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Just two weeks before the election this paper said: "The editor of the Herald is registered as an independent Republican. One development of his independence is the belief that Mr. Hughes stands no more chance of election than a rabbit." It seems that the belief was well founded. In view of that fact, it is well to record that it was founded on an abiding faith in the good horse sense of the American people. That good horse sense is sometimes a long time in getting into action, but when it does come to bat it usually puts the ball over the fence. In this case it prevented the voters from being swayed very much by the inane drivel emanating from the Hughes headquarters. Those who voted for Mr. Hughes did so because they were Republicans and because Mr. Hughes had heretofore acquired a standing before the people—not because of the campaign engineered by the old stand-pat politicians who were supporting him. Those fellows haven't learned anything in the last forty years; they never will learn anything. They can no more understand the present attitude of the American people than the Prohibitionist can understand that of the temperate man who believes in personal liberty. They put out a line of argument during the late campaign that would undoubtedly have done the business in the early eighties, but which now can only have the effect perhaps of strengthening the determination of those who are already sure to vote "Right," but could not possibly win any votes from independent and thinking citizens who were inclined to vote "the other way." It is the misfortune of the Republican party that its long tenure of power caused an undue accumulation of the smooth and predatory gentlemen who are in politics for what there is in it. The machine is so entirely in their hands, and they are so much more familiar with its manipulation, that they have things very much their own way. The nomination of Mr. Hughes was forced upon them by the absolute necessity of having a candidate who had some standing with the masses of the people and who might be expected to draw the Progressives back into the fold. It was simply the old political game of catching the votes; but it became so baldly apparent during the campaign that the same old gang was in the saddle, that it fooled but few. The utter insincerity of the claim of any real progressiveness was shown in the unaccountable stupidity of ignoring Governor Johnson when Mr. Hughes visited California. Johnson is a real Progressive, with a following among the people, and he is a figure in the national arena. Therefore the gang could not allow him any recognition in the party, for fear that he might be strong enough later to interfere with their control of the machine. So Mr. Hughes stayed all day at the same hotel and did not meet the governor of the state. That piece of foolishness cost them the electoral vote of the state which at the same time gave Governor Johnson an overwhelming majority. They simply failed to figure on the present attitude of the voter, and thought that the kind of politics which would have killed off Johnson in the early seventies would have that effect now. The expectation that the Colonel could and would bring all the Progressives back into the old party fold was another instance of the failure to realize that the voters are doing a lot of thinking for themselves, and that they will follow no man when they think he is going wrong. The result of the Colonel's move is that "Roosevelt" will be no longer a name to conjure with. There is a sort of poetic justice in the development that, after the systematic campaign of the last eight years, by which the Colonel has been vilified and ridiculed, when the old gang wanted to use him he couldn't deliver the goods. But will the old-liners understand the lesson? Not at all. The new politics, which recognizes the people as an intelligence and not as a flock of sheep is utterly beyond their comprehension. The only hope for the Republican party is an entirely new leadership. Will it get it by a revolution, or will it be necessary to wait for the grim reaper to get in his work?

If there is any lesson to be drawn from the result of the election in county affairs, the Herald is willing to let every fellow do most of the drawing for himself. Of one thing there is no doubt—that the people had made up their minds to "clean out the court house." So "they done it." It reminds one of the time when the Populists swooped down on Coos county, and Dal Cathart alone was left to tell the tale. Having no opposition he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of surveyor. At this time Tom Dimmick remains in the treasurer's office for the same reason, and every one is glad. Raymond E. Baker also escaped, and this is very fortunate for Coos county schools. The Herald can claim neither credit nor "otherwise" for the result. The only candidate that we especially boosted was hopelessly snowed under. However, we have the satisfaction of the reflection that we said nothing unkind about those who have now been placed in the position to hand out an occasional piece of county job printing. Whether the hope of possible benefits to come be realized or not, the Herald wishes to ex-

AN ARCTIC DISCOVERER.



—Berryman in Washington Star.

press the opinion that the county is still safe and will have a mighty good set of officials after the change.

Mainly to get it out of our system, we will say that the vote on congressman is a disappointment. That Coos county should give 1000 plurality to Mr. Hawley is one of those things that no one can understand. From the standpoint of our own interests, it is a distressing mistake. When will this district wake up to the fact that it has no representation in Congress?

Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

East Fork Items

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

One hundred one votes polled at Dora precinct, 83 votes cast for county school superintendent, Baker getting 53, while Mrs. Forman came to the front with 25.

The brewery bill was hit hard, and prohibition won almost two to one.

When it came to wiping out that relic of early day barbarism from the constitution of Oregon there were 29 yes and 39 no. Those noes must have forgotten that the amendment to the U S constitution killed that part of the Oregon constitution long ago.

Neva Harry rounded up a large part of the voters of Brewster valley with his gas wagon.

When Fred Baker came from Coquille Wednesday night, he said a big buck deer was in the road at the old rose vine cabin at Mountain Glade ranch. He said he thought the deer would charge through the windshield and threatened to charge his car and that the blasts of his horn caused it to turn. After it ran up the road, it turned, came back down the road, met and passed him with big jumps.

Chas. Aid and Mrs. Aid who have been at Perham's camp working all summer, drove out Thursday over the Coos Bay road for Charlie Wilson's place in Douglas county.

Fred Baker, Mrs. Baker, and others, E. N. Harvey, Mrs. Harvey, Fred Weaver and Mrs. Weaver attended the corn festival at Coquille.

Wm. Culbertson and S. J. Mater made a trip to Coquille for supplies.

Chas. Shepherd says that he is going to pull out in the spring.

R. A. EASTON.

Beaver Hill News

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

Mrs. Tom Harrison spent Wednesday in Coquille.

Ralph Walker, formerly of Coquille, entered school here Monday.

Bob Harrison and family moved to Marshfield Friday.

Mrs. Eugene Johnson, of North Bend, is visiting at the home of her brother Walter Dewese of this place.

Mrs. M. L. Bomar, who lost her husband in the explosion in the mine here, moved to North Bend last Tuesday.

Walter Dewese are also leaving for North Bend this week.

Tom Harrison, who was badly burned in the mine explosion, is able to be up and around.

A big dance was given Saturday night at the hall.

Election Party a Success

An excellent crowd turned out Tuesday night for the election party given by the Ko-Keel Klub and everyone apparently enjoyed themselves. The election returns were taken by telephone, instead of by Western Union as the committee planned at first. The office formerly occupied by Dr. R. H. Hopkins had been fitted up with several desk telephones and the bulletins were copied on a typewriter as they came in. As fast as they came in they were taken in and read to the crowd, who between times were enjoying themselves by dancing, playing cards and billiards and discussing the returns of the election. Considerable enthusiasm was shown at times, as one or the other of the candidates were favored by the incoming returns. At midnight a lunch of sandwiches, coffee and doughnuts was served. There was quite a crowd still present when the operators quit taking the returns at about four o'clock.

The operating room was kept open all day Wednesday and the telephone girls continued to take bulletins; but when nothing definite had been decided by that night they returned to Marshfield.

Closes Until April

The Macleay estate salmon cannery on Rogue river closed operations November 6 and after one of the most successful years which it has ever known. About 30,000 cases of salmon were canned. Geo. Johnson of Portland who is superintendent there passed through the city returning to his home to remain in Portland while the cannery is closed for the winter season. Since April 15 the cannery has been in operation and work will start on April 15 of next year. Much of the salmon has been shipped here on the Rustler and Roamer, plying between the Bay and Rogue River. Seventeen Chinese have been employed in the cannery.—Times.

Balance of Trade Puzzle

Devotees of the Alice-in-Wonderland political economy who believe that when a country exports more than it imports it is growing rich and growing poor when it imports more than it exports, are confronted by a most distressing dilemma. Should the war continue a little longer it will be followed by a reversal of the balance of trade. Up to the present the Protectionist has pointed with pride to the fact that we have always exported more than we have imported. During the past 20 years the excess of exports of merchandise over imports has amounted to nearly ten billion dollars, which, President McKinley said was paid "in pure gold." Unfortunately, however, the United States exported nearly a third of a billion dollars more gold and silver during those twenty years than it imported. The reason of this was patent to persons in real life; but to those in Wonderland it was disconcerting, and they invented as many explanations as the ancients did to prove that the earth was flat.

A few days after a farmer had sold a pig to a neighbor, he chanced to pass his place and saw his little boy sitting on the edge of the pig pen, watching its new occupant.

"How'd'ye do, Johnny?" said he.

"How's your pig today?"

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—Harper's.

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- Fancy Bulk Mince Meat 20c lb. - 2 for 35c.
- Canned Pumpkin 15c - 2 for 25c.
- Sauer Kraut Small Cans 10c - 3 for 25c.
- " " Medium " 2 for 25c.
- " " Large " 15c.
- Currants per Package 20c & 25c.
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To Hold Conference

On Thursday, the 23rd day of November, 1916, the Public Service Commission of Oregon will hold a conference at its office, 252 Court House, Portland, Oregon, on the matter of the elimination and protection of crossings of railroads and public highways at a common grade.

Statistics show that accidents are increasing yearly at grade crossings, and this subject is receiving earnest consideration and attention generally throughout the country. In this state there are approximately 2800 grade crossings, 96 per cent of which have no protection other than the ordinary standard highway crossing warning sign. In the last eight years there have been on these crossings many accidents, 147 of them attended with serious injury, and 40 of which have resulted in death.

With a view of obtaining information and suggestions looking toward the necessary legislative action to provide for the elimination of these crossings wherever possible, or the installation of more adequate safeguards, the Commission is requesting state, county, municipal and railroad officials, and all who may be interested, to meet with us and lend their aid toward the enactment of such measures as in the opinion of the conference may be advisable.

Coosonians to Banquet

At a meeting of the Coosonian marching club at the Masonic hall last night to decide upon the disposal of the pig which was won as a prize in the greased pig contest at the corn show, plans were laid for the giving of a banquet and dance a week from Saturday.

The banquet, according to present plans, will be held in the W. O. W. hall and the menu will consist of roast pig and dressing, pumpkin pie, cranberry and apple sauce, and cake and coffee. The committee appointed to have charge of the preparation or the feed was I. L. Cook, Chas. Schroeder and I. N. Neiman.

An effort will be made to get the Ko-Keel Klub rooms in which to hold the dance. There are about thirty members in the club and sixteen members in the band and each of these will be allowed to invite a friend and altogether it is expected that a large number will participate in the affair. The committee on entertainment is Dr. G. E. Low, Geo. Beddey and Dr. V. L. Hamilton.

Richard Jose Pleases

Richard Jose gave the patrons of the Scenic last Friday a chance to hear one of the country's noted singing voices, and that all were charmed with his performance goes without saying. The six-act picture in which he appeared on the screen was also very good and quite different from the ordinary picture, telling a homely story of heart interest well presented with a capable cast. The piano accompaniment of Mrs. M. O. Hawkins added much to the enjoyment of the audience.

In spite of the fact that the free show across the street crowded the Masonic hall to overflowing, the Scenic had a good attendance though not enough to turn a profit for the house or the attraction. However, the Scenic is glad to present such high-class attractions to its patrons, whether there is money in it or not.

Our own notion of a hard-luck story is the top one of a London house.—Columbia State.



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