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That "Reunion of States" which Albany holds annually strikes us as being a pretty good sort of a stunt. The second reunion was held Wednesday night, and it was attended by over 600, all of whom, and particularly the newcomers, had no end of a good time in finding people from their old home states. "Dixie" and New England each had a delegation, and in addition to these 24 states were represented. A fancy cake offered to the county or state having the largest delegation in line in the grand march was awarded by the judges to Illinois, which had 47.

State Superintendent Alderman says that, according to Max Muller, of the asylum poultry yards, Oregon is the best poultry growing district in the United States, and Mr. Muller has been in the business in Germany, Texas, New York and other states of the union. If 5000 school children in Lane county could each be given 30 hens to take care of for a year, they would be able to produce enough money to pay almost twice the cost of education in the county.

Thousands of people—people of substantial qualities and desirable as citizens—are at this time looking toward western Oregon with a view to location. The greater number of them will choose to locate in or near the town which exhibits the best civic spirit, the highest regard for public morals, the most sanely progressive business men and the most genial social atmosphere. Cottage Grove is entitled to serious consideration along these lines.

Great interest was aroused throughout the country by the recent announcement that congress intended to curtail the appropriation for fighting fires one million dollars. Protests went up from all sections where there are any public lands and any national forests. Whether or not it is true that the cut meant crippling the service, the incident served to show how much the people are interested in the Forest Reserve.

The decision of the United States supreme court holding constitutional the Oregon initiative and referendum provisions makes it appear very much as if the objectors would have to settle down and take their medicine as cheerfully as possible.

The Cottage Grove Board of Trade has the right idea. An affair now and then such as that announced for tomorrow night will do much to create the spirit which makes good "team work."

The Leader gratefully acknowledges many kindly references made to it by its brethren of the western Oregon press in connection with the recent change of ownership.

Whether his own special plan is or is not successful, it is evident that Governor West is going to compel some good roads legislation.

It is well to bear in mind that a town with a public library has a standing which a town without one cannot have.

One of the most interesting features of this region is the newly arrived easterner who tries to prognosticate the weather.

Politics will give base ball a close rub in popular interest the coming season.

Laws, we take it, were made to be enforced. If not, what were they made for?

It is the "pull altogether" that counts in building up a town.

Oklahoma democrats split. The fun has begun.

LITTLE LEADERS

The Portland papers are printing fewer communications upon the problem of the unemployed. Sure sign of an early spring.

Leap year dances are numerous—mentioned in our exchanges. Are the girls generally taking advantage of their leap year privilege? We fear not.

Mr. Taft's campaign managers are taking no chances on the truth of the "conceded" nomination theory. History is filled with painful surprises.

Every man has days when he feels big enough to be president of the United States.

There is nothing the matter with the spirit of a town which has a brass band and a baseball team.

Candidates are getting busy.

Arizona's new governor says he will give the state a "golden rule" administration. Of course.

Dishonest promoters in Oregon are beginning to get their deserts. Uncle Sam is taking a hand in the game.

Mr. LaFollette denies that he has withdrawn as a presidential candidate. Nevertheless, the circumstances seem to indicate that he will hardly be able to keep in the running.

Daffodils, crocuses, spring beauties—February in the Willamette Valley.

Will Tote Fair

Good road workers can find little to complain of in Governor West's latest attitude on the good roads question.

The five bills drafted by the first governor's commission were supposed to represent a majority sentiment of the state. Thirty-five men from all sections were called into conference for this work.

Following publication of these bills, it was found that the State Grange would fight the measure to a finish and insist that a substitute which its members had prepared should go on the ballot. These substitutes sought to keep all possible control and power within the hands of the districts and counties where assessments were to be levied, giving to the voters the privilege of determining the amount of the bonds, duration to run and location of the roads.

The governor has now announced another committee, which he named with the specific purpose of seeing if the two contending forces could not be brought together in a compromise. At the head of this committee was placed W. B. Ayer, of the Eastern and Western Lumber Co., one of the opponents of the official road programme. C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange, is the second member, he also being a leader in the previous official opposition work. C. T. Prall, president of the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement, Judge Bernard Daly, of Lakeview, and W. K. Newell, president of the State Horticultural Society, are the other members. Judge Daly was one of the general committee which drafted the five bills now pending.

In naming this committee, the Governor declares that his sole hope and expectation in the work is good roads. Any bill which will meet with the approval of the people and insure construction of good roads he offers to support. Should the Grange or any other body evolve better road bills than those submitted by the official committee, the governor expresses his purpose of supporting them, as he has no special ideas to work out, and is ready to accept any good plan which will bring about road construction on the best plan.

Geo. M. Hawley for Commissioner
The Leader is given to understand on good authority that Geo. M. Hawley of Cottage Grove will come before the primaries as a candidate for county commissioner on the Republican ticket. Mr. Hawley's nomination would mean that the voters of Lane county would have a candidate to vote for who would stand for a square deal for all taxpayers.

TEXT BOOKS

There is spent in Oregon an average of \$136,850 a year for school books for pupils from the first to the eighth grades, while for high school students the average amount spent for books each year is \$36,600, making a total of \$173,450.

There are approximately 125,000 school pupils attending Oregon public schools. Under the present school courses each pupil going from the first to the eighth grade must spend \$9.59 for books, this figure not including the cost of tablets, writing paper, and like incidentals. Neither does it take into account the return pupils may get on books if they sell them back to the booksellers when they finish with them.

Accepting \$9.59 as the average cost for the books for the first eight grades of the public schools, the parents of Oregon, to prepare 115,000 children for entrance to the high schools, must pay \$1,102,850 for the necessary books.

In contemplating these figures we are forced to wonder whether or not as good results as are now accomplished could not be brought about at less cost. We are inclined to think that they could.

Good Roads

Editor Leader.
Dear Sir:—I regard the local paper as a means of education and communication with our neighbor, (and the Master's answer shows that our neighbor is any one who needs our help.)

And what citizen of a county is not in need of our help in many ways, especially in our county roads?

A man that had murdered his brother asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The manner of asking shows that he did not repent his rash act. And history shows that some have had those principles in their character.

But there are two classes that have grown together for the world's great harvest.

I once heard a learned judge say that selfishness was in every human heart. I pointed him to Jesus of Nazareth and his true followers. These two classes are in the world today.

To which do you belong?
Christianity and good roads have marked the history of the ages.

I am doing what I can to improve the road from Cottage Grove to Lorane.

Next week I will tell of what this part of the county is doing for good roads.

UNCLE CLA.

Snodgrass for Sheriff

It is said that the people of Cottage Grove and the southern end of the county are earnestly urging Frank Snodgrass, city marshal of that city, to seek the nomination of sheriff on the republican ticket. If he should consent it is believed that he would stand an excellent show of winning the nomination and the election.—Eugene Guard.

We believe there is a strong sentiment favorable to the candidacy of Mr. Snodgrass. He is eminently well qualified for the office.

HOLDEN

Among other interesting things said by State Superintendent Alderman in his talk at Cottage Grove Thursday night was that in reference to P. J. Holden, the Iowa corn man.

Mr. Holden was given charge of the Iowa State farm at Ames (the farm is a small patch consisting of 7000 acres) with the understanding that his salary should be one-tenth of the increase in production in the corn crop over the average for the ten years before on that farm, and he received as his salary \$15000. He tried to get the state interested along the same line in good seed, good cultivation, etc., but little interest was shown. Meetings were called in rural districts to awaken an interest and they were poorly attended. At last he took up the matter at the public schools and by systematic effort in a few years he increased the average production of corn three and one-half bushels per acre, which was a marvelous result in the total product.

There seems no good reason why results equally as beneficial cannot be accomplished in Oregon. The work is worthy of the earnest co-operation of all the public bodies in the state.

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Blizzards in Texas.
The Mayor of Lebanon got mad and quit.

The Oregon law is constitutional.

March 14 has been set for the hearing of the University of Oregon referendum case by the supreme court.

Ben Selling has decided to be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator.

The straw vote mania continues.

February 22 was George's birthday. Also it was Colonist Day in Oregon.

Houston, Texas, had a \$6,000,000 fire Wednesday.

Chickenitis is spreading in western Oregon.

Corvallis is figuring on owning its own light plant.

The Middle West had another touch of winter last week.

Lent began Wednesday. Easter comes on April 7.

The hook worm is taking a short vacation in the south.

The people of Portland, says the Telegram, will stand solidly back of Principal Jenkins of the Jefferson High School in his effort to maintain and cultivate the democratic spirit in that institution. Anything that tends to make class distinctions in the public schools, whether it is dress or fraternities, should be frowned down.

Albany is to have another hotel.

A Progressive Republican Roosevelt club is in prospect at La Grande.

A Y. M. C. A. has been organized at Cresswell.

The Cresswell high school basketball team was again defeated by the Drain boys boys last week. Score 43-18.

The United States Department of Agriculture offered to detail a thoroughly competent man to devote all his time to expert assistance in agricultural matters in the various Oregon communities if they would stand one-half the necessary expense. Because of the necessity of taking immediate action, R. B. Miller, Traffic Manager of the O. W. R. & N. Co., offered to assume the expense and Secretary Wilson has stated that the man detailed to Oregon would begin his work about July 1. This will give Oregon the services of two men doing this kind of work.

R. S. Bryson, city recorder, police judge and justice of the peace at Eugene, has filed his nominating petition with the county clerk as a candidate for sheriff of Lane county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primaries.

Samuel M. Evans, formerly a writer for Sunset Magazine, has purchased the Klamath Falls Pioneer Press and the Klamath Falls Chronicle, and has consolidated the two papers.

CITIZENS TO ORGANIZE

That the voters of Springfield, Cottage Grove, Cresswell, and up the country precincts, are organizing for some purpose is not denied. Just what the purpose and to what extent has not been given out but the move is not, as the Eugene Register states, fathered by any two men, but is county wide and is for the purpose of centering upon one candidate to be voted upon at the April primaries. At the meeting held here last Monday evening, representatives were present from Cottage Grove, Coburg, Fall Creek, Lowell, also a number of voters from Pleasant Hill and up the McKenzie points. The committee appointed at this meeting to draw resolutions will present same at the next meeting and as soon as they are adopted and the organization ready to be placed on record, a full outline of their plans for the coming campaign will be given in the News.—Springfield News.

Almost Lost his Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by All Drug-gists.

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