

THE CORVALLIS GAZETTE

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS,

Editorial Comment.

THE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION

On the night of the election of President Roosevelt he issued the following statement.

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and one-half years, and this three and one-half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance and not the form. Under no circumstance will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

By this declaration the President means without any question of contradiction that the term for which he has just been elected will be his last. There are none who have studied his administration of the affairs of this high office who would for a moment doubt that he would take the first favorable opportunity to express his high regard for the substance of the long-cherished tradition which forbids a third term in the presidential office. He may, henceforth, devote his every effort to regulating the trusts; to building the Panama canal; to guarding the interests of our country and of humanity in the Philippines and by his every effort give the Democratic critics much to base adverse criticism upon. Were he the kind of a man Democratic partisans have endeavored to make of him, he would not at this early date have appointed a time to end his political career. Under this declaration of independence there is no politician who can present to him, in the next four years, any partisan or personal reasons to induce him to depart from what he believes to be the best possible conduct for the interest of our common country, and certainly no politician can approach him with any suggestion of what might happen should the President disregard his wishes. This will enable the Republican party to choose a nominee for president in 1908 from other eminent men in the party without any doubt as to Roosevelt's position in the matter.

CITY TAXATION.

It has been suggested that the next legislature amend the charter of the city of Corvallis to raise the limit of taxation for general purposes so as to permit the city council to levy a tax not exceeding ten mills instead of five mills as now limited. The proposers of this change say that such action may be proper on account of the late prohibition vote making the town dry after next January and which will thus cut off the revenue about \$1600 heretofore paid into the city treasury by the saloons. It has been contended by the friends of prohibition that the expenses of government by the existence of the saloons is largely increased over conditions where there are no saloons and prohibition exists. If this is the case there will be no necessity of raising the tax limit. The financial condition of Corvallis will not be injured materially in this regard by permitting the present limit of taxation to remain. The legislature will meet again in two years and if the burdens of taxpayers shall increase under the beneficent auspices of prohibition it will then be time for the legislature to afford its timely interference. The saloon traffic and its consequences and effect on society is regretted by many and although the trials and tribulations attendant upon the enforcement of prohibition is hoped will not be worse or more burdensome to taxpayers.

One of the great arguments for many years has been against the saloon business "that it made men intoxicated and while in that condition they committed offenses which engaged the attention of courts and officers, and largely increased matters of taxation." If prohibition can overcome these evils and do away with the continued increase in already high taxation, the heavy burdened taxpayer will accept it as a fortunate remedy early applied in this twentieth century.

The State of Oregon has cause to be proud of its record in the last National election. The plurality given to President Roosevelt was 42,988. These figures are large, and represent a majority of 30,693 over all the combined candidates in opposition, but they represent much more. It means more than forty-seven and one-half per cent. of the total poll of the State, a better showing than is made by any of the 45 states of the Union. For this result she has to thank two most important factors in the contest, the Republican press and Frank C. Baker, the chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Yesterday's Court Proceedings.

Circuit court met in regular session Saturday morning, but to date nothing of importance has been decided. Although the docket is comparatively light, there are several jury cases that will occupy some little time. Perhaps the most important case of local interest is that of Kola Neis vs. John Whitaker and son Frank, mention of which was made in a previous issue of this paper. The case will be tried before a jury.

James L. Lewis vs. John McGee Sr., is a case in which Lewis is suing for a commission of \$100 for the sale of Mr. McGee's farm to R. W. Fisher. This case was on trial before a jury yesterday afternoon.

In the case of Palmer Hyres vs. E. W. Strong, which is a dispute respecting some timber bought, the parties may consent to a continuance for the term for the reason Mr. Hyres who lives in Lane county, may not arrive in time for a trial.

The attorney for the parties in G. R. Farra vs. A. Wilhelm, argued a demurrer in the case yesterday, and the court took the same under advisement.

The District Attorney moved a dismissal in the case of the State of Oregon vs. James Guier, which motion was allowed by the court.

In the matter of W. J. Shipley et al, vs M. E. Farley et al, the pleading was submitted for examination by the court.

In Cupid's Realm.

The marriage of Miss Janie Newton of this city to Robert Brown of Oakesdale, Wash., took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Newton, Thanksgiving morning. Rev. G. H. Feese of the First Methodist church performing the ceremony. About 30 guests were present. The bride's gown was white silk with lace chignon trimmings. Her bouquet was caught by Miss Etta Smith. Miss Newton was graduated from Oregon Agricultural College with the class of '97. The groom is a wealthy farmer of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will reside at Oakesdale.

At the home of the officiating minister, J. A. Watkins of Portland and Miss Annie Walker of Corvallis were married by Rev. D. R. Walker of Albany on Tuesday evening. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. C. Walker of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will reside in Portland.

Mr. William J. West of Hoskins and Miss Daisy May Bush of Kings Valley were married by Rev. T. T. Vincent at his home in this city last Saturday, Nov. 26th. Mr. and Mrs. West will make Corvallis their future home.

Mr. S. B. Finnegan, of Eugene, and Miss Rose Newman, of Bruce, were married at the home of the bride Tuesday last. Mr. and Mrs. Finnegan will reside in Eugene.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kantner, of Salem announce the engagement of their daughter, La Blanche to Owen Arthur Thomas of Grants Pass, the wedding to take place Dec. 14. Rev. Kantner is a former resident of Corvallis, having filled the pastorate of the Congregational church in this city, a number of years ago.

The Japanese army received orders recently to attack Port Arthur and take the fortifications at any cost. The defensive works outside of the parapets have been captured, leaving the Russians in possession of the parapets only. The occupation of the forts is expected soon. If the forts are taken the capture of Port Arthur seems certain in a short time.

One of the silver cups to be given as a prize the Poultry Show in this city December 8-9-10, is now on exhibition in Nolan & Callahan's show window. It is the President's cup, to be given personally by B. W. Johnson, president of the Corvallis Association, and is a most beautiful piece of silver, lined with gold.

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Student Ira Barrett spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents in Hillsboro, returning to College Monday.

Virgil A. Carter, of Wells, our recent y-elected representative to the state legislature, was in the city on Sunday and remained over Monday, on business.

On account of the very low stage of the river, Capt. Graham has not deemed it advisable to try to reach Corvallis regularly with his steamers just yet. Although the Oregon could make the trip through, it would take so long for her to make the round trip that it would not be profitable as the river has fallen considerably since her first trip last week. It is hoped, however, that the water will soon come up to a higher stage, as there is considerable freight to be moved just as soon as boats are able to make the regular run.

The ladies of Elsworth W. R. C. will give an entertainment and supper Wednesday evening at G. A. R. hall, corner of Adams and Second streets. An interesting program of speeches, recitations and music will be presented, after which a bounteous supper will be served in the dining-room. The object is to secure additional funds for the benevolent work of the Corps, so an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. This admits to both the entertainment and the supper. Exercises will begin at 7:30, and in view of their purpose, the ladies should be liberally patronized.

The Local Union met at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. This union is composed of the Christian Endeavor societies of the Presbyterian, Christian, Congregational and United Evangelical churches, the Baptist Union of the Baptist church, and the Epworth League of the Methodist church. The meeting was led by Miss Ethel Hollister, of the Congregational church, and representatives of each of the above societies appeared on the program, and a very interesting meeting was the result. The first part of the evening was devoted to a Thanksgiving service, while the subject, "How Intemperance Hinders Missions" was discussed during the remainder of the evening.

An entertainment is to be given at the M. E. church tonight, by the Adams Sisters, who are said to be rare artists in their line.

Arthur Henkle, who recently recovered from a surgical operation, is again bed-fast, owing to a relapse caused by going about too soon.

In all there were about 18 local Lions attended the banquet given by the Albany lodge last Saturday evening and all report a glorious time.

If you enjoy music you should attend the Piano Lecture Recital to be given by Prof. Gerard Taillandier of the OAC. It will be given at the College Chapel Wednesday, November 30, at 7:30 p. m. Admission free, but children will not be admitted unless accompanied by adults.

The ball given by the OAC cadet officers at the Armory Thanksgiving night was a most successful affair in every particular. The music was furnished by the Corvallis orchestra. From a financial standpoint it was, perhaps, the most successful of any yet given by the students.

There was a meeting of the sheriffs of Oregon held in Portland last Saturday, for the purpose of organizing a sort of sheriffs' association is for the mutual benefit of all the sheriffs of the state, so that they can work more in conjunction with each other. Sheriff Burnett received an invitation to be present, but on account of circuit court meeting on that day it was impossible for him to attend.

AT HOME!

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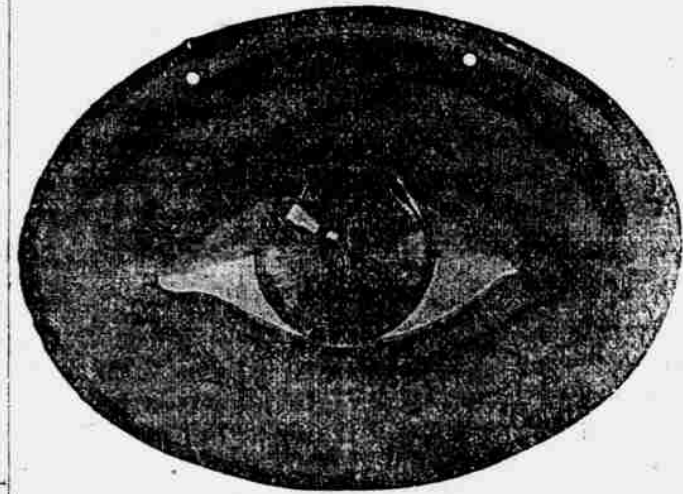
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