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The temperance campaign has been launched in Josephine county and from now until election, June 1, this will be a live issue, before the voters at all times. The verdict of residents of each of the different precincts of the county is to the effect that the vote on local option this year will place this county in the list of "dry" counties of the state. Williams and Murphy precincts, according to the best judgment of residents of those places, will give the temperance movement a solid support of at least 99 per cent of all their votes.

"The office seeking the man" was formerly a beautiful theory and for many years since has been held in decision but down in Virginia, in the Tenth district there seems to have been a re-habitation of this utopian theory, for the chairman of district central committee in announcing the primary for the nomination of a candidate for district judge says that those desiring to become candidates must pay the chairman the sum of three hundred dollars "to help pay the expenses of said primary." It is scarcely necessary to suggest that most politicians, in even old Virginia, will pass this "ante", and that the office will seek the man.

PAVE.

In a full appreciation of the future possibilities of Grants Pass, the capital of Josephine county—its susceptibility to a commensurate fruition of the best possibilities of a fertile soil, a splendid manhood and an insidious industry, the paving ordinance should pass without dissent.

The paving of Front and Sixth streets this spring means more to the upbuilding of Grants Pass, and consequently the suggestion of Grants

Pass as one of the important spots on the map of Oregon, than many pamphlets which might be issued by the industrious and always alert commercial club.

The first impression is always lasting. If the main street of Grants Pass is properly paved the impression on the newcomer, the stranger who may tarry for even a day or two, will be infinitely more lasting and important than many pages of printed matter of the statistics and lavish statements which the man from the east has learned to regard with both suspicion and derision.

Let Grants Pass pave. We're as big and stout as Medford; Eugene is, in spite of her numerical strength, not so many more than we, and while we admire her great push and enterprise, let us suggest that really, Grants Pass is the ideal home town and that her farming and mining resources far exceed, when it comes to an investigation, those who have recently donned a millinery gown and bonnet of prosperity and progress.

Of course, we like these other towns of the Rogue River Valley and we lift our "tile" in appreciation of your progress in the past few years. But, watch Grant Pass—she's the carnation of the Rogue River Valley.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Portland Evening Telegram, in an editorial review of President Roosevelt's special message, which went to congress Wednesday, treats the salient features of the message as follows:

He favors the re-enactment of the employers' liability law to conform to the recent decision of the Supreme Court.

A model child labor law for the District of Columbia.

Revision of the law of injunctions. No temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, and a prompt hearing should be had following the issuance of a temporary order. The President suggests that contempt cases for violation of injunction should be heard by another than the Judge issuing the injunction.

Alteration of the interstate commerce law giving railroads the right to make traffic agreements, subject to the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission and published in all its details.

The president flatly objects to the use of receiverships to operate railroads, and suggests that the attorney general should have power to nominate at least one of the receivers for a common carrier, so that the bankrupt road might not instantly revert to those whose policy had caused its failure.

Of the Sherman anti-trust law, the president says "It was most unwisely drawn," and continues: "In the modern industrial world, combinations are absolutely necessary. They are necessary among business men they are necessary among laboring men, and they are very necessary among farmers. Some of these combinations are among the most powerful of all instruments for wrong doing. Others offer the only way of meeting actual business needs. It is mischievous and unwholesome to keep upon the statute books, unmodified, a law like the anti-trust law, which, while in practice, only is partially effective against the vicious combinations, has nevertheless in theory been construed

so sweepingly as to be prohibitive of every organization for the transaction of modern business."

He favors encouraging trade agreements between labor and capital and an extension of the plan of arbitration to prevent a strike, which he calls "a clumsy weapon." He would recognize explicitly the right of combination for all lawful purposes, including the right of employees peaceably to persuade others to accept their views. "Nothing should be done," he says, "to legalize a blacklist or a boycott that would be illegal at common law."

"We have a right," he declares to expect action (on financial legislation) before the close of the session."

"The time has come," he says, "when we should prepare for a revision of the tariff." He suggests that the present Congress arrange for the collecting of material, so that its successor may act promptly and intelligently. He advocates, however, the immediate placing of wood pulp on the free list, with a corresponding reduction upon papers made from wood pulp when they come from any country that does not put an export duty on them.

He renews his threat to veto bills granting water power on navigable streams unless they provide for a charge by the government for the privilege and unless a time limit is set.

With all these suggestions, save and except that regarding financial legislation, the mass of the people all over the country will be found in hearty accord.

Local Option Campaign Opened.

The temperance campaign opened this week with meetings at the Williams Creek hall Tuesday evening and at the Murphy school house Wednesday evening, with the principal address by J. R. Knodell, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League. On account of the inclement weather the Williams meeting was not so well attended as it otherwise would be, but nearly all the seats were filled and the temperance spirit was very much in evidence. Geo. Colvig made a temperance address which was convincing and showed the spirit which is growing over the county.

The Murphy meeting was well attended, the school house being filled, and much interest was manifested by the residents of that district. Music was furnished by a Grants Pass quartet composed of Mrs. W. L. Ireland, Miss Millie Drake, Messrs. T. P. Cramer and A. E. Voorhies Jas. Hare, and Geo. Parker, members of the Josephine county committee, were also present. Mr. Knodell is a forceful speaker having had a number of years experience in the temperance work and the arguments he set forth and votes for the cause.

Prohibition in Georgia.

On the results of Prohibition in Georgia The Independent, New York says:

"Although Prohibition has been in effect only a few days and it is too early to pass on the permanent effects of the change, yet gratifying reports indicate the direction in which we may look for results. The cases in the police courts have already been lessened by half.

"The loafers, white and black, are going to work, and it is easier already to get laborers in Georgia. Every place vacated by the saloon is being rented; business is brisk; a moral tone undreamed of before pervades the city, and even the rumhounds are beginning to say it is a good thing. "The public press is unanimous in the support of the law as such. The first offender has just been sentenced to 12 months in the Georgia chain gang (and he has our pity) for the violation of the law. It looks as if Georgia meant business in this thing and we are happy to congratulate her.

"Why not abolish the saloon from the United States?"

EDWARD BAXTER PERRY CONCERT PIANIST APRIL 14

Mr. Edward Baxter Perry the noted blind pianist will appear at the opera house Tuesday, April 14th, under the direction of Miss Ethel Palmer. Mr. Baxter despite his loss of sight is one of the most accomplished pianists in the west and is also a man of literary attainment.

Speaking of his ability the Cleveland Sun says: "Mr. Perry has a remarkable memory, free and fluent technique, abundant force and a tender delicacy of expression."

And the Chicago Evening Journal says: "Mr. Perry's playing is of the broad, heroic, masterly style, and poetical to a large degree. It has that element which entertains and holds the attention of an audience from the first to the last number.

General admission 50 cents reserved seats 75 cents.

ELECTRIC ROAD FROM MEDFORD IS STILL TALKED

Company is Incorporated Under the Laws of Arizona for \$3,000,000.

The following item taken from Sunday's issue of the Portland Telegram is of interest to the people of Grants Pass and vicinity:

"An electric railroad to provide rapid transit freight and passenger facilities for the Rogue River Valley has been the dream of the people of this region for some years past, but the first active steps for the promotion of such an enterprise have been taken. Recently a company was incorporated under the laws of Arizona with an authorized capital stock of \$3,000,000 to be known as the Oregon Rapid Transit Company. Colonel F. L. Evans, a promoter in similar enterprise elsewhere on the Pacific Coast, now located at Jacksonville, is the general manager of the new company, which will have for its directors, representative business men of the various towns in the Rogue River Valley. The first public announcement of the project was made at a conference of Colonel Evans and several of his directors with the members of the Ashland Commercial Club Thursday evening, at which he outlined the plans and ambitions of the company, which is to project and install an electric railroad from Ashland to Grants Pass, 40 miles, with laterals to be extended to such points in the valley as it is desirable to reach.

Starting at Ashland the plans propose construction of the road as far as Medford during 1908, another year to be taken to extend the road to Grants Pass. The cost of the road to build and equip is estimated at about \$17,000 per mile. The company, it is announced, has already located two waterpower sites available and is also receiving tenders for the leasing of power from electric companies already established.

"Colonel Evans assured the Ashland business men at the meeting that with the preliminary survey and right of way secured, the financing of the enterprise is practically guaranteed for the construction and equipment. He is asking subscriptions to the stock of the company to the amount in the aggregate of from \$12,000 to 15,000 from the various towns of Rogue River Valley, Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Grants Pass and the smaller communities. The Ashland Commercial Club decided to appoint a committee composed of Benton Bowers, O. Winter and E. V. Carter, all financial magnates of the community, to probe into the enterprise and report a course of action to be pursued by Ashland in regard to the new enterprise.

Flee Celebration.

Round trip tickets will be sold to San Francisco from Grants Pass for \$18.10 on the occasion of the visit of the Battle Ship float at that City. The date has not yet been announced, but will appear later in these columns. The return limit will be 10 days. 3-13ft

The Jackson County bank was the highest bidder for the \$40,000 five per cent bonds recently voted by the Medford school district for the construction of a new high school building. The bonds brought a high premium, \$41,020 being bid, or a price of over 102 1/2% on each.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

NEW TODAY.

WANETD—3 1/2 or 4-inch second-hand centrifugal pump. Martin Angel, Western Hotel. 3-27 1ft

F. A. PIERCE—Registered Angoras, Flock headed by one of the famous bucks of the "King Arthur" also other bucks of different strains of breeding. Does of the noted strains. Bucks for sale, Merlin, Ore. 3-27 1ft

WANTED—Gasoline Engine. Second-hand, 5 or 6 H. P. Standard make, Martin Angel, Western Hotel. 3-27 1ft

MAPLE Sugar—A few cans of genuine Vermont Maple Sugar still on hand. Willard Chase, Phone 1038. 3-27 1ft

FOR SALE—New, hand Cream Separator, best made, also new 150 egg incubator, either or both for sale on easy payments, or trade. Address or phone E. W. Kuykendall, Wolf Creek, Ore. 3-27 1ft

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Pure Bred Jersey Bull, 2 year old, gentle to handle, of best butter strain. Address or phone E. W. Kuykendall, Wolf Creek, Ore. 3-27 1ft

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—One Pioneer Logging Engine 9 1/2 x 10, with full equipment. Has been in use four months. Lealand Lumber Co. 3-21 4ft

TIMBER—land for sale—100 acres near Grants Pass. A. R. Watters, Chico, Cal. 3-6 1ft

FOR SALE—40 acres of choice red land, well adapted to fruit and grape culture all under fence, house and barn and growing crop on part of it. Also 45 head of Angora goats, one horse, cow and calf.

Good Coffee For Breakfast

Everyone enjoys it. Everything can be dispensed with but the Cup of Coffee. We must have this, if nothing else, to prepare us for the long hours of the day. Gibson's Special Blend Coffee, will suit all tastes, from the mild to the strongest. It will brighten, invigorate and strengthen you. Always the same. Always the finest. A Coffee that is all Coffee with a Coffee flavor.

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HELP WANTED.

HELP WANTED—Young lady to learn to become an operator. Apply to A. T. Marshall, Manager Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. 3-14 1ft

STRAYED.

STRAYED—There-year-old brown and white heifer, no ear marks, branded n'ain H on left hip, last seen near Miller ranch last September. Reward for recovery. Hayden Close, Wilderville, Ore. 3-13 1ft

MISCELLANEOUS.

ADDRESS—The address of Mrs. S. E. McCay, who is spending the winter with her mother in this county, probably on the Crescent City road, is much desired by the Courier. Please write or telephone. 3-13 1ft

AUTOMOBILE and all kinds of gasoline motors repaired by Carl Gentner, Phone No. 121. 3-28 1ft

SPRAYING—Have your fruit trees sprayed by Calhoun & Dorse. Leave orders at Geo. S. Calhoun Clothing Store. 2-7 1ft

BARGAIN IN WOOD—Two-thirds worth of 200 tiers of Dry Oak given for the cutting of same. Nine miles from Grants Pass. Ask at Courier Office for particulars. 1-17 1ft

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

BARGAIN in wood. Will give half for cutting 100 cords or more, oak principally. One mile from Woodville, down hill haul. Could furnish board. Rev. J. E. Day, Woodville.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The tax rolls for 1908 are now in my hands and I am ready to collect all taxes on personal and realty. Attend to this matter at once and thus avoid having to pay extra penalty as will be the case if you allow the same to become delinquent. Up to March 15, there will be a discount of 5 per cent. The penalty may be avoided by the payment of one-half the tax before April 6 and the balance can remain unpaid until October 1. If half is not paid by October 1, then a penalty of 15 per cent will be added. If none is paid and the tax allowed to go delinquent, then a penalty of 10 per cent will be added April 6 and interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month will be added.

W. J. RUSSELL, Tax Collector.

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