

Twenty-Seventh Annual

Reunion

UMATILLA COUNTY PIONEERS

June 6-7, 1919

Weston, Oregon

WELCOME TO ALL!

SQUARE DEAL IS ASKED FOR WESTERN OREGON

Tillamook, Or. May 15, 1919.

To the Editor:—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words in regard to the reconstruction measures to be voted upon in June, from a coast county view point?

You are well aware that Western Oregon is one of the most productive yet undeveloped sections of the state. The people of the coast counties have never complained, but with true western grit and determination they have had to contend with adverse circumstances on account of lack of roads and bad transportation; consequently, it is not surprising that all the coast counties are united and greatly interested in the proposed Roosevelt Highway, which will be the means of opening up to settlement a large amount of valuable land suitable for dairying, and land that is similar to that of Tillamook county, where the dairymen have made such a great success of cheese-making. It may interest you to know that the dairy herds of Tillamook county produced 45,100,156 pounds of milk last year, and this made 5,036,900 pounds of cheese, valued at \$1,352,694. This will be duplicated many times if the Roosevelt Highway is built, and the coast counties will produce more cheese than is produced in Wisconsin and some of the other cheese producing states of the east, for the reason that climatic conditions are ideal for cheese making in the coast counties. The dairymen and grangers are all lined up in these counties for the Roosevelt Highway.

What the coast counties want is an opportunity to develop Western Oregon. They now appeal to the generous and magnanimous spirit of the people of Oregon to help them do so, as Western Oregon has received but slight recognition in the way of improvements but has always cheerfully paid its taxes—some of which has gone to develop other parts of the state. All that Western Oregon wants is a square deal, and I am sure if the people of the state knew of the undeveloped resources that are in the coast counties they would readily cast their votes in favor of the Roosevelt Highway measure. It will be a market road, but at the same time it will be used for pleasure by more people living in Portland, Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon and the Willamette valley than by people living in the coast counties, and it will outclass the Columbia Highway for scenic beauty and picturesque, as it passes through a most interesting part of Oregon.

The people of the coast counties are almost as much interested in the other reconstruction measures as in the Roosevelt Highway, as will be seen by a straw vote taken in Tilla-

mook City on four measures, viz: Roosevelt Highway measure—281 yes, 1 no. Five million reconstruction measure—181 yes, 15 no. Irrigation and drainage measure—247 yes, 17 no. Market road tax measure—206 yes, 3 no. Should the \$5,000,000 reconstruction measure pass and the Roosevelt Highway measure be defeated, all that Western Oregon will receive will be two insignificant sums of money for armories at Marshfield and Astoria. In that event it will be doing the coast counties an injustice.

FRED C. BAKER, Editor Tillamook Headlight.

Gifts to Memorial Hall

W. M. Blakeley, prominent Umatilla county farmer and member of one of the best-known pioneer families in Oregon, has subscribed \$50 to the pioneers' and soldiers' memorial hall at Weston. "I think this a very worthy undertaking and hope you will succeed," says Mr. Blakeley in his letter enclosing check, to Secretary Barnes. Miss Mabelle E. Croft, one of the earlier graduates of the Eastern Oregon Normal, sends a contribution from Washington, D. C., where she is connected with the Bureau of Research and Statistics, War Trade Board. Miss Croft says in her letter:

"Enclosed find two dollars, the war worker's mite, towards the memorial.

"I am so glad you are erecting a worth-while memorial instead of a monument or a bronze tablet. I have felt rather strongly on the subject since I learned of the formation of a company to supply towns with a design for tablets and monuments all alike and with no special significance for that town.

"I hope the reunion this year will be as fine as usual and only regret that I cannot be with you."

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His European friends are at least grateful enough to Uncle Sam to wish Turkey on him as a ward.

A new kind of credit has been established in France by the Salvation Army. It is called jawbone credit and soldiers who are broke know all about it.

The peace terms do not seem to suit anybody particularly—which is pretty fair proof that they are just about as equitable as could have been arranged in the present era of world selfishness.

It is a more or less encouraging sign that no European power is sufficiently disgruntled at Uncle Sam to refuse his bounty.

Oregon is asked to raise \$250,000 for home service work of the Salvation Army during the week of June 22 to 30.

Premier Orlando continues to sound the only pronounced inharmonious notes in the Big Four quartet.

Friend Italy is well aware, however, that the other allies are in a position to administer much more than a "slap on the wrist" by way of reproof, if she grows too rankerous.

The Oregonian makes the suggestion that "in that vast cemetery in France where will lie the remains of 25,000 Americans there should be set out to beautify it the Oregon fir, typical in its color of the life everlasting."

Germany may or may not be lying prone, but the fact is quite evident that in any position she is still well qualified to lie.

While there is something heroic about most of the world's tragic historical figures, the ex-kaiser is merely contemptible.

In parting with certain chunks of Germany, the Huns are not losing much.

Portland's leading hotels are all constantly full—a privilege their patrons are no longer able to share.

Despite the views of our friend, Henry Taylor, published elsewhere, it has been reserved for the wheat-growers to be the only recipients of a substantial and concrete expression of the nation's gratitude.

If Umatilla county land values continue to advance, small boys will be arrested for clod-throwing.

Whatever is being done unto the Huns they would have done unto others in much harsher measure had they been the victors.

Before his death Theodore Roosevelt said: "There are few serious thinkers now-a-days who do not recognize in the Salvation Army an invaluable social asset—a force for good which works effectively in those dark regions where, save for this force, only evil is powerful."

The fact that Ruth St. Denis has insured her toes for one million dollars is an outstanding feature of the day's news.

It may be a bad sign for the Germans, but sign they must.

Bolshevism is losing its grip—which contains nothing much anyhow but queer currency.

Just how sudden Peggy is will be interestingly demonstrated at Memorial Hall Tuesday evening.

BIG DEAL COMPLETED IN LOCAL BUSINESS CIRCLES

Watts & Rogers to be Succeeded Here by R. V. Jones & Son.

Through a deal completed this week R. V. Jones and Nelson Jones, late of Spokane, become the owners of the large Watts & Rogers hardware and implement establishment at Weston.

Dr. F. D. Watts and E. C. Rogers take over the celebrated "Portuguese Joe" wheat and stock ranch between Wilbur and Odessa, Washington. This place consists of 3056 acres, 300 acres of which is meadow. It is watered by a perennial spring which bubbles out of the rocks and creates a good-sized stream that empties into a lake covering 60 acres. It is an ideal stock ranch, and also embraces a large body of good wheat land.

Jones & Son acquire the Watts & Rogers brick building and other realty and a goodly part of the stock. They also get the E. C. Rogers residence property.

Mr. Rogers and family will move to Athena and he will take personal direction of the Watts & Rogers store in that city. Robert Proudfit and family will also become Athena residents. Dr. Watts and family will continue to reside in Weston.

The loss to Weston business circles will be keenly felt. Messrs. Watts and Rogers are not only energetic, capable and successful business men, but have always been tireless and public-spirited workers in behalf of community progress. However, confidence is felt that the new men will be a valuable acquisition. The senior Mr. Jones has had considerable hardware experience while in business in Alaska.

Jones & Son will take possession on or before June 15.

WESTON SCHOOLS

The Class Day exercises of the Senior class were held in the school auditorium Thursday evening. A very large and appreciative audience was in attendance.

The stage was arranged and decorated as a southern garden. The class members were seated in groups about tables and the beautiful lighting of the stage gave the effect of evening time. The class sang many songs of their own composition. Many stories were told of the experiences and trials of earlier years in school.

Miss Wilma Harbour gave the class will. The future career of each member of the class was vividly brought to the minds of the audience in the class prophecy given by Miss Esther Williams, assisted by Miss Maxine Scrimsher. These girls were dressed in gypsy regalia and did the part exceedingly well.

Baccalaureate service next Sunday evening at 8:15 in the school auditorium. All are invited.

The High School play, "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy," will be given next Tuesday night, May 27, in Memorial Hall, at 8:15 o'clock.

Commencement exercises take place next Wednesday night, beginning at 8:15, in the school auditorium. A cordial invitation to attend is extended all the people.

The eighth grade graduates were given a most enjoyable picnic Tuesday by their teacher, Miss Love, at Bingham Springs. Cars were furnished and driven by Mrs. C. H. Nelson and Worth Watts. The eighth graders were also pleasantly entertained with a lawn fete Wednesday evening at the Joe Hodgson residence.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix with the will annexed of the estate of Jesse Reeves, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon in Umatilla County. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present such claims, duly verified and with proper vouchers attached, to the undersigned at the office of Raley, Raley & Steiwer, in the American National Bank Building, in Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from date of this notice, the same being dated and published the first time this 25th day of April, 1919.
MARY E. REEVES,
As Administratrix with the will annexed of Jesse Reeves, Deceased.
RAYLEY, RALEY & STEIWER,
Attorneys for Administratrix.

Roosevelt Highway

IT MEANS—Quick mobilization of guns and men for national protection.

IT MEANS—Commercial and agricultural development of seven Oregon counties—Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry.

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