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# FOREST GROVE PRESS

The best developer of a community is a progressive and representative newspaper. Send the "Press" to friends whom you wish to welcome to this country.

## WILL EXHIBIT AT STATE FAIR

### Exhibits Will do Double Duty

To Be Returned and Shown at Following County Fair

FREIGHT CHARGES WILL BE REFUNDED

This Section Asks Granges, Commercial Clubs and All to Help

Last year with only two weeks' notice Washington County won fourth premium at our State Fair, beating Multnomah and Lane counties. This season we are in the race for the blue ribbon. The hearty cooperation of our farmers, granges, and city people will insure our winning first prize. The object in making a creditable exhibit is to show the Missourian and all prospective investors and settlers that we are active people, producing from the richest soil many varieties of profitable crops. We grow excellent fruits, nuts, grains, grasses and vegetables. A display of the best of these at Salem will truthfully and effectively advertise our county. Many products grown in town, as well as in the country, are worthy to display. Look over your growing products, care for the best and keep them for the fair. Omit no variety. Samples of all kinds should be shown, i. e., turnips, rutabagas, parsnips, carrots, beets, salsify, radishes, six to twelve each; cabbage, cauliflower, celery, horseradish, one to six; green and shelled beans and peas, one quart each; potatoes, one peck or half dozen; popcorn, sweet corn, field corn, dozen ears; wheat, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, one-half bushel; dried fruit in small boxes; fresh fruits, apples, peaches, pears, quinces, carefully packed in boxes, or five of each kind for plate display; grapes, prunes, plums, etc. Do not omit the large pumpkins, squashes and melons. The season has been dry, so these products may seem smaller than usual, but all districts are thus affected. Bring or send the best you have. Free of cost these exhibits will be sent and returned. The shippers will pay the freight to Salem, but when the products are loaded for return shipment the advanced freight charges will be returned by check to the shipper. Individuals may ship direct to our county manager, L. D. Westfall, but it will be very convenient and save the individuals advancing any freight to collect the products at Forest Grove, where your local manager will attend to shipping and to receiving the products back again for the county fair here, thus the products will be exhibited twice. Deliver in town by the 24th of September, so all may be shipped on the 25th. Report to H. T. Buxton or H. C. Atwell, who will advise as to the local manager and place of collection.

## NEW SCHOOL BOOKS FOR OREGON LISTED

Books Adopted for the Next Six Years, Grades and Prices

The new State Course of study for the elementary grades has been issued by J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of public instruction. The course has been revised to suit the arrangement and contents of the textbooks, adopted this year, by the Oregon textbook commission. Following is a list of textbooks used in the respective grades of the public schools.

First grade: Sloans Primary Reader, first book, .25; Wheeler's Primer, .25; Wheeler's First Reader, .25.  
Second grade: Wheeler's First Reader, .25; Wheeler's Second Reader, .35; Writing Lessons for Primary Grades (continued on page 5.)

## W. H. H. Myers Tells Interesting Tales of Early Pioneer Days Not All of Which is Here Related

Capt. Myers, whose son was recently honored by President Wilson with an appointment as Postmaster of Portland and who himself is very well known thruout Oregon, recently gave the following very interesting interview to Fred Lockley, who wrote the same for the Oregon Journal. Mr. Lockley's article follows:—

W. H. H. Myers, father of Portland's postmaster, lives in Forest Grove. He is as full of humor and dry wit as an unbroken eggshell is of egg. Recently I called upon him at his home in Forest Grove. In answer to my request to tell me something about himself, he said: "Say, son, I can tell you a lot of mighty interesting things about myself and the other pioneers, but you wouldn't print them, and if you did I would have to hide for a spell. The things you will print aren't near as interesting as the ones you won't print, but I will tell both kinds and you can sort them out for yourself."

"I was born in Howard county, Missouri. In 1852 I came out to California with Major Bradley. There were 20 of us. We had three wagons and about 400 loose cattle. Mighty few of the younger generation have a very clear idea of the six months' trip across the plains. Just for example, did you ever hear how the immigrants used to cure the saddle sores or sore shoulders of their mules and horses? A mule would get a sore on its back, the flies would get at it and proud flesh would form and it would be torment to the animal. We took a frying pan and heated bacon grease till it was boiling hot and then poured it in the sore. The maggots would come out a squirming and the boiling grease would kill the proud flesh. The magpies used to light on an animal with a sore back and pick at its raw flesh. I have often taken my rifle and shot at them as they sat picking away on a horse's or an ox's shoulder. Generally I hit the magpie, but whether I killed the bird or animal it didn't go to waste, for we would eat them. Yes, that's right. I've helped eat both magpies and mules, and have been mighty glad of the chance."

"When our oxen got sore feet we put grease or tar on their hoofs and cut up our saddle leathers to make shoes for them. I'll pass by our trip across the plains, you have heard all that before. "I came up from California to go to work for my cousin, old man Bybee, who had a place on Sauvie's island. Another young fellow and myself bought a lot of potatoes of Captain Jess Walker. We bought all of his hogs, too, paying him a bit a pound live-weight. You have heard the pioneers talk about the high water that year. It washed our spuds away and you could row all over the fields we had our hogs in. We got a boat and went out to see if we could save any of them. They had all floated away but one big sow that had her front feet on the butt end of a log that had lodged in the brush. "Dad" had me row close to the hog, and just as he was about to lift her in he fell out. First the sow would come up and then Dad. Dad came up at last, blowing water like a porcupine. Dad didn't appreciate the joke. It was better than a show, and

I laughed till I cried. The more I laughed the madder Dad got. He said, "Buck, I am going to give you the best licking you ever had in your life," and he started for the boat. He could have done it, too, if I had let him. I kept poking him back with the oar. I laugh till I cried and he got so mad he cried. I kept shoving him away till he promised not to lick me, and I thought I would never have a better chance, so I poked away till I made him promise some more things he would never consent to before. When I let him climb on the boat he was about tuckered out, and our sow had got discouraged and quit trying to climb on the log and floated down the river. That ended the partnership of "Dad" and "Buck."

"I went up to where St. Johns is now located. There were two houses there then, about half a mile apart. Jimmie Johns, who gave St. Johns its name, lived in one of the houses and old man Loomis in the other. The Stumps and Gatens and Widow Ransom lived in that neighborhood, too. Old man Loomis had a double log cabin. There was a store in one part and they rigged up the other part for a school and hired me as a teacher. I had four of Widow Ransom's children and some others."

"When old man Loomis was away on a peddling trip I had to wait on the store as well as teach school. Old man Loomis was a fine old chap. He was one of the best singers at the camp-meetings, and that gave him a fine stand in with that crowd. He also was one of the best poker players in the country, and that gave him a fine stand in with the other crowd, so he got 'em coming or going, and had all the trade. "Jimmy Stevens took up a claim on the east side of the river where Fast Portland is now located, while Tommy, his brother, settled on the west side. In those days old man Stark and old man Morrison and a lot of people that your Portland streets are named for were living in Portland."

"I was married in 1863. I married Jane Stott, a sister of Judge Stott. We have had 12 children. Two of these were twins, a boy and a girl. The girl died and the boy is now postmaster in Portland. All of our children were born on Wapato Lake on our farm. We moved to Forest Grove and sent them to school at Pacific University."

### National Rating League Organize Washington County Merchants.

P. S. Bonesteel, representing the National Rating League of Chicago, has been getting the cooperation of the merchants of this town during the week in compiling their Red Guide Book. A number of Forest Grove merchants have joined the league and will furnish names for this credit report, which will be published by the League in the near future. No matter where one may move, the merchants in the town selected for the future home may get a line on your reputation for paying your debts by simply referring to the "Rating Report and Credit Guide" the league publishes.

Each merchant will send all debtors notice before allowing their names to be published in the next issue of report giving all a chance to escape being published as poor pay.

## O. A. C. SCHOOL TOMORROW



### EASY COLLECTIONS SHOW PROSPERITY

Prof. K. N. Staehr Has Sold Over 300 Pianos Without a Loss

Receives Notice of Record in New York and Portland Papers

K. N. Staehr, of Forest Grove, has received notice, due to a very unusual business record, in the New York "Music Trades," and also in the Oregon Journal. The following is taken from a clipping in the Journal: "As an indication of Washington County prosperity, Prof. K. N. Staehr says he came to Forest Grove a few years ago with a stock of fine pianos and a liability of \$400 of borrowed money, and now he is celebrating the occasion of having sold since then over 300 new pianos. To show the reliability of the people of his county he states that although he has sold a great many of these pianos on long time and on installments, never in all that time, but once, has he had to take back an instrument on account of nonpayment or for any other cause. He says he has never been compelled to go to law in the way of enforcing a collection and that every customer he has ever dealt with, except one, has made payments as agreed."

"It is admitted by business men generally that in this record is contained the most forceful advertisement of the generally prosperous condition and also the high citizenship of Washington County and Forest Grove. Mr. Staehr has been a loyal adherent of Eilers Piano House and the Eilers Piano instruments and calls to mind the time when he bought his first solid carload of pianos through them for spot cash. Prof. Staehr maintains a standing advertisement in his home papers, making a liberal offer to anyone who can show him a dissatisfied customer, and this, together with the record of only one piano taken back in 314 sales, is another significant showing of this enterprising and successful business man."

## Welfare School of Real Value

O. A. C. Will Hold Two Days' Session in Verts Hall

AFTERNOON AND EVENING MEETINGS

A Little Change in Program as Announced Last Week

Although weather conditions are very unfavorable, reports say that the O. A. C. traveling general welfare school is being well attended in Hillsboro. This portable college will arrive in Forest Grove tomorrow for two day's free instruction. The lectures will be in the afternoons and evenings, and the exhibits will be open Saturday morning. The place of meeting will be in the Verts hall.

E. J. Cummings, of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, will speak to men Friday evening at 7:30, and to men and boys Saturday evening. The entire conference will deal with problems of interest and importance to the people of Forest Grove. Town improvement, pure food and water, health, social hygiene, and other vital subjects, will be discussed and illustrated by means of exhibits and lantern views.

## SUMMARY OF TAX ROLL GIVEN OUT

Washington County's Valuation Over Eighteen Million

HILLSBORO, Or.—Assessor Max Crandall has returned the following summary of the 1913 assessment for Washington County:

Taxable land, 111,450,007 acres	\$ 7,424,175
Non-taxable, 347,859,318 acres	5,689,175
Improvements on deeded land	1,484,965
Town and city lots	894,845
Improvements on same	803,815
Improvements on land not deeded	14,565
Stationary engines and manufacturing machinery	177,780
Merchandise, stock in trade, etc.	338,800
Farming implements	167,715
Electric light plants	14,845
Water plants	9,000
Money	21,310
Notes	50,260
Accounts	11,500
Shares of stock	181,692
Horses, 6940	351,645
Mules, 173	9,285
Milch cows, 10,802	208,265
Young and beef stock, 3357	43,165
Sheep, 4113	9,960
Goats, 5205	2,505
Swine, 2753	18,285
Dogs, 876	5,475
Autos, 114	41,265
Libraries	4,100
Hotel furniture, billiard and poolroom fixtures, office, barber shop and picture show furniture, etc.	16,915
Rails and cross ties on unused right of way	6,565
Total	\$18,102,882

The public service corporation tax, to be fixed by the state board, will total more than \$2,000,000, thus making the total roll in the sum of more than \$20,000,000.

## "PROHI" RALLY IS PLANNED SEPT. 20

MEETING TO BE HELD AT COURT HOUSE IN HILLSBORO

The whole county of Washington is cordially invited to an all day picnic and prohibition rally at Hillsboro on September 20th. Speakers of national reputation will be present as well as men well known in Oregon. One of the chief attractions will be Capt. Chas. H. Stanley of Baltimore, Maryland, who is a converted comedian.

He has visited many of the states of the nation as well as European countries and people flock to hear him again and again.

The word has been sent out to bring your families, sweathearts, children and baskets of provisions. The court house and court house yard is the place. Every body will be welcome.

Field Superintendent of the Prohibition forces, Lindley A. Wells has visited every post-office and almost every community in Washington county and has succeeded in stimulating the voters to see the liquor traffic annihilated.

The local W. C. T. Unions are actively cooperating with the Prohibition Party in the present campaign for 1914, which is being waged for the election of men who will enforce the liquor laws, the adoption of a prohibitory amendment for Oregon and the passing of laws making the amendment effective. All friends of temperance, home manhood, virtue and the flag are being urged to unite in this endeavor.

### Paving Praised by Experts.

Last week a party of paving experts visited Forest Grove to inspect the work of the Linden Kibbe company in laying their bitumcrete pavement. The verdict given being that Forest Grove was getting the very best streets that could possibly be laid. The party consisted of I. N. Day, Harvey Mooreland, and Mr. Kerns of the Oregon Independent Paving company, Tom Heribert, ex-Portland city engineer, and Mr. Tate of the Montague and O'Reilly construction company.

Walter Warren of the Warren Construction company also was in the city last week. Mr. Warren stated that their company was considering to bring suit against the Linden Kibbe company for using their patented methods. It is hardly hot that any such action will result however.

The recent rains have caused a delay in the paving here. The company has about eight days more actual work.

### Writer Makes visit

Fred Lockley feature writer for the Oregon Journal was a visitor in Forest Grove in search of material for future stories.

### Van Kougnert Goes East

C. L. VanKougnert, the druggist, left this week for a business trip to Chicago. He was accompanied as far as Portland by his wife and daughter who are visiting friends in that city.

## WHO ARE THE GOVERNORS OF FOREST GROVE?

DO YOU KNOW WHO IS EXERCISING YOUR POLITICAL PREROGATIVES?

The PRESS takes pleasure in announcing to its readers a very unique contest, beginning today and closing Wednesday evening, September 10th.

For the most complete and nearest correct list of all offices and the present holders whose authority extends over Forest Grove, federal, state, county, city, etc., we will give a handsome dictionary, 100 neatly printed visiting or business cards, and a two year subscription to the PRESS.

For the second best list we will give 100 visiting or business cards and a one year subscription to the PRESS.

For the third best list we will give a one year subscription to the PRESS.

Three PRIZES given for your knowledge of who represents you in the various departments of this great republican government

Begin your list at once and mail it not later than Wednesday, September 10th. Send them in as early as possible.

All officers whether judicial, administrative or legislative, who have any authority in or represent Forest Grove, either in themselves or thru subordinates, will be entitled to a place on the list.

This contest is to bring attention to the many public officials, to whom we have delegated our political duties. We believe it will prove interesting as well as being instructive.

This Contest is Open to All --Professional men, business men, teachers, women voters, how near complete can you make this list?

Watch out, or some of your children may prove themselves better posted. We do not expect to receive a single complete or correct list. If you make only a partial list, send it in anyway.