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**THE MAIN STRUGGLE.**

So far in the campaign little interest has been manifested in this part of Oregon regarding presidential politics. It is true that the democrats of Grants Pass have organized a Bryan & Kern Club and also the republicans have organized a Taft & Sherman club. The other political parties may or may not organize, but, whether they do or not, it will make little difference as to the support they will receive on election day. The struggle, as of old, will be between the two great parties, the republican and democratic.

Looking over the field, as it may be seen through the great journals of the country one can not help feeling that this year there will be an unusual struggle for supremacy. The business men of the country and, it may be said, the farming element and a fair share of the labor element are with the republican party and the chances are that Taft and Sherman will be elected. However, surprises often come in political years and there is no knowing just how the battle of the ballots will result until the votes are counted.

The men who think and those who have large interests at stake openly express distrust of Bryan and they firmly believe that evil will result should he be chosen president. They claim that he is impractical in his views regarding the important interests of the country and it is generally admitted that financial disaster will overtake our industries if he is successful. Many of the sound money democrats have no confidence in this free silver advocate, who now admits that he has not changed since he preached 16 to 1 in the campaign of 1896. Verily the leopard does not change his spots.

**FARMERS CAN TAKE A HAND.**

Every farmer in the county should note the fact that the irrigation committee of the Grants Pass Commercial Club have called a meeting of farmers to take place on Monday afternoon next to make a temporary organization so as to be able to represent the agricultural interests of the county in securing irrigation. The subject to be discussed at the meeting will be, in a broad sense, the best methods of procedure to bring about the construction of irrigation canals and the supplying of water for the district. The Commercial Club will ask that the farmers select a committee to represent them in the organization of a ditch company, in the negotiations for water and to decide on the general plan to be adopted regarding the water service.

It is well to understand that much depends on the meeting next Monday afternoon as this is without doubt the most important subject that has ever been discussed by the farmers and business men of Josephine county.

It was remarked by a well posted citizen of this county a few days ago that "We must have water no matter what it may cost." Most of us will agree that the above is a correct representation of the case, and our whole duty in this matter is to secure irrigation at the earliest possible date. The popular method throughout the

irrigation districts of the United States is to secure permanent water rights and as soon as an unquestionable guarantee is given to each farmer who enters into a contract for the water this plan will serve every purpose.

It is to be hoped that all who are in search of information along these lines will attend the gathering at the Commercial Club next Monday afternoon.

**DODGING THE LAW.**

To a careful observer it is quite apparent that Grants Pass is not a "dry town." During the last week especially, there has been a considerable amount of liquor dispensed from some source. Inasmuch as the last election showed it to be the will of the majority that the sale of liquor should be stopped, it is somewhat strange that it should continue after the saloons have ceased paying license.

Those who advocated the dry towns and brought about the result, owe it to themselves and to the community to see that the law is obeyed, for a community where liquors are dispensed on the sly is much worse off than one where it is sold in well regulated saloons. Should the present condition continue until the time of the next election when this question can be voted on again, there is no doubt but that the majority will conclude that the licensed sale of liquors is the best policy. But in the meantime Grants Pass is, under the law, a dry town, so let it be so in fact.

A Roseburg man was rejoicing last week because he had been able to buy an acre and three quarters within the city limits at Eugene for the small sum of \$15.14. This week he is mourning because he has learned that his 1 1/4 acres was in the bottom of the river.

Merchants should be just as careful to keep their advertisements running as they are to keep their clocks ticking. People look for the ads to tell them what is new at the store, and what is in season, just as naturally as they look at a clock to tell the time.

**OLD PAPERS RECALL EARLY DAY EVENTS**

Fred Smith, foreman of the Courier office, returned Sunday from his two weeks vacation trip, most of which was spent at Crescent City and now feels fit to tackle any kind of work brought in. While at the ranch of his brother near Kerby he was strolling over the country in the neighborhood of the old Nelson cabin, three miles south of Kerby and picked up a copy of the Courier dated sometime in 1886. He thought right away that there must be more old copies so looked further and even searched the old cabin and was rewarded by finding quite a number which he brought in. These copies show the vicissitudes of a country newspaper. The Courier was established in 1885 and is therefore now in its 24th year. J. H. Stine got out the first issue and conducted the paper until along about its second birthday.

One of the papers found in this old cabin was date October 8, 1886 and numbered Vol. 2, No. 28 and W. J. Wimer appears as publisher. Vol. 3, No. 36, dated December 2, 1887 bears the name of A. A. Allworth & Co. as publishers; volume 4 No. 21, dated October 25, 1888 bears the name of Frank T. Sheppard as Editor and proprietor; volume 5 No. 22, dated August 22, 1889, bears the name of Geo. H. Curry, as editor and proprietor and the later numbers show J. Nenan as publisher.

We have not noticed the names of any of these men on the lists of millionaires so it is hardly likely that any of them retired on account of having gained all the riches they desired to carry them through the balance of their days. J. Nenan, however, remained at the helm seven years, when the paper was purchased by the present proprietor, A. E. Voorhies, 11 years ago.

Pioneers of this section find in looking over these old papers reminders of many interesting events which they had almost forgotten, but, being recalled, are as earnestly discussed as though they had happened only yesterday.

**Must Register Before Voting**  
The Registration books opened last Monday, and will remain open until October 20. It is expected that the registration this year will be much greater than at any time before on account of the large number of persons who have come here during the past year. Those who registered last spring and have not moved from one voting place to another in the meantime need not register, but everyone to be entitled to a vote for president must be registered either at the spring registration or before October 20.

**FRUIT INSPECTOR LAYS OUT PLAN OF WORK**

**Will Conduct Campaign of Education to Aid Growers to Raise Good Fruit.**

H. C. Bateham, recently appointed fruit inspector entered upon his duties last week and has so far inspected the trees in many of the yards within the city limits, and will continue the work until all of the trees in his territory have been gone over. He has also visited the stores and notified them that the selling of infected fruit must cease.

The writer called on Mr. Bateham a few days ago and inquired of him what line of work he had laid out for the fall and winter, to which he replied, that it would be mainly a campaign of education. Continuing he said: "It has been said that the best kind of officer is not one who can do the work of ten men but one who can set ten men to work. The inspector for Marion county says it is the duty of an inspector to enforce the law as it now stands. Anyone may learn what the law is if he wants to or may learn by actual experience if he is too negligent or stubborn to try. This is the legal side of the subject, but there are other duties of an inspector. Many do not know anything about spraying or caring for their trees. This does not mean that these men are not intelligent or willing to be shown but simply that in the past it has been out of their line. The inspector must teach them how to spray, what to spray with, and the benefits to be derived from such work. Farmers are generally willing to be shown and fruit growers anxious to learn anything in their line which will assist them in growing salable fruit."

Mr. Bateham was next asked what about the pests—are they going to gradually get the best of us? To which he replied:

"By no means! Being forewarned, we are forearmed. We already have the scale on the run; there is less of it in the valley now than several years ago resulting from compulsory use of the lime sulphur spray last winter. The pear blight can probably be stamped out by another year if each grower will cut it out way below where it has discolored the bark, and report the case to me that future developments may be watched. The anthracnose, although one of our most aggravating pests is, I think, also on the wane and a thorough spraying with Bordeaux this fall immediately after picking will put a stop to most of that. The codlin moth, like the poor—we have always with us, and as long as the summer is warm and the next door neighbor neglects to spray, we shall probably continue to have this blessing in disguise."

Blessing, did you say?  
"Yes. If all the apples produced were salable and put on the market, there would be such an over production that they would not pay to ship, but thanks to the poor little worm and other pests, a large portion of the apples produced in the country are kept off the market or condemned after they get there thus making room for the fine fruit of the up-to-date grower who is onto his job."

**Sunday-School Convention**

The Josephine County Sunday School Union will hold their 4th Annual convention in the Christian church in this city on October 3d and 4th. The program has been prepared, and it includes some of the ablest local Sunday School workers and, from abroad, Secretary Charles A. Phipps. Every school in the county should be represented in this convention, because of the instruction to be received and broader vision acquired. Delegates and visitors will be entertained. Those who plan to attend from the country should communicate with the secretary, Mrs. W. H. Bateman, Grants Pass.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday, September 27, will be observed as Rally Day. At 10:30, the pastor will preach on David's Life, Sept. Hackett has arranged special exercises in the Bible school at 11:45. "The Cry of The City" is the topic of the Young Peoples Meeting at 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock we have a "Sankey Evening in memory of the late pioneer gospel singer. All the old faces and many new ones are expected on this Rally Day.

**NEWMAN M. E. CHURCH.**

Next Sunday the pastor will be at Salem attending the session of the Annual conference. Prof. Mielke will preach at the morning service and the choir will sing an anthem under the direction of Prof. McMurray. There will be no service at this church on Sunday evening next, an opportunity being given to visit sister churches. The Epworth League will meet as usual, however, at 7 o'clock.

**WONDERFUL INVENTION NOW ON EXHIBITION**

**Everybody Invited to Call at National Drug Store and See What It Is.**

H. P. O'Reilly of Seattle is at the National Drug Store with a telegraph. It is a wonderful instrument—too wonderful to be told of in space at the command of the writer of this item. You cannot afford to miss seeing and hearing this wonderful electrical device. It is a telephone which records your conversation and preserves it for you until you are ready to use it. Let Mr. O'Reilly tell you of it. 9251 t

**BORN.**

SHOEMAKE—At Selma, Ore., Tuesday, September 23, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shoemaker, a daughter.

**MARRIED.**

WETSEL—BURROWS—At Grants Pass, Sept. 22, at the home of C. E. Phillips, Edward Wetzel to Maude Burrows, Judge Jewell officiating.

**Packers Wanted.**

Parties who wish to pack apples for the new Rogue River Fruit Exchange, this fall should register their names and address at once with the secretary,

H. C. BATEHAM,  
Res. 628, 4th street. Phone 645.

Kodol will without any doubt help anyone who has stomach disorders or stomach trouble. Take Kodol today and continue it for the short time that is necessary to give you complete relief. Kodol is sold by Model Drug Store.

**COMING EVENTS.**

Oct. 3-4, Saturday and Sunday—Josephine county Sunday school union at Christian Church.

Oct. 1, 2, 3, Rogue River Industrial Fair at Medford.

Oct. 9 Friday—Boundary Board meets at Court House.

Oct. 13.—Quarterly meeting of Commercial Club, election of officers.

October 20, Tuesday—Registry Books close.

**Hogs Are Profitable Crop.**

Hogs are not raised to any considerable extent around Grants Pass, at the present time, probably because feed is so expensive, yet here and there we find an irrigated farm where feed can be raised plentifully and on such farms hogs are almost invariably considered one of the best paying crops. The lands of the entire Rogue River Valley will ere long be placed under irrigation. When this is brought about, alfalfa and wheat can be raised in abundance, and when these crops are grown the hog route will be as profitable a market for them as can be found.

It was demonstrated last year at the Oregon Agricultural College farm at Corvallis that hogs fed on alfalfa and wheat, equalled the corn fed hog of Nebraska. Hogs should be more profitably raised in Oregon than in most places because it is free from cholera and all other animal diseases.

A Fireside Garland Heater is a continual delight. On hand in three sizes at Cramer Bros.

**Electric Theatre**

**Program for Friday and Saturday**

PICTURES

Misadventures of a Sheriff. Comedy in Black and White.  
Heard Over Telephone.

SONG—"In Monkey Land"

ADMISSION TEN CENTS

**Notice of Meeting of Board of Equalization.**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of the County of Josephine, State of Oregon, will, on the third Monday in October, to-wit, October 19th, 1908, attend, at the Courthouse in said county, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, and correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property assessed by the assessor; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

W. H. FALLIN,  
Assessor of Josephine County, Ore.  
9254 t

**CLASSIFIED ADS.**

NEW TODAY.

WHITE Leghorn cockerels for sale from pen that took first prize at Grants Pass Poultry show in January. Mrs. H. M. Parham RFD No. 2, Box 1, Grants Pass. 9-25 tf

WANTED—Woman to cook for five or six miners. No objection to man and wife if man is good quartz miner. Address Geo. E. Brinker, Leland, Ore. 9-25 2t

ROOM and Table Board \$20 per month bath included. Howard lodging house 215 D cor 4th. 9-25 tf.

POSITION wanted as housekeeper for widower or in hotel. First-class references given. Address V. F., Care Courier. 9-25 tf

FOR SALE—Three lots near East school house, 1 1/2 lots fronting 7th street and 1 1/2 lots fronting 6th street, all for \$600. Inquire of J. T. Taylor. 9-25 2t

LOST—Sack of laundered clothes on Froidale road. Suitable reward for return to Gillette's feed store.

FOR SALE—Yoke of good work oxen, well broke, apply at City Meat Market. 9-25 tf

**LOST.**

LOST—Near city park a No. 3 A Eastman Kodak. Initials on case "M. L. B." Suitable reward for return to this office. 9-18 3t

POCKETBOOK—Patent leather, square, containing money and valuable papers. Return to Martha Clanton. 9-4 tf

**FOR SALE.**

A SNAP—Three lots, 5-room house and outbuildings, cor Oak and West K.,—Inquire of Best-Fuller Realty Co., Grants Pass, 9-18 3 t

TEAM—wagon and harness for sale cheap. Inquire of O. E. Moore, Rogue River Avenue, P. O. box 75. 9184 t

GENERAL store, stock and building, value \$2500 to sell or exchange for Southern Oregon ranch or city property. Address Box 187, Yaquina, Ore. 9-11 4t

FOR SALE—Full Blood Brown Leghorn chickens. Hens \$6 per dozen, pullet \$8 per dozen, cockerels 50c to 75c each. First premium taken at the two fairs held in Grants Pass.—John Robinson, Route 2, Grants Pass. 9-11 4t

COWS—Milk cow for sale. Call early and have your choice or address. T. J. Bidness, Merlin, Oregon. 8-14-tf.

Window glass at Hair-Riddle's.

ONE JERSEY Bull, 15 months old, for sale cheap. Hsyden Close. Phone 887, Wilderville. 7-24 tf

FOR SALE—One half horse power electric motor, nearly new, price \$25. Can furnish shaft and belt if desired. Enquire of W. P. Wright, Conklin building. 8-14 tf

FOR SALE—Modern hotel in good, incorporated California town; on corner near depot, 27 rooms, bar in connection with large stock of liquors, cigars, and pool table; open night and day. License \$200 per year. Reason for selling, have been admitted to the bar and wish to enter practice of law. Will take \$3500 for furniture and fixtures and stock. Address H. E. M., Courier office, Grants Pass. 8-7 tf

FOR SALE—Single driving or riding horse, 1050 lbs. Address Box 631. 9-4 tf

FOR SALE—Good sugar pine shakes. Enquire Kenney's Grocery. 5-8 tf

**WANTED.**

WANTED—Woman or girl to do housework. Inquire at Herzinger & Mitchell's office, G street. 9-18 2t

WANTED—10 rigging slingers, \$60 per month; 10 lumber pilers, \$2.50 per day; two lumber graders, \$75 per month; high wheel teamsters, \$85 per month; Box factory men \$2. W. H. West & Co., Medford. 9-18 2t

PIANO Pupils wanted—20 years experience in teaching. Address Mrs. E. E. Foster J, N 6th St., next to F. Cron. 7-17 tf.

**FOR RENT.**

WILL rent you a good farm, seven miles of city. Best terms given.—Write Box 25, or see me, residence corner Oak and Park streets. J. M. Adams.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

WE have several parties who are looking for homestead locations or relinquishments, also some good timber claims. If you know of any good homestead or timber claim, it will pay you to write us. Address Acton Realty Co. 235 Failing Bldg., Portland, Ore. 9-4 tf

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 tf

FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.

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