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The swinging of the red flag by the Journal, failed to defeat Simon for mayor of Portland.

Conditions in Portland and in all Oregon are very different from what they were in former years when Joseph Simon, small in stature but mighty in politics, was at the head of affairs in the party in power. It is now his opportunity to make good under the new conditions and he says he is going to do it.

The Corvallis Gazette and Times, instead of wrangling and abusing each other, lose no opportunity to give each other compliments, which is an agreeable change from the common custom.—Daily Journal. Let the Journal and the Oregonian try passing the sweet stuff back and forth and see how it will work—a change from the "common custom" that would be quite noticeable, to say the least.

Anyone, who has occasion to travel through a section of the country with which they are not familiar, will recognize at once the importance to the stranger of having the country roads properly marked at convenient distances by sign boards, giving the distances and direction to the principal points along the way. Too little attention is paid to this matter and many a weary mile is often retraced on account of the lack of the friendly guidepost to point the way. The commercial club of Walla Walla, Washington, has worked out a plan for marking every country road, within a radius of fifty miles of that city. The signs are in the form of an arrow, and are six inches wide and three feet long. They are painted white and bear the plain black legend, Walla Walla. The sign matter is generally recognized as only the beginning of a program of definite action that will not be allowed to falter until every road in the Walla Walla valley is put into first class condition.

A representative of the Board of Underwriters spent several days in town recently, making a survey of the business district, and as a result of his investigations he made certain recommendations to the council, which if carried out, he gave assurance that insurance rates would be very materially lowered. He advised the purchase of another hose cart, with 200 feet of hose, the installation of four more hydrants, and the distribution of the carts. One to be left at the present location, one to be placed at First and Center and the other at some point on Main Street. The council made the recommendation for compliance with the suggestions, at the meeting Monday night, and we hope to see the insurance rate, which has been high, very materially reduced. This movement is long over due.

In a recent letter addressed to Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, Congressman Hawley urged the growing importance of Oregon as a fruit growing and shipping state and requested that a representative of the department be sent to Oregon to confer with the growers and shippers and report to them the results of his investigations. In answer he received the following: "Your esteemed favor of the 20th instant is at hand, requesting that a competent man be assigned to Oregon for the purpose of teaching the people of that State how to ship various kinds of perishable fruits. This depart-

ment is carrying on extensive investigations along this line in different parts of the country and it has been our desire for some time to extend this work in the extreme northwest, but up to this time we have not been able to do so. Mr. G. Harold Powell, who is in charge of the Fruit Transportation and Storage Investigations, is planning to take a trip to Washington and Oregon during the present summer in order to become acquainted with the problems of this nature that need developing in those states. It is Mr. Powell's intention to visit Oregon on this trip."

LEST THE OREGONIAN FORGETS.

The Oregonian is a great big paper in every sense of the word, and a newspaper that every Oregonian ought to be proud of. The fact is there is not another paper published on the coast that has an editorial page that equals it, and there are few that excel it anywhere in the country. It has taken years of hard, incessant labor, along with the development of the great Northwest, to make such a newspaper possible, however. It was not always the great newspaper that it is today, a fact that some of the editorial writers of it are prone to forget, when in a humor for poking fun at the methods of some of the "little sheets" of the present day.

Note the following which appeared in the Oregonian of date of November 1, 1856 under the head of "The Oregonian Wants Cabbage and Turnips on Subscription." "Some few among the many of those, who desired to bring us their products in payment for the Oregonian, are hereby notified that corn, wheat, barley, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, beets, carrots, butter, cheese, lard, pork, beef, mutton, etc, etc, are all good to eat, provided they are well cooked, and that printers eat like other men, who work for a living. A little hay and oats would find a market near our sanctum. A few pig yokes wanted to prevent some of the democratic grunTERS from getting into our garden."

The management no doubt took the view that "a fair exchange is no robbery," and since Mr. Pittock, who represents the business end of the Oregonian, has succeeded so admirably in pursuance of a course of this kind, he should feel a sense of pride in knowing that some of the boys in the "back counties" are endeavoring to climb up in the same way.

The ladies of the Wednesday Club closed their meetings for the season with a picnic held at the home of Mrs. Greer, at her pleasant home near Dundee, on Wednesday. It sounded much the same as an old-time quilting bee, when they alighted from the train on their return in the evening, and the meeting was voted one of the most delightful of the year.

G. A. R. Encampment.

The battle scarred veterans, who went to Corvallis last week to attend the annual Encampment came home praising Corvallis for the kind treatment given them, and they report a very enjoyable time.

Astoria was chosen as the place for next year's gathering. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Department commander, Captain J. P. Shaw, of Milwaukie; senior vice-commander, W. G. Lane, of Corvallis; junior vice-commander, Sam Taylor, of Eugene; medical director, Dr. J. H. Hall; chaplain, Rev. Kerr, of Portland. Delegates to the National Encampment at Salt Lake in August, S. Copple, Enos Swann, W. Hartmus and Daniel Webster.

Captain Shaw was elected commander by acclamation, and bears the distinction of being the first commander so selected in the history of the Oregon depart-

ment. Captain Shaw is editor of the Milwaukie Record. He saw military service at 17 years of age and now carries in his body something less than a quarter pound of Confederate lead, as well as several sabre cuts.

H. S. Graduating Exercises.

On Friday night at the Friends church will occur the graduating exercises of the High School, when the following program will be rendered.

Invocation, Rev. John F. Lyons
Piano Duet, "Symphony No. 7", Haydn, Mrs. C. B. Wilson and Miss Jessie E. Britt
Class Oration, "The Neglected Half", Miss Maude Gregory
Instrumental Trio, "Pas des Echarpes", Chaminade, Piano, Miss Hull
Violin, Mrs. Hull
'Cello, Mr. Hull
Address to Class, Prof. R. W. Kirk of Independence.
Vocal Solo, "If I had a Thousand Lives to Live", Maguire Solman, Miss Iola Gorman.
Presentation of Diplomas, Sup't W. W. Wiley.
Double Quartette, "Though We Part", Misses Eula Colcord, Gwendolin Stannard, Gertrude Hollingsworth, Celia Burgess, Wilma Finley, Louise Austin.
Elva Cory, Ione Stewart
Benediction, Rev. G. C. Ritchey

Envis His Dog.

A Dutchman, addressing his dog, said: "You vas only a dog, but I wish I vas you. Ven you go mit your bed in you shust turn around three dimes and lay down; ven I go mit de bed in I haf to lock up the place, and vind up de clock and put de cat out, and ondress myself, and my frou vakes up and scolds, den de baby vakes up and cries and I haf to walk de house round, den maybe, ven I get myself to bed, it is time to get up, again. Ven you get up, you shust stretch yourself, dig your neck a liddle, and you vas up. I haf to light de fire, put on de kettle, scrap some mit mine vife already, and get my breakfast. You blay around all day and haf plenty of fun. I haf to vork all day and haf plenty of drubble. Ven you die you vas dead; ven I die I haf to go to—yet."

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A Campaign Ox Team.

Former Indiana people very well remember that in the old "Hoosier" state during a political campaign, they get their blood up and do things. At least that was the way they did in former campaigns. A recent issue of the Martinsville, Indiana, Democrat recounts an incident in a campaign of long ago as follows: "A couple of weeks ago we told about a big ox team that was driven to a political gathering at Centerton, long years ago. In speaking of this on Saturday last, Mr. J. J. Hinson, of Jackson township, said that in his recollection one or two small errors had crept into the item. The gathering was held in 1856, and not in 1860 as was stated. Also that the team was made up of thirty-five yoke of oxen and not thirty-seven as given, but he says that it was arranged to hook up the thirty-seven yokes; two of the yokes, however, did not arrive on the starting ground till after the cavalcade had started or was ready to start, and could not be hitched in. He says also that instead of a span of mules as leaders at the head of the team he thinks it a single jack that carried a rider, who acted as leader of the team. Mr. Hinson was one of the crowd that rode upon the wagon pulled by the team, and that this wagon was coupled out till the vehicle was as long as from the hitchrack to the point where he stood, which was on the pavement on the north side,—a distance of probably about sixty feet. Mr. B. F. King as we stated was one of the seven drivers of the team, but Mr. Hinson could not recall who they were that acted in that capacity. The incident happened fifty-three years ago."

A Man of Law.

"What are they moving the church for?"

"Well, stranger, I'm mayor of these diggin's, an' I'm 'er law enforcement. We've got an ordinance what says no saloon shall be nearer than 300 feet from a church. I give 'em three days to move the church."—Legal News.

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