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### NO JUTE MILL

Say Oregonians—Visited Walla Walla, but not Pleased.

Because imported grain bags on the Oregon side of the state boundary cost Umatilla wheat growers this year an average of ten cents each, while prison-made bags on the Washington side cost Walla Walla growers 6 1/2 cents, Umatilla growers are demanding that Oregon establish a bag mill in its penitentiary at Salem, as Washington did 13 years ago says a staff correspondent of the Oregonian.

Umatilla farmers are now using 2,000,000 sacks this year. The Walla Walla prison price would make the total cost of these bags \$130,000, but the cost in Umatilla is about \$200,000, a difference of \$70,000.

This exhibit makes the demand for a prison jute mill in Oregon sound reasonable. It lends strength to the argument that Oregon can profitably spend \$125,000 for a jute plant and abolish its 22-year old stove foundry. The argument is still further fortified by the contention that even if the economic advantages of the change were not so favorable, Oregon could afford it, simply in order to take away convict labor from competition with free stove labor and supply farmers with cheap sacks.

The jute mill is receiving attention all over Oregon and has received a great many converts. It may become one of the important subjects of legislation at the capital this winter. Attesting the widespread interest in the matter, 33 members of the Legislature visited the jute mill at Walla Walla last week, accompanied by Governor Chamberlain and C. W. James, superintendent of the Oregon prison. A large delegation of Umatilla residents were present, including W. R. Ellis, Congressman-elect, and T. T. Geer, ex-Governor.

The jute-mill idea did not captivate the visiting Governor and lawmakers as the Umatilla men wished for. The Washington officials commended the idea highly for their own state, but the visitors mostly took to the opinion that the Oregon method of prison employment was just as good, if not better, and that the 3 1/2 cents cheaper price for prison bags this year at Walla Walla was due to temporary conditions not likely to be repeated. Prominent citizens of Pendleton admit that the idea has not "taken hold" and that they hardly expect it to prevail in the legislature. Among the legislators, as they gathered in Pendleton after inspection of the Walla Walla plant, there was little advocacy of the change at Salem. Nor was the plan of working the convicts on roads much favored, the chief objection being the seeming impossibility of employing them in that manner continuously through the long rainy period of Western Oregon. These were the opinions also of Governor Chamberlain and Superintendent James, as regards jute mill and road work.

### Corvallis Auction.

Corvallis receives attention in the November 1st issue of the "Oregon Agriculturalist and Rural Northwest." The fact of the proposed weekly auction sales to be held in this city is the subject discussed and in an editorial way the paper says:

"A firm at Corvallis is about to establish a weekly livestock auction in that city. Mr. Fred A. Woods, one of the firm, has had some experience in the business in an eastern city. It proved very successful there. An effort has been made once or twice in Oregon to establish weekly or monthly sale days, but hitherto without permanent success. In the case mentioned the undertaking had no backing excepting

of a general nature. "Weekly public sale days should prove decidedly useful and if the undertaking at Corvallis proves a success it will be a business help to that place and a marked convenience to the farmers of the tributary country."

### Long and Short of It.

When Sheriff Frank Elkins of Prineville, Crook county, entered the court house here Friday and greeted Sheriff D. S. Smith of Linn county, the tallest and shortest sheriffs in Oregon met, says the Herald.

While neither man lays claim to the distinction, the same is true. Sheriff Elkins towers six feet three inches into the air, while Sheriff Smith is five feet, one and a half inches tall.

Sheriff Elkins was in the city yesterday visiting his father, County Treasurer Elkins, having come over from Prineville to Salem with four prisoners for the penitentiary, one of whom was Fred Shepard, sentenced to hang for the murder of J. F. Zell.

### FORGING AHEAD.

Prospects Bright for Telephone Company.

The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company have purchased two lots in Albany on the South side of Second street, 65 feet west of Lyon street, with 44 feet front on Second street and running back 100 feet to the alley of Joseph Sandner and H. L. Walden.

The company will give ample evidence of its faith in Albany by erecting a building that will be a credit to the city of Albany, as soon as plans can be drawn for the same and arrangements made for bids on the contract. A common battery plant of the latest type will be installed in the building and new instruments placed at all subscribers' stations in Albany. As the outside lines and the poles of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co. have been entirely rebuilt within the past six months, this will give Albany the finest telephone system in the Willamette Valley and equal to anything to be found in any town in the world of the same size. The company looks forward to the time when the Corvallis & Eastern R. R. Co. will be extended through to an Eastern connection, when the Willamette Valley will be interlaced by electric lines and Albany a busy, prosperous jobbing and manufacturing center.

A new and larger office has been leased in Corvallis by the company and nearly all the materials are on hand for the building of a telephone system in Corvallis, modern and complete in every way. The plant at Corvallis will also be of the latest common battery type and a large amount of cable will be used in the outside construction work. Poles, outside and inside wires, cables, instruments, switchboard, in fact everything will be new and the best that can be bought.

The Philomath exchange of the company has tripled in size during the past year under the management of Mr. Samuel H. Moses. The company has its own office in Philomath and is giving splendid service to its patrons in that vicinity.

Altogether the outlook in Linn and Benton counties for the company was never brighter in the history of the company. Farmer like subscribers who have wandered off after new gods, are coming back—sadder and wiser.—Albany Democrat.

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### THEY WERE "AT HOME."

Annual Party at Cauthorn Hall a Success—The Features.

The Cauthorn Hall young men gave their annual "at home" to their friends Friday evening, and about 150 responded to the invitation. The rooms were beautifully decorated in military style with flags, sabers and bunting and the Hall presented an appearance of light and life that was very attractive.

The evening's entertainment began with an appropriate address by Prof. F. Berchtold, followed by an address of welcome by C. C. Clark, president of the Cauthorn Hall club. Clifford Moore gave a vocal solo, and the Hall quartette composed of Messrs Moore, Stone, Brock and Hudson sang; the "Cauthorn Hall diversions" were then illustrated by the seniors giving a life-like representation of a "ducking" in the bath tub.

The guests were then invited to form in line and a grand march was begun that took the company through the entire building, the doors to all the rooms standing open so that all might see the apartments of the 72 Cauthorn Hall inhabitants. The neat and homelike appearance of the Hall was warmly praised by the visitors.

After the march, the company repaired to the dining room where light refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

The management of the party was in the hands of Mark V. Weatherford and R. K. Brodie, who proved themselves thoroughly capable. The refreshment committee was R. C. Brodie, Ralph Wirstel, E. E. Allen and L. B. Howe, and they too, "made good" in their line. The boys were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitehead.

The affair was in every way enjoyable and was voted a decided success by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

### The Revival.

Special features of the revival services at the Christian Church Sunday were the sermon in the morning on Queen Esther and the men's meeting in the afternoon. The morning service was in honor of Mrs. Handaker's Sunday school class of college girls the "Queen Esther" which has an enrollment of more than fifty.

The sermon in the evening was on the subject of sowing and reaping. In this Rev. Handaker called attention to need of heeding the admonition of the apostle that we be not deceived by sowing the wild oats of carelessness and dissipation in the hope of reaping peace and happiness. The speaker called attention the laxity of parental government and more need of home life.

He said: "We scarcely ever see in real life the old picture of home with father, mother and children spending an evening together. Club and social life is to a great extent taking the place of home life. Whatever tends to diminish the influence of the home is an enemy to society for the home is the foundation of all civilized communities."

The dance, card and wine parties received their share of condemnation as a trinity of evils arrayed against virtue and having within themselves not a redeeming feature.

### Benton Man Honored.

We are pleased to announce the fact that the Hon. E. L. Bryan has received the nomination for judge of the 7th Judicial District of Idaho.

Mr. Bryan years ago took his degree as a graduate of Philomath college, and has always

stood high as a gentleman of culture and unblemished character. Shortly following his graduation at Philomath college, he was engaged for some years in school work in this county. He served the people of Benton county as superintendent of public schools with much credit. Afterwards he read law with Hon. John Burnett and was admitted to the practice of the law by the Supreme Court in June 1895. Following his admission to the bar he engaged in the practice of the law mainly in the second district until he located in Idaho. He at all times commanded the respect of the courts and his brethren of the bar. He has always been regarded as a good lawyer and a strong advocate. His standing for honesty and ability has never been called in question. Should Mr. Bryan be elected he will make an able judge and do credit to the position. The people of the 7th. District have made no mistake in his nomination.

### ABOUT PRUNES.

Eastern People Dispose of Much Oregon Fruit.

Things are doing in Linn county these days in the prune business. The product of the big Benton county orchard north of Corvallis was sold this year to Lasalle Brothers of Albany, concerning whom the Herald has the following to say:

Lasalle Brothers' prune packing plant in this city is working to its full capacity nowadays. Prunes are coming in from the surrounding country in great quantities, and are being packed and loaded into cars as fast as possible. The plant now employs eighty-five persons. At present five cars are being loaded for shipment to Eastern points. One car is destined for Liverpool, England. Since the packing season opened the company has shipped a number of cars of Oregon prunes to England, and could the orders be filled, many more car loads might be sent to European points. An order was received from a Liverpool firm for prunes but it had to be rejected, as the Lasalles are having all they can do to secure enough prunes to fill their contracts. The shortage of the crop this year worked a hardship on all the packers in the Willamette Valley.

In addition to the car now being loaded for Liverpool shipment, four more cars are also being filled to be sent to New York. This shipment will aggregate about 160,000 pounds.

Lasalle Brothers have already shipped 33 cars of prunes since the season began. They expect to ship at least 40 more cars by the first of December, when all their contracts will be filled.

### OAC Won.

On a sloppy field, in a pouring rain, the Pacific University football team was defeated by the husky eleven of OAC, Saturday afternoon in this city by a score of 28 to 0. The local men were superior in team work and interference and were much faster than their opponents, who were unable to hold, scarcely making yardage a single time.

The star players for OAC were Wolfe, Cady and Hanan in back field. Harding at end, Finn a tackle. Gagnon for superior generalship. Pacific University played a gritty game but was outclassed in every respect. Lack of space bids a detailed account of the game being given.

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