

# CORVALLIS GAZETTE



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## ROUND UP.

### Merwin McMaines Had an Unpleasant Experience.

Merwin McMaines, whose experiences in Oregon have been many and varied, departed at a very early hour Saturday morning for Rockford, Illinois, by way of Portland. Few people knew of his intended departure at so early a date. About the hour of noon Mr. Nixon, "Mine Host" at the Occidental Hotel, became suspicious that all was not well and made inquiry with the result that he was assured of Mr. McMaines' flight. Mr. Nixon had cause to regret in the sum of about \$21—due on board.

Naturally, the hotel keeper was incensed. He issued a warrant for "Happy" and the authorities in Portland were communicated with. In about an hour they reported that they had gathered in our long-haired boy and awaited instructions as to what Corvallis people desired done in the matter.

In the meantime "Mc" opened up a series of telephonic communications with friends in this city. Things looked billious for "Happy" for many hours, but about ten o'clock that evening he of the flowing locks was permitted to proceed on his way East. Had Mr. McMaines remained in "Beaverdam" a few years more he would have gained quite an extensive knowledge of the various bastilles in Oregon. However, he was never up against it for anything very serious that was wholly the conception of his own brain.

He had been tendered a position with the White Spear Medicine Company and was to join them at Rockford, Ill., to begin a four-months' engagement.

We presume he was wanted as a proof of what hair tonic will do. Thus endeth, for a time at least, the career of Merwin McMaines so far as Corvallis is concerned. In spite of his various shortcomings there was nothing vicious about "Mc" and were he to return tomorrow many friends would give him a warm welcome.

### The Debate.

A good audience greeted the debaters in the college chapel Saturday evening when the team from the Washington Agricultural college of Pullman met the OAC team in a spirited contest of wits.

The question was, "Resolved, That aside from the constitutionality, the United States should support an Income tax." OAC had the affirmative. Both sides were prepared for the struggle, and showed careful preparation for discussion of the subject handled.

The OAC team was the same that had represented OAC all spring, viz: Miss Minnette Phillips, Mark Weatherford and Mr. Belden.

The judges were Prof. Baldwin, of Philomath, Prof. Hawthorne of Eugene, and Pres. Ressler of Monmouth. The decision was in favor of the Washington Agricultural College.

### Street Exposition.

The most unique and original street exposition ever held on the Pacific Coast will be in the thoroughfares and windows of the stores of the central district of Portland the week of May 19 to 26. The exposition is to consist of the manufactured products of the entire state. The space for the exhibit offered for display has been secured entirely free of charge to manufacturers, and full opportunity for advertising may be utilized. The Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company have announced that they will carry all exhibits free of charge, and will return them in the same

manner. The entire denotation and carnival is in the interests of home manufacturers, and encouragement and stimulation of local pride of every community in their respective industrial enterprises. The exposition was undertaken through the instrumentality of the Ad. Men's League, an energetic organization of publicity experts and Development Leaguers, men who believe in boosting Oregon interests generally, and to keep up the work every year. In the few short weeks that the enterprise has been organized, thousands of pieces of literature regarding home industry and home-made articles, have been circulated, contests among school children for the best essay on Oregon have been started, prizes offered for the best displays of manufactured articles, both in quantity and attractiveness. The week of display will be marked by parades, music, fireworks, a monster entertainment at the Armory Hall on the 22d, a formal display and novel displays of industries.

### Her Spiritual Love.

Mrs. B. E. Starr, of East Portland, who will be remembered in this neighborhood as Donnie Mitchell, daughter of Charley Mitchell, deserted her husband Saturday night and departed to join her "spiritual love," who is none other than the notorious Joshua Creffield, apostle to the holy rollers, who in February finished serving a two year term in the state penitentiary for the licentious practices carried on in the guise of extreme holiness. Since his release from imprisonment he has gathered together a few followers about him away out in Lincoln county, where he is reported to be carrying on very much as of yore. Mrs. Starr is said to have fallen under the influence of Creffield three years ago, when the rolling prophet was playing havoc with weak-minded women, and had remarked to her husband recently that she had a spiritual love for him. She left in the night, taking what money she could find in Mr. Starr's pockets. She left a note to her husband, saying she did not disturb him for fear the children would cry, adding that "he said that Christ will take of them." "He" referring to Creffield. The Starrs have three little children, the youngest a seven-month's old babe, which Mr. Starr's mother has taken. Mrs. G. W. Mitchell went down from here Tuesday morning and in the evening brought back the two pretty little girls, aged 5 and 3 years, to whom they will give a home.—Newberg Graphic.

### At His Home Town.

Regarding the Withycombe and general republican demonstration which is to take place in "Old Corvallis" tonight the Albany Herald says: The opening rally of the state campaign is soon to be held in Corvallis on next Tuesday evening, when the leading state candidates will be in that city to fire the opening gun at the home of the candidate for governor, Dr. James Withycombe. A large number of the republicans of this city are desirous of going to Corvallis at that time, and arrangements are under way to secure a special train for the trip. The rally promises to be the largest political gathering ever held in Benton county and will be made a red letter one for that section of the state. It is expected that all republicans who can be in attendance will be in Corvallis on that date and take part in this the opening meeting of a campaign that will result in the election of every candidate on the state ticket by the largest majorities ever recorded in the state.

## COST OF PRIMARY.

### An Expensive Luxury for the State and Candidate.

If we are to take the figures on the cost of the primary election recently held, as given out from Linn county, as a basis for estimates of the cost to the State of Oregon we certainly will deal with big figures. The following article from Albany is worthy of serious consideration:

Costing almost a dollar for every vote cast in Linn county, the direct primary law has proved one of the most expensive luxuries the voters of this section have ever enjoyed. The County Commissioner's Court, which today completed its session, audited and allowed claims against the county, charged to the election account, which aggregated \$1,716 and the end is not yet. Bills always come in for nearly a year succeeding every election, for work, supplies and incidentals. It is estimated that when these are all paid the total will run from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

In the primary election in Linn county there were polled but 2086 votes. Figuring upon the cost, nearly a dollar a vote, many are inclined to think the law is a luxury—that it is not really necessary, or worth the expense. Others favor the law. Opinion is divided in Linn county, but many people who favored the law before the primary election, thinking it would get out a more representative vote, are open in their disapproval.

The majority of votes were cast in the towns, where people could visit the polls and vote in a few minutes. In city precincts votes did not cost the county a dollar each. But when the returns from a large number of country precincts were inspected many were found where but 8 to 20 votes were cast and an expense bill of \$40 had to be paid by the county.

Under the direct primary law the result was about the same as under the old convention system, only it costs more. Farmers worked in their fields on election day, but all preparations had to be made and all the expenses of an election paid, whether votes were cast or not, and the aggregate cost is large enough to make many advocates of the direct primary law in Linn county doubt its value.

Of the expense bills, \$1223 was for judges and clerks, \$398 for printing, and the remainder for putting up booths, distributing boxes, etc. All this money was paid by Linn county. When the bills paid by the state for Linn county, which must be met by the taxpayers the same as those assessed directly against the county, are in, the expenses of a direct primary election in Linn county will be one of the big items of the biennial budget.

The expenses that must have been paid incurred by the candidates for nomination under the direct primary law add to the burden. Every candidate was forced to make a pretty thorough canvass in Linn county, where he had an opponent, and that occurred in most instances on the republican ticket. At the close of the primaries candidates complained that the expenses of the primary campaign had been so heavy that they could not make the campaign they would like for the general election.

The first idea of the primary election to taxpayers of Linn county became known today when the court finished auditing expense bills.

### Flower Queen.

The "Flower Queen" will be given in the opera house next Monday evening, May 14, under the auspices of the Ladies of the Congregational church. Solos will be taken by Mrs. Frederic

Berensold, Mrs. A. B. Cordley, the Misses Edna Allen, Marie Pelland, Gertrude McBee, Marian Chappel, Hettie Lilly, Marie Cathey, Verna Larrell, Winona Woodward, Jean Kent, Inez Johnson. Mrs. C. E. Peterson will take the part of "Rose Queen," and Miss Floy Johnson the part of "Recluse."

There will be a quartette of poppies, and a semi-chorus of Heather Bells, besides the full chorus. The stage in the opera house will be converted into a forest scene, with trees, ferns, mosses and flowers, and this together with the impersonations and music, will make a delightful evening's entertainment.

Mrs. E. F. Green will direct the music and accompany on the piano. Miss Margaret Fowell will also accompany on the organ.

One of the best numbers will be a duet, "Nightingale and Rose." The Flute obligato will be played by Prof. J. B. Horner.

### Creffield Dead.

A dispatch to this city from Seattle, Wash., yesterday conveyed the information that George Mitchell had just shot and killed Edmund Creffield, of Holy Roller fame. Full particulars were not obtainable at the time we went to press yesterday.

Thus do the guilty meet their deserts. We realize fully that to take life is an awful thing, but there are things more precious than life. George Mitchell had two sisters become victims to Creffield's practices, vicious and awful as they were. Not only did Mr. Mitchell suffer, but others—families and communities. The taking of Creffield's life was no more than should have been expected. It was what the people of any respectable community might desire. Considering the sorrow, grief, humiliation and many other causes for human suffering and distress this man was accountable for news of his death brings to this city more than anything else a sense of relief.

### Lectures Here Thursday.

Mrs. Helen Dickinson Harford, lecturer and organizer for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, will lecture at the court house on Thursday evening, May 10th, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Harford is well known in Corvallis, having served four years as State President of the Oregon Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She will also give an address to women at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

"Mrs. Harford lectured at the Methodist church last night to a full house. The gifted lady spoke about an hour and a half to an earnestly interested audience. It was the most eloquent address ever delivered in this place. She said many bright, witty and even humorous things, which undoubtedly impressed her hearers for good."—City News, Coquille, Oregon.

### Later Contributions.

The following is a list of contributions for the relief of the destitute at San Francisco:

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Mrs J B Horner, clothing	.....
E E Wilson, cash	.....
E J Newton, bacon and potatoes	7 00
Thos H Coper, bacon and eggs	12 00
W P Lafferty, potatoes	2 25
Nancy Barclay, bacon and eggs	3 40
Mrs Warren, clothing	.....
Pos Covell, "	.....
John Bain, eggs	3 00
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Diek Kiger, potatoes	7 50
A E Bell, 2 table spoons	.....
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