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**THURSDAY, OCT. 13, '04**

A proposition to buy the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds after the fair to be used as a park is being considered by Portland.

The Oregon Press Association opens its annual session at Hood River, today and continues until Saturday. Many of the pencil pushers from all over the state will be there to swap ideas and mingle with the finest fraternity on earth.

Polls of the first voters in various portions of the country indicate that 90 per cent. of the young men will vote for Roosevelt. There is something attractive about the president and his career that appeals strongly to the youth of the land.

The battleship Nebraska which was launched at Seattle last Friday, is one of the largest in the world and the first to be built on the Northern Pacific Coast. As compared with the other large vessels of the world she out-measures them in almost every point.

There are no desirable business houses for rent in this city, and the demand is such that the erection of several would be a good investment. The town is on an increase steadily, and new businesses are starting and business changes are occurring almost daily.

A new method of obtaining money under false pretenses was worked at Pendleton a few days ago, that came near being a success. A young man giving his name as A. C. Chamberlain bought a house and lot of a real estate dealer, giving him a check on the First National Bank of Grants Pass for \$2000. After the deed was made out and recorded the real estate man telegraphed to Grants Pass and learned that Chamberlain did not have any

money on deposit there. In the mean time Chamberlain had mortgaged the property to the Commercial National Bank of Pendleton, borrowing \$350 on it. He had bought a ticket to Omaha, and it was only by accident that he was caught before he got away.—Oregon City Enterprise.

And now Bryan is a surprise to Parker. That's funny. After the denunciation of the tactics of the Parkerites by Bryan in the convention it would seem that they ought to know more about the position Bryan holds toward them than they do. No dodging for Mr. Bryan.

Protection has done more for the American workingman and farmer than any other policy carried out by Republicans. If "protection is robbery," as the Democratic platform asserts, the only persons "robbed" are the manufacturers and toilers of Europe. American workingmen certainly do not suffer from protection. They are the chief beneficiaries of the greatest of Republican policies. Without a protective tariff wages would soon drop to the European level, which is from 60 to 100 per cent. below the rate now paid in the United States.

Democracy's effort to show that times have not been good under Roosevelt's administration is a ludicrous performance. The compilation of all strikes which have taken place in the last three years, instead of showing lack of prosperity, indicates the country has been unusually prosperous. Strikes are a rarity in bad times. Workingmen demand higher wages only when business is good. They are astute enough to know that they stand a better chance of getting what they want when factories are flooded with orders than when they are running on short time.

The advent of an electric line through our city from Portland is everyone knows, the next thing in order. Of course, we know that the matter is practically on the tapis now and that it has been discussed both pro and con until nearly everyone has come to the same conclusion, i.e., we need it. There is nothing that could be done to enrich Forest Grove more than a line from Portland through to points north and west of here. This is the natural gateway for the product of this section and not only would such a line draw the business this way but the peacefulness and quietude of this place would entice the Portlander and others who are looking for a quiet home.

Groceries that are always fresh, and vegetables too, at McNamer & Johnson's.

Atty Earl B. Hawks went to Portland today to meet his family, who have been visiting in Michigan some six or eight weeks.

## Assailing the Tariff

Signs increase that the Democratic leaders are determined to force the tariff issue to the front in the presidential campaign. While Republicans will welcome the discussion of this question, well knowing that it is sure to add many thousands of votes to their majorities, they cannot but regret the selection of the tariff as the main issue, because of the unfortunate influence it will have upon the business interests of the country.

So far this year the presidential campaign has not blocked business and financial activity. Affairs proceed as usual. In all lines of business there is hopefulness and confidence which is most encouraging. But if the country is to be confronted with another visitation of tariff revision agitation, with even a remote chance of success in the election, there is bound to be a great slump in the industrial world and a corresponding depression in all business interests.

It is well remembered what happened ten years ago, when, as President Roosevelt put it, "the last attempt was made by means of lowering the tariff to prevent some people from prospering too much. The attempt was entirely successful. The tariff law of that year was among the causes which in that year and for some time afterward effectually prevented anybody from prospering at all. Undoubtedly it would be possible at the present time to prevent any of the trusts from remaining prosperous by the simple expedient of making such a sweeping change in the tariff as to paralyze the industries of the country."

The people of the United States will not soon court again the destruction and panic of 1893. Once is enough for one generation. There will be a tremendous vote against tariff legislation by the Democrats.

The confidence of the country may stand even throughout a tariff revision campaign, but it is risking a good deal to raise that issue in the manner contemplated. They, however, have everything to gain and nothing to lose. They must have something to stand upon, and complete failure in every other attack made upon the Republican position has driven them upon the tariff as a standing outpost of Republicanism which can always be assailed, when nothing else affords a convenient target.

## Candidates for the trip to St. Louis

Following is the total vote cast for the candidates to World's Fair at St. Louis up to last evening.

Alyce Cronin.....	8869
Pearl Chandler.....	7756
Lena Parker.....	2974
Manche Langley.....	733
Stella Via.....	30
Detta Friday.....	13
Grace Baer.....	19
Ruby Price.....	136
Birdie Sappington.....	15

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.

### PROBATE COURT

Estate of Philip Beal, deceased. Final account and report filed. Monday, November 14, 1904, at 10 o'clock set for final settlement.

Guardianship of Adam Fulton, spendthrift. Annual account and report filed and approved showing receipts of \$360. and disbursements of \$265.35.

Estate of Fedde Carstens, deceased. Inventory and appraisal showing valuation of 4816.53 filed and approved.

Estate of Swan Pearson, deceased. Letters testamentary issued to Christine Pearson. Robert Johnson, John Dalquist and John A Johnson appointed appraisers.

Estate of Ellen L Ford, deceased. M. B. Bump administrator substituted for Ellen L Ford in a suit pending wherein F A Bailey is plaintiff and Ellen L Ford defendant.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT

Commissioners Court met on Wednesday, the 5th inst. in regular session for the transaction of county business.

The report of E I Kuratli, recorder of conveyances, showing receipts for September amounting to \$192.50 approved.

The report of E J Godman, county clerk, showing September receipts of \$234.50 approved.

The petition of Wm Holmes and 420 others asking for a vote on prohibition question in Washington county received, and it appearing that 10 per cent of the legal voters of Washington county had signed the petition, it was ordered that an election be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8 1904, and that the sheriff give due notice thereof.

An appropriation of \$250 was granted for the purpose of an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

County Clerk E. J. Godman issued marriage licenses to the following couples during the past week: Will Wolf 28 and Sophia Stofers 29; Henry Van Domelin, 24 and Mary Vandehey 20; John Hesh 24 and Anna F Vanderhey 22; Claude Hembrie 28 and Katie Barber 20; William P Vanderzanden 31 and Mary Vander Velden 23; Thomas Williams 20 and Minnie McCleod 22.

### REAL ESTATE

James B Walker et ux to S P Hepler 20 acres in t 1 s r 2 w	\$ 725
Peter Ell et ux to Michael Frism 30 acres in t 2 s r 1 w	1000
W A Rahn et ux to Chas F Weitzel 14 acres in sec 1 t 3 s r 2 w.....	650
John A Thornburg et ux to Jno Caldwell 49.32 acres in sec 14 t 2 n r 4 w Will Mer....	2750
E J Keller to Christina Keller 30 acres in sec 31 t 2 s r 1 w	1

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