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PROHIBITION FIRE FIRST GUN

Rev. Knodell, Supt. Anti-Saloon League Speaks Here.

MAKE WASH. CO. DRY

Committee Is Appointed to Secure Signers—Union Services in Congregational Church Sunday Night.

The great wave of Prohibition that is in evidence all over the country has struck Washington county in a more forcible manner than at any other time. The wheels of prohibition have been set in motion and every effort will be made to put Washington county in the "dry" column along with a great many of the other counties of this state. Meetings will be held from time to time and the whole machinery of local option is being repaired for a general fight.

Meetings were held in Forest Grove last Sunday to call attention to this movement and further the plans for its accomplishment. Rev. J. R. Knodell, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of the state, spoke at the M. E. church in the morning, and Rev. Zimmerman, his assistant spoke at the Congregational church. In the evening a union meeting of all the churches of the town was held at the Congregational church and was addressed by Rev. Knodell. The attendance was large, filling the auditorium and overflowing into the Bible Annex. The interest shown and the enthusiasm manifested in the audience were gratifying and augur well for the success of the cause.

The speaker, Rev. Knodell, has rare and superior intellectual gifts and a strong personality. His blows are well directed and vigorous and follow each other in such rapid succession as to give the enemy no opportunity for recovery. His voice is as sweet as the music of a flute but his words have the force of a trip hammer and they fall with manifest sincerity upon the hearts as well as the ears of those who hear him. He said in part:

"God works by crises. Instance the century plant and the almond tree. Years of quiet growth with little display are followed by magnificent bloom. The same is true in moral affairs. Instance the Israelites in Egyptian bondage, Luther in Germany, the Wesleyes in England; all familiar examples.

The slaves in the South and the years of agitation before the crises came is another illustration. God works by crises."

The speaker sees gleams of the coming day:

First, in the attitude of the churches. They are waking up to their responsibilities. Every fourth voter is a church member; and when eighty millions of people vote right on this question something will come to pass.

Second, the attitude of Fraternal Orders toward the drink habit is another gleam of light. They are declaring against the traffic and excluding drinking men from their orders. The same is true of many insurance companies; they are discriminating against the men who drink.

Third, the attitude of great corporations furnishes encouragement. Of 207 great corporations approached and sounded on this question, 197 replied that from a business stand point they were opposed to the traffic in liquors. Some of the great financiers of the country are beginning to distrust the liquor business, and refuse to engage in it or loan their money to be employed in the business.

Fourth, the attitude of the press furnishes another gleam of light.

The press is becoming more friendly to the temperance cause. There is a "bureau of information" collecting and publishing temperance literature; and the press of the country is willing to publish these articles when they come from a reliable source. And the magazines are preparing articles on all phases of the temperance question, and as a rule they are friendly to the cause. These things lend great encouragement to temperance workers."

At a convention held in Hillsboro last week, attended by representative temperance men from different parts of the county, it was decided to circulate petitions and try by local option to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, in Washington county at the June election.

It was thought by all that the time is opportune. But in order to vote upon this question in June, it will be necessary for ten per cent. of the registered voters of the county to sign petitions asking the court to call an election and legalize the vote.

Petitions are now being circulated in all parts of the county in order to secure the required ten per cent. of the voters, and it is understood that they are being freely signed in all parts of the county. At the Hillsboro meeting the following committee was chosen to circulate the petitions: Jos. Cowman, Sherwood; J. T. Allin, Beaverton; Joseph Rav, Dale Seigler, Richard Carlye, Hillsboro; L. L. Hollinger, Forest Grove.

Buys Printing Plant in Portland.

Walter Hoge, well known newspaper man and real estate dealer of this place has purchased a half interest in the Christie & Curran job printing plant of Portland and took charge Monday morning. Mr. Hoge takes the place of Mr. Curran who is also well known here, having published a paper here some years ago. The business is well established and will no doubt receive careful attention at the hands of its new owner. While we are sorry to have Mr. Hoge leave Forest Grove we wish him success in his new venture. His family will probably remain in this city.

Noted Archers to Hunt.

Capt. F. S. Barnes has received a box of arrows especially made for hunting purposes and he reports to The News that there is a plan being perfected whereby several archers of note will meet here next fall and go to British Columbia for bear and deer. The party will be composed of Will H. Thompson, of Seattle, the author; Dr. Henry E. Jones, of Portland; Mr. Frientz, editor of The Youth's Companion, Boston; J. M. Challiss and Z. E. Jackson, attorneys of Atchinson, Kansas.

The party will go to British Columbia to one of the beautiful lakes and by a gasoline launch they will go to the extreme wilds where game is plentiful. Mr. Barnes says "it will be the time of our lives" and no one will be allowed to take a gun. They will be gone about three weeks.

Will Entertain.

The Directors of the Board of Trade will hold an informal gathering in the upper room of Masonic Hall tomorrow night and they have invited all the members to be present and they are requested to each bring a friend or two.

If you have not been invited The News is authorized to extend you an invitation to be there. There will be speaking and a light lunch prepared by the board of directors will be served. It is the intention at this meeting to bring together all the citizens of this place that the organization might be furthered. The rule heretofore has been to give a swell banquet, but this year those lines will be diverted from and the feed will be more simple, and the menu is provided for by the individual members of the board of direc-

tors and paid for by them. If you should miss this treat don't blame anybody but yourself. It's for gentlemen only. Following is the program: Sudden wealth of our Board of Directors, Judge Hollis.

The reason why this meeting was called, G. S. Allen.

Our finances and reasons why citizens should support, H. J. Goff.

What is needed in the future, E. W. Haines.

How to get it, Walter Hoge.

Suggestions from the members, L. J. Corl.

Broke His Ribs.

N. P. Wiberg, who resides 3 miles southeast of town, was thrown from a load of hay Monday evening, and sustained several broken ribs. He was at a neighbor's for some hay and in driving out of the barn yard when he tried to miss a chuck hole, however, the front wheel plunged into the same, throwing him against a standard and then to a fence. Dr. Hines was called and dressed his wounds.

Al Bledsoe, who last week was nearly killed by an explosion of 100 sticks of dynamite at his home half mile of Buxton, is reported to be in fine condition notwithstanding his narrow escape from death. He had cleared some ground near his cabin by burning off the brush and had the dynamite near the fire thawing it out, and when within about six feet of the powder it exploded blowing a great hole in the ground and damaging his cabin. A large box weighing about 200 pounds was near and it was blown to atoms, while Bledsoe received severe injuries about his body. His face was filled with gravel and dirt and the concussion has injured one of his ears. He was taken to Dr. Burger of Banks where the wounds were dressed, and the last reports are that he will soon recover.

Lote Langley of Portland, who usually spends Sunday at home in this city, had an experience last Sunday that he is very familiar with or that he will not soon forget, we don't know which. He was in the habit of spending every minute he could with his folks here and usually boarded the last car of the train as it pulled out for Portland. Last Sunday it happened that it was a vestibule car that was in the rear and the doors were not yet opened to the traveling public, but he boarded it just the same and as a consequence was obliged to hang onto the lower steps until he reached Cornelius, the next stop. Anyway, the last seen of him was his coat tail waving a farewell to the anxious ones at the local depot as the train disappeared around the curve a mile away.

S. B. Matthews W. R. C. No. 11 Aid Society, met at the home of Mrs. John Baldwin Feb. 21, 1908. Sixteen were present. The quilt we are making was the topic of conversation. Ten new names with their 10 cents were secured. At 5 o'clock the comrades of the Grand Army came in and partook of a bountiful lunch with us. Proceeds from quilt and lunch was \$2.15. The third Friday in March we meet with Mrs. Estella Cornelius. All comrades are invited to be present. A very pleasant time is had at these gatherings. At our next Corps meeting, the first Thursday in March, we will initiate 7 new members into our order. By order of the Secretary.

The Washington County Fruit Growers Association met at Masonic Hall last Saturday afternoon where one of the best conventions of its kind was ever held in this county. An unusually large attendance was present to hear what the speakers had to say. Owing to illness M. O. Lonsdale of Yamhill county, who was to be one of the principle speakers, was not present. Prof. Cordley of Corvallis, and one of the best posted fruit men of the state was present and gave an interesting talk. Other fruit men of this county also made talks that will aid the fruit industry materially.

W. O. W. PICNIC-INSTALLATION

County Camps Organized For General Campaign, Hillsboro May 23.

The several camps of the Woodmen of the World in Washington county have made plans to hold one of the largest initiations and picnics ever held in this county. Representatives from most all the camps in the county met recently in this city and organized by electing John Anderson, chairman; R. L. Wann, of Cedar Mills, secretary; and J. H. Garble, of Hillsboro, treasurer.

The plan outlined is to visit each of the seven camps in this county where a big time and a good program will be had. The first meetings of the camps will be with the Beaverton camp on Saturday night, February 29th, with Cornelius, March 14th, Forest Grove, March 21st, Gaston, March 28th, Hillsboro, April 4th, Cedar Mills, April 11th, Glencoe, April 18, and for the grand round up with a picnic and grand initiation at Hillsboro on Saturday, May 23.

Literature has been gotten out and mailed to all the members in the county and it is expected that the meetings will all be well attended, as it is a well known fact that whatever the W. O. W. undertakes always materializes to the letter. The committee has been working industriously to make the affair a grand success and have a long list of prizes which will be given. The list follows:

FIRST PRIZE—To the camp making the largest net gain pro rata of membership at starting, A Camp Flag.

SECOND PRIZE—To the camp making the second largest gain as above, set of Silver Mounted Working Tools.

FIRST PRIZE—To each and every member securing seven applications, Solid Gold Woodman Ring.

FIRST PRIZE—To every member getting two applications, Handsome Woodman Fob.

FIRST PRIZE—To the Woodman in the county getting the largest number of applications, Fine Gold Badge.

FIRST PRIZE—To the lady getting the most applications. Given by K. N. Staehr, Bazaar, \$10 Guitar, and Case.

SECOND PRIZE—To the lady getting the next largest number of applications. Given by Pacific Studio, 1 dozen Sepia Platemns, Value \$10.

THIRD PRIZE—To the lady getting the third largest number of applications. Kodak, given by Dr. Hines' Drug Store, Value \$5.

Something unusual can always be expected from Gaston. Not long ago there was an eyeless calf born in that neighborhood but it now remains that that record should be beaten. A few days ago a hatching of turkeys came out and among them one that had five legs. Where the wings should be there are two well developed legs and the fifth leg had grown on the body near the two natural ones. The fowl was dead when hatched and Mr. Crunican has it in alcohol.

C. N. Johnson was in from Spring Hill farm last Friday and made this office a call. He reports that someone in his neighborhood had reported to the State Stock inspector that his sheep were scabby. The Inspector paid Mr. Johnson a visit recently and made an examination but found all his sheep in first class condition. Mr. Johnson says he would like to thank those who made the report.

Dr. Larrabee of Portland and a Mr. Withycombe are planting fifty acres to English walnut trees 2½ miles east of Gaston. The grove is being planted on the hillside and is one of the largest in the county. The owners have explicit faith in the soil of this county for this product and anticipated big returns when the trees mature.

L. M. Beebe of the Springfield News, and family have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Beebe, no th of town for a few days. Mr. Beebe was in town Monday and paid this office a call. He was employed here when French & Hawks had charge of The News.

WAS GOOD PRODUCTION.

Local Talent Play Last Night Best of The Season.

An enthusiastic audience packed Masonic Hall last evening to every nook and corner when local Thespians gave Charles Townsend's rural drama "Uncle Rube." The seats were all sold by Monday and scores of people had to stay at home because of the lack of seating capacity.

That the vast audience was satisfied was evidenced by the riotous applause given, the laughs and tears given the actors.

Robert Nixon was the star of the bunch as "Uncle Rube." His impersonation of that character could not have been excelled by a professional actor and each individual in the cast had a fine interpretation of his character.

The proceeds, which were over \$100, will go to Forest View Cemetery Association. Walkers orchestra furnished the music.

Following is the cast: Uncle Rube, Robert Nixon; Deacon Smailey, H. W. Sparks; Mark Smailey, Dr. Whitney; Gordon Gray, V. H. Limber; Upson Asterbilt, R. P. Wirtz; Bub Green, Claud Smith; Bill Tappan, Archie Clark; Taggs, Miss Annie Pomeroy; Millicent Lee, Miss Maud Shannon; Mrs. Bunn, Miss Manche Langley.

To Ship Lumber 8000 Miles.

An Australian corporation has just received a concession from the Russian government to take out thirty million feet of timber a year from a forest in Siberia, nine hundred miles from Vladivostok, to be delivered in Melbourne, Australia, approximately eight thousand miles away, and nearly three times the distance from New York to San Francisco.

It is likely that no lumbering operation of recent years more strongly illustrates the pinch in the timber supply in all parts of the world. In the news of the concession, told in an American lumber journal, is the suggestion of the difficulty that all countries may have to encounter in getting the wood which they need in the future. Every year timber cruisers are going further and further afield and cutting trees which, in former times of abundance, they passed because of the inaccessibility of the forest.

The News acknowledges receipt of a copy of the West Side Enterprise published at Independence and edited by W. T. Fogle formerly of The Times. It is a bright newsy paper, well filled with ads and has every appearance of a healthy publication. The News wishes him success in his new field.

The missing piece of rail that caused the wreck at this place two weeks ago, is said to be located at the home of John Crunican near Gaston. The young son had picked it up on the night of the wreck and carried it home as a souvenir. The broken rail bears evidence of having been defective.

A branch of the work of the Portland Commercial Club which many people know nothing about is the maintenance of an Oregon Information Bureau in Los Angeles, which has been wonderfully successful in its efforts to so interest Californian tourists that they may return to their Eastern homes by way of Oregon. Oregon literature is distributed from several of the most centrally located offices in Los Angeles, and it is eagerly taken. The colonist rates, and particularly the \$30 fare from the great middle West to all stations in the "Beaver State" is emphasized in every publication given out. Eastern lectures are also employed to a limited extent, and Mr. Robert J. Weyh, Jr., of New York City, has just reported a most successful series, with audiences frequently numbering in excess of one thousand adults. "They take in every word about Oregon," he writes, "and then fire questions at me."

—Don't forget that Hoffman & Allen Co. are offering rare bargains this month.

UNITED RAILWAYS TO BUILD HERE

\$6,000,000 to Be Spent On Lines Through This County.

WORK TO BEGIN IN SPRING

Will Touch Many Valley Towns With Network of Electrics From Tillamook to Salem.

(Telegram) At a cost of approximately \$6,000,000, it is said, the United Railways Company contemplates building a network of lines among the cities of the lower Willamette Valley, lying between Salem and Portland. As planned, the projects will require more than 150 miles of standard-gauge railway. According to statement, work will begin as soon as the City Council has permitted the United Railways to enter the city at the head of Pettygrove street and near the head of Nicolai.

Supplementary articles setting forth the plans of the company were filed yesterday afternoon with County Clerk Fields. Not all the details of the various projects have yet been defined, but a main line is to be constructed through Washington, Benton and Yamhill counties, on which will be Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville, Corvallis, Salem and Oregon City. Laterals will be built from the trunk line at various points. Another main line, as projected, will run from a point near Mount Calvary to Tillamook, which shall have branches into contiguous territory. The intention is to include St. Helens in the railway plan.

"All the roads will be operated by electricity," said Herman Wittenberg, a director. "The expense will be borne by the members of the corporation, who are fully able to do so. We expect matters to be adjusted with the City Council today, and work will begin at once. Passenger terminals will be in the Chamber of Commerce building, where waiting rooms will be built. Freight will be delivered directly to the railroads entering the terminal yards, or cars may be sent to the warehouses of consignees."

Telegram.—With the completion of the track-crossing at Fourth and Stark streets, work on which was begun Tuesday morning, the United Railways will have seven miles of its line completed within the city limits and the city link of the Hillsboro line will be ready for operation.

As soon as the City Council will permit certain changes in the franchise held by the United Railways, work will be continued extending the line over the hill to the westward of the city. Engineering work on this part of the line is now under way, and fully \$30,000 worth of material is waiting in the yards for the resumption of construction.

The section of track from the city limits to Mount Calvary Cemetery, a distance of four miles, is the hardest problem the company has to solve, because of the heavy grades, but it is expected that this strip will be completed before Fall, as work will be begun within the next few weeks.

Before the week is over the line will be extended out Macadam street, so as to tap the thriving South Portland manufacturing district. It is also expected to double-track Stark street some time this week.

Mrs. E. G. Mills entertained the Domestic Science Department of the Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting the time was spent in the discussion of Salads and several useful suggestions were made. Four new members were admitted. The refreshments served were apple salad, meat sandwiches and coffee. All pronounced the sandwiches excellent. March 10 the subject will be Milk and Milk Products and the Department will meet with Miss Thatcher.

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