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MOVEMENT FOR NEW STATE.

A meeting of nearly a thousand men cheered to the echo at Medford the proposition to create a new state to the south to be called Siskiyou.

The time and place for the first convention to unite northern California and southern Oregon has been determined upon, and while we sleep it is being born, says the Salem Journal.

The mossback element of Oregon ridicule the idea but are thoroughly in the dark as to the feelings and bitterness that exists in remote parts of the state over treatment received.

The killing off of the little state normal schools in Jackson and Umatilla counties severed the last tie of sentiment that held those sections to the Willamette valley.

There are many persons in Portland and all over the state who would vote to carve two new states out of the region to the south and the great inland empire centering about Walla Walla.

The present generation may see the states of Siskiyou and Lincoln born out of the talkfests in the last legislature when the baby normal schools were slaughtered on the floor of the senate.

Let no man underestimate the situation who remembers injunction suits against the Crater Lake road and the Snake river bridge.

Creswell is growing rapidly. It is rumored that two new additions, one by C. L. Weber and the other by L. H. Johnson of Eugene and Fred Moore of Creswell are to be platted and placed on the market this spring. Creswell is ambitious to become a city and bids fair to have that ambition realized to some extent at least.

The last issue of The Timberman published at Portland was replete with interesting matter regarding the great lumber industry of the Northwest. G. M. Corawall has made a great trade journal of the Timberman.

Our tax laws encourage the eyesores we see on many of our prominent streets in the form of old shacks.

The Cottage Grove band is making good again and in a short time will be one of the best in the county.

Additional Local News.

Jack Howard was down from Dorena Saturday attending to business matters and interviewing friends. He is bookkeeper for the Dorena Lumber Co.

Earnest Sears was in town from the Saginaw farm Saturday. He is building a new wire fence around his place and clearing all of the remaining brush from the bottom land. He will set out several acres to fruit trees in February.

Walter G. Houser and John Abeene have purchased the DeMotta barber shop at Roseburg and assumed charge of it today. Both are very exemplary young men and first-class barbers and should succeed at Roseburg, with their fine central location.

D. B. Chamberlen shipped a dozen Barred Rock pullets and a fife cockerel to Jas. C. Tuller, Hood River, Monday, for which he received a fancy price, as the birds shipped were choice breeding stock, from some of Chamberlen's best pens. Mr. Chamberlen also shipped six Silver Spangled Hamburg pullets and a cockerel to Alvin Stormer, McMinnville, the same day. He sold Perkins Miller of this place, six Black Java pullets and a cockerel, also Monday making a banner sales day for Chamberlen's poultry yards.

CHURCH NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. C. F. Swander of Portland will preach at the Christian church next Sunday. Don't miss hearing him.

The German-Americans of Cottage Grove have organized a German Lutheran church, with a membership of 25, and will build a church and a school building.

There were one hundred and forty one in the Christian bible school last Sunday. The school has a "workers conference" once a month. There is also a teacher's training class.

The Young Peoples Societies of Christian Endeavor throughout the state are planning to send full delegations to the big state convention to be held in Portland February 15, 16 and 17. Dr. Francis E. Clarke of Boston, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, General Secretary William E. Shaw and Dr. John Willis Buer, president of Occidental college, are among the prominent names that will be on the program.

By this time alert ushers of the Methodist church have grown adepts in the handling of large audiences but even they last Sunday evening were beside themselves when confronted with the task of seating the multitudes in attendance at the Peoples Popular service.

Chairs were placed in the rear of the edifice and as a last resort the folding doors of the vestry were thrown open and several rows of seats were soon filled with expectant auditors. Rowe Kennedy certainly furnished a musical treat with his exquisite violin solo. The audience acting as jury decided that the world was growing better. Upon invitation of Rev. Sutcliffe many availed themselves of the opportunity to view the enlarged parlor. This has now a seating capacity of 150.

Remember the Whiston and Longman evangelistic meetings at the Christian church April 15 to May 15.

The officials of the Methodist church take this opportunity to thank the people of Cottage Grove for their appreciation of the various exercises of the Sabbath as manifested in the overflowing audiences. We hope that none will be obliged to sit in the vestry at the next service as additional pews are to be placed in the edifice this week. Next Sundays program is as follows: Bible school at 10 and the largest attendance yet was last Lord's Day. Public worship at 11 with address on "A Woman's Call." Reception of many members. Devotional meeting of Epworth League at 6:30. The peoples popular service at 7:30 has as its speaker one of the finest orators in the United States, Mrs. Ada Urub of Portland State President of the W. C. T. U. will lecture on "An Old Bachelor." Special seats reserved for all members of the local organization. Choice musical numbers. Make a sacrifice if necessary to hear this associate of the saintly Francis E. Willard.

Alderman B. K. Lawson is having plans and specifications prepared for a \$10,000 brick block, to be built on main street early in the Spring. The Knights of Pythias Lodge contemplates erecting a fine business building with lodge rooms above and a committee has been appointed by the Oddfellows' Lodge to select a site for a building. Contracts have been awarded for several residences of medium cost and this work, together with the paving of main street for six blocks, promises to make the coming season as active as the one past, which was a record-breaker.

NESMITH COUNTY GETS BIG BOOST

If any one entertained any doubts as to the enthusiasm, earnestness and determination of the people of that part of Lane and Douglas counties comprising the territory of the proposed Nesmith county, in bringing about the success of that worthy cause, that doubt must have been forever dispelled at the big mass meeting held at the Armory in Cottage Grove last Thursday evening. There were prominent speakers on the stand from north Douglas county and about Cottage Grove, while stirring music by the Cottage Grove band greatly enlivened the occasion. The large Armory building was filled to overflowing and the addresses were interspersed with vocal musical numbers including a ladies quartet and a male quartet, the latter making quite a hit by springing the following:

Everybody boosts for Nesmith
But Roseburg and Eugene,
They stand round a knocking
And acting very mean.

Everybody votes for Nesmith
On next November eight,
So give three cheers for Nesmith
All over the state.

ENCORE.

Nesmith, Nesmith, Gee, but we're
feeling fine
Nesmith, Nesmith, we know
you'll win
While Eugene is Roosting
We'll be out boosting
We will show 'em how to do 'em,
When we once start in.

The meeting was called to order by H. O. Thompson who stated its object briefly, and introduced the chairman of the evening, Hon. R. M. Veatch who presided and delivered a brief, but convincing address setting forth how the great northwest, a generation ago a wild waste of territory, now comprised three great states and how the great eastern and western Oregon counties had been carved up from time to time in smaller and more prosperous and populous counties.

Col. Veatch Presides.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. H. O. Thompson, who briefly outlined the purpose of the meeting, to aid in the creation of Nesmith county. He introduced the chairman of the evening, the Hon. R. M. Veatch. The colonel heartily thanked the members of the large assemblage for their presence, and especially pleased was he to witness so many ladies in the audience; it showed their interest in the movement. In discussing proposed Nesmith county Col. Veatch reviewed in a brief and concise way the organization of the nation, and the divisions of the territory into states and counties for the convenience of the people.

He spoke of the great counties of Eastern Oregon in an earlier day, and their sub-divisions as population increased through a demand of settlers for judicial centers easy of access. He said the people of Southern Lane and Northern Douglas had found it inconvenient to be served from the county seats of their respective counties, and had inaugurated this movement largely for their convenience. The people, he said, had entered into the contest in good faith; had consulted with the counties interested in the proposed division, giving good and sufficient reasons why Nesmith should be created, and had invited the Eugene Commercial Club to give reasons why it should not be created, meeting opposition in resolutions as its only reply. There are, said he, 8,000 determined people within the territory working for division and Lane and Douglas cannot hold us. Col. Veatch then introduced Attorney John S. Medley.

Mr. Medley Gives Figures.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Medley pleaded physical inability to treat his subject as he would like, he discussed the topic assigned to him, "Financial Benefits Derived From Small Counties," in a most logical and telling manner, proving his assertions by figures from the records. He spoke of the political sub-divisions of territory since the earliest history of the country, the purpose being local self-government. Had this not been done we might all still be transacting our business at the national capital at Washington.

The constitution of the state of Oregon provides, he said, that no county shall be formed with less than 400 square miles, nor less than 1200 population, the assumption

being with the framers of that document that this area and population was sufficient for successful self-government. Yet Nesmith county would have an area of 1965 square miles and a population of over 8000 souls. Mr. Medley then delved in figures, comparing the valuations and tax levies of various counties in the state, which tended to show that the smaller counties were more economically conducted and consequently the best off. Lane county, with \$22,000,000 valuation and 35,000 population, is no better off than Wheeler county, with assessable property of \$3,300,000 and a population of 3,500 said the speaker by way of comparison.

Mr. Medley brought out during his remarks that Nesmith would take only 13 per cent of Douglas county's 3,000,000 acres. He spoke at some length on the expenses entailed in securing jurymen and witnesses from remote parts of either Lane or Douglas, saying jurors are paid a per diem and ten cents for each mile traveled going and coming. Witnesses from Bohemia to Roseburg costs Douglas county \$10.80 each, and witnesses from that district to Eugene costs Lane \$4.40 each, whereas were Cottage Grove the county seat of that territory the cost to Nesmith county would be but 80 cents. The county commissioners, drawing \$3 per day for their services, travel over long distances at the expense of the taxpayer, whereas with a small county they could go out and back in the same day. "I have been in Eugene trying cases that should have been tried here," he said. It costs the county of Lane thousands of dollars annually for witnesses from Southern Lane.

Mr. Medley openly charged that Eugene is fighting the measure from a purely commercial standpoint, and not by the men who pay the taxes, because of the revenue derived from those who are obliged to visit the county seat. "Not a single county officer is opposed to Nesmith county, he said, and added that he had talked with all of them on the subject.

ALL SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FUND

J. F. Spray was the next speaker. He alluded briefly to subscriptions to the fund, saying that every property holder should contribute much or little, according to his means, as the success of the undertaking would prove beneficial to all. Those unable to contribute can find other ways of boosting. He wanted every body to make it a point to give out the actual facts in connection with the movement. Mr. Spray expressed the opinion, after careful investigation, that the natural advantages of the territory included in the proposed county makes it possible to conduct Nesmith cheaper than any of the other counties.

The Ladies' Quartet, composed of Misses Ursula Lockwood, Carrie Woods, Lottie Whitsett, and Veta Holderman, rendered a "See-Saw" song, and upon being encored, performed the real see-saw act. Mrs. Ven Winkle accompanied.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SPEAKER.

North Douglas county was ably represented by G. J. Allen, known in this community as the "Hayseed Orator" and he never fails to create enthusiasm and deal straight out from the shoulder many good solid facts why Nesmith county should be created. In speaking of his locality he asked, "why should I be forced to live 55 miles from a county seat that takes three days to go and come at a cost of from \$10 to \$25 when I could reach the county seat of Nesmith county by traveling a distance of 12 miles? For forty years have the roads of my district been in

use, and many of them are no better today than the first year. There are steam rollers and rock crushers working near Roseburg, but how many will be bought and worn out before they get to my neighborhood? In northern Douglas the money was put into a mud hole and was driven over, while substantial highways were being constructed nearer to the county seat.

Mr. Allen concluded that Roseburg might as well give up the strip, and thus save the creation of a new county that would take more territory. At any rate, said the speaker, I was born north and don't want to go south.

O. H. KEM.

"The methods to pursue in the campaign" was the subject assigned to Hon. O. H. Kem and he proceeded in a clear and forcible manner to present some logical conclusions on this subject. "The foundation of success is desire and the greater the desire the more speedy and certain the goal—success." He said, "not only is united action necessary, but liberal and substantial financial contributions to our worthy cause are imperative." Those who by a meager portion of worldly goods could not contribute financially to the success of the Nesmith cause should at least stand by and shout "heave-ho-heave." It was suggested that it be the sense of this great and enthusiastic meeting that at least a \$5,000 fund be raised to push the Nesmith county campaign, and H. O. Thompson framed the suggestion into a motion, which carried unanimously, with the result that Chairman Veatch appointed C. H. Burkholder, T. C. Wheeler, H. Venske and J. F. Spray as such committee, whereupon the assemblage dispersed to meet again soon after the November election to celebrate the creation of Nesmith county.

Royal Intermediate School Items.

Miss Olive Parmele is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ethel Rogers went home for a visit Monday.

We are all sorry to hear that Ruby Slagle is very ill.

Mr. Davis and family from Michigan arrived here Monday.

We are glad to hear that Grandma Wheeler is improving.

Miss Olive Parmele has been on the sick list for a few days.

Kyle Kendall has been having bad dreams of late. We wonder why.

Messrs Alfred, Roy and Albert Wheeler made a trip to Lorane Sunday.

The young people who attended the literary Saturday evening report a good time.

Messrs C. S. Wilson and Oscar Wheeler went up Row river last week to work in the timber.

Mr. Beety arrived here Monday and will assist Mr. Tompson in the canvassers' institute.

Lloyd Ownes and Fred Wheeler are back in school again after a few days of sickness.

Mr. L. C. Parmele went to Portland last week to see her sister who is sick at the Portland Sanitarium.

Miss Winnie Dresser who has been staying on the "Creek" for some time returned to her home Monday.

Prof. Barnes, superintendent of the Cottage Grove schools, delivered a most interesting lecture on the "Mammoth caves" from personal observation, at the Silk creek public school building Saturday evening. The lecture was well attended.

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1.50 " " " " 1.00

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12.50 " " " " 8.00

10.00 " " " " 6.00

7.50 " " " " 4.00

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