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THE EDITORS AT HOOD RIVER

ON BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

View the Hood River Fruit Fair and Visit the Great Orchards--Next Meeting at Portland.

The Oregon editors held their annual meeting at Hood River last week Friday and Saturday. The attendance was not as large as it should have been, but the slim attendance was counteracted by the vim and determination with which the members took hold of the business of the session. President Moorhead, of the Junction City Times, presided, and Albert Tozier, of the World, Portland, attended to the secretary's duties in a very able and satisfactory manner. The following names were added to the membership of the association:

A. C. Gage, Lane County Leader, Cottage Grove.

J. R. Grogg, Democrat, Ontario.

J. W. McArthur, Oregon Monthly, Eugene.

A. T. Kinney, Herald, Joseph.

J. P. Kidd, Forward, Ontario.

D. W. Bath, Independent, Hillsboro.

Geo. L. Alexander, Express, Lebanon.

C. L. Starr, School News, Dallas.

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John E. Lathrop, Pacific Northwest, Portland.

J. Burleigh, Democrat, Enterprise.

Ralph Bacon, Oregon Monthly, Eugene.

J. P. Nager, Daily Journal, Portland.

Letters of regret were read from ex-President Harder and T. T. Geer, the latter of the Salem Statesman and former governor of Oregon, who stated that his health was such that it was impossible for him to attend, though he would very much like to do so.

Secretary Tozier read his report and W. J. Clark, of the Gervais Star, gave a very interesting talk of his trip to the world's fair at St. Louis. The secretary stated that there were in Oregon, admitted to the mails as second class matter, on September 30th, 1904, 179 weeklies, 31 monthlies, 23 dailies, 7 semi-weeklies, 1 semi-monthly and one quarterly. These publications were lined up as follows: Republican, 129, independent, 32, democratic 31, religious 10, fraternal 6, agricultural 4, students 4, commercial and shipping 2, mining 2, hops 2, prohibition 1, drugs 1, exposition 1, Oregon history 1, Japanese 1, Hebrew 1, stock 1, medical 1, timber 1, teachers 1, poultry 1, German 1, colored race 1, trades union 1, Norwegian 1, Scandinavian 1, schools 1, Pacific lore 1, retail trade 1, law 1, and equal rights to all, special favors to none, 1. Following are the recommendations of the legislative committee of the Oregon Press Association as read before the meeting:

At the special meeting of the legislative assembly of this state held since the adjournment of the Oregon Press Association, we, your committee, caused to be prepared an amendment to the tax bill which the legislative assembly then had under consideration, which required the assessor to prepare a list by precincts of the names and total value of the property of each person assessed in each precinct and requiring such list to be published at least fifteen days prior to the meeting of the board of equalization of the respective counties. But owing to the fact that there seemed to be a great strife between the members of the different political parties to get home first, we did not think it advisable to present it for their consideration.

We believe this law to be a good one, and one that is of great interest to the public in general. This law is drafted after the Illinois law which has practically solved the problem of attaining a fair and equal assessment of property. The Illinois law requires a printed description of the property and is more expensive than the one we have caused to be prepared, which will,

therefore, be a great economy over the Illinois law and will cost the counties but little. The cost will, of course, depend upon the number of taxpayers in the county, and will be from \$50 to \$100 per county.

We recommend the following:

1. Publication of all taxpayers and the amount of their assessment prior to the time of the meeting of the county board of equalization.

2. Publication of city ordinances.

3. Publication of general acts of the legislature.

4. Publication of sales of personal property under execution, administration or judicial sale.

5. Publication of a description of deceased with time and place of death in cases where there are unknown heirs.

6. Publication of probate docket with a brief summary of the character of the proceedings of application and order desired of court.

7. Publication of the receipts and expenditures, giving the names of the claimants and amount of the bills as presented and allowed, of cities, towns and school districts and other public corporations.

8. Publication of statements and requiring sworn statements to be made under oath by all banks doing business in the state.

9. Publication of the issuing of any bond, or borrowing money by any school district, county or public corporations.

10. Publication of warehousemen of schedule rates.

11. Publication of the formation or the assessment of a drainage district.

12. Publication of the finding of money or other personal property.

13. Publication of sale of personal property under chattel mortgage.

14. Publication of desire to change name.

15. Publication for bids and requiring bids to be had for all supplies for all public institutions.

16. Publication of dissolution of partnership.

17. Suitable and reasonable laws regulating billboards, posters, sign boards, advertisements and other unsightly matters that disfigure buildings and mar the landscape.

We would further recommend that a suitable law be enacted upon the subject of libel so that a newspaper which has been misinformed as to facts may publish a retraction upon learning its mistake so as to be a bar.

S. T. Richardson,
R. J. Hendricks,
J. C. Hayter,
D. M. C. Gault,
W. J. Clark.

National committeemen for Oregon.

After the transaction of considerable other business of importance to the newspaper fraternity, the meeting adjourned to permit its members to visit the Hood River fruit fair, which was being held in a huge pavilion close by. We have been to many state fairs and seen numerous displays of fine fruit, but we have never seen anything to compare with this exhibit made at Hood River. It was so fine that a committee from the Lewis and Clark commission at Portland purchased the whole exhibit and it is now on its way to St. Louis, and will arrive in time to capture every prize in sight, counting California as a competitor.

In the evening the association met in the pavilion, where upwards of 500 people were gathered to listen to the reading of some interesting papers and speeches. President Moorhead read his annual address and Mr. Smith of the fair association tendered the pencil-pushers a hearty welcome and the freedom of the city. The Hood River Male Quartette favored the large audience with several fine selections, which was followed by some spirited remarks by several citizens and newspaper men. Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway was booked for a paper on "Women in Journalism," but on account of the hour being so late she only made a few brief remarks, which were right to the point and gained for her the good will of every person in that large audience. She is a firm believer in equal rights, an earnest, honest advocate of the rights belonging to her sex, and it is certain that her way of putting the arguments is doing much to gain the freedom she has worked and talked for so many years; at any rate she has the respect and good will of most of the newspaper men in Oregon.

Though past 70 years of age, she is hale and hearty, a fine speaker, and

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THE RURAL FREE DELIVERY

DEMOCRATS IGNORED THE LAW

Republicans Alone Deserve Credit for Inaugurating the Great System.

When democrats assert that their party is the "father" of rural free delivery, they willfully misstate the facts. It is charity to call their assertion a plain falsehood, for it is a deliberate lie, uttered with the intention to deceive many persons. Rural free delivery had its origin under the Harrison administration, and Postmaster-General Wamamaker was its "father." He proposed and established the first experimental route. When the democrats came into power, under President Cleveland, they did everything possible to kill rural free delivery; in fact, they absolutely refused to expend any of the \$10,000 congressional appropriation for its nourishment, and both Postmaster-General Bissell and Wilson, in their annual reports, did their utmost to discredit it. President Cleveland also threw cold water on it in a hostile message to congress. When McKinley became president, rural free delivery was pushed to the front as a republican policy. This policy has been continued under President Roosevelt, until now there are about 27,500 routes in operation. No farmer need be deceived by democracy's false claims, for the record shows that to republicans alone belongs the credit of inaugurating and fostering a mail service that is of incalculable benefit to rural communities.

The United States circuit court of appeals at St. Paul has confirmed the verdict of guilty, the fine and sentence of the United States district court of St. Louis, in the case of John P. Dolan, Frank Garrett and Thomas E. Barrett, indicted for naturalization frauds. The men were found guilty of aiding and abetting in 1902 in securing fraudulent naturalization papers for a number of Italians. The sentences carried a fine of \$1,000 each and five years' imprisonment at hard labor. Barrett was marshal of St. Louis court of appeals, a state court; Garrett was a police officer, and Dolan was chairman of the St. Louis democratic central committee.

The best people in the town are church people. There may be hypocrites among them, and a scoundrel or two, but as a whole these are the ones you need. You do not worry about your daughter if she builds up her social circle among these church people, and in your heart you are glad that your boy has found friends in the church, even if you haven't set foot inside of a church for twenty years.—Ex.

That Michael Pierter was now the husband of Mary Robinson was the plea set up by Attorney Dillard in court at St. Helens on Monday morning when the case of the State vs. Pierter was brought up. The district attorney filed a charge of enticing a minor from home against Pierter, however, and he was ordered to appear for trial. The district attorney considers the marriage only a ruse to defeat justice and will, it is said, push the case. It will be remembered that Pierter, who is 65 years old, ran away from St. Helens some months ago with 14-year-old Mary Robinson. After eluding the officers for a couple of weeks, they were captured at Beaverton and brought to Hillsboro and lodged jail until taken to St. Helens by an officer. The old man was admitted to bail and shortly after attempted suicide in Portland. He was picked up on the street and removed to a hospital in a dying condition, but the physicians of the institution pulled him through, and as soon as discharged married the girl with the consent of her mother and brother.

Claude F. Hankins, a 14-year-old boy of Marysville, Cal., has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for the murder of his sister.

Don't boil your paper money. The microbes can be pressed out with a flat iron.

A New York magistrate has ruled that a man cannot be disorderly in a saloon. He is orderly, at least, as long as he orders.

There is a school in Philadelphia which teaches brides the chafing dish habit. And still people wonder at the increase of divorces.

Over 400 horses, we are told, have been eaten by the Port Arthur garrison. The Missouri mule was wise in keeping out of this war.

Explorer Peary is anxious to get away. He is tired of answering the question: "What will you do with the north pole when you find it?"

The statement that Marshall Field pays taxes on property to the value of \$40,000,000 will lead most rich men to wonder what he is really worth.

The treasurer of the United States says there is only one \$10,000 bill in circulation. If this is true, the last man who got it must have forgot to pass it along.

The fashion arbiters in Paris have ruled that tall, thin girls are to be the style this winter. The hopelessly short, fat ones never did think much of the Parisian styles, anyway.

The official information from Chicago that a girl can dress quite neatly on \$2,500 a year is a great relief to family men whose incomes are only moderate and who wish their children to look neat.

A Minnesota boy slept thirty days as the result of being hit on the head by a scuffling during a cyclone. However, the treatment is too severe ever to obtain popular favor with insomnia patients if put up in small packages for the trade.

Following the prediction that the supply of blonds will run out in 600 years is another to the effect that everybody will be crazy in 700 years, on the theory, doubtless, that it will be a hundred years before we realize our loss.

It is estimated that fully 300 persons have lost their lives this year in climbing the Alps mountains. The death roll is increasing from year to year, and it is admitted that the increase of accidents is due almost entirely to inexperienced climbers attempting difficult ascents without guides.

Pianos and Organs are now on sale at E. L. McCormick's new music store, Main street, Hillsboro.

A ROOSEVELT GATHERING

COURT HOUSE, OCTOBER 25.

Hons. G. B. Dimick and Gordon E. Hayes Will Deliver Rousing Addresses--Hear Them.

Hon. G. B. Dimick, republican presidential elector, and Hon. Gordon E. Hayes, county judge of Clackamas county, will address the citizens of this vicinity at the court house, on Tuesday evening, October 25th, on the political issues of the day. Both gentlemen are brilliant and entertaining speakers and it is hoped that the court house will be filled. The ladies are most cordially invited to attend this meeting. Music by the Hillsboro band.

There are now 23,000 rural delivery routes in operation in the United States and these routes supply more than eleven million people, or one-seventh of the population of the United States. The rural delivery system adds \$22,000,000 a year to the cost of operating the postoffice department, but it is found that where the rural delivery system is in operation the increase of receipts for stamps, etc., is 10 per cent a year, whereas it is only 2 per cent where there is no free mail delivery.—Ex.

After a number of serious defeats, St. Petersburg has been cheered by the reports that General Kuropatkin has resumed the offensive, and by the news of the defeat of the Japanese command of Gen. Yamada and the capture of Lone Tree Hill, which is represented to be the key to the position on the southwest fronts of the contending armies. If the reports prove authentic that the Russians have crossed to the south side of the Shakbe river, a later rise in the stream may have produced conditions seriously threatening the failure of Gen. Kuropatkin's plans, for it is believed the advance force will be cut off from the reserves and the base of supplies, and is, however, questionable if the advance movement had proceeded to point indicated. There seems no immediate prospects of a cessation of the fighting that has been in progress for the last ten days, although there are signs that on both sides the supply of ammunition is falling short.

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The Independent and The Oregonian for \$1.75.

Remember the Roosevelt rally at the court house Tuesday evening, October 25.

A Washington, D. C., despatch of the 17th says that the war in the Orient has enlisted the closest attention of the administration, and it is felt that the time is approaching when it will be in order for the great neutral powers to move toward the restoration of peace. President Roosevelt has from the first stood ready to use his good offices to stop hostilities on a basis honorable to both belligerents, but he is estopped from moving by the fact that it has been the unbroken rule of the government to wait until it is assured that both sides to a controversy of this kind are willing that we should act. There has so far been no open proposition, nor can it be truthfully stated that even an indirect overture has come to Washington from St. Petersburg or Tokio, but it is believed signs point to an early move in that direction.

After fifteen years of trusted service for the O. R. & N. company as treasurer of the city freight office at Spokane, Wash., Herbert C. Switzer is in the city jail facing a charge of embezzling \$4,575.79 from the company. Switzer is said to have confessed and lays his downfall to slot machines, drink and gambling. His home, built at a cost of \$2,000, is swept away, as it was put into a guarantee company's hands in the hope of staving off the coming crash. A wife and children mourn the disgrace of husband and father, who has heretofore born an excellent reputation. The alleged methods of operating was for Switzer to accept freight for shipment to another town. When the freight bill came back with the check attached, he is said to have cashed the check and destroyed the bill, thereby effectually hiding his operations. Switzer received a salary of \$100 per month. He is said by friends to have frequently played from \$5 to \$50 in slot machines on a Sunday. He drank somewhat and formerly gambled until the games were closed in Seattle.

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