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Independence, Oregon,
Ed. Observer:
Please publish the list of the different cities that voted on the wet and dry proposition, the last election, and how they voted and greatly oblige.

A READER.

We give below two tabulated tables. The first is the wet and the second one the dry. As will be seen there were 28 cities that voted and strange to say, 14 went wet and 14 went dry. The total vote shows a majority in favor of the drys.

WET.

	For.	Against.
The Dalles.....	872	947
Joseph.....	89	181
Milwaukie.....	181	231
Sutherlin.....	69	101
Bandon.....	240	489
Newport.....	250	285
Falls City.....	156	201
Wasco.....	53	85
Haines.....	82	117
Metolius.....	12	18
Eagle Point.....	62	67
Sweet Home.....	60	68
Lostine.....	7	7
Waldport.....	54	56
	2185	2853

DRY.

	For.	Against.
Salem.....	2784	2297
Oregon City.....	947	759
Springfield.....	502	444
Woodburn.....	388	340
Dufur.....	141	65
Rainier.....	286	265
Stayton.....	197	176
Sherwood.....	79	75
Gresham.....	232	188
Harrisburg.....	176	135
Hillsboro.....	481	458
Florence.....	162	50
Monmouth.....	30	24
Wallowa.....	188	97
	6093	5373

You Must Pay.

James J. Hill says if owners put land prices too high, people will not go on them.

He is right, and Oregon proves it. Speculative holding of unused land is holding this state back.

It always seemed to me that only workers and producers should own land; and the state should own and hold dead land, and it should only be sold to those who would make it yield.

This holding land for a raise, letting it lay idle until demand forced the price up where the holder could get many times what he paid for it, is dead wrong. Labor can make a farm double its value, and this increase is legitimate. But when labor on a farm raises the value of dead acres an adjoining property, labor is cheated out of what it produces.—Oregon City Courier.

The theory advanced by Mr. Hill and the Courier are all right in "theory", but do not seem to work out in practice. Mr. Hill and family it is said own thousands of acres of Oregon land which they are not even trying to sell, and seem to be holding for a further advance in price. It is easy to tell the other fellow how he could do things and how he could advance the interest of his state, but when it comes to lowering the price of his property or asking him to sell something which he is satisfied is increasing in value you will find that we are all of us a great deal alike, we are looking to our own interests. It has taken a great amount of labor to put Oregon values where they are now, and any one coming here now should help pay this expense for they will reap the benefit.

Census Director Harris has issued an order that hereafter the odor of liquor on the breath of an employee of the Census Bureau will be a sufficient cause for discharge from the service.

"It is disagreeable for the ladies of the bureau to have to sit through-out the day with the odor of liquor

constantly around them," says the director, "and I do not intend to tolerate such conditions." Women vote now you know and this may have something to do with the directors' consideration of the ladies' comfort in his department.

The State School Fund is causing quite a row over at Salem, and the state officials are talking pretty strong language to each other. The court will probably have to settle the dispute.

It has been said that it was not constitutional to make laws to govern time and wages. That each man's time was his own and that he had the right as a free citizen to fix his own price and work as long as he liked. The people are learning by degrees that our own business can be regulated whenever it becomes of interest to the general public welfare. The Supreme Court of the U. S. has decided that the law prohibiting trainmen from working more than 16 hours is constitutional. If a law regulating one class of labor is constitutional, why cannot laws be made regulating the hours any shall work. Don't get the idea that you are greater than the country in which you live or you may get into serious trouble.

There is a great deal being said of late about the accidents at railway crossings, and some have been urging that the railroads might make things safer, but we are of the opinion that if the people would only avail themselves of the protection given by the railroads at present there would not be so many accidents. If every person would only use their eyes and ears before they attempt to make a crossing there would be less broken bones.

President Wilson has promised to attend the Army and Navy football game in New York, the 29th if possible. He probably thinks that will be a good opportunity of testing the relative strength of these two branches of our national defense.

ALL AROUND

What Other Parts of Oregon are Doing—Gleaned From Our Exchanges and Elsewhere.

NORMAL SCHOOL PRAISED.

O. M. Plummer Advocates Monmouth Graduates for City Teachers.

O. M. Plummer, member of the School Board, has just returned from Monmouth, where he visited the state normal college and addressed the students.

As a result of his visit Mr. Plummer will make an effort to have graduates of the Monmouth school accepted as teachers in the Portland public schools without previous experience in the country or smaller city schools.

"People in Portland don't appreciate the Monmouth school enough," said Mr. Plummer yesterday. "They are doing a lot of good work there and Professor Aeherman, the superintendent, is building up the institution in a wonderful degree."

"They have 225 women students and 15 men and conduct their school on a tax levy against the state of only 25 of a mill, which gives them no more than \$36,000 annually."

"Students of the school are accepted at the Monmouth city schools as teachers and do excellent work under the City Superintendent. They are meeting with unqualified success. I think we can accept them on a similar basis, to a limited extent, here in Portland."

"The state normal school is one of our best institutions. It is deserving of more attention from the people of the state and especially from the people of Portland."—Oregonian.

O. A. C. Cosmopolitan.

The following is the program rendered at Corvallis last week. By the names given you can see that our Agricultural College has an international attendance.

Roll call of members; response by quotation in native language, and English translation.

Address by the president, G. R. Hoerner.

Hindu Recitation—W. S. Sant.

Russian Song—Mr. Salavieff.

Address—Prof. Berethold.

Flute Solo—Mr. Oso.

Chinese Song—Mr. Soo.

Japanese Dancing—Mr. Ita.

Reading—Miss Roasen.

Duet, Concertina and Violin—Messrs. Reitzloff and Bandit.

Cosmopolitan Mixer and Refreshments.

Young Women, Don't Go to Coast for Situations.

The above is a head line to the following article that is appearing in the daily papers of the Middle states. We wonder who has given the Y. M. C. A. authority to send out this warning?

Discourage any young women in

your city who want to go to the Pacific Coast for positions believing they can find them easily. There are more women there now than there are places to be filled.

This is the order that national secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. are bringing to the workers associations all over the country.

The Man Who Reads His Home Paper

The man of the community who reads his home paper is usually the man who can talk intelligently to his local fellow citizens on the happenings of his community and in the problems of his home country. He knows what is going on about him. In other words he is not a dead one. Many men believe that they are very much alive and big cogs of wisdom in the world's wheel of thought. You will find them in all communities—wise old owls, who will tell you when you ask them about some trivial matter, that their minds don't bother with little local happenings.

But the man who is the most loyal and most progressive citizen to his locality is he who keeps in touch on these matters of local interest, no matter how much knowledge he may seek along broader lines.—Ex.

Worth Knowing.

The daughters of the Presidents who have been married in the White House are as follows:

Maria Monroe, who married her cousin, Samuel Gouverneur; Elizabeth Tyler, who married William Waller; Nellie Grant, who married Algernon Sartoris; and Alice Roosevelt, who married Nicholas Longworth.

So Miss Wilson will be the fifth daughter of a president to be married there, besides being the thirteenth White House bride.

Killed While Plowing.

Frank Klineham, aged 60 years was accidentally killed near Forest Grove while plowing. Klineham had the lines wrapped around his body when the double trees broke and released the team from the plow. He was dragged over the handle bars and struck against the iron bar connecting the handles to the beam with sufficient force to cause his death.

Many recent newspaper changes in Oregon country journalism of late. Last week mention was made of the purchase of the Dallas Observer by Parcel & Volk. A. E. Scott of the Forest City News-Times announces the sale of a half interest in his paper to A. C. Gleason, recently of Spencer, Iowa; it is reported that A. C. interest in the Cottage Grove Sentinel was recently purchased by a new comer and the Newberg Enterprise had an opportunity last week to sell an interest therein to a man from the East. But the Enterprise has so much confidence in the future of Newberg that no part of it is for sale.—Enterprise.

Paul Edgar Dwyer, a minor, through his guardian has filed a claim against the city of Albany for \$2,000 for injuries claimed to have been sustained. Bad side walks are the basis of the cause. The Herald says that the matter will probably be adjusted, and it might also have added the few more words "and the side walks repaired."

All millionaires obtained and hold their wealth by governmental privileges. The Osage Indians are the richest people (per capita) in the world. They have automobiles, pool-tables and surgical operations same as white people of the "better class." They don't have to vote to work or have nervous prostration and your Uncle Sam is responsible.—Oregon City Courier.

The list of mistakes by hunters for the season is thus summed up by the Oregonian: Killed by deer hunters—Geo. Bingham of Oregon City; Elmer Conger of Jacksonville. Shot in mistake for deer—Albert A. Dixon of McMinnville, Herbert Schmidt of Grants Pass;—Miller of Leland; mistaken for wildcat, Preston Wilson of Winston. Shot by pheasant hunters—Albert Zimmerman of Portland; Henry Boyes of Albany; J. H. Gibson of Portland, Clifford Koth, of East St. Johns.

L. A. Roberts of Albany was the victim last week of a fake marriage at one of the Albany social gatherings. A fake marriage license was procured, the bride to be, Miss Mabel Reggs of Portland, and Pres. Crooks of the Albany college performed the ceremony. Mr. Roberts broke the news gently by 'phone to his mother, but when the party broke up at about 12 o'clock he was informed that the marriage was a fake. The next time Mr. Roberts gets married he will probably procure the license papers himself.

Funeral Held.—The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Ridders was held Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the family home near Saver. Father Lane and Father Chaney, pastors of the Catholic church of Albany assisted by Father Smith of Corvallis, conducted the service.

The deceased was a member of the Albany parish. Friends of the deceased furnished music during the services and many beautiful floral pieces were offered. The remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery.—Albany Democrat.

Though 12 Oregon towns elapsed previously as "wet" at local option elections held in conjunction with the special rate referendum election on Tuesday, November 4, contests have been taken into court in six of the towns.

These towns are Salem, Harrisburg, Oregon City, Springfield, Gresham and Hillsboro. All are in different counties.

In general, the main point of attack in each case is the same—that the local-option election was illegal because it did not take place on the date of a general state of a city election, but at a special election called merely to pass on questions submitted under the referendum.

A special from Monmouth says: "While on a visit to his friends on a farm two miles north of this city, Wilmer Powell, a student of O. A. C., was seriously injured by a vicious Jersey bull which attacked him. At the time of the attack, he was riding a horse through the pasture, when the animal gored the horse and threw the rider. Mr. Powell was badly bruised and will not be able to return to college for some time."—Corvallis Gazette Times.

Newberg Enterprise says:—A. L. Hodredge who lives near the donation land claim taken by his father says that there were 18 children in his father's family and that, by borrowing a few of the neighbors, he organized the first brass band in Oregon and that in an early day that band was called upon from all parts of the state in political campaigns.

Some people say that the Government can not do anything for the individual. If that was true, we had better do without government and its expense. The Government cannot legislate wealth into existence, for that is created by labor, but it can say whose pockets this wealth shall go into after it is produced.—Ex.

Miss Lura Wilson, a well known singer and musician of this city, has made arrangements with Polk County school. The first lesson will begin in the students of the Dallas High school. The first lesson will begin in a few days.—Salem Statesman.

One day recently the Oregon hop market hopped up 2 cents, reaching 25 cents. On that day five sales were made at this price at Independence, Rickreall, Salem, etc., which totaled \$248,000. Some hopeful growers looked forward to offers of 30 or even 35 cents. It is estimated that this year's hop crop will net Oregon growers \$5,000,000.—The Oregon City Courier.

The Kansas City Star predicts that some day there will be in this country a lawmaking body with no lawyers in it that will pass laws that the plain people can understand. If this comes to pass what will the attorneys do?

Rex McCarter has rented a hop yard over in Polk County, ten miles from Independence, and his father's family have moved over there during the past week.—Woodburn Independent.

With a forest area of 11,049 miles Polk County will receive \$38.58 as her share of the \$55,950.72 coming to the state as 25 per cent of the revenue derived from our forest reserves.

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No arrangements have been made for funeral services.

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Monmouth After Cup.

Monmouth, Oregon, November 16. (Special)—Preparations have been begun by the High school students to win for the second time the Seymour cup offered as permanent property, provided it is won twice. Monmouth High won the cup from Dallas High during the term of 1911-12. There was no contest among the schools of Polk County last year, but keen competition is expected, this year. Falls City won the cup first, and next came Dallas and Monmouth. The cup is offered by County Superintendent of Schools Seymour.

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