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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Wanted: An apostle, Crefield preferred. He is wanted so badly that the man who brings him in will get a cool hundred for his trouble.

Arbor Day comes this year on the 22nd of April. This is a legal holiday, and should be generally observed. We suggest that the teachers of the public schools form a brigade of the bright, active lads of their classes, and if not possible to do some tree planting around the school houses, that they will, at least, clear away the rubbish that is now scattered all over the campus, and pile it up for a bonfire. The boys will enjoy the work, and the girls will enjoy the bonfire.

Judge E. O. Potter, of Eugene, is a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for circuit judge in the second judicial district. He is possessed of splendid legal attainments, and is recognized as one of the leading attorneys of this state. If he receives the nomination, there is every reason to believe that Judge Potter will be endorsed at the polls by the full vote of his party. As the six counties comprising this district are Republican by a large majority, the nomination in the case of Judge Potter should be equivalent to an election. He and his family have been highly respected residents of Eugene for a number of years, and he at one time was judge of Lane county.

For the first time in years, Republican primaries were held in Corvallis last Saturday without a strenuous factional contest over the selection of delegates to the convention. But one ticket was placed in the field in each precinct, and the interests of all prospective candidates seem to be fairly represented. With few exceptions the same harmonious spirit prevailed in the various precincts throughout the county. Where more than one ticket appeared the contest was purely local and had no organized movement back of it.

The unanimity of sentiment shown augurs well for the success of the party at the polls in June. With a solid front presented to the enemy there is no reason why every candidate on the Republican ticket should not be elected. The convention which meets Thursday has the power to make this task easy or difficult. Much depends upon the personnel of the ticket. Of course, all will not be pleased with the selections made, but the rank and file of voters is reasonable as a whole and will put aside personal prejudice to support a competent, representative Republican. This is a duty they owe to themselves and to the party.

Every aspirant for nomination should use all legitimate means to convince delegates of his strength and fitness. Having presented his case, if the convention chooses another for the place, he is bound by every sense of right to lend the support of himself and friends to the election of his successful opponent. By this means a strong party organization can be built up, and Benton county will be Republican in fact as well as in name.

OUR BRAINY CONTEMPORARIES.

A penitente convicted of certain crimes and condemned to "the way of the cross" has a definite fate before him. In the hidden inner room of the Habitation are stored many crosses, some twenty feet in length with eight-foot arms. Hither the penitente is brought by the companions, and Brothers of Light; a cross is strapped to his back with rawhide thongs that bind his arms almost immovably and cut deep into the flesh. It drags behind him him, crunching on the stones, and he leaves the morada with his fellows, similarly burdened: under its weight he can just stagger. So they start, the group of them for the campo santo, where they will pray and flog themselves before the blood-spattered cross therein, and after make their way slowly on to the next monada and the next, if they can hold out so long. With them are the Rezadec, always praying: the campaneros, scourging them forward with sickening blows; the piteros, players of the flute, whose eerie wail floats over town and lonely gulch by day and night.—Everybody's Magazine for April.

Unquestionably it is commendable for the women of this country to engage in any movement that has for its object such improvement of social conditions as will relieve suffering or in any way tend to the elevation and happiness of the sex. But with this admitted, it is demonstrated every now and again that a crusade along this line, when its purpose is confined to conditions that obtain in foreign lands, degenerates into nothing more than a sad in which there is a useless waste of energy. It is manifest that a number of good ladies in Port-

land are now engrossed in a spasm of exaggerated activity, in which the unbearable woes of the daughters of India are featured as the wrong to be redressed, or, what is better, to be obviated.

For several years past in many of the larger cities throughout the country the child-wife-of-India evil has been quite in the center of the stage among women with missionary predilection. The horrors of the system have been painted in lurid colors, in which, as in such cases generally, there is doubtless warrantable suspicion of exaggeration. Be this as it may, a couple of wealthy California ladies have visited India and returning, have brought the propaganda of child-wife reform or relief, which ever term best describes their purpose, to our very doors. The result is the organization of a local society, with torrents of talk, which may conclude today in an all-day session. There has been no lack of enthusiasm, no dearth of expressions of sympathy for the suffering younger sister in the Hindoo land.

All this is well enough in its way. It gives employment to ladies who have a burning desire to redress the evil, that has somewhat of a borrowed charm from distance, but to many of us there comes the conviction that it is extremely impractical and is invested with something that savors strongly of the hysterical. The impression will not dawn that there is a field for such activities much nearer home—a field that has not been thoroughly exploited by any manner of means. It is true that conditions exactly similar do not prevail, but there is abundant opportunity for intelligent and well-directed energy in every large city in the United States, where the reward in the form of improved conditions would furnish ample demonstration of the truth of the old adage that "charity begins at home."—Portland Telegram.

TWO DAYS' PROGRAM

Parents' Meeting and Bellfountain School Will Hold Interesting Sessions.

A very interesting program is published below to take place at Bellfountain on Friday evening, April 8, and Saturday morning, April 9. The evening program marks the closing of the Bellfountain school and the meeting the next morning is the regular monthly parents' meeting as arranged by Supt. Denman.

There will be no regular evening session. The closing exercises of Bellfountain school being substituted for the customary evening's entertainment. The program of the school is as follows:

Instrumental Music.....	
Welcome Exercise.....	
Recitation.....	Hazel Edwards
Dialogue.....	
Solo.....	Mrs. Waltz
Recitation.....	Blanche Dinges
Mother Goose Melodies.....	
Recitation.....	Ralph Banton
Instrumental Music.....	
Dialogue.....	
Duet.....	Mrs. Edwards and Jesse Benham
Recitation.....	Philena Dodge
Rose Drill.....	
Song.....	Jessie and Lillie Bain
Recitation.....	Bertha Coon
Guitar Solo.....	Greta Bristow
Dialogue.....	
Recitation.....	Velma Buckingham
Solo.....	Mrs. Edwards
Concert Recitation.....	Three Boys
Pantomime, "Home, Sweet Home".....	
Recitation.....	Ray Waltz
Instrumental Music.....	
Dialogue.....	
Song.....	Quartet
A Hat Sociable will follow the literary program. Admission, 10 cents.	

REGULAR PARENTS' MEETING PROGRAM.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, AT 10 A. M.

Singing.....	Institute
"Consolidation of Rural School Districts".....	
.....	M. M. Waltz, J. H. Edwards
"Success in Life; What is it, and How to Secure it".....	
.....	E. H. Belknap
"How to Help the Dull Boy".....	Mary Dunlap, D. V. Gragg
(a) "Teachers' Salaries as Compared with that of Others;"	
(b) "Are They Too Low; If so, Why, and Remedy?".....	
.....	J. N. Edwards
"What Can the Teacher Do to Awaken Interest in the Indifferent School?".....	Ida Belknap, W. C. Reese
"Parents' Duty at Home".....	Ross Matthews
"Habits in Youth, Signboards to Success or Failure".....	
.....	Mrs. Silas Starr

There will be a basket dinner during the noon hour. All cordially invited to bring their baskets and join together in spending a pleasant hour.

There will be an entertainment of at least fifty minutes on one of Edison's latest talking machines. This will be given especially for the children. The latest and best selections will be given such as band music, comic songs and stories, whistling solos, Uncle Josh's talks, etc.

Everyone is cordially invited to join with the schools and the Bellfountain Grange in having a merry and profitable time. Last year's meeting was one of the best held in the county. In attendance and interest it was excellent. Let us make the coming meeting better if we can. We can if we will all attend and throw our influence in its behalf. Bring your children so they can enjoy the entertainment on the phonograph. It will make them laugh and you feel good.

Very truly,

GEO. W. DENMAN,
Benton County School Superintendent.

Prohibition Ticket.

The county convention of the Prohibition party met at the court house on Thursday afternoon last, and transacted a full day's business. A county central committee was elected, with Prof. Sheak, of Philomath, as chairman. Fifteen delegates to the state convention were chosen. The meeting was harmonious, though lively.

The following ticket for the county election in June, was placed in nomination:

Senator, Rev. E. Green.
Representative, Prof. B. E. Emerick.
Commissioner, A. W. Herbert.
Clerk, E. F. Bryant.
Assessor, Mr. Wertzbaugher.
School Supt., O. V. White.
Sheriff, G. A. Scott.
Recorder, H. C. Horton.
Treasurer, Geo. Bennett.
Surveyor, S. Watkins.

The party, at this meeting formally adopted the local option as a distinct party measure, thus ensuring its defeat.

In the evening an entertainment was given at the court house, in the interests of this measure. Prof. R. W. Kelsay made the address. A trio of male voices furnished the musical part of the entertainment, with Mr. Knox, of the Knox-Kantner Company as leader. The room was crowded and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Special Easter Services.

There will be special Easter services at the Congregational church next Sunday. The choir has prepared fine music with orchestra accompaniment. An invitation is extended to all.

MORNING SERVICE.

Solo, There is a Green Hill Far Away.
Anthem, Ring, O Joyful Bells.
Solo, The Peace of God.

EVENING SERVICE.

Solo, Why Seek Ye Here the Living?
Anthem, Unto Him Who Loved Us.
Cornet solo.
Solo, Fear Ye Not to Seek Jesus.
Anthem, The Shout of Victory.
Brief addresses.

A Prophecy.

Strains of music from the Westward,
Floating o'er our city fair,
Seem to tell us, as we listen
That there's harmony in the air.

Madame Rumor deigns to whisper,
That the melody's two-fold,
That the harmony is not only
That of music, but of souls.

And at once the rumor started
That a wedding soon will be,
And a couple, happy couple,
Soon will sail the stormy sea—

For the land across the waters,
To the land of Germany,
There to study and to practice
On their course in symphony.

The parents' meeting will be held at Philomath next Saturday by Supt. Denman. This meeting includes all the schools of this part of our county. The morning session occurs in Philomath College and begins at 9:45 a. m. The afternoon session will be held in College of Philomath. Everyone in this part of the county interested in our public schools should attend this meeting.

Addition Delegates.

WILLAMETTE

William Parks
Richard Scott
O. Thompson
— Thompson

SUMMIT

Honore Underhill
Robert McFarland
— Haymer

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New Mohairs, Plain and Figured
New Black Dress Goods

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