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NOTES AND COMMENTS

The New York newspapers, upon hearing that New York had gone for Hughes, immediately conceded the election of Hughes. If one of those New York editors ever gets beyond the Alleghany mountains he will be the most surprised individual in the world, that is if he has any capacity for being surprised since he heard the returns from the middle west.—Bryan's Commoner.

So long as the people of Forest Grove turn out as the did last Saturday, when nearly 200 of them attended a school budget meeting, the schools are safe. And the fact that they voted nearly two to one in favor of a 17-mill levy as against a 12 mill levy, further demonstrates that the taxpayers have confidence in their school trustees. Taxes are high in this city and county, but the directors made it plain that they needed the higher levy for at least two years, to run the schools and pay off back debts, and the voters gave it to them. And the people were right, in the writer's opinion. If we must skimp, let us do it some place other than the schools.

Last week's issue of the Weekly Whine, alias News-times, contained the announcement that Joseph P. Hurley had purchased the interest of A. E. Scott in that publication and that the latter would retire from the business, to devote himself to other interests. Whether this is a real sale, or merely a pretense, the Express cannot say. Time will tell. There are rumors, however, to the effect that ever since Squatter Hurley attached himself, like Sailor Sinbad's "Old Man of the Sea," to the News-Times, he has made Aaron Scott's bed anything but a bed of roses. On the surface, it looks like Hurley had crowded Scott out of his bed. And 'tis too bad, too. Just as the editor of the Express had become accustomed to frolicking with the cute fat Twins, they split up and there are no twins, for it takes more than one, no matter how corpulent, to constitute Twins. "But 'twas ever thus, since childhood's happy hour; I ne'er loved

a tree or flower, but it drooped—and—died."

L. M. Graham, who took Washington county's exhibit to the state fair and looked after it during the fair, has made a statement (published elsewhere in this issue) of his stewardship and the statement is remarkable in that there was money left and Mr. Graham did not take anything for his time or services. This may not be new for L. M. Graham, but there are not many Graham's in the world—just like this one. He seems to belong to that old school of citizens who believe public work is its own reward; that every man owes a certain amount of work to his community without pay. Mr. Graham's actions are so different from those of SOME of the county fair directors (who took everything in sight and asked others to sign notes covering a deficit) that it gives the Express pleasure to tell the whole world that L. M. Graham is NOT a swine, but a public-spirited citizen, always willing to do his part for the upbuilding of his community.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS

Any farmer in the United States who is thinking about building a house, barn, silo, corncrib, or other farm structure and wants to get from Uncle Sam drawings and blueprints for a model structure, can now write to the office of public roads and rural engineering of the department of agriculture at Washington and get them free, says the Portland News.

The agriculture department has prepared designs including various types of farm houses, barns, silos, a hay shed, sheep sheds, a corncrib, a combined wagon shed, machinery shed and shop and a poultry house. Soon the designs of various types of hog houses will be finished.

Farmers who want Uncle Sam's assistance must tell the department where they live, just what kind of a structure they are contemplating, how much they want to spend, and so on, and the department will then do its best to

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furnish a suitable set of plans and drawings. These have been designed with a view of meeting the needs of a farmer in the south, a farmer in the north, the man on a reclamation project and so on.

The department plans to issue a catalogue in the near future containing illustrations of all the designs for the various kinds of farm buildings which it has prepared, so that farmers who contemplate building operations can select their drawings from the catalogue. In the meantime, such plans will be sent as seem to meet the needs of any particular situation.

W. C. T. U. Parlor Meeting

"After Election, What?" led by Mrs. Boldrick, occupied the time of a fully attended parlor meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Mrs. Marsilliot's on Friday last.

The subject was opened by a review of the results of the election, given by Mrs. Penfield. Following this, each one present gave what, to them, was the most interesting of the results accomplished. One woman who had voted many years in Colorado said that this was the first election since leaving that state, in which she had got all she wanted. Many voiced the sentiment that Oregon dry was the greatest achievement, while the fact that four states and one territory had been added to the prohibition ranks seemed to rank with the former in importance; also that Arkansas and Colorado had reaffirmed their allegiance to prohibition. "What shall we do next?" came last; and Rev. R. E. Dunlap opened this with a brief but most interesting talk, emphasizing the fact that the work of the temperance forces had only just begun and that much opposition might be expected within the next two years preceding another election. He also traced out the lines of this opposition. Others present followed him. One naming a vigorous tobacco campaign as the next step in progress, while another resident here for sometime thought the election of a mayor and council who were interested in law enforcement along all these lines would be very helpful in a city with no saloons, yet where liquor could be easily obtained when desired. A vote of thanks was given Rev. Dunlap for his presence and timely address. K. B. Penfield, Press Sup't.

H. J. Walrath, the local electrician, has just installed a machine for charging storage batteries and it will no longer be necessary to send batteries to Portland or Hillsboro for charging. Walrath is trying to equip his place to accommodate the public in all lines of the electrical game.

Fresh cow for sale. Address F. Thatcher, Forest Grove, Route 1. Phone 552 Thatcher. 43-4*

The cook house at the Eagle sawmill, at West Timber, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. A call was made upon the Banks bakery and merchants Monday for supplies to feed the workmen. A new building is being erected.—Banks Herald.

SIGNS OF PROSPERITY

Park, Nov. 20—Snake River Mining company has opened the new mill and is getting good results.

McMinnville—Co-operative cannery and fruit-drying plant planned for this locality and Yamhill farmers and business men visit similar plants at Eugene.

Coos Bay—Three large vessels on ways at North Bend shipyard.

Eugene—Fresh fish by the carload are being shipped from Umpqua river by way of Willamette-Pacific and Eugene to New York.

Bandon—Old Eagle mine near Bullards changes name to Platina Y Oro Mining Co., and output will be increased to 200 tons daily.

Astoria—With 100 acres of cranberry marsh, part of which is now bearing, Clatsop county expects to make a dent in the future cranberry market.

St. Johns—Providing for future business, the Standifer-Clarkson company is to have four sets of ways at the North Portland harbor plant, located on property adjoining that of the Monarch mill.

Junction City—Carpenter & Chambers setting up sawmill west of here to cut 60,000 ties at sub-contract to the Menefee Lumber company of Portland who have order from Oregon Electric, North Bank and affiliated lines for 160,000 ties.

Oregon and Washington tide water mills shipped 34,212,787 feet of lumber during October.

Astoria Flouring Mills company awards contracts for \$30,000 worth of additional machinery.

Grants Pass—Improvement company to be incorporated to supply water to land owners in district north of river.

Portland—Northwest Steel Co. contemplates adding million-dollar rolling mill to their plant; several hundred additional men would be employed.

Portland held tax increase down to seven one-hundredths of a mill and cut \$726,000 from budget.

Oregon tax limitation law will compel reduction in all departments.

Lakeview votes twenty thousand dollar bonds to buy railroad right of way.

Klamath Falls votes three hundred thousand dollars bonds to aid California, Oregon and Eastern railroad.

Florence—Capital to be enlisted for shipbuilding plant here.

Portland to have another motor car assembling plant on East Side.

Henryville—Coal mine here leased and will be operated.

One of Hill lines adds 5 per cent to all who get under \$200 a month.

Rock Island clubhouse in Willamette river to be built.

Portland—Monarch sawmill sold and million dollar rolling mills planned.

Lincoln county may bridge Yaquina river near the head of the Bay.

Mill City—Frank Potter will build a shingle mill here.

Dallas—J. K. Armsby Co. has million pounds of prunes awaiting shipment.

Pendleton woolen mills book twenty thousand dollar order for marching uniforms.

Roseburg—The O. & C. land grant lands are to be thrown open in 1917.

Oregon wool has recently sold in Portland for the highest price in history of the state.

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