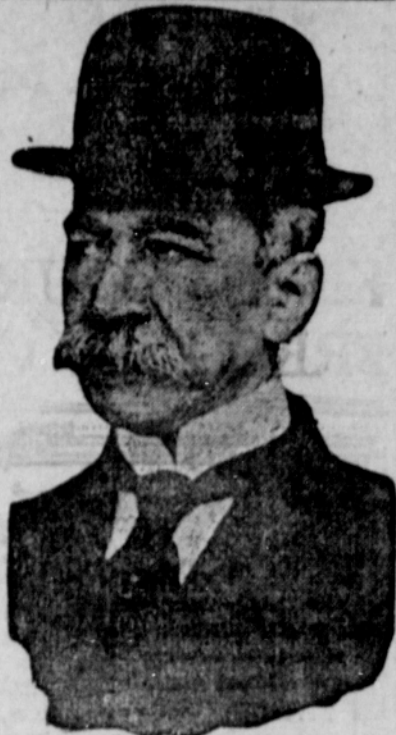
Dated this 4th day of June, 1914.
M. E. Patrick,
District Clerk.

W. W. Truax,
Chairman Board of Directors.

Merritt & Company's regular price on all standard gingham is 12½ cents, at all times.

William C. Kelsey, public stenographer, office in the Gold Hill Hospital.

DOMICIO DA GAMA



Domicio Da Gama, Ambassador to the United States from Brazil, one of the Mediators endeavoring to settle the Mexican troubles.

W. P. Noe Passes Away at Home of Son Near City

W. P. Noe, a well known and highly respected old-time resident of this community, died at the home of his son John Noe, just east of this city, on Friday, June 5th, after a prolonged struggle with ailments incident to his advanced age. Funeral services were conducted the following afternoon, the interment being at Rock Point cemetery, where Rev. A. Cosket delivered a brief but touching address.

William Perry Noe was a native of old Missouri, Ray county, where he was born in 1836. When a young man he emigrated to Nevada, where he was a participant in the pioneer activities of that restless territory. Something like 16 years ago he came with his family to this section of southern Oregon, where they have since resided. He is survived by his wife, and seven children; Mrs. Mae Reynolds, of Portland, Mrs. F. C. Ladd of Glendale, Mrs. Ralph Darling, John and Dave Noe, of this city, Mrs. Wm. Cox, of Shasta county, Calif., and Mrs. J. N. Armstrong, of Dundee. All but the two last named were present.

Card of Thanks

For the many expressions of sympathy, and for the offerings of flowers in recent bereavement, we wish to sincerely thank each friend.

—Mrs. W. P. Noe and Children.

Few senators expect debate on the trade commission bill to end in less than two months. At present the prospects for adjournment before the middle of August, or even later, are not bright.

There are indications that the inquiry into the affairs of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad by the interstate commerce commission will be completed this week.

President Wilson went through the evidence on which the Indianapolis dynamiters were convicted. A million laboring men have petitioned him to extend executive clemency.

Narratives of the bravery of enlisted men of the navy and marine corps during the fighting at Vera Cruz on April 21 and 22 were included in Rear Admiral Fletcher's report of the Mexican port's seizure, made public by the navy department.

Two measures are to be pressed as quickly as the appropriation bill is out of the way. They are the Moon postoffice bill, providing for railway mail pay readjustments and opening up the assistant postmasterships throughout the country to competitive examinations, and the general dam bill, which is before the house for action on a moment's notice.

FOURTH OF JULY REAL OLD-FASHIONED CELEBRATION GOLD HILL ON THE ROGUE

Southern Oregon Shortstories News Brevities of the Week From Rogue Valley Cities

Increase of water rates in suburban districts of Medford, by a recent action of the city council, has awakened a storm of protest both from the property owners directly affected and public spirited citizens of the city proper. The rate for a twenty acre ranch, in one instance, is increased from \$54 per year to \$90, exclusive of meter cost.

The Josephine county catch of Chinook for the season opening the 1st, has been unusually light so far, greatly to the disgust of the market fishermen. A policy that permits the unlimited taking of spawning fish, by the hatchery people and commercial interests, will in time cause the great Rogue river run to become a mere memory.

Claire Virginia Sherard and John Francis Dallaire brought pride to their parents by carrying off honors as the most perfect infants in the Medford Better Babies contest. Little Miss Sherard neared perfection with a score of 99.8.

Earl Keller, an employee of the Modoc orchards was shot in the right leg below the knee, by the accidental discharge of his companion's gun while hunting last Sunday. The wound is not serious, but advocates of the Puritanical Sabbath will derive satisfaction from the fact that it happened on that day.

The Oregon-California Mining congress will meet at Ashland on the 9th and 10th of July, and will be held in conjunction with the Chautauqua program. Many able mining men, both of technical and practical experience, will address the gathering.

250 men are employed on the Siskiyou grade, and more can be used, according to a recent statement. 25 cents per hour is paid laborers, 27½ cents to teamsters, at present, while additional teams and drivers are desired at 55 cents. Board at camp is \$6 per week, although many bring their own outfits.

Little One Has Miraculous Escape.

Portland.—When a seven-passenger automobile driven by Mrs. William E. Frazier became stalled while crossing the railroad before an approaching train at Clackamas, near here, Mrs. Frazier, who was driving, and four passengers leaped out, leaving three-year-old Lois Frazier alone in the tonneau.

The locomotive struck the automobile and smashed it to kindling wood, parts being hurled 50 feet. When the train was halted a quarter of a mile farther on, little Lois was found on the engine pilot clinging to the rods. Her right leg was broken, but this was her only injury.

Free Books Asked For Schools.

Klamath Falls.—A petition is being circulated to place a measure on the ballot at the school election in June, proposing to furnish text books free in the graded public schools. It is thought that the books can be purchased by the district more cheaply than by the individuals, that there will be no discrimination in those furnished and that the district will always have an ample supply.

10,000 Workmen Strike.

Pittsburg.—Ten thousand workmen employed by the Westinghouse interests in the plant of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, the Westinghouse Machine company and the Pittsburg Miter company, struck.

Deputies Guard John D.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—To guard against molestation of John D. Rockefeller and his son at Pocantico Hills, thought to be possible due to strike developments in Colorado, 16 deputies from the White Plains county jail were placed on the Rockefeller estate.

Administration Measures Pass House; Program for Trusts Now Before Senate

Washington.—All three bills on the administration trust legislation programme passed the house and were sent to the senate for action.

Opposition melted when the final test came, and the voting went through quickly. The Covington interstate trade commission bill was passed without a record vote; the Clayton omnibus anti-trust measure received 275 votes to 54 against it, and the vote on the Rayburn railroad capitalization bill was 352 to 12.

The Covington trade commission bill would create a commission with broad inquisitorial powers over corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

Senate May Segregate Bills.

The senate interstate commerce committee voted to report out only the trade commission measure of the trust bills. The action was construed by many as an indication of limitation of the administration's programme at the present session of congress.

There was no record vote. In a general discussion some senators opposed the motion and others declared themselves opposed to the bill at the present time. Chairman Newlands said the committee later might take up supplemental legislation and issued this statement:

"The committee determined to segregate the trade commission from the supplemental legislation and authorized me to present an amendment in the nature of a substitute for my original bill for a trade commission. The committee concluded to name the trade commission the federal trade commission, instead of the interstate trade commission, in order to clearly distinguish it from the interstate commerce commission.

States Secondary in Rate Question.

A long step toward placing railroads under "one master instead of many" was taken by the supreme court in upholding the power of the interstate commerce commission to strike down state rates that discriminate against interstate commerce.

The case arose out of complaint by Shreveport, La., merchants that the Texas railroad commission had shut them out of all Texas business by compelling the railroads to reduce Texas state rates far below what the interstate commerce commission allowed the railroads running from Shreveport to Texas cities to charge.

The court decided that congress had power to control intra-state charges over an interstate carrier to the extent necessary to prevent injurious discriminations against interstate traffic and held that congress had conferred this power upon the interstate commerce commission.

Greatest Wheat Crop Ever in Sight.

Nine hundred million bushels of wheat, almost a half of the average of the world's wheat production, and a new record for the United States, is the prospective total yield of the farms of the country this year, the department of agriculture announced in its June crop report.

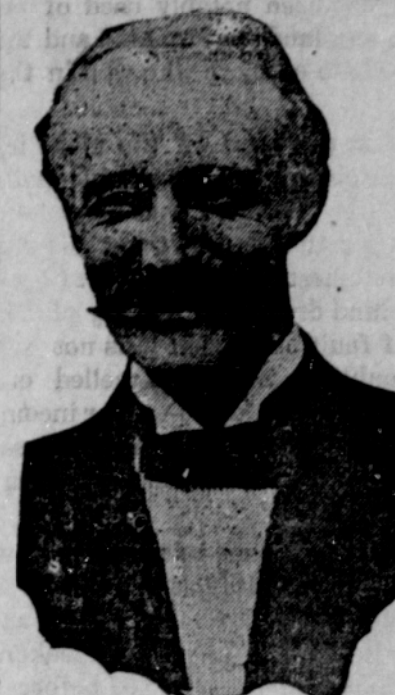
The enormous crop will be 137,000,000 bushels more than ever was grown before in the United States in any one year.

There also will be large yields of oats and barley, probably second in size in the history of the nation.

President Wilson requests that, for sentimental reasons, the Lincoln memorial highway pass through Washington.

Home Telephone Company Granted Increase in Rates

GIFFORD PINCHOT



Gifford Pinchot, who received the Progressive nomination for United States Senator from Pennsylvania at the primaries.

Initiative Bill Aims to Abolish Land Board

Salem.—A copy of an initiative bill for the abolishment of the desert land board and of the office of one of the state water commissioners, for the reduction of the salary of the state engineer, his office to be filled by appointment by the state land board, besides a number of other changes, was submitted to the secretary of state by W. P. George of Salem for approval as to form. The measure, which covers the recommendations made by Governor West, is being initiated by Mr. George.

Governor West declares that the measure, if enacted into law, will cut the expenses of the desert land board, state water board, and the state engineer's office in half. Appropriations for these departments by the last legislature amounted to \$10,000 for the desert land board, \$40,000 for the state water board and \$143,800 for the state engineer's office. The appropriations for the state engineer include the \$50,000 for the water power surveys, \$15,000 for Cello investigation and \$45,000 for topographic and hydrographic work.

Official's Removal Asked.

Salem.—Charging that O. C. Gibbs, district attorney, is not enforcing the laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor, D. W. Thomas, a saloon owner of New Pine Creek has asked Governor West to remove the official and appoint another man. Governor West has asked the officials of the county and the state pharmacy board to make an investigation of the charge made by Thomas that a druggist of New Pine Creek has been selling liquor without a license.

Red Ochre Bed Found.

Sherwood.—Discovery of a red ochre bed is reported on the farm of P. C. Knecht, three and a half miles south and west of Sherwood. Mr. Knecht has 220 acres, and about 20 acres are believed to be heavily underlaid with the valuable paint component.

Preliminary investigation shows that the bed starts about 16 inches from the surface and gets better as it goes down, eight feet already having been explored. Tests have been made, with the result that chemists say it is of extra fine quality.

Hood River Cherries Sold.

Hood River.—A. W. Stone, manager of the Apple Growers' association, announces that the entire crop of Royal Anne cherries of the valley had been sold for 5 cents a pound f. o. b. Hood River. The fruit will be preserved and canned at The Dalles. The cherries will be hauled by the growers to the association warehouses in apple boxes.

Commission Finds Manage- ment at Fault But Orders Valley Phones Raised

Salem Or., June 10.—Frankly telling the Home Telegraph & Telephone company, which has local exchanges in Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Rogue River, that it is so burdened with investment in useless equipment and with top heavy operating expenses that it cannot hope to have telephone rates that will bring a fair return, the state railroad commission today made an order allowing certain increases in telephone rates in those towns.

The order says that the existing plant of the Home company, after deducting the duplications in Medford, exceeds present needs and such future development as reasonably can be foreseen, to the amount of \$19,992.

In addition to this over development, much of the company's property is duplicated because in 1912 the Home company took over the exchanges of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in these towns.

The commission authorized the following schedule of rates: Business, one party line, Medford, \$3; Jacksonville, \$3; Gold Hill, \$2.50; Rogue River, \$2.50. Business, two party line, Medford, \$2.25; Jacksonville, \$2.25. Four party line, Jacksonville, \$1.75; Gold Hill, \$1.75; Rogue River, \$1.75. Residence one party line, in all four towns, \$2. Two party line, Medford, \$1.75. Four party line, in all four towns, \$1.50.

The commission found that the cost of reproducing the company's exchanges, without the duplication of service, would be as follows: Medford, \$146,535; Jacksonville, \$9030; Rogue River, \$7765; Gold Hill, \$2264.

Before the consolidation of the Pacific and Home companies, the total operating revenue of the two for the first six months of 1912 was \$23,938.04, while the operating revenue of the Home company for the first half of 1913 was \$19,540.75. The combined operating expenses were \$16,472.97, while the operating expenses of the Home company for the period mentioned were \$15,156.36.

Talent Loses to Locals -- 8 to 9

In a free-hitting contest with over 300 fans yelling encouragement to both teams, Gold Hill defeated the Talent tossers in a game replete with sensational plays on Sunday afternoon by a score of 8 to 9.

Until the fourth inning the home team maintained the lead, when Talent tied, and in the succeeding innings maintained a lead until the ninth, when Gold Hill copped two and cinched the game.

This is the second consecutive defeat Talent has met with in encountering the local boys, the one of the Sunday previous having classed the last encounter as classic baseball, but not in interest or excitement.

By the last victory the Gold Hill club ceases to be tail-end in the league procession, attaining third place, and relegating Talent in the rear. Local fans believe and point to the the last two games as evidence that the team has now gained its wind and that the recent strengthening by new players makes it a worthy contender for top place, although four more battles are in prospect.

They will play Medford at that city next Sunday, June 14. The Medford team at present heads the Valley league.

For Orchard Protection.

Hood River.—An insectary has been established in Hood River county by Professor V. I. Saftro, of the Oregon agricultural college, for the purpose of studying the insects that infest Hood River valley orchards. Specimens of each breed of insects will be gathered and their entire life course will be studied under powerful microscopes. Hood River orchards are badly infested with insects this season.