

INCREASE IN REGISTRATION

Over Four Hundred More This Year Than Two Years Ago.

Total Registration Foots Up 5,466--Increase in Majority of Precincts, Though Some Show Decrease.

The Lane county registration books closed last Saturday evening, but it was Monday evening before they were straightened up so that the figures could be given to the public. As the table below will show, this year's registration exceeds that of two years before by 410:

| | 1902. | 1904. |
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| North Eugene No. 1 | 250 | 267 |
| North Eugene No. 2 | 224 | 278 |
| South Eugene No. 1 | 297 | 320 |
| South Eugene No. 2 | 165 | 223 |
| East Cottage Grove | 338 | 415 |
| West Cottage Grove | 254 | 277 |
| Creweell | 188 | 189 |
| Springfield | 210 | 274 |
| North Junction | 140 | 140 |
| Irving | 177 | 172 |
| Florence | 183 | 214 |
| Richardson | 108 | 94 |
| Fairmount | 90 | 159 |
| Willamette | 157 | 199 |
| Saginaw | 131 | 115 |
| Camp Creek | 94 | 90 |
| Pleasant Hill | 67 | 70 |
| Spencer | 70 | 70 |
| Blanton | 60 | 66 |
| Balley | 88 | 97 |
| Sinlaw | 89 | 88 |
| Monawk | 86 | 87 |
| Lost Valley | 62 | 57 |
| Goshen | 71 | 69 |
| Fall Creek | 84 | 70 |
| Long Tom | 88 | 75 |
| Coyote | 66 | 59 |
| Elmira | 55 | 56 |
| Jasper | 68 | 76 |
| Gate Creek | 58 | 70 |
| Thurston | 70 | 87 |
| Blue River | 67 | 87 |
| Wallace | 50 | 51 |
| Zumwalt | 86 | 103 |
| Lake Creek | 40 | 44 |
| Lane | 53 | 58 |
| Chester | 46 | 41 |
| Five Rivers | 19 | 18 |
| Mapleton | 60 | 67 |
| Walton | 51 | 36 |
| Gleuten | 26 | 29 |
| Herrman | 28 | 27 |
| Bohemia | 13 | 16 |
| Middle Fork | 18 | 14 |
| Mabel | 48 | 50 |
| Mound | 46 | 41 |
| Hazel Dell | 21 | 31 |
| Hecker | 14 | 18 |
| Wendling | 144 | 55 |
| Totals | 5056 | 5466 |

WANTHUSAND DOLLAR BONUS

To Insure District Fair in Eugene for the Next Three Years.

F. A. Rankin is back from Roseburg, where he attended a meeting of the directors of the Second Southern Oregon Fair Association. Mr. Rankin entered a strong plea to have the fair at Eugene, but the majority favored Roseburg. It was decided, however, that owing to the indebtedness on the grounds at Roseburg and considering several other points, that the fair would be given to Eugene, provided the citizens would raise a bonus of \$1000, for the next three years.

A mass meeting will probably be held some time this week at which time Mr. Rankin will explain the proposition to the people of Eugene and get their sentiment.

WOODMEN OF WORLD PICNIC

Pleasant Hill Lodge Sets a Date for Their Annual Outing.

The Pleasant Hill lodge of Woodmen of the World has set a mark so far in advance of the ordinary lodge picnic that the annual event is eagerly looked forward to and never fa

to draw a big crowd. It is not only a pleasant locality for one reason, but has lots of big-hearted people--an ideal country community.

The date this year has been set for the second Saturday in June, the 11th. A basket dinner, games, and the usual other attractions, go to make up the program, which will be published later.

Planing Mill Closed.

The Booth-Kelly Company's big planing mill at Springfield, It is learned, has been closed down again and all night shifts have been taken off. The big sawmill is still running steadily, however.

WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN

Past Week Too Cool for Rapid Germination.

Fall Wheat in Excellent Condition--Italian Prunes Nearly a Failure--Plenty of Strawberries, Etc.

The following is from the weekly weather and crop bulletin issued by the Oregon Weather Bureau for the week ending Monday, May 10:

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The past week has been dry, and, although it averaged warmer than the week previous, it was too cool for rapid growth and germination. The bulk of fall wheat is in excellent condition, but in few places in Umatilla county the freeze of the week previous did material damage, which very likely will be greatly relieved should warm rains occur during the next week or so. Spring wheat seeding is nearly completed and the stands everywhere are reported above the average. In favored localities fall barley and fall rye are beginning to head. Range grass and forage crops continue doing splendidly, and stock is beginning to get fat. Corn and potato planting are general, and in some of the southern counties corn planting is nearly completed. Gardens also are nearly all planted, but the growth of vegetables has been slow.

Hops are healthy and promising, and the cultivation of the yards has proceeded uninterruptedly during the week. The condition of fruit is somewhat uncertain, but nearly all correspondents agree that Italian prunes will be almost a failure. Early cherries, pears and peaches have suffered some injury from the late frosts, but it is believed they will yet give satisfactory yields. Apples are promising, and strawberries and bush fruits will be plentiful.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Terry, Multnomah county, Wm. Sales.--Beneficial shower Friday night, and weather generally favorable for growth; grain looks well; early potatoes making good advancement; strawberries and early variety of cherries promise well.

Bethany, Washington county, N. Johnson--Frosts fore part of week did a little damage; fall grain looks fine; grass growing fast; spring grain all sown; outlook for prunes poor; blight has stricken many pear trees.

Meadowbrook, Clackamas county, R. P. Cooper--Weather clear and warmer; all crops improving; fruit damaged some by late frosts, but there is plenty left; gardens doing well.

Amity, Yamhill county, M. F. Corrigan--Week warmer; grains and grasses have made a more rapid growth; rain would prove beneficial to spring sown grain; seeding nearly completed; late gardens being planted; early garden truck up and doing well; pasturage good; sheep shearing in progress; first training of hops completed; early cherries and apples promise well.

Niagara, Marion county, John Schroder--Week favorable for all crops and they are growing nicely; apples in full bloom, also late pears; other fruit about done blooming; pastures in good condition and stock looks well; late gardens coming up.

McCoy, Polk county, J. K. Sears--Conditions favorable for growing grain and for germinating recent seeding; seeding about completed; about an average crop of grain, but less acreage of wheat; pastures good; rain will be needed soon in order to promote growth; fruit prospects good except prunes, the trees of which are quite bare.

CIRCUS HAS COME TO TOWN

Big Crowds From the the Country and All Got Wet.

Afternoon Performance was Well Attended--Another Exhibition Will Be Given Tonight.

Norris & Rowe's circus arrived in Eugene this morning and was heartily welcomed by the small boys who gathered at the depot yards to watch the process of unloading, which was just like the routine work of all other circuses. The circus grounds are just east of the league baseball grounds, on South Willamette street. The work of raising the big tents and getting things ready for the show was rather slow, and it was after noon before the parade was formed. The streets were crowded at ten o'clock by people who had assembled from all over the county. It was the same old story, a nice rain falling and people standing around under awnings or walking up and down the streets tiring themselves out, waiting for the parade. When it finally came they watched it with considerable comment and when it was over the rain-drenched mass of humanity dispersed, wondering why one could be so foolish for the sake of seeing a circus parade. A large crowd was in attendance at the afternoon performance. The old saying: "When you have seen one circus you have seen them all," was fully emphasized.

NEW LODGE INSTITUTED

A lodge of the Fraternal Brotherhood was instituted in A. O. U. W. hall last night by W. H. Berger, of Los Angeles, with 25 charter members. The officers elected are as follows: Jesse G. Wells, president; Nannie K. Belsaw, secretary; Wm. Walker, treasurer; C. Stephenson, sergeant; Wm. Sailor, sergeant at arms; Wm. McMillan, doorkeeper; Geo. B. Street, outer doorkeeper; Mrs. Jesse Wells, musician.

From M. M. Scarbrough

The many friends of M. M. Scarbrough, last year instructor at the U. O., and who secured a fellowship at Yale and is there this year, will be pleased to hear that he is getting along finely. In a letter to a friend he writes that though things have passed along quietly they have gone rapidly. He speaks of being in New York last Sunday and seeing Dick Smith and Claude Fountain at Columbia. He thinks there is no place like Yale and sends his regards to his friends at the University and in Eugene.

Note and Comment.

Good figure, the Register? Here it is patting itself and congratulating because the precincts of Lane county that gave Democratic majorities two years ago show an increase of but eight in the registration, while the precincts that gave Republican majorities show a gain of 535. You will ask if the Register knows anything about the political complexion of the new registrations, either in Republican or Democratic precincts? It does not--no man knows. Why should it cackle so much over so little, will be asked. No man knows that, either.

The Register says: "From all over the county comes the cheering information that 'Stiles is the man for sheriff,' and his election is a foregone conclusion." Is the Register just as certain of this as it is that the increase of registration in any particular precinct means an increase in the majority vote of that precinct as cast two years ago? Or that a decrease in the registration means that the party that had a majority in it two years ago will have a decreased majority in it this year? One man can look as far into a stone wall as another.

Some of the candidates for office are Missourians--we know Lark Bilyeu is. This electioneering story comes from Missouri: "Two candidates for office in Missouri were stumping the northern part of the state, and in one town their appearance was almost simulta-

neous. The candidate last arriving happened to stop at a house for the purpose of getting a drink of water. To the little girl who answered his knock at the door he said, when she had given him the desired draught and had offered her in recompense some candy: 'Did the man ahead of me give you anything?' "Oh! yes, sir," replied the bright little girl, 'he gave me candy.' "Ah!" exclaimed the candidate, 'here's five cents for you. I don't suppose he gave you any money?' "The youngster laughed merrily. 'Yes, he did, too! He gave me ten cents!' "Not to be outdone, the candidate gave the little one another nickel, and, picking her up in his arms, kissed her. "Did he kiss you, too?' he asked genially. "Indeed he did, sir!" responded the little girl, and he kissed me, too."

LAND CASES GO OVER

McKinley-Ware Trial Postponed Until Next Term

Because of Disappearance of Edwin Hobson Prosecution Urges Delay and the Defense Finally Agrees

As the result of the disappearance of an important witness for the prosecution, the famous McKinley-Ware-Pater land fraud cases have been continued until the fall term of the court, says today's Oregonian. Attorney Hall, for the government, attempted to have the cases indefinitely continued at the afternoon session of the federal court, but the defense would not agree. Last night the defense came forward and agreed to let the cases go over until next term. This was because of conditions imposed upon them if they insisted upon the trial commencing Wednesday. When court convened in the afternoon Mr. Hall announced that Edwin Hobson, one of the important witnesses for the prosecution, could not be found, and he would have to ask for an indefinite postponement in order that the government might secure the witness. In support of his request Mr. Hall produced a telegram from United States Attorney-General Knox and the Secretary of the Interior, requesting that a postponement be granted.

It appeared that Hobson, who received deeds to claims alleged to have been fraudulently secured by the McKinley-Ware-Pater-Watson quartet, disappeared from his residence in Southern Oregon, and the marshal was unable to serve a subpoena upon him. Mr. Hall said that he had made diligent search for Hobson, but as yet had been unable to find him. He learned that the witness had gone to Idaho. A communication was sent to the marshal at Lewiston, but nothing has been heard of him or the witness. Mr. Hall said he could not go to trial without the witness unless the defense would agree to have his evidence as given before the commissioner read in court in lieu of his verbal testimony. Mr. Hall suggested that he would be glad to agree to postponement of the matter until the fall term of court if the defense was willing. The defense was not willing. To the contrary, the attorneys were decidedly unwilling to agree to any postponement at all. They also objected to having Hobson's testimony read, claiming the constitutional right of the defendant to face an adverse witness before the jury.

W. M. Green Honored.

The Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows, in session at Astoria, elected new officers yesterday as follows: Grand patriarch, W. M. Green, of Eugene; grand high priest, Claud Gateb, of Salem; grand scribe, E. E. Sharon, of Portland; grand treasurer, W. W. Francis, of Halsey; grand senior warden, W. I. Vavter, of Medford; grand junior warden, H. M. Beckwith, of Portland; grand representative, Thomas F. Ryan, of Oregon City.

Thief Caught.

Chief of Police Gilbert caught a man stealing clothing from the Muckey boarding house last night about six o'clock and threw him in jail. The culprit will be given a hearing before Justice C. A. Wintermeter upon his return from Portland.

DICK SMITH SECURED AS COACH

Will Train the University Football Squad This Year.

The Old Time Favorite and Powerful Player Secured --Was Captain of Columbia Last Year.

It was announced at the university today that the football management for this year has secured as coach for the coming season Dick Smith, former player on the university team and who has been playing on the Columbia University team in New York for the past three years. Smith is known all over the United States as one of the best football players who ever donned a muleskin. After graduating at the University of Oregon he went to Columbia and at once made good on the 'varsity team. He was chosen captain last year and had the honor of holding a place on the All-American team. Smith's home is at Klamath Falls, Or. He spent four or five years here attending the university, and has a large number of friends who are glad to learn that he is to coach the local team. He is a brother of Geo. H. Smith, of "The Palms."

FOUR THOUSAND PAID ADMISSIONS

People Paid No Attention to the Mud at the Circus Grounds.

H. S. Rowe, of the Norris & Rowe circus, in speaking to a Guard reporter this afternoon, said that the people of Eugene had really surprised him very much this afternoon. There were nearly 4000 paid admission tickets sold, netting a sum of \$2200 for the management. The people had little or no regard for the mud. Men, women and children waded through mud ankle deep to get into the big tents. The circus men will surely have a dreadful time getting their heavy wagons off the grounds tonight, as the mud is soft and sticky, wagons sinking down to the hubs. A large wagon got mired to the axles this morning before the rain began, and it took sixteen horses to pull it out--this for an example will show the difficulty the men will experience tonight in the dark and the ground soaked with rain.

THE WOODS FOUND GUILTY

Portland, May 17.--"Guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government in pension claims." Such was the verdict returned last night by the jury in the case of T. A. and Hosea Wood. The penalty they will have to pay will be a cash fine, which will probably be imposed tomorrow. The verdict was a surprise to the defendants, but was not unexpected by disinterested parties who heard Judge Bellinger's charge to the jury.

Collar Bone Broken.

A. E. Holmes, while playing baseball at Springfield Sunday, ran into Robt. Young with the result that his collar bone was broken.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

B. F. Ramp, Socialist candidate for congress, will speak in the city park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon tomorrow, May 19th. Subject, "The Science of Government by and for the People." If stormy the speaking will be held in the courthouse.

Isn't it true that a homely woman knows only half of life's pleasures? Ladies why not take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea and add the half? 'Twill do the business. 35 cents, tea or tablets. Ask your druggist.

REUNION OF OLD SOLDIERS

Members of First Oregon Cavalry and Infantry Will Meet at Hood River June 16.

Headquarters Association of the First Oregon Cavalry and the First Oregon Infantry. La Grande, Oregon, May 10, 1904. Comrades:--The Third Annual Reunion of the First Oregon Cavalry, United States Volunteers, and the First Oregon Infantry, United States Volunteers Association, will be held, in conjunction with the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Hood River, Oregon, on June 16, 1904.

All comrades are requested to be present and participate. A cordial invitation is given to all persons who served in either the First Oregon Cavalry, United States Volunteers, or in the First Oregon Infantry, United States Volunteers, and did duty in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah or Nevada from 1861 to 1866 and to their parents, wives and descendants to join in the reunion and talk over incidents of long ago. Geo. B. Currey, Commander. W. M. Hillesary, Adjunt

LAST ASSEMBLY OF UNIVERSITY YEAR

Held in Villard Hall This Morning --Will H. Thompson Spoke.

The last assembly of the university year passed pleasantly this morning. After a piano solo by Mr. Frazer, President Campbell introduced Mr. Will H. Thompson, who spoke on the subject, "The Making of a Poem." He said in part: "Poetry is the first form of literary expression. The earliest inscriptions in Egypt are songs of the people. Laws of ancient nations, many of them, have passed away, but their songs remain. The expression made three hundred years ago that 'Allowed to write the ballads, I care not who writes the laws,' has ever since been recognized as a great truth. 'What is a poem? There is no complete definition. Byron, Milton, Ruskin, Steadman, Poe, Chapman and others have left definitions, but they are not complete, each merely conveying his own ideas and spirit, and not completely. 'A real poem is never accurate, but a series of false pictures, and the mind makes up the truth out of these.' By request of Professor Carson, Mr. Thompson recited his own soul-stirring poem, "High Tide at Gettysburg."

At the close of the address President Campbell was presented a bouquet of carnations by Ray Goodrich, on behalf of the student body, as a token of their appreciation of the work he is doing.

EUGENE WON FROM ALBANY

A Closely Contested Game Played This Afternoon.

| | Won | Lost | P. C. |
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| Salem | 7 | 3 | 700 |
| Eugene | 9 | 4 | 692 |
| Roseburg | 4 | 7 | 363 |
| Albany | 0 | 1 | 000 |

(Guard Special Service.)

Albany, May 18.--The league baseball season opened in this city this afternoon, the opposing teams being Albany, formerly the Vancouver team, and the Eugene Blues.

The occasion was made a sort of half holiday, a number of business houses closing, and all the employees attending the game, which was pulled off at Rambler Park. Despite the threatening weather, the attendance was good.

Schofield is pitching for Eugene and Gregory for Albany. The score by innings: Eugene, 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 4 Albany, 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1