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### Keep Courage

The new comers recently from the east should not be discouraged with our recent bad spell of weather as we suffered much less than did the east. Another fact should also be kept in mind, that no such a storm has visited the Willamette valley since the spring of 1882. While it did not snow at this point, still the wind blew quite hard damaging some timber and breaking down a few telegraph and electric lines. What it did during the past week in the east can be shown by comparing eastern papers for that week with our own, and when the comparison has been completed we believe that everyone so comparing will feel like saying with those who have lived here a season, that "the Willamette valley is the only spot for us.

### Time to Wake Up

We are now facing a very serious period in the development of our city and county. At first bush it might seem that we were disturbed, but when we get right down to the real facts and see the probable consequence of our inactivity during the coming summer, then we reach the point where we see the necessity of earnest and co-operative action.

The inspector, S. F. Clements, who was in town the fore part of the week, in looking over the situation and investigating the roads, will report that our rural free delivery be suspended unless the roads are made passible by another winter. This week he suspended the portion of the route which reaches the depot and goes to the Dil-

ley road. The blame for a portion of this route rests with Forest Grove. It is and has for some time been a burning shame that the main road from the depot to the business part of the city, the road over which every bit of freight for half of the county is hauled, the road over which every visitor and home seeker must travel to inspect our beautiful city, is in such a condition. What their impressions must be by the time they reach the business portion of the city, no one can say, but it is sufficient to remark that a more favorable sentiment would result if the excessive nervous strain in keeping ones seat in the bus were replaced by the delightful sensation of rolling along a smooth road bed enjoying the passing landscape.

Every officer and member of the Civic Improvement Society and the Board of Trade, is aware of the existing condition of things. Every business man and the condenser people are aware of it. Furthermore, business men and citizens and also the condenser people would gladly assist in raising funds to put the road in shape if those whose duty it is would take the initiative in circulating the necessary papers and in collecting the money subscribed.

The farmers along the rural mail routes are to be commended for the way they are taking hold of the matter. About enough subscriptions have been taken to rock the road from Forest Grove to Thatcher and other communities are taking similar action. All this is a step in the right direction but enough has been done to insure the maintenance of the rural mail delivery another winter. The withdrawal of this service would mean that we were not an up to date community. New comers would settle in localities where roads and good service could be obtained. They would locate in cities into which at least a little dry wood could be hauled all the year around. They would locate where a team could be driven from one point to another at a speed which would not admit of a pedestrian, going the same route, passing them on the road.

Nor would newcomers wish to buy farms in a location, where they could not reach the city and be sure they could return safely the same day.

Business men suffer from these conditions to the same extent as any other class. For these reasons, as well as the loss of the accommodations furnished by the rural delivery we should at once take active steps to complete what has been started and put our roadbeds into permanent shape. This is the more important since we have the soil, climate, and the range of products which make this county the one county of the state for newcomers, the paradise of the Willamette Valley. Good roads, or at least a large amount of construction by another winter will be all that our eastern friends could desire. Act and act now!

### Political Notes.

As far as can be learned the following are the candidates favorably spoken of for the various offices to be filled in the June Elections. For senator: T. H. Adams, Forest Grove; Dr. W. D. Woods, Hillsboro; E. W. Haines, Forest Grove, Burke Tongue Hillsboro.

For representatives: B. F. Purdy, Gaston; Wilbur K. Newell, Gaston; John Buchanan, Cornelius; Benton Bowman, Hillsboro; A. B. Flint, West Butte.

For sheriff: John McClaran, Gales Creek; Baker Sappington, Hillsboro; John Connell, Glencoe; Samuel Galbraith, Tualatin.

For clerk: James Morgan, Hillsboro; E. L. McCormick, Hillsboro; E. J. Godman, Tigardville; Brice Wilson, Gales Creek; O. R. Downs, Hillsboro.

For recorder: E. I. Kuratli, Greenville; Julian Vandwahl.

For assessor: George Wilcox, Hillsboro.

For treasurer: Wm. M. Jackson, Dilley.

For county school superintendent: H. A. Ball, Hillsboro; M. C. Case, Forest Grove; John Hohman, Tigardville.

For commissioner: A. B. Todd, and T. G. Todd, Forest Grove; C. C. Hoopes and R. Matteson, Gaston; and W. J. R. Beach, Greenville.

For surveyor: A. A. Morrell, Hillsboro.

For Coroner: Dr. C. L. Large, and Dr. Chas. Hines of Forest Grove.

### Pensions for All

The boys who wore the blue between the years of 1861 and '65 will be interested in a bill before congress which does away with long strings of needless red tape. Pension sharks have plucked the old soldiers unmercifully ever since the government authorized the paying of pensions to the veterans. The bill will probably become a law within a few days. Under this act, mere application, accompanied by proof of service, will be sufficient to establish the claim. And this is not all, for thousands of pensioners receive increased pensions, some of them as much as 300 per cent.

Under the Heiser bill, which is that endorsed by the thirty-seventh annual encampment of the Grand Army in Los Angeles, last summer, and was passed by the senate several days ago, pensions are graded in accordance with service. It also gives to every 1861-5 soldier a pension upon the making of an application. Ninety-day men will receive a minimum of \$8 per month and more, according to disability. The minimum for one year men, is \$14; for two year men, \$17; for three year men, \$20, and for four year men, \$24.

The passage of the bill and its operation will be to lessen the number of four men at the homes, and most of

them are getting no more than \$8 per month. Under the new law they will be entitled to \$14 per month at least, which will enable them to care for themselves.

There is an economical side to the measure. It will mean the discharge of thousands of clerks in the pension offices; the doing away with thousands of old soldiers that are now supported by the government at the soldiers' homes.—DALLAS CITY ENTERPRISE.

### Call for County Convention.

A republican convention for the County of Washington, State of Oregon, is called to meet at the Court House, in Hillsboro, on Thursday, April 7, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a legislative and county ticket, and to elect thirteen delegates to the state convention, and thirteen delegates to the first congressional district convention, and to ratify precinct nominations, and for the transaction of such other and further business as may come before said convention. The convention will consist of 170 delegates, to be apportioned and elected from the several precincts, as follows, to-wit:

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|--------------------------|----|
| Beaverdam .....          | 8  |
| Beaverton .....          | 0  |
| Buxton .....             | 5  |
| Cornelius .....          | 9  |
| Columbia .....           | 7  |
| Dairy .....              | 0  |
| Dilley .....             | 4  |
| East Butte .....         | 9  |
| East Cedar .....         | 3  |
| Gales Creek .....        | 7  |
| Gaston .....             | 3  |
| Mountain .....           | 3  |
| North Forest Grove ..... | 11 |
| North Hillsboro .....    | 10 |
| Reedville .....          | 8  |
| South Forest Grove ..... | 13 |
| South Hillsboro .....    | 10 |
| South Tualatin .....     | 7  |
| Washington .....         | 9  |
| West Butte .....         | 7  |
| West Cedar .....         | 8  |

The primaries will be held in the several precincts, at the polling places therein, on Thursday, March 31, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Washington County Republican Central Committee

Dated this March 3, 1904.

BENTON BOWMAN,

J. A. THORNBURG, Chairman.  
Secretary.

### Free Lectures

Rev. W. Hendrix of New York City, will give a series of lectures beginning Easter Sunday evening and continuing for one week. Do not fail to read the posters, and note the subject for the different evenings. No abuse, no collections.

### A Farm to Rent

We have a good farm to rent near town. Also some splendid bargains in farm and city property. For investments do not fail to see us.

LANGLEY & CAMPBELL