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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, before the election, predicted that the republican majority would be between 15,000 and 20,000. The last figures given after the election showed 17,000 majority. Bradley is good on estimates.

The U. S. battleship, Texas, built on plans purchased from England, has proven to be too weak to bear her own weight in drydock, which fact leads to the remark that this government run on English ideas as at present, is liable to bring us, the people, into trouble.

How much patriotism is there in this paragraph from the Yammhill Independent? "The flag ship Philadelphia, one of the finest vessels in the U. S. navy, will be on exhibition at Portland soon. That is all the we have for such vessels, and people want to make the most of them."

While the U. S. battleship, Texas, floated like a duck on the water, when she came to be put in the drydock she could not sustain her own weight, but began to break in two. It would have been wiser for Uncle Sam to have built her on the plans of some of his own nephews rather than on those of that English boy.

The estimates of city expenses last week were based principally on the reports for 1895, since there are no reports for 1896 available. When the incidentals and street improvements are taken into account, the surplus shown by Dr. Tammie's table, in another column, will be cut down to near the INDEPENDENT's idea as given last week.

U. S. Circuit Judge Gilbert, of Portland, has begun to deal in mysteries. On Tuesday of this week, as appears from the report of the Oregonian, he rendered a private decision in his court which is too sacred to be given to the public. These star chamber decrees are un-American, and the sooner Judge Gilbert comes to know that, the more he will be respected by the citizens among whom he will mingle.

W. T. Stead admonishes his fellow-Englishmen that the United States will have a first-class navy by the beginning of the century, and that it is unwise to undertake the feeling in this country about the Monroe doctrine. It is also imprudent to assume that our navy even now is not the biggest sort of a Tartar to tamper with. It is further proper to remark that Stead, from travel and observation, knows of what he is talking. It is really ignorance on the part of the average British subject that permits him to talk in the boastful way he does.

Administration democrats are fairly happy over the result of the late elections. They declare that with the sectional issue eliminated from the politics of the country, the return of the republicans to power is no cause for repining. They even recede the certainty with some show of satisfaction because they prefer the financial views of their old-time opponents to the free silver dogmas of a large section of their own party. This notwithstanding the fact that the republicans have not and probably will not adopt the extreme gold standard views of President Cleveland.

There is an overflow of Cubans into Florida as there is of Canadians into the Northern States. Tampa and the adjacent towns have a population now of many thousands Cuban, and have translated their cigars industries to this country, and have formed nearly a hundred revolutionary societies to aid in freeing the island from Spain's oppression. Many of the workmen regularly contribute 10 per cent of their wages to the revolutionary cause, and the amounts thus gathered amount to over \$12,000 a month. The Tampa factories depend on Cuba for their tobacco, but it is by no means certain that the Cuban quality of leaf can not be grown in Florida, and quite a number of planters in that State are experimenting with Cuban seed and skilled labor.

Next Saturday night the Woolen Mills closes down and the fires will be put out. Everybody will ask the seasons. The principal cause is the enactment of the Wilson-Gorman bill. The firm that leased it began operations last April. They have run regular until two weeks ago when they shut off 62 looms and only this Saturday they shut off the remainder because they have no more room to store any more goods, as the building is full. Thousands of dollars worth are waiting for a market. There is no sale for the cloth. The competition of the foreign manufacturers is so keen our factory owners can neither secure orders in advance nor compete with the prices ruling foreign goods. We will say further—and you notice it—that 50 per cent of the woolen mills in the United States now in operation will be closed in 60 days for the same reason. So you see what the "benefits" of free trade, free raw material and pauper labor does for American labor.—Fairfield Republican.

ANNEXATION SCHEME.

The annexation of Hawaii is again reviving. It is now proposed to pass a resolution through congress, directing the president to negotiate a treaty of annexation with the Hawaiian government. It is claimed that President Cleveland favors the project. If the treaty is exchanged, then the matter is to be submitted to a popular vote in the islands.

If an independent republic could be maintained in the Sandwich Islands, it would be better than annexation, at least for our government. We are the strongest power in the world now, probably stronger than any two of the great powers combined. We owe this to our compact position. When we commence acquiring new territory, not contiguous, we are taking on a burden that will detract from our strength. We need a naval station at Sandwich Islands, for a stopping place between Portland and Asia, but that is all.

While we do not need Hawaii, much less do we want Cuba, as was pointed out a few weeks ago, though Cuba must be either independent or belong to Spain. We cannot easily assimilate that Spanish element in Cuba and make of it an Anglo-Saxon American citizenship. However, America cannot consent to allow England, France or Germany to get control of that sugar plantation.

ECONOMY AGAIN SPEAKS.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: As the finances of the city of Hillsboro are at present not in a very encouraging condition, I think discussion on this subject may result in some good. This is my apology, if apology is in order for again troubling you for space in your columns for a short answer to the communication of Dr. Tammie's, in last week's INDEPENDENT.

Before going further, however, I desire to say, in answer to the criticisms given in the interview with one of the reporters of the Argus by some of the trustees of the city, that it is the facts in the matter that the public is interested in learning; that it is of little consequence to your readers who may furnish them. When they are successfully controverted it will be time enough to call on correspondents for their names. Until that time comes, as "Economy" in these hard times, is the watchword, it will answer all purposes as a nom de plume.

The doctor intimates that "Economy," by being present at meetings of the council might have learned as to the disposition of the city funds without a public exhibit, but it would have been too much like gold hunting with one color to the pan, and although the information might possibly have been secured in the way he proposes, considering the time spent in the search there would be but little economy in the plan. Besides, it was not for my own convenience alone that I urged that a full exhibit should be made at least once each year and given to the public through the papers of the city. Such an exhibit of the receipts and expenditures would give the taxpayers of the city the opportunity to determine how their public servants were executing their trust reposed in them, and that without laboring through the record of the last year's proceedings of the council. The liberality of the editors of the INDEPENDENT and Argus would have insured this publication at a trifling expense, at the most. This may not be in accordance with the ideas of economy entertained by the doctor and the majority of the council, but I much mistake the intelligence and liberality of the taxpayers if this possible, trifling expense would not be cheerfully borne.

But to the main question at issue. The majority of the council will find it a difficult matter to convince the intelligent taxpayers of Hillsboro that it is an evidence of financial ability to pay 8 per cent interest, rather than 6 per cent on the city's indebtedness. This indebtedness is estimated by yourself at \$17,000. In all probability it exceeds that sum. The bonds are \$10,000, and although from the lack of a public exhibit, we can only estimate the floating indebtedness, we may by such data as is available approximate the amount. Outstanding orders for the last two years, if I am correctly informed, are unpaid for want of funds, although the city's income from various sources is between \$4,000 and \$5,000 annually. The annual expenditure equals, if it does not exceed, that amount. This indicates an outstanding indebtedness, including the bonds, of at least \$13,000. The interest on this amount at 8 per cent is \$1,040 annually. One-fourth of this, or \$260, would be saved if the debt of the city was bonded for 20 years at 6 per cent. This amount placed in a sinking fund would, with the amount that can be safely estimated as taxation on increased valuation in the future, would pay off the bonds at maturity, leaving the city absolutely free of debt at that time with no higher levy than at present; and estimating on a conservative increase in the wealth of the city, there is a probability that the tax levy could, long before these bonds matured, be materially reduced. How much better this is than to attempt to pay off this indebtedness within ten years as proposed by the doctor, who possibly speaks for a majority of the council. To do this would require the collection of taxes in excess of present levy to the amount of \$2,500 at least, each year. Even if the charter permitted, which it does not, such an exorbitant levy, would the taxpayers pay it? Would it not be, in

many cases, practical confiscation? However desirable it may be to get out of debt, it is poor evidence of financial ability to borrow money at 10 per cent and a bonus added to pay off at an 8 per cent liability.

At the present time, many of the taxpayers of Hillsboro are in debt for their homes, and are working, when opportunity offers, for \$1 per day, (boarding themselves), and often less, to secure money to pay interest on their indebtedness, and city, county and school taxes. An increase in the taxes necessary to pay off this indebtedness within the time proposed would turn many of them out of doors. Any increase of taxation in the present financial crisis to pay off debts of the city, is only adding to the load now being borne by the already overburdened taxpayers.

It is too late to question the wisdom of issuing the light and water bonds. If blame there is, all must bear their part. The taxpayers either endorsed the action or made no protest. The expense incurred in building the city hall was a mistake, and the rents saved to the city are much less than the interest on the cost, but it is too late to remedy this mistake. There may be technical errors in the issuance of the water and light bonds. But this, as well as all other indebtedness of the city, must be paid, and some feasible plan must be formulated that would enable these debts to be paid off in the easiest manner possible. The best plan under the circumstances, in my estimation, is to float twenty-year's bonds of the city at not to exceed 6 per cent interest.

ECONOMY.

Y. P. S. C. E. IS COUNCIL.

The first City Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Washington County, convened at the Christian church, in Hillsboro, on Saturday, the 9th inst. Delegates were present from Beaverton, Redwood, the two societies of Forest Grove, and the Congregational and Christian societies of Hillsboro. A greeting from Laurel was received and read, but delegates from that society were not present.

The first session opened at 9:30 a. m. with a thirty-minute praise service, led by Pastor Dick, of the Hillsboro Congregational church. This was followed by a brief talk by Elder Shelley, of the Christian church, in which he explained that the object of the convention was to bring the Endeavorers into closer relationship and secure co-operation in their work. The subject of temporary organization was next considered, and Elder Shelley was chosen president and Miss Bernice Latham, secretary.

The next feature of the program was a paper, "How Can We Make Our C. E. Meetings Interesting?" by H. A. Ball, of Redwood. This was ably presented, and contained many practical hints on the management and conduct of the meetings. The subject was also further discussed by the various delegates.

Mr. L. E. Thomas, of Beaverton, then read a paper entitled "How May Our Society do Better Work?" This subject was well handled, and showed that the writer was well informed in the practical workings of the society. Discussion of this subject closed the forenoon session.

The afternoon session was opened by a praise service led by Miss Lang, of Forest Grove, and by Miss Anna Tveit, of Redwood, read a very interesting paper entitled "The Influence of C. E. in the Home."

Geo. L. Haskell, of Forest Grove, wrote upon the subject of "Relation of Committees to Each Other and to the President." He outlined the duties of the president and showed how the workings of all the committees depended upon his efforts and co-operation; that the president should be the business manager of the committee, and should be, in fact as well as in theory, the head of this society.

The most interesting discussion of the day was upon the topic "The Ideal Attitude of the Church Toward the Society," led by Elder P. R. Burnett, pastor of the Christian church of Forest Grove. He took the ground that the Endeavor Society was a part of the church, and that the utmost harmony should prevail in their relationship; that the church should be interested in the society, and the society should be interested in the church; and that the Endeavor meetings should be attended by the church members. Rev. Rogers held that the Endeavor meetings were not a part of the church, and that the church should be ex-officio member of each committee; that he should attend the Endeavor meetings and keep in touch with the society work; that the society should report to the church once every six months. The church members to elect the officers of the society, but a list of the officers elected should be submitted to the church for its approval. That the young people should, particularly after the opening of using it. Rev. Schellard thought there should be no differences between the church and the society. Young people should keep in mind that they are a part of the church, and should use the society as a means to build up the church.

Mrs. S. B. Watters, of Forest Grove, read a paper on the subject "How are We Personally Responsible for a Good Meeting?" which was quite well presented, and the subject was further discussed by the convention.

The next in order was the organization of a county union. After discussing the details, a resolution was adopted authorizing the president to appoint a committee consisting of one member from each society represented to draft the constitution and by-laws for the proposed organization, nominate officers for the union, and be instructed to report at the evening adjournment was then taken until 7:30 p. m.

The praise service in the evening was led by Mr. Haskell, of Forest Grove. The first topic was "Christian Patriotism and What It Requires of Us," which was the subject of a paper by Benton Bowman, of Hillsboro. The position was taken that Christians should be Christians in all things, temporal as well as spiritual; that they should be public-spirited and

take an interest in the welfare of the government under which they live; that our civil institutions came to us as a heritage from our fathers, and that we should preserve and perpetuate them for the benefit of future generations; that Christian people have it in their power to correct many evils now complained of and pronounced incurable. People ought to have greater reverence for our temporal laws. It is wrong for professed Christians to threaten violence and bloodshed because something does not suit their ideas of government. The Savior, at all times, counseled moderation and taught his disciples to be subject to the temporal governments under which they lived.

Percy Oliver handled the topic "Some Conditions of Successful Endeavor Work," in a very able manner, disclosing the fact that he is quite conversant with the practical workings of the society, and giving many useful hints in its management. The committee on constitution and by-laws and nomination of officers submitted its report, which was adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY C. E. UNION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Union shall be called the Washington County C. E. Union.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of the Union shall be to stimulate the interest of the people of Washington County in the Christian Church of C. E. in Washington County and vicinity, to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them useful in the service of God.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

Any Young People's Society of C. E. connected with an Evangelical church in Washington County and vicinity, whose Constitution, in its aims and prayer-meeting obligations, conforms generally in spirit to the "model" Constitution, may join this Union by notifying the Secretary, and upon approval by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The President shall be selected from active members and to serve one year, remaining in office until their successors are elected. All the Presidents of the Y. P. S. C. E. of this Union shall be Vice-Presidents of this Union. The President, Vice-President and Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee to provide for the general interests of the Union.

ARTICLE V.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE.

A Lookout Committee shall be appointed, whose duty shall be to organize new societies wherever possible, to bring new members into the society, and to help the weaker societies as opportunity offers.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

This Union shall hold meetings in November and May of each year. The President may call special meetings of the Executive Committee when he may deem necessary.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be the duties usually pertaining to these offices.

ARTICLE VIII.

FINANCE.

The expenses of the Union shall be met by the free-will offerings of the society, and no tax or assessments shall be levied upon its members.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all active members present at any regular meeting, the amendment having been submitted in writing, and notice having been given at least ten days before action is taken.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

The date, place and preliminaries of each meeting shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II.

The President shall visit each society in the Union at least once each year.

ARTICLE III.

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed to hold office for each year, and to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IV.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, notice having been previously given.

Geo. L. Haskell, President.
Mrs. S. B. Watters, Secretary.
Minta Humphrey, Corresponding Secretary.
C. Percy Oliver, Treasurer.
L. E. Thomas, Lookout Committee.

The list of officers nominated and elected was: President, Geo. L. Haskell, of Forest Grove; Vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Carlyle, of Beaverton; Secretary, Miss Mattie Rice, of Hillsboro; Treasurer, Miss Elia Walker, of Forest Grove; Treasurer, Benton Bowman, of Hillsboro.

The Junior Rally, held at the Congregational church, on Sunday afternoon, was well attended. An excellent program, consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, scripture readings, declamations, etc., was rendered. Reports from the various societies were read, showing a little increase in membership. The little folks seem to be in earnest and are evidently doing a good work.

At 6:30 a union meeting of the societies was held, and the topic, "My Favorite Promise, and Why is it Dear to Me," was read by A. G. Lucas, of Cornelius, occupied the chair and directed the exercises.

At 7:30, Rev. A. Rogers was introduced, and delivered an excellent address on the subject of "Selfishness or Service?" which was well received. He dwelt with special emphasis on the idea of continuous service, and the importance of perseverance in any line of effort.

The committee on resolutions presented its report, tendering thanks to those who attended the sessions of the convention and assisted in its work, to the ministers who had so kindly lent their aid, and to the people who had entertained the visiting feature of the program. The last feature of the program, the presentation of the program, was read by Mr. Haskell, of Forest Grove, and was well received.

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Highest of all in Leaving Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The benediction then closed the first session of the Washington County Y. P. S. C. E. Union.

Mexico is to have a twenty million dollar bond issue. This is the first intimation that Mexico had gone democratic.

Cleveland endorsed what he called the "excellent State ticket" of the New York democrats, and the response was a majority of 90,000 to the effect that he didn't know what he was talking about.

The only trouble with Col. Bradley as a representative of the South on the next republican national ticket is that he no longer lives in a Southern State, politically speaking, Kentucky having Northernized herself on Tuesday last week.

The Governor of Arizona says that Territory will produce this year \$10,000,000 in gold, against \$4,000,000 last year. If the gold resources of this country should be capitalized on the Kaffir basis millions would be reckoned small men and give place to the billions.

A Spanish visitor in Philadelphia says he has good reasons for stating that Spain has been negotiating with England for the sale of Cuba, and that England is ready to buy if assurances can be given that the United States will not interfere in the matter. The trade, on these conditions, will never go through.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Sarah B. Sues, late of said County, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers, for allowance to me, at my residence, in Cornelius, or at the office of J. H. Sues, at Hillsboro, within six months from the date hereof, or until the 24th day of December, 1895, after which time no claims will be received or allowed.

JAMES C. SUES, Administrator of the estate of Sarah B. Sues, deceased.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the estate of William Davis, late of said County, deceased.

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Administrator's Notice of Real Estate.

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JAMES C. SUES, Administrator of the estate of William Davis, deceased.

CITATION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE State of Oregon, for the County of Washington.

In the matter of the estate of William Davis, deceased, do hereby cite and summon all persons having claims against said estate to present them, with proper vouchers, for allowance to me, at my residence, in Cornelius, or at the office of J. H. Sues, at Hillsboro, within six months from the date hereof, or until the 24th day of December, 1895, after which time no claims will be received or allowed.

JAMES C. SUES, Administrator of the estate of William Davis, deceased.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

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JAMES C. SUES, Executor of the estate of James R. Shepley, deceased.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in favor of M. B. Petyne, and against J. C. Conner and the Bay City Coal and Lumber Company, do hereby sell, to the highest bidder, the following described real property, to-wit:

One-half section 12, T. 2 S. R. 2 E. W. 1/2, containing 32 acres, more or less, situated in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, and being a part of the estate of J. C. Conner, deceased.

The sale will be held at the Court House, in Hillsboro, Oregon, on the 15th day of November, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. D. WOOD, Sheriff of Washington County, Oregon.

Notice of Final Settlement.

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JAMES C. SUES, Administrator of the estate of William Davis, deceased.

Assignee's Final Notice.

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