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## WOULD AMEND THE INITIATIVE

Master State Grange, A. T. Buxton, Will Offer Resolution.

## STATE GRANGE AT EUGENE

Believes the Law is Abused Which Would Ultimately Destroy It.

The state Grange convention which is to be held at Eugene on May 12 to 14 promises to be one of the largest ever held.

State Master A. T. Buxton, has recently returned from that city where he was perfecting arrangements to hold the meeting. The Grange, he says, is coming to realize that the initiative and referendum law is being abused and it is probable that some sort of resolution correcting the abuses will be offered by the Grange at this time. Mr. Buxton is a firm believer in the rights of the people and his ideas of how to handle that law is given here below:

"The present use of the system of direct legislation in this state, which amounts, virtually, to an abuse of it rather than a proper use, must be regarded by all true friends of the system as most unfortunate. The inevitable tendency of this policy of burdening the ballot with a great string of stuff which nobody understands and for most of which there is no real public demand, will be to disgust the ordinary voter with the whole system and prepare the public mind to accept the first opportunity to overthrow it. This is most unfortunate for I consider that there is no better safeguard against the corrupting influences of unscrupulous legislation than this same system of direct legislation and it will be a long step backward if it is ever abolished.

"I believe that the objections to the system in its present form are not inherent in the system itself and that they can be very easily and effectually corrected by two amendments in the methods of its operation. In the first place I believe that no bill should ever be allowed to be placed upon the ballot by the initiative unless a bill having the same general objects or containing the same subject matter had first been introduced in the Legislature and there had failed of passage. My reasons for this are very simple and yet very fundamental. It was never intended, as I view it, that this system should supersede the ordinary legislative system for the enactment of laws. If a new law is needed the place to have it enacted is in the Legislature, if possible. If it is a law for which there is a real need it will not fail to receive considerable attention from the Legislature as well as from the press and public; by such discussion its crude features will be eliminated, its weak points probably discovered and the whole measure strengthened and worked over into a more acceptable form. Then, if through any undue influence it fails to pass, it can be placed before the people with much better chances of its being a 'safe' project and being understood by the average voter. 'But I hear the objector saying, 'it will still be a very simple matter for the crank to introduce his bills in the Legislature and if they are too foolish to receive serious consideration there he can place them upon the ballot.' I would overcome this by providing that no one should be allowed, as at present, to receive pay at the rate of so much per name for circulating initiative petitions. This would effectually eliminate the professional solicitor who now very often makes big wages circulating petitions to have measures placed on the ballot, at so much per name; he cares nothing, and frequently knows less, about the merits of the measure for which he is working; people get so tired being bothered with petitions that they get into the habit of signing everything that comes along, regarding this as the easiest way to get rid of the solicitor; so the solicitor goes on making a good thing and so long as there are men who can be hired in this way and it is permitted, we are liable to have the system abused. It need not be argued that this plan would prevent essential

measures from being enacted; if there were a real public demand for it, and I contend that the initiative ought not to be used unless there were, there would always be those who would be willing to devote a little time to circulate petitions. If the Grange, for example, wanted to initiate something I feel sure that it would be able to do so."

"I have talked this plan over with quite a number of prominent members of the Grange and shall recommend to the State Grange, at its meeting in May that it lend its support to the amendment of the direct legislation system in the manner indicated and I have little doubt that it will do so. The Grange stands firmly for the maintenance of direct legislation for we believe it the most effectual means that has ever been devised for the protection of the interests of the people against wrong influences exerted on the Legislature and we believe that the sensible thing for the people of Oregon to do is to discourage all talk of abandoning this measure of priceless value and devote themselves to so regulating its operation as to limit it to its true and original purpose and protect the state alike from the inroads of unscrupulous boodlers and the dictation of irresponsible persons or associations."

## Pioneer Passes Away.

Mrs. Sarah Bennett, who passed away at her home 826 Ash street, Portland, after an illness of nearly a year, was well-known to old residents of this community. The Bennetts were pioneer settlers in the Thatcher neighborhood.

Mrs. Bennett was the wife of Henry Bennett and 78 years old at the time of her death. She was the mother of 18 children, most of whom are living. Her husband was sexton at the Lone Fir cemetery for a number of years.

Her surviving children are Mrs. Charles Mitchell and Mrs. R. G. Wright, of Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Andrew Story, of Gaston, Oregon; William Bennett, of Cornelius, Oregon; Mrs. J. W. Cason, of Fresno, California; Mrs. Joseph Manahan, A. Bennett, Henry Bennett, I. Bennett, Albert Bennett and John Bennett of Portland; Ephraim Bennett, of Alameda, Washington; Hiram Bennett, of Washington county.

## Memorial Services.

The Frances Willard and the Neal Dow memorials were held at one service by the W. C. T. U. Friday evening last, at the M. E. church, presided over by Mrs. H. W. Boyd. Several rousing songs were given by the Loyal Temperance Legion. Mrs. Sanford gave an interesting address, telling of her personal work and acquaintance with Miss Willard. Rev. Daniel Staver spoke upon "The progress of the temperance movement" showing the great scope of territory in the U. S. that has made the sale of liquor as a beverage unlawful. Rev. Gould spoke of the energy being put forth, both by the press and through organization, to oppose prohibition and divert attention from the great temperance movement. Mr. A. C. Allen explained the purpose of the college temperance organization, showing great power in thought and address.

## Free Lecture at Hillsboro.

Through the efforts of H. H. Stuart, manager of the Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co., Prof. Lancaster of Washington, D. C., has been engaged to give a free illustrated lecture at Hillsboro, Friday evening, March 27, on Practical Road Building. Prof. Lancaster is one of the best authorities on road building in the United States, and represents the government in this work. He has a good equipment and a large assortment of stereoscopic views of roads and operations in various quarters of the United States which will be shown on the canvas. The meeting will be held in the opera house, and it is hoped the audience will be large.

## To Start Laundry.

Mrs. Thos. Wilson, of Clatskanie, was in this city, Monday, looking over the field for a laundry, and has decided to open up here, in the old laundry building on First avenue, in about three weeks. Mrs. Wilson, together with her husband are engaged in the laundry business in Clatskanie and are both first class in this business.

## Birthday Party.

Bryan Abraham celebrated his 12th birthday, last Monday, by inviting several of his schoolmates to his home, where games and other amusements were enjoyed from 4 to 6:30 p. m.

Wanted—Waitress at the Laughlin.

## CHURCHMEN ORGANIZE

Men of Congregational Church Meet and Form Brotherhood.

The Men's Brotherhood of the First Congregational Church of Forest Grove was organized last Thursday evening. The organization has for its object the enlisting of mens activities in church work and civic endeavors in general. The movement is one which is meeting with a hearty response among the men of the Congregational churches throughout the county. It is a comparatively new church organization but one which is growing in favor. The fact that Forest Grove has a branch of the organization at the incipency of the movement speaks well for the progressiveness of the local church.

The initial meeting was marked by considerable enthusiasm and the local organization starts out with fourteen charter members. It was decided to hold monthly meetings with an annual session in December. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Walter Hoger; vice-president, Prof. Ben Koris; secretary, V. S. Abraham; treasurer, Prof. Joseph W. Marsh; membership committee, Rev. Daniel Staver; program committee, Rev. H. W. Boyd.

The purpose of the organization will be to band the men of the church into closer relationship with one another. Some of the meetings will be of a social nature while others will be religious or literary in character.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Wilma Waggener will soon be home. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Waggener, of this city, received a letter from their daughter, Friday, which contained the glad news that Miss Wilma expected to sail for the United States from Antwerp, on the 15th inst. She was in France at the time the letter was posted, and will make a short visit with relatives in the East before coming to Hillsboro. Miss Waggener has finished a post-graduate musical course, in Germany, and returns to Oregon an accomplished pianist. She will be welcomed home by a host of friends, who have taken a pride in her musical education, and who hope to hear her in local recitals, upon her return. Her post-graduate course was under some of the best teachers in Germany, and evidently she has a successful career before her in her chosen profession.—Hillsboro Argus.

"The Girls" have sent out neat invitations for a leap year ball, to be given by them at Masonic hall, on Saturday evening, Mar. 28. This will be one of the most pleasing dances of the year. The committee is: Misses Maud Shannon, Manche Langley, Aylce Cronin, Edna Hamilton, Josephine Baber, Katherine Shannon, Iva Smith and Theresia Strick. The patronesses are: Mesdames C. O. Roe, W. M. Langley, J. T. Shannon and E. E. Williams.

The bad condition of the sidewalks in South Park came very near causing a serious accident last Sunday, when a certain lady was thrown to the ground with terrific force, as her companion stepped on the end of a loose plank. Numerous complaints are daily coming from different parts of town which would indicate that the entire city needs attention in this particular.

Rev. Asa B. Snider, a graduate of Pacific University, who has just returned from a trip around the world, will speak in the Congregational church next Sunday evening under the auspices of the Congregational Brotherhood. His subject will be "Europe in the World of Today." All are invited—especially the men of Forest Grove.

The Western Stallion society which will hold a meeting in Hillsboro, Saturday, April 18, will be one of the best meetings of its kind ever held in this county. Encouragement is coming from all over the county and it is expected that a large number of good stock will be in the parade on that date.

Walter A. Dimmick, a young Oregon City lawyer, has announced himself as a candidate for the legislature. Mr. Dimmick is well known here where he attended college, and later took as his bride a Forest Grove girl, Miss Ora Caples, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Caples.

The Oregon Land & Trading Co. have sold Mr. Jacob Smith's place of 30 acres northeast of town, to Perry Neff of Eugene, Ore., consideration, \$3100. Mr. Neff will move from Eugene at once as he is planning to make of this farm a model Ginseng ranch.

## WOODMEN BOOSTERS MEET

Local Camp Entertains Delegates from Cornelius, Cedar Mill and Gaston Lodges.

The local camp of the Woodmen of the World made the forest echo with sounds of enthusiasm at a booster meeting held last Saturday evening.

Increased interest was given the session by the presence of delegates from the camps at Gaston, Cedar Mill and Cornelius, who had come to assist in the work which is to culminate in a monster rally and class initiation to be held at Hillsboro.

The meeting was informal in character and thoroughly enjoyed by the host of "woodchoppers" present. Past Consul Ed Wirtz called the meeting to order and a number of speeches by prominent members from the local and neighboring camps were made. A social time followed and a banquet served by the entertaining "neighbors" added to the evening's enjoyment.

The members of Holly Circle Woodmen of Woodcraft assisted in the meriment of the occasion by suddenly appearing at the meeting with additional delicacies for the banquet.

As a whole the affair proved thoroughly enjoyable to those present.

## School Report.

Report of Dist. 75, for the month ending March 20. Those neither absent nor tardy, John Garrigus, Gerald Davies, Katherine Heltzel, Mae Heltzel, Ella Garrigus, Frances Sell, Florence Thornburg, Edith Garrigus. Those averaging 90 and above, Katherine Heltzel, Frances Sell, Florence Thornburg, Newton Shipley, Chester Benefiel, Merton Benefiel, Pearl Thornburg, Ella Garrigus, Mae Heltzel, Nellie Beard, Adolph Peterson, Lester Sell, Ralph Wilcox, John Heltzel, Edith Garrigus.

ETHEL SMITH, Teacher.

## Died.

Mrs. Lulu Davenport of Gaston, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Rolston, Saturday, March 21, at age of 40 years, of diabetes. Deceased was born in Johnson county, Mo., and moved to Oregon many years ago. The funeral was held at the late home on Monday, and was conducted by Rev. James Campbell, with interment at Hill cemetery. She leaves a 15 year old son, Ora, two brothers, Frank and Sam Rolston of Gaston, one sister, Mrs. C. H. Russell of Portland, and her mother, Mrs. Alice Rolston of Gaston.

## BUXTON.

Mrs. Robert Bullock is seriously ill.

Mrs. Geo. Fisher made a trip to Hillsboro Monday, March 23.

R. S. Bullock has had a stroke of paralysis and is in a very bad condition.

Geo. Fisher is hauling piling to the switch at Thornburg's for L. Tompkins of Hillsboro.

Levi White, Jesse Phillips and Elmer Fisher left Tuesday morning for the logging camp.

Mrs. Stowell went to Portland last week and hid her arm set and is now improving rapidly.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Benfield, March 22, in honor of the 12th birthday of Misses Edyth and Ethel Benfield. There were thirty-two children present and all had a very good time.

## Sale Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the school board of Dist. No. 10, Wash. Co., Oregon, will sell at public auction on the school grounds at Dilley, Oregon, on Saturday, the 11th day of April, at 2 o'clock p. m., the old school houses belonging to said district. The board is authorized to refuse any bids not considered satisfactory. Plans for the new school building will also be on the grounds at this sale.

J. W. HUGHES, Auctioneer.

## Special Term of County Court.

A special term of county court held at Hillsboro, Wednesday, Mar. 18, the following bids for furnishing 5500 yards of crushed rock for road building, the current year were submitted, T. P. Goodin, of West Union, being the lowest and consequently the successful bidder.

Following are the bids: Ira E. Bradley, 78c per cubic yard at Thatcher's quarry; 80c at Dilley-quarry; \$1.09 at Cedar Mills quarry; excess of two finer grades, \$1.25 per cubic yard. T. P. Goodin, 72c at Thatcher's; 76c at Dil-

ley; 97c at Cedar Mills, and 97c straight for excess of two finer grades. W. A. Dixon, 81c at Thatcher's; excess, \$1.03; Dilley, 91c; excess, \$1.07; \$1.05 at Cedar Mills, and Excess, \$1.16. The contract was awarded to T. P. Goodin, the contract reserving the right to use 11,500 yards during the year at the contract figures. Several bids for hauling were submitted, but owing to some confusion in the bids through a misunderstanding of the call for bids the court ordered all bids for hauling crushed rock to be re-submitted at the April term.

The following additional business was transacted at adjourned meetings. Thos. A. Wilkes confirmed as deputy county surveyor.

Pacific Coast Condensed Milk Co., petition to string electric wires along county road; petition granted.

In the matter of bids for crushing and hauling rock; it is ordered that this matter be continued to March 18, 1908.

## Rebecca Meet at Hillsboro.

The second annual district convention of the Rebecca lodges of Washington county was held at Hillsboro, on Saturday, March 21, when there were present delegations from every lodge in the county. The meeting was held in the I. O. O. F. lodge room at that place and the meeting was presided over during the morning session by Mrs. R. H. Greer, of Hillsboro. In the afternoon the Grand Warden, Mrs. Hubbard, of Independence, had charge of the meeting.

The floor work was presented by the local lodge and it is understood that the work could not be improved upon.

The following officers for the county were chosen: President, Mrs. Harry Russell, Gaston; Vice-President, Mrs. Belle Sears, Forest Grove; Secretary, Mrs. Wilkes, Hillsboro.

About thirty-five from this place attended and report one of the most successful meetings ever held.

## For Representative.

To the Republican voters of Washington County:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination as Representative on the Republican ticket at the Primaries to be held April 17th, 1908.

My platform will be to work for the best interests of the taxpayers in keeping down appropriations and opposing all grafts. I will vote for the choice of the Republican party for U. S. Senator. Having served one term in the Legislature I am familiar with the methods of legislation and will use my best endeavor for the upbuilding of the state and of Washington county. I will be the candidate of no clique nor the representative of any special interests.

(Signed) CHAS. HINES.

## Will Organize Ball Club.

The base ball fever is beginning to show itself among the lovers of that sport in this place and it is understood that some time this week a club will be organized for the coming season.

Manager Wirtz, who so successfully managed the team last year says there is good prospects of another first class team to this summer. With the exception of a new battery the famous "Forest Grove Colts" team will be about the same as last year. The new battery is not yet decided upon, but it is understood that some good material is in sight for this particular feature of the club. Last year's record of the Colts will probably be duplicated if the proper battery can be secured. Last year the Colts won 20 out of 25 games, a record that is hard to duplicate.

## State Senator.

C. C. Hammerly, editor of the McMinnville News-Reporter, was in Forest Grove, yesterday, circulating his petitions for Joint State senator. Mr. Hammerly will make a vigorous campaign and states that he is receiving good support from all over the district. He is a newspaper man of ability and stands high in the fraternity.

## The Fourth of July.

Numerous inquiries are being made as to whether Forest Grove will this year celebrate the Fourth. If there is any thought on this subject now is the time to set the machinery in motion for a rousing time here on Independence day. It is up to Forest Grove to do the honors this time.

## Died.

Miss Eliza Hudson, born August 18, 1830, died March 19, 1908, lived in and near Forest Grove the last twelve years. She leaves a sister, Mrs. J. S. Thompson of this city, a brother in Indiana and a brother in Kansas.

## FIGHTING FOR RIGHT OF WAY

Several Railroads in Court Asking Adjustments.

## DEMURRER IN HAINES CASE

Hillsboro Saloon Men All Before the Court on Serious Charge.

A feature of this term of court is the condemnation proceedings arising over the right of way of various railway lines running through this county. The railway companies that are litigating P. R. & N. Co. (Buxton line), and the Oregon Electric Co., (trolley), and the Beaverton & Willsburg R. R. Co., (Oswego cut off). So far the Buxton Hillsboro line's cases are the only ones which have been disposed of.

P. R. & N. Co. vs. Mary S. McGee, condemnation, jury returned a verdict of \$300 for the defendant. The claim through which the right of way was desired is situated in the Nehalem region and is said to contain some of the finest timber in that section. About five acres were condemned for right of way purposes.

P. R. & N. Co. vs. L. U. C. Jacobson, condemnation for right of way; jury assessed as damages for right of way the sum of \$375, the railroad took 5.91 acres of defendant's farm, half of which is located beyond Buxton, the railroad runs through the defendant's place in the shape of a crescent.

## OTHER CASES.

Carl Sorenson vs. Anton Jacobson, action to recover \$650 for commission alleged due and owing to plaintiff for sale defendant's farm; verdict jury for defendant.

J. A. Baker, a Gaston drug store keeper, entered plea of not guilty to charge of selling liquor to minors.

No criminal or equity suits have up to this time been set for trial. The equity cases will come up at the end of the session.

The action for damages of Holland vs. Rhodes, came up today. This is an alleged breach of contract for the constructing of three dwellings.

A sky rocket was fired at Hillsboro Tuesday from the district attorney's office which caused more than passing comment in political and social circles at the county seat, when information was returned against all saloon keepers in Hillsboro, charging them with the crime of selling liquor to minors.

Four informations were filed against each of the following: W. U. Wiley, W. E. McCourt and Fred Cornelius and three informations against Wann and Gregg. The accused will enter pleas tomorrow.

That these cases will be stubbornly contested seems to be the prevailing sentiment at the county seat. District Attorney Gilbert Hedges, Deputy J. M. Wall and a private prosecutor will conduct the state's case. Burke Tongue and Bagley & Hare will probably appear for defendants.

## COUNTY SEAT NOTES.

County Judge Goodin said yesterday that the crushing of the rock at the Thatcher quarry, for macadamizing the road from Forest Grove to Thatcher, will begin about May 1, if the weather will so permit. The contract for the hauling of the rock has been let to T. P. Goodin of Hillsboro. The road bed is to be 12 feet wide and covered with sound, crushed rock to a depth of seven inches.

Assessor Wilcox has his deputy at work and the work of assessing the property of the county was begun March 1, and is expected to be completed by July 1. Mr. Wilcox personally assesses the property in Hillsboro.

A. B. Davis of Buxton, one of the deputy assessors for the northwest part of the county, was in Hillsboro, yesterday, on business relative to the valuation of property.

"Upon the ground that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of suit" F. T. Kane, through his attorneys Bagley & Hare, filed a demurrer on March 19, to the complaint lodged against him by E. W. Haines and charging him with alleged misappropriation of funds while cashier in the Haines bank.