

The Forest Grove Express

Published every Thursday at Forest Grove, Oregon.
W. C. Benfer, Editor and Publisher.

Entered as second-class matter Jan. 12, 1916, at the postoffice at Forest Grove, Oregon, under the Act of March 3, 1879

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 1916

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Thanksgiving this year comes on the last day of the month—Nov. 30.

Registration books in New York disclose the fact that Judge Hughes has not registered or voted since 1909. He is registered now, however, so that he can vote for himself. He did not vote in 1912, when his friends, Taft and Roosevelt, were candidates for president.

Ex-Governor West and Mark V. Weatherford held a prohibition meeting at Hillsboro last Thursday night and addressed 300 voters. People from this city who heard the speakers say they made some telling hits against the Brewers' Amendment, which Gov. West calls "Paul (Wessinger's) First Epistle to the Oregonians." Mr. Weatherford makes a good impression wherever he speaks and it is claimed by his friends that he is going to beat Mr. Hawley for congress.

William Hare of Hillsboro and B. P. Cornelius, the latter a republican candidate for the state legislature, made speeches at a Hughes meeting in Cornelius last Thursday night and it is reported that Mr. Cornelius devoted fifteen minutes to telling how efficient Judge Hughes was as mayor of New York City. As Mr. Hughes was never mayor of New York City, some of those in the audience are wondering whether Ben was trying to fool them or whether he just didn't know what he was talking about.

How many of you readers know the name of the congressman from this district? Come now, one at a time, without looking it up. Oh, well, if you don't know it's no disgrace, for the congressman has done so little to call him to your attention that you can be excused if you don't remember his name. But if you will send Mark V. Weatherford to Washington he will make such a strong fight for nation-wide prohibition that the entire nation will know who represents the First Oregon district in the national legislature.

In its issue of Oct. 5th, the News-Times announced a meeting for that night, with 'Hon. E. L. Amidon of Portland' as the speaker. The next issue of the same paper mentions the speaker as "E. L. Homidon." A great many people are wondering why the News-Times changed the speaker's name. Was it because he has been getting some very unfavorable mention in the Portland papers during the past several months or was it because since Amidon, alias Homidon, was in the city some scurrilous stories concerning President Wilson are being whispered from mouth to ear—stories so palpably false that no Oregon paper has been found low enough to print them? There must be a reason for changing this man's name.

HOT AIR WON'T PAY HALL RENT

The members of the Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Department are recent victims of the irresponsibility of the windy major Twin. As president of the

Commercial Club, Twin Hurley promised Chief Lenneville, the latter says, that if the department could secure the moving picture fire prevention exhibit which was touring the Northwest during the summer, he, (the Twin) would see that the Commercial Club paid the hall rent. With this understanding, the firemen rented the Star Theatre and on the night of Aug. 3d the theater was crowded with men, women and children, who were for two hours given valuable instructions on how to lessen the fire risk and how to extinguish fires once they got started. Admission was free and the firemen felt they had done the community a service by bringing the exhibit and several lecturers here. And they felt grateful to the Commercial Club and its effervescent president for their aid in the movement. That is to say, the firemen were grateful until about a month ago, when they were told by the manager of the Theatre that the rent had not been paid. Chief Lenneville later called the matter to Hurley's attention and was dumbfounded when the latter denied having agreed to see that the hall rent was paid. At last week's meeting of the department, the firemen voted \$12 out of their little treasury to pay the hall rent for an entertainment for the public good. That is very liberal of the firemen, who render much efficient service without pay, and the white members of the Commercial Club should see that they get their \$12 back. And what about the Twin? Ah, forget it! He talks so much that he probably forgot that he ever talked to any of the firemen about the hall rent. This may be taken as a warning against that dread complaint known in Slangville as "Running Off at the Front of the Face."

NO BLUSTER; NO THREATS; HE IS JUST REAL MAN

William Allen White of Emporia, Kansas, is one of the best known writers and progressives in the United States. Recently in his newspaper, the Emporia Gazette, White paid the following tribute to President Wilson:

"How well he (President Wilson) seems to have managed it—this whole sordid business of going to war; how fair he has been; how patient, how dignified, how infinitely gentle and kind!

"No bluster; no threats; no snicker of anticipation; no licking of the nation's chops—just a simple-souled, brave, soft hearted, hard-headed man. It is sad enough to go into war of any kind at any time; but it is less sad to go knowing that every honorable means has been taken to keep away from war. And this consolation President Wilson has given us by his wise, forbearing Christian attitude before the provocation of a foe mad and desperate and foolish. The good God, who knows and watches over all and sees all and directs all, was in our hearts deeper than we knew when as a nation we chose this great, serene soul to lead us."

Vote for good men and women on Nov. 7th. Forget party labels, brands and trademarks.

What the Press Says of Mr. Weatherford

Benton County Courier: The Courier will do all it can to send Mr. Weatherford to Congress, not because he is a Democrat, but because he is a more able man than Mr. Hawley, because he is a fighter and because we believe he will do more for the Willamette Valley in a single term than Mr. Hawley has ever done. From the day Joe Cannon was deposed as speaker to the present date, Mr. Hawley has almost always voted with the big interests. His voting record is proof of this statement and the Courier has that record.

Sutherland Sun: Mr. Weatherford is a clean, able man who will, if elected, represent this district and not outside interests.

Jefferson Review: Oregon people are getting tired of being represented by a nonentity. They want a man who will do something. Weatherford is the man. He is able, active and energetic. He is an affable gentleman and a good mixer, such is needed to secure co-operation of fellow members in the House, a thing Hawley has never had and without which a member can accomplish nothing.

Independence Monitor: There will be a joke on the November election ballot. The word "Progressive" will be printed after W. C. Hawley's name. This is not due to anyone ever thinking that Mr. Hawley was progressive, but thru the carelessness of a very small portion of the electorate, 25 in number, who wrote in his name at the primary, making him the nominee of the Progressive party. Not a genuine progressive of any party in the district will vote for Hawley, but it is a crime to abuse the good name "Progressive" in such a way.

Columbia (Houlton) Herald: People of all parties are lining up for Weatherford where he is best known, because of his personal moral worth and integrity as a man and citizen. He will make a vigorous canvass of the district, and those whom he will meet will warm to him as they get acquainted with him.

Medford Mail Tribune: Oregon is a progressive state, but is represented in Congress by a reactionary and standpatter whose ideal of statesmanship is Uncle Joe Cannon, whose henchman and campfollower he has always been. Of little influence under the old regime, when his faithfulness to the interests was rewarded by an occasional slice of pork, he is without prestige in the progressive present.

Don't forget Miss Langley and Messrs. Meade and Schulmerich when you vote for members of the state legislature. You needn't be ashamed of Washington county's delegation if they are elected.

With Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, William Allen White, Judge Ben Lindsay and a majority of the leading magazine writers supporting him, there must be something to Woodrow Wilson besides his peace propaganda, which alone should be enough to elect him.

With but one woman candidate on the legislative ticket, the women voters should elect Miss Langley, if only to prove woman's equality to man as a law-maker. And the women need members of their sex in the legislature.

STAR ★ THEATER

TO-MORROW

Friday, Oct. 20th

COLORED

Minstrel Show

Fifteen Men and Girls

FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH

True Darky Melody!

Vaudeville Acts!

Fun and Entertainment!

Band Concert on Street, at Noon and Evening

Admission 25c

Reserved Seats 35c

Sale at Littler's Pharmacy



A Bird In the Hand's Worth Two In the Bush

When you go out of town to buy you don't know what you are getting. The merchant you patronize in town knows that to keep your trade he MUST TREAT YOU SQUARELY. Besides, you KEEP THE MONEY IN TOWN. And you are a town booster.

READ THE HOME PAPER

Mister Merchant:

Before you place your order for 1917 Calendars, see our line of samples; we may save you some money.

The Forest Grove Express

We'll Make Good

on any promise we make to deliver work on a given date. The Express has one of the best equipped little printing plants in the Willamette valley, having added several hundred dollars' worth of material to the Williams plant for

... JOB PRINTING ...

purposes and more good material is on the way. The management would very much appreciate it if those in need of stationery, office blanks, or any other kind of printing would call at the office for samples and prices. If you're too busy to come to the office use the phone and a representative will call on you. PHONE 821