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CAMPAIGN FOR DRY OREGON UNDER WAY

Opening Move Friday Evening at Christian Church Where Lecture Delivered

The opening gun of the prohibition campaign, having for its object the total annihilation of the saloons in Oregon, and for its slogan "Oregon dry, 1910," was fired in the Christian church in this city Friday evening by local enthusiasts of the movement. The meeting was opened with a song service, after which Rev. Zimmerman gave a strong talk on the saloon question and the sale of spirituous liquors. He treated the subject from all sides and spoke in an able and convincing manner. A lantern and slides were used to more effectively impress those present of the evils of alcohol.

Rev. Zimmerman stated that the war against the saloon was not one of battle, but was a war of peace, having not for its weapons the gun and the bayonet, but the vote. The saloon, said the speaker, was a drunkard factory, taking of the best manhood of the country into its terrible confines, and giving back to the world broken and sodden caricatures of the image of God. One half of the arrests made in New York, Chicago, Portland and other large cities where the saloon is tolerated, are of drunkards. The saloon, said Rev. Zimmerman, is a parasite, feeding not only on the drunkard but on his home and family. The saloon should be judged by its fruits, which are poverty and crime, wrecked and ruined homes and blasted lives. The speaker urged upon all those who were in sympathy with the prohibition movement to work with zeal during the present campaign, for, said he, if the effort to make the entire state dry at the coming

Chinese Father of Indian

A coin minted in China more than twenty centuries ago, a coin which was recently dug up in Alaska, is now in the possession of Goon Dip, a Chinese living in Portland. A tombstone inscribed with Chinese characters was also dug up in the same vicinity, which leads Portland Chinese to believe that the North American Indian is of Chinese origin.

The Chinese have a theory that a ship engaged in coastwise trade of China 2000 years ago, ran into a terrible storm, was blown far out to sea, and drifted to the Alaska coast, where the survivors managed to get ashore. Unable to return to the Flowery Kingdom, they made the best of their lot, increased in numbers, and thus became the progenitors of the redskins.

The Indians, it is said, have always believed they were descendants of the Chinese, and when at war with the whites would never molest any Chinese who happened to cross their path.

election is lost, it will not be because of what the saloon forces may do to prevent that consummation, but because of lack of effort on the part of the friends of the movement. The meeting was quite largely attended, and a subscription was taken to further the work.

The campaign to close the saloons throughout the state is now on in full blast, campfires are lighted in every city, town and hamlet, and scouts are everywhere on the trail of the enemy. Whether the wave of prohibition which has in recent years swept over the south and closed the saloons in many states, will be strong enough to submerge the saloon forces in Oregon only time and the day after the coming election can tell. A great many voters of the state are in favor of prohibition, but believe that better results will be obtained by local option than by state wide prohibition.

Water System Out of Biz.

The new water system has been out of commission several days, owing to a faulty connection of the main pipe where it crosses Gales Creek. The trouble is occasioned by the softness of the soil at that place, which prevents the pipe from having a solid and firm bed to lie in. Engineer Richardson ordered the necessary materials to remedy the trouble, and will likely have the system in working order this week.

Giant Cracker Lacerates Hand

The most serious accident to a resident of this city to occur as a result of the Fourth of July celebration, happened to Will Belenger. Will was making a big noise with "giants" in honor of the occasion, when one of them prematurely exploded in his right hand, tearing and lacerating it badly. The hand is much swollen and very painful, but unless complications set in, will be as good as new in a couple of weeks.

Mayor is Home Again

Mayor Peterson has returned from a two weeks' tour of the Eastern Oregon country, and reports that section of the state as being in a prosperous condition, the grain promising a bumper crop this year. Baker county has suffered from a lack of moisture and the crops there are not looking quite so well. One dealer at Pendleton has sold 40 combined threshing machines thus far this season. Mayor Peterson carefully inspected the apple growing section around Hood River and says the orchards are in fine condition. Land values there are very high but seem justified by the returns received from the sale of the apples, returns of \$1000 per acre in one season being nothing unusual.

Gale Grange will hold a picnic July 15 in the A. B. Todd grove near Hoffman park, just west of this city. All grangers are requested to come and bring well-filled baskets.

VETERANS IN GREAT FOUR DAY REUNION

Most Successful in History of Association—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year

The Washington County Veterans' Association held its annual reunion at Cornelius, beginning July first and lasting four days. From all accounts the reunion was one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held in the county. The time was mostly spent in giving patriotic speeches, songs and recitations, holding campfires and visiting among the old heroes, living again in memory the toilsome march and shock of battle, in the dark days of '61, when, the country in the time of her most desperate peril, called not in vain to her loyal sons to save her from disruption and disunion.

The association, by a very decisive majority, declared against holding its meetings and reunions for the future, on any public holiday occasion, or in connection with any city or town celebration, it being the opinion that a much more enjoyable reunion would result from holding it separate and distinct from any other public gathering, so that the veterans, their families and friends could go into camp for a few days without the turmoil incident to a public gathering. The time and place of holding the next annual reunion was postponed to the next semi-annual meeting to be held in October, the time and place of holding the latter being left to the officers of the association.

A large number of visiting comrades were present at the reunion from Portland and other sections of the state, and did much to add enjoyment to the occasion. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, F. M. Crabtree, Forest Grove; first vice president, E. J. Groat, Beaverton; second vice president, James Stephenson, Forest Grove; secretary, George Auld, Forest Grove; chaplain, F. A. Haines, Hillsboro; treasurer, J. C. Giltner, Forest Grove; standard bearer, R. W. McNutt, Cornelius. The PRESS has the names of the veterans registered at the reunion, but from lack of space will be compelled to hold them over until next week.

Fourth Joyously Observed

From the stand point of large crowds and enthusiasm, Washington county had the greatest all round celebration this year in her history. Celebrations were held at Cornelius, Hillsboro and Buxton and in a lesser way at many other points. The usual concomitants, such as foot races, games, amusement shows, dances, pink lemonade and fireworks, were present, and several balloon ascensions at Hillsboro and Cornelius were features of the celebration.

The orator of the day at Hills-

boro was Judge R. R. Butler of Condon; at Cornelius, John Wall of Hillsboro, gave a patriotic address, and Attorney Alfred Wheelock of Portland, spoke at Buxton.

Saturday the Catholics were in charge at Cornelius and gave a very interesting program, consisting of songs, music, recitations and addresses. Archbishop Christie gave a very eloquent address, and spoke particularly on the matter of pensions to the old soldiers, deploring the niggardly way in which the United States treats the old soldiers in that respect. Rev. Father Donnelly also gave an address. He was a veteran of '61, and spoke with eloquence and feeling of those troublous days.

But few accidents, and those of a minor nature, marred the occasion and the thousands of happy celebrants pronounce it the best Fourth ever.

Father Kettenhofen at St. Johns

The Catholics of St. Johns dedicated their new church Monday, the dedication ceremony being by Archbishop Christy. The members of the Catholic denomination also erected a new parish school at that place, the cost of the two buildings being \$15,000. Father J. Kettenhofen, in charge of the St. Johns parish, and who was largely instrumental in building the school and rectory, was formerly, was formerly in charge of the Church of the Visitation at Verboort, and is well known to residents of this city.

Was Thrown from Buggy

A runaway which occasioned considerable excitement to the Third street neighborhood, occurred in this city Saturday. A Mr. Merrill of Cornelius, was driving in a buggy near Pacific avenue when his horse became frightened at an automobile and made a wild dash up Third street, being finally halted in his mad career in South Park. Mr. Merrill was thrown out of the buggy and badly bruised, but escaped broken bones.

Very Successful Convention

Rev. and Mrs. Stivers returned Monday from the annual convention of the Christian churches of Oregon, held at Turner. They report the most successful convention ever held in the state. Seventy pastors of the Christian denomination were present. Rev. Stivers will occupy his pulpit at the First Christian church next Sunday, and announces for his morning subject "Weariness in Well Doing." At evening he will speak on "What is True Patriotism?" All the regular services will be held.

P. S. Brundy, who has large timber holdings in the Wilson river country, was in the city last week. He has appointed Victor Brown, Arthur Reehr, Tobe Smith and W. Ellingsworth, all of Wilson, as fire wardens to patrol his holdings and see that no fires are allowed to gain headway in his valuable timber during the dry season. The appointees will assume their duties at once.

THREE SCORE YEARS HALE AND HEARTY

Mrs. James Smith on Borrowed Time Still Active in Business Affairs in Alaska

Mrs. James Smith of Bremerton, Washington, visited friends in this city last week. Mrs. Smith has passed the allotted three score years and ten, and has been living seven years on borrowed time, yet as an example of sustained vigor in the aged she is a marvel.

Mrs. Smith is a mine owner and has valuable properties in Alaska, where she spent six weeks, living in a tent last winter, holding down a claim. She is now selling mining stock, and as a selling agent is all to the good. One seeing the lady in her robust health and activity would hardly credit her age.

Mrs. Smith's mother was a cousin of "Mother" Sloan, known to all the old timers and travelers to this city, as the proprietor of the Forest Grove hotel for so many years. Mrs. Smith says that when she bade "Mother" Sloan good-bye in New York in the early forties, as the latter was about to board a ship for the dangerous trip "around the horn" to the Pacific Coast, she hated to see "the delicate little thing" go as she feared Mrs. Sloan would never live to complete the voyage.

Yet as every pioneer in the state and most of the residents of this city know, "Mother" Sloan not only lived through the dangers of the sea trip, but for fifty years following, and during the years when the Oregon country was a wilderness, she did her noble part, enduring the toils and dangers common to all the pioneers, and lived to see the home of the wild beast and the savage, develop into a mighty empire.

Back from "Bitter Root"

"Dad" Moulton has returned from the Bitter Root Valley, Montana, where he has been employed the past spring superintending the planting of extensive orchards. Mr. Moulton states that in the orchard where he worked, 1280 acres were planted to fruit trees this year during the planting season.

The Bitter Root Valley is fast developing into one of the greatest fruit sections in this country. The land is irrigated from the Bitter Root river, and the soil is of such a nature that, requiring only plenty of water, it will blossom and yield an abundance like unto the garden of paradise. It is the intention of the fruit men in that section to continue planting until 40,000 acres are in fruit trees. It is the method there to set out the trees in tracts of ten acres, all varieties of fruit trees being planted, and to sell the tracts to settlers as soon as planted. Mr. Moulton will return to that section in the spring, being under contract for two years.