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GETTING READY

Dynamite Explosions Betoken An Increase Hop Acreage Next Year

Enough Dynamite in This Vicinity to Shake Old Oregon As She Was Never Shaken Before

There has been enough dynamite No. 2 distributed from Independence this fall to level the snow-crowned peaks of the Cascade mountains and blow western Oregon into the Pacific ocean. The purpose to which the unusually large quantities of this explosive is being put, is the blowing out of stumps in the clearing of hop land. The past season has demonstrated that the Willamette river bottoms are the choice hop lands. In order to get some of the best of these lands in readiness for a crop next year, trees and stumps must be removed and with the exception of a few stump pullers now at work in this vicinity, the use of dynamite generally has been adopted.

Two and a half tons have been sold through Huston & Simon, and the R. M. Wade hardware store has disposed of over a ton and a half. On account of the danger attending the handling of the explosive, the Wade stores have declined to handle it direct nor do Huston & Simon allow it stored at their place of business since the disaster near here to young Baker and McCabe last spring. The hop men merely order it through the local firms and the purchaser is required to receive it at the depot. The railroad company, as if referring all possible disasters to a certain day of the week, ships dynamite to this station only on Fridays. On no other day of the week can it be had.

Among the heavy users of dynamite this fall are the Krebs Bros., J. R. Cooper, John Burton, W. J. Steele, R. D. Cooper, Dave Dove and Horst Bros. Only a few days ago a wagon containing a ton of dynamite besides caps, was driven through town. The dynamite was protected from sudden jar by straw, and there was no mishap, else there would be none left to tell the tale. The report of blasts is frequent in this locality, suggesting the bombardment of Port Arthur or recalling the accidental explosion last spring. Some very heavy charges are used, particularly on the Krebs ranch where the dynamiters sometimes find it necessary to put in 30 to 40 pounds to blow out a single stump. The price of dynamite is about 14 cents a pound and the amount used on a single stump sometimes costs \$5 to \$6.

It was while thawing out dynamite preparatory to blasting out stumps that Curtis Baker and Gilbert McCabe blew themselves into eternity on the 3rd of last March. They had about 100 pounds of the explosive and its discharge shook the earth for miles around. It was felt in Dallas, in Perrydale, 13 miles away, and at McCoy 18 miles to the Northwest. At Rickreall 6 miles north, window lights were broken out and at Salem and other points across the river, the concussion was felt. The limbs of the unfortunate young men were torn off and their bodies otherwise mutilated, and blown several rods away.

Following this disaster there was a general sentiment in favor of legislation regulating the use of explosives and none were more earnest in their desire for a state law requiring handlers of dynamite to obtain license from some competent authority, than the hop men. A law of prevention is of no avail after the thing to be avoided has happened. Fortunately in this

case, Mr. J. S. Cooper, a member of the lower house of the legislature, resides at this place and is himself engaged in the hop business, and he may be depended upon to prepare and put through a measure of public safety.

Leading a Merry Chase

Wylie Williams of the Airline neighborhood has been leading Henry Bruer, carpenter at the reform school a merry chase. Williams and another boy took French leave of the school several days ago. Farmer Looney, superintendent of the Reform School, dispatched Mr. Bruer to Airline, where Williams formerly lived. Mr. Bruer could hear of his quarry in various places but when he arrived the lad was gone. The Reform School officer came to believe aid was being extended the boy. Saturday he came into Monmouth with a boy handcuffed, convinced the captured boy had been lending aid to Williams. Not a word of information would the boy give up nor confess he was party to aiding Williams and Mr. Bruer released him.

"We have met the enemy," says the Laddonia (Mo.) Herald (Dem.) "and we are their meat. Nine congressman, the state ticket, the state legislature, a United States senator, eighteen electors and two judges of the court of appeals.

TICKET NAMED

Strong Ticket For City Offices Named at Citizens Meeting Last Night

All Ready For City Election To Be Held in Independence Monday Next

For Mayor
 W. A. MESSNER
 Councilmen
 J. R. CRAVEN,
 AUGUST SPERLING
 W. W. PERCIVAL
 W. H. WALKER
 C. D. CALBREATH
 Recorder
 W. G. SHARMAN
 Marshal
 O. D. WALKER

The above ticket is the result of a citizens meeting held in the city hall last night for the purpose of nominating candidates for city offices.

The city hall was crowded with voters and spectators, J. W. Kirkland called the meeting to order and acted as chairman, U. L. Frazer served as secretary, and William Campbell assistant. The tellers were Joseph Hubbard and John Bohanon.

W. A. Messner was the only name presented for mayor and he was nominated by acclamation. The rest of the ticket was selected by ballot.

The ticket is considered a strong one, made up as it is of representative men.

The first three named for councilmen, Craven, Sperling and Percival are nominated to serve two years each; the last two, Walker and Calbreath to serve one year each.

A Cabinet of Young Men

Appearances indicate that the President intends to have a Cabinet of comparatively young men. The rumor that Senator Spooner would be made Attorney General may be disposed of by the fact that that position has been offered to Ex-Governor Black of New York. But as his law practice is worth \$100,000 annually it is hardly probable that he will take the place at a salary of \$8,000.

TIMBER BY RAIL

Merely Boom Pond Completes Outlet For Logs From Coast Range

Logs Loaded at Falls City May Be Dumped in River Here Without Change of Cars

A preliminary survey, preparatory to the building of a boom pond to receive logs from the gravel bar spur of the S. P. Railroad has been completed. The survey was made by Mr. Hanson a civil engineer in the employe of the Southern Pacific.

It provides for taking water from the Willamette river about a mile and a quarter above town and, following the course of the slough, passes under the elevated portion of the gravel bar spur and under the bridge on C street thence on into the river again. Mr. Hanson thinks the plan a very feasible one. The expense entailed will not be great as the work will consist mostly of deepening the old slough channel, widening it at a point near where it passes under the railroad. With this boom pond constructed, timber loaded on the cars at Falls City can be dumped into the river here without a change of cars. This simple contrivance in connection with the newly built gravel bar switch of the Southern Pacific, will afford an outlet for timber that has been ready for the markets for years. The spruce, larch, hemlock and softer woods can be dumped into the river here and they will float themselves to the pulp mills at Oregon City. The new mill to be erected here will also be enabled to get logs by rail as well as water. Douty & Simpson have been getting their logs by water, but with the new boom pond completed there will be added a new source of supply and they will have double assurance of never running out of logs.

NEW PARTY, MAYBE

D. W. Sears, Democratic Warhorse of Polk Gives View on Outlook For Democracy

Editor West Side Enterprise:

The election returns show that Democrats refused to support their national ticket and that they either stayed at home or voted some other ticket. The vote for Roosevelt is but little if any more than the strength of the Republican party; hence there was no great number of democrats that voted for him.

It was plain to be seen shortly after the St. Louis convention that the rank and file would repudiate the convention's action and it is to their honor and credit they did so forcibly. There had been a hard and determined fight for the last four years by the Cleveland plutocracy faction for control of the party. There had been money, deceit and trickery used by them in every state and they succeeded in getting control of the convention which they conducted on the anything-to-get-campaign-funds-and-votes plan. But the dishonesty and insincerity of that faction of leaders were so plain and bold that people could have no faith in them. Had it not been for Bryan and his colleagues forcing a compromise platform, I don't think they would have done much better than the Palmer-Buckner ticket. There is ground for suspicion that this ticket was put out for the same purpose to wit: To elect the Republican candidate.

Many republicans all over the country upheld and talked for the faction and they eulogized Parker, and many papers did the same. Plutocracy has had complete con-

trol of the Republican party for more than a decade and when it captured the Democratic party republicans rejoiced.

Parker must be a very weak man for it does seem to me any man who is a candidate and refuses to give his views upon the party's policies and principles is little short of an idiot; and those who nominate such a man is it.

But what of the party's future? The party is now in the hands of the conservatives, (so-called) and with their plutocratic ingenuity it is no easy matter to drive the money changers from the temple; and where it's done they are in position to greatly aid the enemy as heretofore. Therefore, I am in serious doubt of the Bryan plan of reclaiming and re-organizing the party. While the Democratic party is a name dear to many and they would regret to cast it aside for some other, yet under present conditions it would be better to do so. I shall not be surprised to see the Democracy rallying under some new name and all opposed to the special-privilege classes. The trusts and plutocracy will join this new party and the people will see more clearly than for many years which is their party, and for good government.

I predict that four years more of Republican rule will bring trouble both domestic and foreign; trouble within the party and outside it. This will bring on the most important, exciting, bitter and hard fought presidential campaign in our history. The people will prevail under this new name and the old ship of state will once more sail aright and the people will again sing the songs our Pilgrim Fathers sang, and the Declaration of Independence will be a bound volume in every home.
 D. W. Sears.

20 Per cent is Not Bad

That twenty per cent and more can be made on Polk county hop land without turning a hand to till the soil is demonstrated by H. W. Murphy. He purchased 214 acres of the G. A. Wells place for \$10,000. He has leased the hop yard of which there is about 28 acres, for \$2000 a year which yields him 20 per cent and he still has the greater part of the farm left. With only 40 acres in hops the past season Mr. Wells' crop brought him \$14,000 at 28 1/2 cents a pound for his hops.

Wong Foo Git

Wong Foo Git is a happy Chinaman. His happiness springs from the promise of his father that he may cut his queue off next month. Wong Foo Git is the eleven year old son of Wang Sing proprietor of the Independence Restaurant. Except on rush occasions Wong Foo Git is the head waiter. Possessed of all the frankish nature of a boy of his age and able to speak only broken English he is not only a waiter but entertainer of the restaurant guests. Since Thanksgiving the restaurant is out of printed menu cards and it is good for digestion to hear the young Chinaman call off the bill of fare—"You catch em beef steak, you catch em fly chicken." An order given and Foo is off for the kitchen going through a cake walk performance with his pig tail almost touching the floor. The little fellow has been working from 9 o'clock in the morning till two and three o'clock in the morning. He is very anxious to enter school and has importuned guests to intercede with his father until Sing has finally told Foo that he may cut off his queue and start to school. He will also cast off his Chinese costume and what is perplexing Foo now is whether to put on long or knee pants.