



CHAMPOEG MEMORIAL PARK

Pioneers in Movement to Secure Larger Grounds.

Those who have interested themselves in the early history of Oregon will be gratified, in reading the following statement taken from the Journal, to know that steps are being taken to enlarge the park grounds at Champoeg:

Determined that the meeting place of the men who participated in the formation of the first provisional government of Oregon shall be marked by a park, as a fitting permanent memorial, Joseph Buchtel, a well known pioneer resident of Portland, has just completed arrangements for the purchase of 12 acres of land at Champoeg, where the first provisional government convention was held May 2, 1843. It is the intention of Mr. Buchtel and those interested with him to turn the land over to the state for a park, provided the state legislature makes an appropriation to reimburse those who contributed toward the purchase of the grounds. The tract adjoins the present memorial monument, which stands in the center of a three acre tract owned by the state.

If the legislature does not purchase the land, Mr. Buchtel and his colleagues will probably make arrangements to improve the tract and convert it into a memorial park anyway.

The deed and abstract for the property are in the hands of P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, who will be made its trustee.

At present Mr. Buchtel holds an option at \$105 an acre. A number of men, among whom were Richard and Emmett Williams, of Portland; A. Bush and D'Arcy, of Salem, each contributed \$100 toward the purchase of the land and a number of other well known citizens have promised to subscribe.

Mr. Buchtel, who is 81 years of age, first undertook to acquire the property two years ago, mainly through the desire of Francois X. Matthieu, the only survivor of the first convention. Mr. Matthieu will probably be placed in charge of the proposed park.

It is proposed to hold an annual celebration for the provisional convention and other similar events connected with Oregon's early history on the grounds.

"The tract is now covered with natural growth and can be improved at small expense," said Mr. Buchtel today. "I have received assurances from members of the legislature that an appropriation will be granted by the state to reimburse us for the money we will have expended in acquiring the tract. When it does we shall turn the deed and abstract over to the commonwealth. I want to see the state take over this land, as it probably will be my last bit of work for public weal owing to my age. I want to see the men who saved Oregon to the United States honored in a fitting manner and a state park would do it."

Another celebration of the convention of 1843 will be held at Champoeg May 2. Fred Holman, of Portland, will make the principal address.

Attorney B. A. Klicks, of McMinnville, was in Newberg last Monday.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE TAKES BACK TO THE SOIL TURN DOWN IN THE HOOSIER STATE



Hoosier farmers' wives standing in front of the Oregon-Montana Exhibition car which brought a message of better things for mankind in the land where home life is real, not rented.

Rip of the flying squadron of Indiana farmers' wives, whose pilgrimage to the Great Northern Exhibit car moved their husbands to investigate Montana and Oregon products the very next day.

Swazee, Ind.—The hand that rocks the rural cradle in this section is going to be a big factor in packing "immigrant movables" for Montana and Oregon points ere long, if the unusual attendance of women visitors to the Great Northern Railway's Oregon-Montana exhibit car is any criterion.

The wives of fifty farmers drove from a radius of 14 miles to visit the "exposition on wheels" in Swazee yesterday. The interest of this feminine delegation was productive of promising results, for today their husbands came in from the countryside to make further inquiries and view the products of these states which made such a favorable impression upon the women folk. No fewer than twenty-five families went to Montana and Oregon from round about Swazee last year and their letters written to the farmers "back home" roused

so much interest that the organized pilgrimage to the exhibit car resulted. The men folk were skeptical about the car of products, it transpired, so the women "hitched up" and drove to town anyway, giving curiosity as an excuse. The glowing accounts they carried home with them did the rest and today, after these farmers had spent two hours in the exhibit car they frankly confessed that they never had any idea Montana and Oregon could raise such a variety of banner products on land that does not cost one-fifth of what Indiana land is held at. They all "allowed" there was something in the argument their discontented wives had been agitating as the result of those letters from the Northwest written by the erstwhile Hoosiers telling of vast improvement in their conditions since moving into the newer country where the prices of agricultural land is not prohibi-

tory as it is in the more densely settled middle west.

These people, who found their awakening in the marvelous products which Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, is exhibiting broadcast through this part, represent the large population of land renters who are paying as high as \$9.00 per acre rental. They are tired of the struggle for little more than a living. Nearly all, by dint of frugality, have saved a nest egg after ten or more years of tilling the other fellow's tract, with the landlord getting the lion's share. They now realize they might have owned their own land had they gone west years ago.

The comparatively cheap lands of Montana and Oregon appeal strongly to these folks. They are all diversified farmers and the products shown in the Great Northern's exhibit car was a revelation to them.

TELEPHONE NEWS OF INTEREST

According to a report prepared under the direction of Wm. M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufacturers, by Jasper E. Whelchel, expert special agent, there were 3,870,694 poles purchased in the United States for the use of Telephone, Telegraph, Electric Light and Railway Cos.

This day in Tacoma 25 years ago, January 27, 1887. Campbell & Powell have a telephone connection with the central office. Their number is 78. The firm name appears at the same location and they have the same telephone number today. So says the Tacoma Daily News.

The Orchard Home Telephone Co., of Dundee, Oregon, have advertised for bids for the construction of a new telephone pole line from that point to Newberg. It is hopeful this prospect will not fail as the majority of the farmers in that location have no telephone connection with either Newberg or any long distance lines.

We are informed by the Newberg Telephone Co. that the telephone business is growing very satisfactorily. The increase in city subscribers for the year ending March 31st, 1912, being 22 per cent. On account of the agitation by the Farmer Companies for an independent exchange and the building of high voltage electric power circuits along some of the county roads interfering with quiet operation of single grounded lines, the country business has not held its own, but a good many of the lines are being repaired, some entirely reconstructed resulting as reported by many of the farmers in their getting very satisfactory service.

Newberg Telephone Co. report new extensions of central energy lines six miles south on the Dayton road, also five and a half miles east on the Portland road to Frank station. The next ex-

tension of central energy lines will be to Springbrook which will be begun soon.

Why is a telephone lineman the greatest traveler in the world? Answer—Because he travels from pole to pole in one day.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a meeting of the city council held Monday night the recorder was ordered to advertise for tentative bids for paving First and Main streets, the bidders being required to enclose with bid a certified check for \$2,000 as a guarantee of good faith. Bids to be opened at regular meeting, Monday, May 6.

Street improvements were ordered as follows: Main from First to Fifth, Dayton Ave. from First to city limits, by grading to conform to established grade and by graveling from curb to curb with river gravel or crushed rock, same to be 4 in. deep at curb and 6 in. deep at center.

College from First to Sixth, Meridian from First to ninth, Seventh from Meridian to River, Fifth from Meridian to River, Fifth from Main east to Bridge, Third from Blaine east 220 feet, by graveling with 1 1/2 yards of gravel or crushed rock every 9 feet surface in length in center of street.

College street from North to Vermillion by grading from curb to curb.

An 8 in. water main was ordered laid on First street from School to Main and a 6 in. main on Main as far as street is paved. P. A. Lockwood was elected city engineer at a salary of \$1,500 a year.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The subject next Sabbath morning will be: "America's Greatest Need." At night the topic will be: "Four Strings from the Psalmist's Harp." All are invited.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS 131,880

A news note in the Journal sent out from Salem gives the following information relative to the registration of voters:

The total registration in the state before the primary election reached 131,880, which is the largest ever recorded in the state. The total registration for the general election in 1908 was 122,095 and for 1910 it was 122,742. The registration this year is divided among the various parties as follows: Republican, 93,070; Democratic, 28,417; Prohibitionist, 1655; Socialist, 4928; Populist, 5; Independents, 2970; refused to state political designation, 712; scattered 123.

The total registration for the various counties is as follows: Baker 3801, Benton 1916, Clackamas 5707, Clatsop 2437, Columbia 1890, Coos 3390, Crook 2425, Curry 640, Douglas 4438, Gilliam 682, Grant 1458, Harney 1063, Hood River 1426, Jackson 5302, Josephine 1984, Klamath 2260, Lake 998, Lane 6047, Lincoln 1121, Linn 4427, Malheur 1721; Marion 7519; Morrow 815, Multnomah 43,587, Polk 2977, Sherman 695, Tillamook 1234, Umatilla 4192, Union 3217, Wallowa 1781, Wasco 2738, Washington 4041, Wheeler 650, Yamhill 3301.

CHEHALEM CENTER HENS BUSY

Two weeks ago the Graphic made some comment on the flocks of White Leghorn chickens which were seen following Andrew Sherwood, as he was turning the rich loamy soil at his home in the Chehalem Center neighborhood north of Newberg.

A few days ago the Graphic received a note from Mr. Sherwood in which he gave figures as follows:

"Our 220 hens today laid 159 eggs and during the week ending tomorrow night will have given us considerably more than 1000 eggs. During the year 1911 our hens averaged 167 eggs apiece and brought in \$4.18 each for eggs alone, sold at an average price of 30 cents per dozen, the cost being \$1.00 each to keep them, leaving a net profit of \$3.18 each, which was a profit on the entire investment of 600 per cent. This from an actual and very careful record kept every day during the entire year, and while it does not approach some of the Experimental Station records, it is still fairly good, and is due almost entirely to Mrs. Sherwood, who is something of an expert in handling poultry for eggs."

What a show of gallantry it is on the part of Mr. Sherwood to give Mrs. Sherwood credit for results obtained, and from a newspaper standpoint it is gratifying to find one who has taken the pains to keep an actual record and is willing to furnish the figures for publication. A lot of innocent amusement may be had in handling poultry but there comes a time when household bills are to be paid and it is the balance after expenses are met that counts at the grocery counter.

Inasmuch as the poultry demonstration car from O. A. C. is to be in Newberg next Monday this matter is of special interest at this time. It is a very wise man who knows it all in any line and it is always found to be profitable to make comparisons.

Attorney Clarence Butt was in the county seat Wednesday.

ROOSEVELT WINS IN PRIMARY

Ben Selling Beats Bourne for the Senate by Big Majority.

The "Oregon System" which is now much talked about all over the country, was tried out again on Friday of last week with about the usual results. Some good men were nominated, while some who received the highest number of votes don't reflect credit on the party they represent.

For President Roosevelt received the highest number of votes, with LaFollette second and Taft third in the race.

The majority of the democratic votes went to Wilson for President and Lane for U. S. Senator. Ben Selling defeated Bourne by a handsome majority.

While the vote of the Republicans stands for Roosevelt, the delegates to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago June 18 represent different factions. For instance Thomas McCusker is managing LaFollette's campaign in Oregon, Dr. J. N. Smith, Fred S. Bynon and others are for Taft. Delegates other than those named are C. W. Ackerson, Daniel Boyd, Homer C. Campbell, Chas. H. Carey, Dr. Coe, D. D. Hall and Phil Metchan.

For congress the Republicans nominated Hawley, Snnott and Lafferty.

In the three Newberg precincts Taft received 108 votes, LaFollette 102, Roosevelt 86. In Yamhill county Taft led by 120, his total vote being 1386.

For representatives to the legislature from this county the candidates are Roy Graves and Sam Laughlin. The names of the Democratic nominees are not at hand. For the county offices the Republicans nominated G. W. Jones for clerk, J. H. Nelson, recorder, Harrison Foster, treasurer, Watt Henderson, sheriff, S. S. Duncan, school superintendent, Sam Cummins, commissioner, Martin Miller, assessor, H. W. Herring, surveyor, C. Tilbury, coroner.

Gale S. Hill, of Albany, was nominated for district attorney. The democrats nominated H. S. Maloney for recorder and Fred Sitton for commissioner.

ESCAPED LUNATIC CAPTURED

On Wednesday afternoon Marshal Thomas captured Augustus Douglas, one of the men who escaped from the insane asylum on last Monday, and who showed up at the river here in search of refreshments. He was placed in the city jail and the asylum authorities notified.

Douglas is a man of huge proportions, weighing 275 pounds and wearing a number 16 shoe. He was free to talk about himself and tell of his troubles. He said he set fire to three buildings and a box car at Klamath Falls and in order to escape the penitentiary after his capture, he feigned insanity, though he stated that here was where he made his mistake as he would prefer the pen.

Below Salem he stole a row boat and was on his way to Portland when he made a stop here. He is evidently a bad actor and credit is due Marshal Thomas for his prompt work in gathering him in. An asylum official came from Salem Thursday morning and took him away on the 1 o'clock train.