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Why County Division?

An important issue to be de-
cided at the polls next Tuesday
is the question of county division.
Not only important to the people
of Washington county, but to the
residents of eight other counties
in the state, as well. We are
frank to admit that we are not
as familiar with the issues as we
would desire to be, and what
knowledge we have gained, has
been secured through such ob-
servation and study of the var-
ious phases as can be acquired
by perusal of exchanges and the
Portland dailies.

The point in particular that
strikes us as peculiar speaking
for Washington county, is that
the voters of the entire state are
to be permitted to vote upon a
question which affects this county
only. It would certainly seem
impossible that residents of a
distant portion of the state are
thoroughly acquainted with the
situation in this county, and in a
position to vote intelligently upon
a matter directly affecting the
future welfare of Washington
county.

An initiative measure will be
submitted to the voters Tuesday,
which will leave the matter of
changing the boundaries of any
county in the hands of the voters
residing in the affected territory.
We think it advisable to vote in
the affirmative upon this measure
and vote down the present county
division schemes. Get the situa-
tion within control, and then de-
cide whether or not Multnomah
county shall have a portion of
Washington county.

Another reason, although of
course we are not insinuating,
why county division should be
discouraged, is that it looks like
there is a proverbial "nigger in
the woodpile" behind each and
every county division proposition
to be acted upon. Some town
with a "county seat" ambition,
some one or more men, or groups
of men, with an axe to grind, or
some with political aspirations,
can quickly find support to agi-
tate the disruption of a county.
Such influence may come from
within or without. If the for-
mer, we can simply term it what
it is—secession; and secession of
a most deplorable kind, for it is,
as a general rule, fostered by
jealousy and disappointed ambi-
tion. If from the latter, then
we figure there is an axe to grind,
of some nature or other, and the
voters of a county should be as
wary of such influence as a bank
burglar is of the concealed alarms.

County division does not appeal
to us, personally, under any cir-
cumstances, and we propose to
vote accordingly, not only as re-
garding the proposed handing
over to Multnomah of a portion
of Washington county, but also
as affecting the other county di-
vision schemes which will appear
upon the ballot.

Help Wanted! Apply Western Union

A report appears in the Ash-
land Tidings of October 24, of
the visit to that city of District
Commercial Superintendent E.
Boeniug and Traffic Superintend-
ent Geo. D. Hood, both gentlemen
having charge of the interests of
the Western Union Telegraph
Company in Oregon.

In what we presume to have
been an interview with Mr.
Boeniug by a representative of
the Tidings, that gentleman is
said to have expressed surprise
that young men and women do
not take advantage of the oppor-
tunities which are open to them

to become proficient in the art(?)
of telegraphy, seeing that it is
such a growing and inviting field
for youthful energies.

We wonder if Superintendent
Boeniug hands out that same line
of "salve" at every stopping
point, for it can be nothing but
"salve," when one stops to con-
sider that there are any number
of first class operators, engaged
in other lines of endeavor, who
would be only too pleased to re-
enter the active telegraph field,
were working conditions and re-
muneration satisfactory.

We see no cause for surprise
in the lack of enthusiasm among
the younger generation for the
so-called art. Education has ad-
vanced considerably in the last
ten years, and the telegraph field
no longer appears the mecca to
the young and ambitious that it
once did. Ordinary labor is paid
more, as a rule, in this land of the
west, than the average operator
receives, so why, therefore,
should the young man or woman
spend from two to five years of
the best part of his or her life in
acquiring the art(?), working at
a nominal salary while engaged
in assimilating the necessary
knowledge, only to meet with
disappointment and disillusion-
ment at the end, when, in the
same length of time, a practical
and profitable trade can be ac-
quired, and one which will fur-
nish the necessary living wage,
providing the comforts, and some
of the pleasures of life during
the apprenticeship stage.

If the company in question
will pay the equivalent of the
work required, they need not
seek far for competent and ef-
ficient help, and there will be no
necessity of the ceaseless endeavor
to secure material for telegraph
students.

Still Shy of Good Sidewalks

We feel assured that it is due
to no lack of good intention upon
the part of our property owners,
but rather a case of "Mr. Meanto
Meanto" which is delaying the
repairs absolutely necessary to a
number of walks within the cor-
porate limits. This matter of
civic improvement has been act-
ed upon by the city council at a
not very recent date, and, as
was thought at the time, neces-
sary and sufficient action taken
to insure the speedy rehabilita-
tion of all walks in ill repute, and,
as a consequence, a number of
the most dangerous have been
restored to a condition of safety.

It is not the stretch of poor
walk running from ten feet to
the length of a block which holds
such menace for the pedestrian,
for once discerned, a future care-
ful lookout would naturally be
kept for that particular length of
walk. It is the loose board here
and there, lying, like an unseen
snag in the river's channel, to
trip the unsuspecting; or perhaps
a wide crack, into which one's
feet would slip; or again, it may
be an abrupt termination of the
planking, but a continuation of
the stringers, resulting to the un-
wary foot traveler in a severe
jar, if not a more serious fall.

It is these seemingly small de-
fects which call for attention,
and attention of a prompt and
eradicating character, for if per-
mitted to continue, they will
grow, and expand, and propa-
gate, until one will of a neces-
sity be compelled to keep to the
middle of the road in order to
avoid the pitfalls concealed in the
sidewalks.

But little effort is required to
correct this evil, for as such can
it be classed, and if each and
every property owner will act
without further delay or hesita-
tion, the resulting safety to the
public in general and the citizens
in particular will be most grati-
fying. Bear in mind that "Ex-
ample is always much more ef-
ficient than precept," and act
accordingly.

For More and Better Education

Every man who casts a ballot
on November 8 should not neg-
lect to vote in favor of the County
High School Fund. Too much
cannot be accomplished in an
educational way, and every fa-
cility should be afforded the ris-
ing generation in its assimilation

of knowledge.

Two high schools in Washing-
ton county are entirely inade-
quate to its present requirements,
without looking at the needs of
the future. Then again, the ex-
pense of attending either of the
two is frequently a bar to the
prospective student who must
come from a distance and board
in close proximity to the school.
Facilities for the securing of
knowledge along the higher
branches should be convenient to
the pupil, and by the adopting of
the County High School Fund
law, these facilities will be as-
sured.

The counties of Linn and Lane
have adopted this law, and each
of these counties has established
fourteen country high schools
since voting in the law, and they
have found that they can pay the
tuition of every boy and girl in
the county who wishes to attend
high school, on a half mill levy,
and in addition, the students
have the advantage of being at
home, thus making a large sav-
ing of expense to their parents.

The County High School Fund
law should be adopted by Wash-
ington county. It will mean no
additional burden of heavy taxa-
tion, it will mean no expensive
and ornate buildings no costly
apparatus or high-salaried in-
structors, its adoption will mean
better opportunities for better
education, the continued and re-
fining influence of home life, and
a future citizenship of Washing-
ton county properly equipped to
handle the problem of life.

X354—Yes For Good Roads

Oregon must have good roads
and the voters at the coming e-
lection will have the chance to
vote for an amendment to the
constitution which will result in
the easiest accomplishment of
good roads in many of the coun-
ties of the state. This amend-
ment is backed by the Good
Roads association and endorsed by
the State Grange. It will permit
counties to incur a debt of more
than \$5,000 if the money is to be
used in the construction of per-
manent roads providing a major-
ity of the voters of the county
vote to incur the debt.

The amendment makes county
bonding for road building pos-
sible. The bond issue method
will be taken advantage of by
many counties, but no county
will do it unless a majority of the
voters call for it. Washington
county will want to take advan-
tage of the right to bond for good
roads and therefore should vote
for the amendment. Even if
Washington county never cares
to avail itself of the opportunity
to get good roads, its voters
should help pass the bill in order
that other progressive counties
may be allowed to partake of its
advantages. Vote X354—Yes,
for good roads.

Here's Luck to the Local Man

We searched most diligently,
even using a magnifying glass,
still we were unable to locate it,
and had about come to the con-
clusion that some one maliciously
inclined had deliberately stolen
it, having run short of goat feed,
or else desiring it as a souvenir,
when suddenly we discovered it;
but to no avail, we simply located
it's usual place, only to be in-
formed that on account of the
great amount of advertising it
had been given over to the local
man.

Probably the local man was too
busy last week to properly handle
it, but we look for great things
in the future. Here's luck to the
local man, and we trust that he
will feed it something more sub-
stantial than essays on gasoline
stoves, masterpieces anent the
onion crop, or the ethics of card
playing by women, secured a la
grapevine, etc., etc. ad lib.

Buy not silk while you owe for
milk.

Things desired may not be de-
sirable.

Fear of failure is father of
failure.

An untied friend is an un-
cracked nut.

Your neighbor can't under-
stand why you're not just like
him.

Have you faith in the future of
the country? There are possibi-
lities near home.

Is your trail hard to anticipate?
Good roads medicine is a sure
remedy for that.

He who receives a good turn
should never forget it; he who
does one should never remember
it.

In most cases, it would be eas-
ier for a man to marry the girl
he loves if it weren't for compe-
tition.

Are you willing to undertake
the impossible and make of it a
signal success? Stop knocking
the city.

AROUND THE TOWN

Rockers—all kinds at Roe and
Co. tf

Mayor Peterson was an over
Sunday visitor in Portland.

E. W. Haines was a business
visitor in Portland Saturday.

"Superior" stoves and ranges
have no superior. Sold by Hin-
man, the Hardware man. tf

Scott Smith, a rancher of the
Dilley section, was a business vis-
itor in the Grove Monday.

V. H. Limber has had a cement
curbing constructed along the
frontage of his residence prop-
erty.

B. Ingebrigtsen, the Cornelius
Feed and Flour man, was attend-
ing to business in the Grove Satur-
day.

Watches, clocks and jewelry re-
paired in the right way at right
prices. Arthur Shearer, Main
Street. tf

J. G. Lenneville is another pro-
gressive citizen who is improv-
ing his residence property by
means of a cement curb.

Vote 300 X Yes

The Oregon Equal Suffrage As-
sociation, which represents near-
ly 40,000 affiliated adherents in
the State, received by official
count at the election of 1908 the
affirmative of nearly 37,000 men.
The Association claims that it
never has been "defeated" as its
opponents allege, because women
have never been allowed to vote
upon the question at all. It's Ex-
ecutive Committee passed at the
October meeting, a unanim-
ous vote of thanks to the less
than a dozen wealthy and non-
producing women "antis" and
their today satellites who pose as
"the best people" for having pub-
lished at their own expense in
the Voters Pamphlet, the Con-
stitution as it stands at present,
side by side with the Suffrage
Amendment which speaks for it-
self. These "antis" are fight-
ing the Amendment because it
opens the way wide enough to ad-
mit all women to the ballot box,
and provides a special clause, pro-
viding for their protection as tax-
payers if at any time they should
desire to vote. They are also
worried lest the Supreme Court
should declare the Amendment
unconstitutional when adopted.

The Amendment provides for
the elimination of the word
"white" from the State Consti-
tution, and will, when adopted,
make it conform to the Constitu-
tion of the United States.

The Equal Suffrage Association
is taking no part in any of the
political strife that rages among
different organizations of men.
Its adherents offer, as their most
urgent demand for its adoption,
the self evident fact that the dis-
franchised labor of wage earning
women comes into ruinous com-
petition with the wages of both
men and women, and they re-
spectfully urge every honorable
man to remove this obstacle to
prosperity and happiness by
marking his ballot 300 X YES.

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Forest Grove	at Portland
6:50 a m	8:00 a m
8:40 a m	9:50 a m
10:30 a m	11:40 a m
12:20 p m	1:30 p m
1:40 p m	2:50 p m
4:10 p m	5:20 p m
7:00 p m	8:10 p m
9:45 p m	10:50 p m
LEAVES	ARRIVES
Portland	Forest Grove
7:05 a m	8:15 a m
8:30 a m	9:40 a m
10:20 a m	11:30 a m
12:10 p m	1:20 p m
2:10 p m	3:20 p m
3:30 p m	4:40 p m
5:30 p m	6:40 p m
8:25 p m	9:35 p m

Saturday Only
Lvs Portland 11:30 p m—Ar. F.G. 12:30 p m
Sunday only
Lvs F.G. 9:30 p m—Ar. at Portland 11:30 p m

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and we CAN DO IT