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Patronize One Another for the Upbuilding of Town and County

The Oregonian takes a shot at the democratic party, and refers to the crow as its emblem. If we remember Oregon politics for the last 30 years, and we think we do, it is to the effect that where the democratic party has eaten crow once, the republican party has been compelled to do so two or three times—and they are generally glad to get the chance.

Ex-Senator Bourne sends us a draft of a measure that he intends having introduced to eliminate circulators of petitions. On the face of it such a measure would seem commendable and as strictly in line with the other measures provided for the safeguarding of our voting privileges. If proposed measure or candidate does not carry enough merit to have petitions circulated without expense, he or it should be left in the discard.

The commission appointed to formulate hours of work and compensation for girls under 18 seems to be rather up against it, as even their proposed beneficiaries are objecting to the curtailed hours of labor and necessarily reduction in labor. This matter of regulation of wages and hours of labor is one that no commission can ever handle satisfactorily. Different towns and different occupations call for different hours and different compensations. For instance, it would be foolish for a manicurist to sit idle a goodly portion of the day and at the rush time of an evening be compelled to quit work. Again there are many little businesses where the boss would be able to pay a young lady even as much as \$5 a week to look after his office or business while out at work, but if he has to pay \$6, he simply closes up and the girl is out of a soft and easy way to earn some pin money. This last has already happened in Dallas since the commission's ruling went to effect, and the girls are of course objecting.

As a result of their recent meeting in Portland, the editors of the state had their editorial columns filled last week with accounts of a trip to the Peninsula, speeches by some prominent people on matters not in any way pertaining to newspaperdom, praise of the Oregon hotel or housing them free, and similar junk. What we attended the meeting for was to have an interchange of ideas as to the best methods of conducting our business, thus getting pointers from others that might assist us in getting out a better paper and making more money in the doing. This spirit seemed entirely lacking, and it was a hard matter to get any of the boys on the floor to give experiences. We hope that this will not be the case at future meetings. This one was well attended, better than any for many years, and the chance was there to gain knowledge, yet other things were interjected until as a meeting for the good of the members themselves it came nearly being a farce. Let us next time have an experience meeting simply and cut out the others.

**GOOD ROADS PREVENT DISEASE.**

Few persons, on first thought, would see any possible connection between good roads and good health. Yet the State Board of Health of Kansas says that good roads can and will prevent disease. How? By the removal of weeds and trash. Weeds and trash prevent the prompt evaporation of moisture and promote retention of ground water. This makes ideal breeding spots for mosquitoes, flies and other insects, which are known as disease carriers, not to mention chinch bugs, hoppers and other insects which are crop damage. Furthermore, an undergrowth of weeds invites the dumping of garbage and manure by offering concealment, of which fact careless and thoughtless people are prone to take advantage, thus increasing the facility of insect breeding and providing these insect carriers with proper material for disease transmission. Good roads also prevent disease by providing good drainage. Many farms have no means of drainage except by ditches along roadways. Open ditches, clear of brush and debris, with hardened surface and proper fall, afford these farms the opportunity of ridding themselves of many a stagnant pool. The removal of weeds, proper road grading, surface hardening and oiling, insures prompt drainage of all pool, ditch and surface water, removing the possibility of insect breeders, for none can multiply without moisture. Road oiling in itself is destructive of insect larvae, especially mosquitoes—a well known fact. Dry roads offer pedestrians, and notably children who are compelled to walk to and from school, dry shoes and feet. While colds are due to specific germs, yet it is a well known fact that cold, wet feet and chilled limbs lower the resistance of individuals and make them more favorable subjects for infections of the respiratory passages, including pneumonia and tuberculosis. Good roads prevent disease by setting an example to adjoining farm premises. Good roads promote travel and set an example to the farmer who premises are bordered by them. The comparison of a well graded, clean highway with an unkempt and trashy barnyard adjoining is sufficient to stimulate every landowner to a clean-up. Pride compels him to offer to passers-by a neat appearing and attractive house and barnyard. Results are only too obvious. Good roads are active disease prevention agencies, aside from their financial and commercial value.

**DOING IT RIGHT.**

Hillsboro Independent Gives Valuable Information Relative to Proposed Cannery.

Dallas appears to be approaching the cannery question in a business like manner and has opened negotiations with a leading California packing company to open a branch in that city. Independent business is all very well if it can be made a success, but it is notorious that of the large number of independent canneries established during the past few years in Oregon, but few have survived beyond the first year or two and but a small per cent of the total number are now operated. Causes for this condition are easily found. Successful manufacturing institutions must have intricate selling organizations and it is manifestly impossible for a number of small independent canneries to meet on an equal basis large institutions such as those of California and some eastern states. Then the question of management cuts a big figure. Successful processors and men capable of efficient management are not easily secured, and as the independent companies are usually composed of stockholders who have other interests, who do not pretend to understand the canning business, and who have usually taken stock to assist in establishing a home industry, the company is dependent upon a hired manager and without him is helpless. Often, too, canning plants are sold to communities under a contract of furnishing a process man for a year, and at the expiration of the contract of securing a competent man to fill the place, which is sometimes impossible and always difficult. Under this plan development has been hindered and growers have suffered loss when after having believed an output for their crops had been furnished and planned accordingly they have found after a short time the cannery could not accept what they had grown. Under these circumstances it would seem wise to do as Dallas has and accept the fact that under present conditions the independent plan might as well be abandoned and all alliances made with established companies which already have the organization and who desire to expand. An illustration in Washington county is found in the condensers. They are branches of a foreign corporation, but it must be admitted they have furnished a permanent market for milk and will take all that is offered. It would be highly desirable to have a home institution care for the surplus of fruit and vegetables now going to waste and furnish inducements for development of the thousands of acres not developed because of lack of a market, but if this is impossible, it appears to be, no time should be lost in inviting an outside institution to enter the field. The suitability of the county's soil attract these institutions, for there is a demand for the fruit that has never been supplied. Let Hillsboro follow the example of Dallas.—Hillsboro Independent.

**EGGSMEN ARE REPORTED.**

Work on Independence Thought to be Done by Experts.

Forcing a window in the engine room of the Oregon Warehouse & Milling Company late Sunday night, burglars entered the office and cracked the safe. No cash is kept in the safe and as this seemed to be all that they were after there was no loss outside of the damage done to the safe. The door had been left unlocked, as there is nothing but papers kept in the safe. The lock of the inside door was raised off and all of the drawers were pried open. All of the papers were thrown about the room and tools were left scattered around the room.—Oregonian.

**Cora Gibson Passes.**

The funeral of Mrs. Cora Gibson, who died at her residence in Polk county on the Wallace road Sunday morning at 8:30, was held from Rigdon C. Richardson's chapel at 12 o'clock, noon Tuesday, by Rev. H. T. Babcock. The remains were sent to Albany on the 1 o'clock Oregon electric immediately following the services, where the interment to place. Deceased leaves a husband, one daughter and a sister, and a brother at Albany. She had lived on the Gibson farm in Polk county for six years. She was one time a resident of Falls City.—Salem Statesman.

Governor West was over Sunday for a visit at Judge Teal's fish pond, which fish commissioners have had in mind for some time the purchase of to convert into a state hatchery.

**WATCH CAREFULLY THE CHILD'S DIET.**

Start Them Off Right With a Good Laxative and Then Watch Their Food.

Mothers are often unconsciously very careless about the diet of their children, forcing all to eat the same foods. The fact is that all foods do not agree alike with different persons. Hence, avoid what seems to constipate the child or to give it indigestion, and urge it to take more of what is quickly digested. If the child shows a tendency to constipation it should immediately be given a mild laxative to help the bowels. By this is not meant a physic or purgative, for these should never be given to children, nor anything like salts, pills, etc. What the child requires is simply a small dose of the gentlest of medicines, such as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which, in the opinion of thousands of watchful mothers, is the ideal remedy for any child showing a tendency to constipation. So many things can happen to a constipated child that care is necessary. Colds, piles, headaches, sleeplessness, and many other annoyances that children should not have can usually be traced to constipation. Many of America's foremost families are never without Syrup Pepsin, because one can never tell when some member of the family may need it, and all can use it. Thousands endorse it, among them Mrs. M. E. Patten, Valley Junction, Iowa, who is never without it in the house. Mrs. Patten says that



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**Homer Cide Innocent.**

Homer Cide, alias George C. L. Snyder, who was tried for murder in the first degree by the moot court of the Willamette law school last night in the circuit court room was acquitted, the jury bringing in verdict of not guilty. The specific crime with which the defendant was charged was the killing of Walter Hart. Fred S. Lampert was the leading attorney for the defense. He was assisted by Messrs Wabury and Kaiser. The law-

yers for the prosecution were Rex Turner, Mr. Riley and Mr. Carter. R. F. Shields, the well known attorney of this city, held down the judge's bench. The star witnesses were Dr. L. F. Griffith and Miss Esther Carson. This was the first case tried by the moot court of the school this year.—Salem Statesman.

Our foot ball high school team met the Newberg eleven on the latter's ground Saturday and were vanquished.

**GERMAN BAT BALL.**

Good Old Game Forsaken by Buena Vista High School for Foot Ball.

The line-up for the Buena Vista high school foot ball team has been determined by the captain, Guy Peterson, and the boys seem quite in earnest to make a good showing for their school. The following line-up is announced: End, Elmer Cook; tackle, Audley Frost; center, Guy Peterson; guard, John Lacey; tackle, Gail Prather; end, Will Hall; quarter-back, Raymond Frost; half-back, Clarence Reynolds; half-back, Edwin Larsen; full-back, Verd Shrunck.

**Vote for the State University Appropriation Measures.**

(By Walter L. Tooze, Jr.) Before another issue of the Itemizer, the special election to vote upon measures referred to a vote of the people will have been held. We take this time for urging upon the voters the necessity of upholding the University of Oregon appropriations. The school needs these appropriations, and needs them badly. To defeat them will be a most severe blow to the future of our great state school. Not only this, but to defeat these appropriations will be a step toward weakening the initiative and referendum powers in the hands of the people; it will be following the voice of passion and prejudice; it will be an admission of weakness upon the part of our people; it will strengthen the rule of the demagog, the man of destructive genius, fellows like Parkison; it will be a blow to progress, and we are a progressive people, or at least call ourselves progressive. All people interested in progress; all voters who recognize the good and beneficial in-

fluences derived from higher education; all those who desire to see reason and judgment reign at the head of our exercise of powers in place of prejudice and jealousy, should unite in this emergency and vote down the referendums by voting 'yes' on each measure. Let us not strike a blow at our own interests, at our own firesides, by upholding jealousy and spite on the part of those who have found themselves unable to manage the State University. Let us be able to notify the world that Oregon, in its free use of the initiative and referendum, has gone on record strongly in favor of higher education; let us illustrate to the world that we, the people of the whole state, appreciate to the fullest extent the good influences of education; that we resent, with all the power of our votes, any attempt to destroy our public institutions; that we are in all our acts truly a people of progress, and that we are not progressive in name only.

**Probate.**

In re guardianship of J. M. Carlisle, an insane person; inventory and appraisement approved. In re estate of Harriet Osborn, deceased; final hearing set for December 23d. In re guardianship of Amanda Tupper, a minor; fourth annual account approved. In re estate of Mabel Murphy, deceased; final hearing set for November 24th. In re estate of Wilson Lee, deceased; bond approved. In re estate of Lawrence Davis, deceased; sale of real estate set for hearing November 8. In re estate of Calvin M. Travis, deceased; estate settled. In re estate of Harriet Hibbs, deceased; final account set for November 29th. In re estate of G. S. Smith, de-

ceased; final account set for November 29th. In re estate of Caroline Russell, deceased; final account set for December 1st.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
 William May and Loretta Campbell.  
 Chas. H. Powell and Katie Moore.  
 Eric D. Brown and Jessie N. Weinart.  
 Albert F. Zuser and Gladys M. Hunter.

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