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FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD.



Lebanon has an assured cannery project.

The state sold car load of flax seed for \$4.225, \$2.75 a bushel.

Through Union Pacific trains will serve "of-the-tray" lunches.

Oregon City wants evaporator plant of Knapp-Wittenberg Co.

Roseburg Review would limit number of bills at one session to 160.

Sawmills at Brookings started on March 1st, on 66,000,000 feet contract.

Salem, practically assured linen industry and will take over state holdings.

Klamath Falls voted on March 7th on acquiring \$15,000 for high school site.

Rice industry is to be established on Long Tom river bottom land, in Lane county.

Booth Lumber Company has let contract for 4,000,000 feet logs from coast range.

Tobacco growing industry tested out at Woodburn for several years to be established.

In some business offices the only thing that makes a good impression is the time stamp.

The high cost of living has not been increased by one American luxury—Pullman fares.

Toledo is working to get a cannery. Cheese factory proposed about nine miles up river.

The legislature adjourned with less laws passed and less interference with business than ever before.

Federal officials who want to turn O. and C. land grant back into forest reserves all deplore act of legislature to restore land to taxation.

The Agricultural bill as it got through the Senate carried \$31,000, "to investigate pecan nuts." It was cut to \$20,000 which is still some money for one kind of nuts.

Abolition of wireless board and commission is to be taken up by initiative, the job-holders being too strong for the legislature when it meets at Salem.

During the session of the legislature the idea became pretty general that bills were passed, not so much for their merit as they did upon the system of "swap." It seemed to be a proposition of give and take.

As war clouds hover over our nation, the public realize more and more the benefit of our great railroad systems and the necessity for legislation and regulation encouraging to future building and betterment. No country in the world has facilities for moving troops long distances as rapidly as ours.

Unless the laboring men are willing to suffer the consequences of defeat in the industrial war, which is certain to come, they should insist that their representatives in the halls of national legislation, shall enact such laws as will protect this country from disastrous competition when the armies of Europe have returned to the activities of peace.

With the price of all kinds of fuel sky high, it would seem congress could see the necessity of passing

legislation permitting fullest development of our unlimited waterpowers in order to furnish cheap heat. Power and light have been going down in the face of rising prices for other commodities.

OIL FOR THE NAVY.

"Before the American Mining Congress, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, defended the government's attitude in withdrawing oil lands for naval supply purposes purely from the ground of utility. As most of the present agitation in this question comes from Wyoming, as it is the coming state in oil production, Mr. Roosevelt's arguments were undoubtedly directly referring to this state.

"While there is much to be said in favor of the navy's side of the question, as pointed out by Mr. Roosevelt, it is well to observe, says the Moberly Daily Miner, that most of the present criticism is directed against the methods employed by the government rather than the policy. It should be born in mind that the government does not prospect for oil; it stands aside and lets private capital discover these resources, whereupon it steps in and withdraws all land surrounding such development which usually drains that territory developed by private interests.

"The results of this policy are far-reaching. In the first place, it retards the development of a state which gives promise of being a leader in oil production. Especially is this so in view of the high gasoline content of Wyoming oil, which makes it more valuable in this motor age than other oil produced in the country. Discouragement for private capital investing in Wyoming is likely to result from the present methods.

"It has been pointed out that if the government is to pursue this policy it would be well for the state to make some claim for reimbursement for stunting its natural, healthy and normal growth."—San Diego News.

Similar methods is government procedure are injuring the California oil industry to the detriment of the whole state and are entirely uncalled for.

THE CHURCH IN POLITICS.

At the Baptist Church revival last night, following a week's exhortation for spiritual things, Rev. Davis called on all who wanted to lead a more consecrated life to come forward and give him their hand. Only one man and his wife went forward and they, not members of the church. The man who wanted to be more consecrated was a minister. The evangelist rose to the emergency and what he told the church was a plenty.

In substance it was that he had found that prohibition carried into the church as a political fight had paralyzed brotherly love and engendered antagonism foreign to the spirit of religion. That there is something more in religion than a moral propaganda or a civic reform and the spirit of intolerance on either side should not be cultivated among Christians to carry an election.

The Monitor has been hammering at this idea in a feeble way for some time and deprecating the inevitable disorganization of the church in politics and politics in the church.

What Would Christ Be?

Real consecration to the cross of Christ was never at a lower ebb in this city than at the present time, not the church more completely segregated from the worldly-minded because of the hostile attitude of the righteous. One could almost say that if Christ came to Moberly he would have to declare himself either wet or dry and join a faction.

Where is the old time religion that all men are sinners, and that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son?

The test of orthodoxy is your vote on the third amendment and nobody wants to live a more consecrated life.—Moberly (Mo.) Monitor.

The above is from the pen of Frank Rothwell, a consistent and in times past an active working member of the Baptist church. It clearly outlines the condition in some of the churches of this city at the present time. Men may be willing to take spiritual advice from the ministers but they will not take from them political advice sugar coated with a thin veneer of religion. It would be well if church pastors would recognize that mature men are not children, and all their statements are not going to be taken at their face value or in other words without seeing the motive and purpose behind every utterance. If the churches are to prosper and do the great work they are purposed to do, then politics must not appear in the pulpit under the cloak of religion. It is evident that Rev. Davis has put his finger on the sore spot in some of the churches of this city and clearly indicates the cause of much of the affliction in the Moberly church at this time.—Moberly (Mo.) Democrat.

JITNEY LIABILITY NOT LIMITED.

An important decision has been rendered, which does away with limited liability of jitney busses, operating under a bond for damages to passengers who are injured.

In what is commonly accepted as a fatal blow to the jitney business in Washington, the Supreme Court holds that a bonding company furnishing the statutory \$2500 surety for a jitney operator is liable to that amount for each person injured in an accident, if the verdict calls for the full amount of the bonds in each instance. Surety companies have been bonding jitney operators on the theory that \$2500 covered all injuries that might be sustained by passengers in a single accident.

It is believed that no more jitney bonds will be procurable under a total liability of \$12,500 for the injury of five persons, especially since the companies have been able to charge only for the single surety guarantee of \$2500.

WESTERN INTEREST IN WATER POWERS.

Western states and Western Senators and Congressmen are vitally concerned about the development of electrical energy.

It is announced that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad is prepared to electrify 250 miles more, or to have 700 miles in all.

Bonds have been sold to the amount of \$6,500,000 to cover cost of installing the new electrification, from Othello to Puget Sound.

It is also well known that this means the electrification of the other transcontinental lines from the Rocky Mountains to the coast.

The seven other railroads that cross the mountains to the ocean will within a few years all be obliged to use electric current.

The mere equipment for this change will involve expenditures of over one hundred million dollars and development of new power plants.

As much more money will be spent in generating plants for material and labor, and there is no greater plan for the development of the west.

While other railroads were more or less handicapped by cold weather and bucking snow drifts, the one electrified road maintained service.

Electrification of the railroads to the coast is an economic and military necessity and hence western interest in water power laws permitting development of this great industry.

MONMOUTH ITEMS.

Three-fourths of a mile of sidewalks were ordered laid by the council at its regular meeting Tuesday night. The sidewalk resolution as adopted comprehends the improvement of several streets by the laying of concrete walks.

Co-operation has hit Monmouth strong. It has been now about a year since the co-operative creamery has been made a reality in Monmouth and now the people who are back of it and have pushed the thing along think it is about time they branched out further. They now propose a co-operative warehouse and a meeting has been called to consider the matter to be held in the Norm theater on Saturday afternoon, March 24th.

A special trainload of Normal students and others went to Corvallis Friday to hear the local contestant, Miss Mamie Radabaugh compete in the state oratorical contest. Representatives from all the colleges in Oregon delivered orations and Miss Radabaugh took second for delivery and fifth in the final standing.

The building committee of the Board of Regents has selected John V. Bennes as architect for the construction of the addition to the main building at the Normal School.

"Some Phases of Education" was the subject chosen by City Superintendent Tooze of Oregon City, who spoke at Friday's chapel exercises. He handled his speech in an able manner and kept the interest of his audience throughout the talk.

Mrs. Jesse DeWitt, formerly a resident here, died recently in California. She was a daughter-in-law of Mrs. DeWitt of this city.

Mrs. DeArmond's mother is here visiting her. The DeArmond family were in Dallas Sunday attending a family reunion.

C. P. Hembree has shipped some hogs to the Portland stock yards.

Arlie's basket ball team was taken into camp by the Monmouth Cubs Saturday by a score of 30 to 24.

Nathan Bernstein of Portland was a Monmouth visitor the fore part of

the week.

Monmouth has a band. The first rehearsal was held last Tuesday night with Ernest Townsend of Independence as leader. Fourteen aspirants turned out for the initial practice.

The three literary societies of the Normal School will stage the "Flower Shop" in the chapel on Friday night, March 29. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged and the public is invited to attend.

Sunshine farm was the scene of a merry St. Patrick's party Saturday evening when Miss Beth Ostrom entertained about 20 of her friends. The rooms were prettily decorated with shamrocks and spring flowers. Jolly games were played, Irish songs sung and jokes told. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, fancy cakes and cocoa were served and a splendid time enjoyed by all. Miss Hawley acted as chaperone.

Rev. Elkins of the Christian church has had his membership changed from the Coast artillery at Eugene to the militia company at Dallas, so that he will be able to comply with the regulation of weekly practice. Mr. Elkins holds the rank of captain with the pay of lieutenant.

Sam Work, who has been caring for "Uncle Bob" Williams, was taken ill very suddenly Tuesday and had to be carried to his home. He is in a very serious condition and another stroke is feared.

The two week's revival meeting held at the Christian church resulted in 32 accessions and 21 confession of faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Judd who have just returned from an extended visit in Colorado, say they are glad to get back again to old Oregon after the severe cold winter in the Rockies.

Mrs. Fred Baker, of Willamette is here with her two children for an extended visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ike Fream.

Mrs. F. H. Sickafosse has been enjoying a visit with her brother, Dr. S. A. Mulkey, of Central Point, Oregon, who spent several days here this week.

Mrs. Riddle, Jr., has been visiting with friends in Hillsboro several days this week.

Mrs. Matthis gave a very pleasant surprise party last Friday evening in honor of the doctor's birthday. Refreshments were served and the conversation.

The Evangelical people are planning spent in games and social conversation.

The Evangelical people are planning to build an addition to their church in the very near future.

The Bowman family had a reunion Sunday at the home farm two miles south of town. Gordon and his wife expect to start for eastern Oregon on Monday where he will farm.

CONGRATULATE THE DALLES.

The Dalles, Oregon, has started on an effort that will be watched with consuming interest—to get one hundred families of Italians to come there and locate on some cheap lands and become truck gardeners.

To bring those Italians across from the old country and make a place for them near The Dalles, and set them to producing garden truck, family supplies and fruits is a bold move industrially.

Any effort to keep them from being robbed on the prices of land is also revolutionary, because it has been the principal business of the booster organizations to advance lands out of reach.

Of course, one hundred poor families of working people, who would go to raising lettuce, radishes, carrots, greens, turnips and berries, that are now all shipped up from California, would be all right.

That is the way to make Oregon productive and bring down the high cost of living and make it possible for vegetable and fruit canneries to operate and cultivate our waste lands and make them valuable.

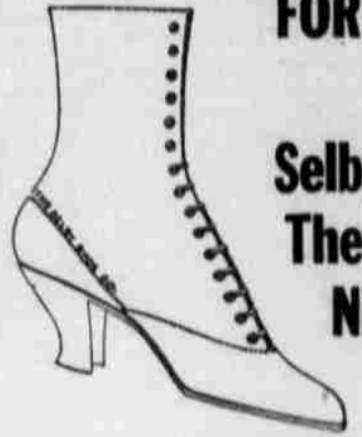
Land that is really made productive by intensive labor will become really valuable and will make the community rich—but lands with a fictitious value put on by speculation makes the community poor.

It will be in order for labor agitators and politicians to howl about bringing in cheap labor, to drag forth their forty laws on minimum wage, contract labor, literacy test, and block The Dalles.

Such laws and land legislation is all calculated to keep the state from developing industrially, and canneries and sugar factories will be closed for lack of cheap and abundant labor of productive sort.

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