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**ESTABLISH AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**Maryland Commissioners Realize Importance of Teaching Agriculture in Public Schools.**

The Baltimore Sun announces that the commissioners of Cecil County, Md., have decided to establish an agricultural high school. It will be open during the winter months for students in the science of farming. In line with that movement is another of equal importance, which has for its object the consolidation of several districts and creating of central public schools for teaching agriculture. For that purpose a route of omnibuses will be operated and pupils taken to and from school every day. It is argued that the public schools can be conducted cheaper and with better satisfaction by centralizing the buildings.

Agriculture is the leading industry of Maryland. It is claimed that in all but two counties the farm workers are far in the majority. But the farming methods are not considered up to date. The Sun states that because of the bad condition of farms many young men are forced to seek occupations elsewhere. Students of economic questions have given the subject much attention and decided that an agricultural education would induce the young men to remain on the farms and cultivate the soil in a profitable manner. The plan will be given a thorough test and its results be looked for with much anxiety by farmers everywhere.

The day has passed when any man can succeed on the farm without having a fair knowledge of the demands of the soil and the various crops. Simply planting and harvesting, regardless of the cost of labor and loss of soil fertility, does not constitute the modern farmer. That work was recognized as slipshod farming many years ago. Today the world of competition prevents marketing poor fruits, grains and vegetables. The farmer who adopts poor methods must expect to remain a financially poor man. He can not produce what the consumers demand. And every year the restrictions on the sale of farm products increase, so that only the best can even be placed on the markets.

Modern agriculture is a science requiring the careful and studious consideration of the best educators in the land. It represents too much in the financial matters of the world to be ignored or placed in the hands of incompetent persons. Henry Clews, who is recognized as an authority on the subject, estimates the harvests of 1906 as being worth \$7,000,000,000, or about one-third of the proceeds from industrial development in the United States. The manufacturing and mining interests depending on agriculture for food products are increasing. With the advance in those lines comes the increase in commercial circles. All must go to the farmer for bread. That man should be the best informed of all his neighbors in the fields of industry.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

**GRANTS PASS CITY ELECTION LAWS**

**Deputy City Attorney Blanchard Points Out Way by Which Both Laws May Be Observed.**

The Grants Pass city elections in years past have been a source of considerable confusion in regard to the laws and what law shall be followed. This year we again have the difference of opinion as to the law to be followed, some holding that we should nominate by convention, as provided by the present city charter, while others hold to the opinion that under the existing laws the primary election law must be followed, there is, however, a way out of the difficulty as pointed out by Deputy City Attorney Blanchard in a lengthy opinion handed to the city council at a recent meeting, reference to which was made in the Courier of last week.

We give below the substance of the important points:

Section 6 of the state primary act provides that the nomination of candidates for municipal offices by the political parties subject to the provisions of this law shall be governed by this law in all incorporated towns and cities of this state having a population of 2000 and upwards, as shown by the last preceding national or state census. This law affects political parties only, and that there are only two political parties coming within the purview of the direct primary act—these are the republican and democratic parties, so that it is necessary to give an opportunity to members of these two political parties to nominate candidates for city offices under this act. However, Mr. Blanchard says: "It is apparent without saying that if after the auditor and police judge have taken all preliminary steps, such as posting notices of election, etc., and has thereby complied fully with the requirements of the state primary law up to the time when petitions for nomination can no longer be filed and none has been filed with him, and there can be no candidates of either political party seeking nomination, then, of course, an election could not be held under this act and would be an absurdity." So that if no petitions have been filed by candidates under this act, the question arises as to whether or not candidates can be nominated by any other method. A law would be unconstitutional that did not give to independent candidates or persons nominated by an affiliation of voters, not of the dignity of a political party, the right to have their names placed upon the ballots. The state primary act does not regulate this procedure, and therefore if no petitions are filed under the state act in this city we must be governed by the provisions of our local charter so far as the nomination of other candidates is concerned.

Registration books have already been opened for proceeding under the state act, but that it is hoped by the city officials that candidates will not be thus nominated. If one person should file a petition it would put the city to a big expense in holding an election, for undoubtedly candidates will be nominated by the old method set out in the charter, even if an election is held under the state act. The city attorney at some length discusses the method by which percentages for petitions shall be regulated. The difficulty in this respect has arisen over the fact that four city wards are embraced within three county precincts. This has not been seen from the report of the city attorney, due to any fault of the city officials, on the other hand it seems to have been caused by the neglect of the county court, and he calls attention to Sec. 2762 B. & C. Code, which

provides as follows: "It shall be the duty of the County Court at the regular term in November preceding the general election to set off and establish precincts within the county, and the lines thereof shall conform to established road and district boundaries." He says, "I do not believe that a member of a political party can be deprived of his right to present a petition because it is difficult to ascertain the true vote. He might if he chose take the vote cast for congressman in the precinct of the county of which the city ward is a part, and if a candidate for ward office base his petition upon the vote of the ward found if he so choose by deducting from the total vote cast for congressman in the district the entire number of voters outside the ward precinct, and still obtain two per cent of the total number."

The substance of the opinion thus far is that primary elections must be held to give members of the democratic and republican parties in this city a chance to nominate candidates. If no petitions are filed and even if they are filed other candidates can be nominated by an affiliation of voters, or by independent petition; that the City of Grants Pass can nominate according to its charter provisions, and that if no nominating petitions are filed under the state act a big expense will be saved the city.

Inasmuch as there is a charter being drafted by a committee of the common council, the question has arisen as to whether or not the charter to be proposed could totally ignore the state primary act in the future and provide a method of its own for the nomination of candidates. The city attorney has held that "The charter proposed could not ignore the state primary act and under these constitutional amendments fix its own procedure. The fact that the legal voters of every city and town are granted power to enact and amend their municipal charter does not mean that we can ignore constitutional laws passed by the general assembly or enacted by the people. There are many limitations to the number of subjects upon which a municipality may legislate and the doing away with the state primary law is one upon which this city in my judgment cannot legislate. It is not probable that the supreme court of this state would hold that a municipality under these amendments could legislate upon any subject that they saw fit. So it must follow that until the legislature or the people change the state primary law, its provisions are and will be applicable to nominations by political parties and the auditor and police judge must post notices of such election and give to such parties an opportunity to nominate candidates and this cannot be changed by the electors of a municipality." In other words the city attorney holds that a municipality under the amendments to the constitution has no right to adopt a charter in contravention of the state primary law and he suggests that the submission of the charter be postponed until next year when he thinks the state law will have been changed by the next session of the legislature so as to exempt cities of the size of Grants Pass from the operation of the state primary law and in this view he is sustained by W. S. U'Ren, one of the authors of the state primary law, who suggests that cities have a right to change their charters in contravention of the state law, but says: "Lawyers are not generally agreed on this point, and it seems to me it would be much better to wait for action by the legislature than to attempt municipal legislation which would result in litigation. From expressions I have heard, I think there is no doubt that the legislature will amend the nominating election law to that end."

It would seem that if the charter as proposed is submitted to the people and the expense of publishing in the newspapers and printing in book form, has to be increased next year by a new charter because of the proposed action of the legislature, this would be a matter which should be deferred until after the meeting of the legislature.

At a special meeting of the council held on Tuesday evening, October 9, 1906, the proposed charter was handed to the city attorney for examination. The charter as it is handed in covers upwards of 100 pages of typewritten matter, and it is proposed to shorten this considerably by leaving out a great many details. It is probable that some very necessary changes and additions will be made; that an entirely new and different procedure will be outlined for special assessments; that the council will be given power in many cases where it has been unable to act in the past.

The committee appointed by the council to draft the charter consisted of Messrs. L. B. Hall, Frank Fetsch and F. W. Chansee.

Fine commercial printing at the Courier office.

**CLASSIFIED ADS.**

**FOR SALE.**  
FOR SALE—Improvements consisting of good house, barn, fencing on 50 acres, tools, garden crop, etc., on 160 acres unsurveyed land on Linary creek, for sale for \$400. Inquire Samuel Hawkins, Wilderville, 9-14 4t  
THOROUGHLY Poland China hogs for sale. J. H. Robinson, Wilderville. 8-31 1f

**FOR SALE—New five-room house and two lots, fence and outbuildings, good residence; corner Walnut and Pine, No. 204, price \$250. M. J. Young, P. O. box 178. 8-10 1f**

**FOR RENT.**  
OFFICE ROOM for rent—Courier building. Apply to A. E. Voorhies or J. W. Howard. 8-3 1f

**WANTED.**  
WANTED—A steam boiler, 25 to 60 H. P. State price. Address Mt. Pitt Mining Co., Grants Pass, Ore 10-12 2t

**WANTED—Wood in exchange for wagon and carriage work by J. M. Newman, successor to G. M. Caldwell. 9-22 1f**

**WANTED—Grain Sacks, Tools and other second-hand goods. Harrison Bros., Second hand-store, corner Sixth and J streets. 2-9 1f**

**C. L. NOEL of Odessa wants loggers and timber cutters to deliver 2,000,000 feet of logs to mill by contract before snow flies; short haul, level roads, one 4-horse team, two trucks, chains, etc. furnished. Also left hand 3-gang edger wanted. Write or call at mill Odessa, Ore. 8-3 1f**

**LOST.**  
LOST—Nugget pin on the street last week. Finder leave at this office and receive reward. 10-12 2t

**BOY'S COAT, 13-year-old size, grey mixed, Harth's mark inside. Reward at Courier Office. 10-5 1f**

**EASTMAN KODAK, No. 3 with case on Lumpy creek bridge, September 30. Finder leave at Courier office. 10-5 2t**

**FOUND.**  
FOUND—Overcoat, man's size. Owner can have the same by proving property. Call at the Courier office. 10-5 1f

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WANTED—Salesmen. Many Make \$100 to \$150 per month; some even more. Stock clean; grows on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington. 9-28 1f

**SITUATION WANTED.**  
NURSE—First class nurse can be found on L street, near 4th—Mrs. Alice Weiser. 9-21 4t

**COOK wants situation, nine years experience, all references, small place not wanted. Address "Cook" Courier. 10-5 5t**

**TO EXCHANGE.**  
TO TRADE—A fine horse, of 1650 pounds, for sheep or goats. Address P. O. Box 643, Grants Pass. 8-17 1f

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
ART SCHOOL of Grants Pass, room 5, Masonic Temple. Day classes in painting in oil colors, water colors, pastels, tapestry, etc., evening classes Monday and Thursday. Drawing Free hand and mechanical, architecture, perspective, etc. Call at Studio for particulars all day Saturday or Monday, or Thursday evenings. Prof. Geo. O'Brien.

**FARMERS!** If you want your farm sold, write me what you have and your price as soon as possible and I will include it with my Fall list which will go to the printer soon. I do not demand exclusive sale. W. L. Ireland, "The Real Estate Man," Courier Building. 10-5 1f

**PIANO TUNING—Leave orders at the music store.—D. F. Armstrong. 9-28 1f**

**FASHIONABLE dress-making and tailoring, Mrs. T. C. Horr, 107 C street. 9-14 1f**

**FASHIONABLE Dressmaking, Childrens clothes a specialty, 114 cor. Second and E street. 10-5 2t**

**FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.**

**Faces Charges of Theft.**  
Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 10.—Governor Pardee yesterday issued regulation papers for the return of Eugene H. Norwood of San Bernardino county, who is wanted in Vermont on a charge of embezzlement. Norwood was the guardian of an aged man and feeble woman in his home town in Vermont and was entrusted with funds to the amount of \$13,000. When called upon to account for the sum he was unable to do so

**Made to Take Her Hat Off.**  
Boston, Mass., Oct. 10.—It took four ushers and the persuasive manager of the Colonial Theater to induce Mrs. Reggie Vanderbilt to take off her hat at the performance of "Mlle. Modiste" here last night.

**Powder Explosion Kills Four Men.**  
Tamaqua, Pa., Oct. 10.—Four men were killed yesterday by an explosion at the Dupont Powder Company's plant.

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**PAY YOUR TAXES.**  
Notice is hereby given that all unpaid taxes will become delinquent on October 1, 1906, and if not paid by that time the property will be advertised and sold for taxes. This also applies to property on which the first half of tax has been paid, the remaining half due and payable before that time. After this date an additional 1 per cent penalty will be added on the first day of each month, to the costs.  
W. J. RUSSELL, Sheriff.

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**City Treasurer's Notice.**  
There are funds in the city treasury to redeem all outstanding warrants protested to February 1st, 1904. Interest on same will cease after this date.  
Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, September 15, 1906.  
COL. W. JOHNSON, City Treasurer.

**A Young Mother at 70.**  
"My mother has suddenly been made young at 70. 20 years of intense suffering from dyspepsia had entirely disabled her, until six months ago, when she began taking Electric Bitters, which have completely cured her and restored the strength and activity she had in the prime of life." writes Mrs. W. L. Gilpatrick, of Danforth, Me. Greatest restorative medicine on the globe. Sets Stomach, Liver and Kidneys right, purifies the blood, and cures Malaria, Biliousness and Weaknesses. Wonderful Nerve Tonic. Price 50c. Guaranteed by all drug stores.

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If you are really interested in the hand made art you will find large assortments on exhibition at Thomas & O'Neill's furniture store by Atiyeh Bros., direct importers of Oriental Rugs, 394 Washington St., Portland, Ore. The firm is represented by N. S. Saleh who will remain in Grants Pass until Wednesday afternoon. Buy the gems of the orient at reasonable figures. It is well worth the time to almost any person to examine the magnificent pieces whether or not contemplating a purchase.

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