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FOR THE U. S. SENATE

We have candidates from Linn county for the democratic nomination for next year's race for the federal senate, two of them, at least.

Milton A. Miller is from, if not in, the county. He is presumed to be in a receptive mood and sound on the two most important questions, prohibition and world peace. We regard prohibition as the approved policy of the American people, but it is well to scrutinize candidates for a few years yet, lest we unwittingly give the wets a chance to steal a respite from one session to another.

Sam Garland, from the same city as Miller, Lebanon, has shown himself a man of caliber and conscience and has been mentioned for two places.

It is a republican state, usually, and with two candidates equally popular the republican would win, but the enemies of Governor Pierce have heaped enough abuse on him to make him pretty popular. They keep it up long enough they may make his calling and election sure for senatorship or re-election. Stanfield, realizing that when he took a couple of women into a restaurant in Oregon and got woody he set himself back more than he could by taking many "nips" in Washington, is frantically proclaiming himself in favor of strict prohibition legislation. He is too late. If he can get the measure through congress giving him and his kind a chance to perpetually annex all forest reserve grazings, privileges, and keep plebian homesteaders out, he will have sufficient result from what remains of his first and last term as senator.

The democrats would be as glad to see the republicans nominate Stanfield as the republicans would be to have the democrats run Al Smith and booze for president.

Haney's successful joust with president has made him popular in this state, notwithstanding Coolidge's popularity here. Haney has no backing of moment among Oregon democratic bosses, but the voters are liable to take the bit in their teeth in an open primary and run away from the bosses.

James C. Croseley, once United States attorney for Alaska, writes the Enterprise, citing good work done by him for prohibition, which places him in a favorable light on that score, but does not say anything about the world court.

The Enterprise wants to see the best man win and does not care what party label he wears, if any.

At the annual meeting of the Methodist board of foreign missions at Delaware, Ohio, Sunday last, Dr. J. M. Ward of Shanghai chided American Methodists for giving only an average of 75 cents apiece for foreign missions and declared that ours is the wickedest country in the world. If the latter statement is true, why doesn't he reverse gear and raise money abroad and send missionaries to teach us to be good?

In Saturday's football game at Eugene the U. of O. got an unlucky 13 to O. A. C.'s score of 24. The playing was full of pep on both sides. The farmers carried more avoidpoups than the professors; however, a small man sometimes, by quick thinking, outdoes a large one at football. Perhaps the Aggies excelled in brains, as well as in beef.

The man who sat on a hornet's nest can sympathize with the court martial that is sitting on Colonel Mitchell.

Joe Schwindt of Jordan, who was shot by one son while brutally beating another, is dead. Now, as in the Blazer case in Colorado, there will be a hard-fought murder trial and an acquittal, at a heavy expense to the taxpayers, and the lawyers and officials will gain a nice little income from it. Can't we find some twist in the law that will once in a while give farmers a similar piece of pie at public cost?

Probably the speed law is violated in other towns as often as in Halsey. Certainly it is broken by a large per cent of the autoists who pass here. When they bump together or climb trees the responsibility is thrown upon the fog or the rain or some other alibi for foolhardy recklessness.

Were it not that Coolidge, as commander-in-chief, has power to revoke or modify the decision in the Mitchell court martial, its purport might be predicted even by a weather prophet.

On page 1 Governor Pierce gives a couple of samples of tactics that help keep farmers' taxes high.

What if congress, in these piping times of peace, should extend the right to tell the truth to the army and navy?

Here's a toast: The army and navy; may they be needless forevermore!

Rig Fish Eat Little Ones

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is allowed to earn dividends, \$5,892,615.94. In 1924 the company earned approximately 7 percent upon the amount fixed by the public service commission as the amount upon which they could earn dividends. The net earnings were \$27,651.85 for 1924, more than 15 percent of the amount in which this company will pay taxes in 1925.

It is my judgment that here should have been a material increase over the assessment of the state tax commission on the property of such companies for 1925. Being only one member of the state tax commission, it is not in my power to raise the values assessed by the tax commissioner.

The argument that it is necessary to give public utilities advantages over other property, so that they may show to eastern capitalists that they are earning large dividends, thus encouraging the investment of more money, does not appeal to me. It is just another form of subsidizing a rich corporation for the benefit of the fortunate few at the expense of the general taxpayer.

I believe that all property should be assessed at the actual value, and that utilities should be assessed at an amount not less than the amount upon which they are allowed to earn dividends.

In the week ending Oct. 4, 192,835 boxes of apples, valued at \$470,058, left Portland by ship. Last year the shipments were 1,165,285 boxes and this year's figures promise to exceed that. Hops are going from this state to the old world in large quantities, and some cranberries, prunes and canned goods go by the shipload and Oregon walnuts have gone as far as Salzburg, Austria.

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Federation Wheat Won the Battle

A \$2,000,000 Boon to the Wheatgrowers East of the Cascades

(Portland Journal)

The remarkable turn of the wheel of fortune in their favor is widely discussed by Eastern Oregon farmers whose wheat was frozen out last winter.

It was the timely discovery of a variety of spring wheat peculiarly suited to eastern Oregon.

In Eastern Oregon spring-sown wheat is a gamble. Lack of moisture may make it a failure. On the average, winter wheat gives the larger yield by 7 1/2 bushels.

The new variety is known as federation wheat, being of two kinds — federation and hard federation. The discovery took place at Moro experiment station, where a trial was made to test all the commercial wheat varieties of the world, more than 500 in number.

The experiment was begun by Superintendent Stevens in 1916. The various varieties were first planted in five-foot rows and their growth noted. The varieties that made the best yields were planted in longer rows in 1917. Selections of the best were again made and planted in plots in 1918.

The wheat that made the best showing in these experiments was federation, a variety brought from Australia. In 1919 small quantities of this variety were distributed among farmers for further trial. In every case increased yield over other varieties of usual spring wheat in use in eastern Oregon was noted. In following years more and more of it was distributed, and in 1924 probably 40,000 to 50,000 acres was sown, principally in Umatilla, Union and Baker counties, with other areas scattered over the entire Columbia basin.

Whether on irrigated or dry lands, the result was the same — a heavily increased yield. Indeed, the highest yields of wheat on record in Oregon are from federation wheat grown on irrigated fields.

Of the 575,000 acres of wheat that had to be reseeded after last winter's freeze 400,000 was sown to federation. It made an increased yield of two to ten bushels per acre over the varieties of spring wheat in common use. The total increase in yield is conservatively estimated at 2,000,000 bushels, which on a basis of \$1.25 a bushel, put an added \$2,500,000 into the pockets of the eastern Oregon farmers, all due to the superior quality of the federation.

Not only are the federation wheats heavier in their yields but they are more sought in the markets. A number of flouring mills are specializing in hard federation, finding it the equal of any of the hard spring wheats for bread-making purposes. Milling wheat tests show it to be on a par with Marquis, which is considered the best by millers generally in the United States.

Many years ago Mercer, for whom mercerized cotton is named, discovered that when cotton yarn or cloth was dipped in strong solutions of lye for a short time and then washed, neutralized, and dried it became much stronger. In later years it was noted that if the yarn or cloth was held under well-regulated tension during the process it was rendered glossier as well as stronger. Hence mercerization is a process that adds not only durability but beauty.

That there is a gradual increase in the number of tourists who remain in the west instead of returning east was evidenced by the refunds made

to travelers, according to F. S. McGinnis, S. P. passenger traffic manager. Thousands of travelers from the east who take advantage of the

low round trip rates decide to stay here and seek refunds from the railroad on the unused portion of their tickets.

The Great Outdoors

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Paragraphs for Linn Farmers

Do Not Buy Screenings for Good Feed... Hay Grading

The county fair receipts this year paid expenses and half of last year's deficit.

Albany wants the powdered milk factory and the flax retting and scutching plant, but has not been able to finance them. And now powdered milk machinery is being installed at Scio.

Dr. J. N. Widmer of Corvallis has grown some fine sweet potatoes and believes this may become an Oregon industry.

William Schrunck of Brownsville, who had such fine corn at the county fair, got a ribbon and \$8 on his corn at the Pacific international show. He harvests 100 bushels per acre. Who says Oregon is not a corn state?

When you buy a sack of maph for hens, hogs or cows study the tag. The Oregon law requires a statement of contents on each package. Millions of bushels of weed seeds and dirt have been separated from grain by wholesalers and the growers docked so much on the price. These screenings, and the dirt from floors and platforms, have been ground, with a mixture of grain, and sold to the farmer, under high-sounding names, for higher prices than he got for his good grain. That's why some states have passed label laws. If you suspect that the quality is not up to the label, send a sample to O. A. C. for analysis.

Prof. C. C. Ruth of the farm crops department, O. A. C., has just returned from a three-week national hay grading school at Kansas City. Standards for the inspection and grading of hay have recently been formulated by the department of agriculture and now a training school for hay inspectors for the northwest Pacific coast is to be established at O. A. C. Farmers, shippers and dealers instructed in this line may add much to the value of the hay crop by bringing about an improvement in quality.

A yearling or two-year-old ram may be used on a flock of 50 or 75 ewes, and sometimes on 100. An exceptionally early and well grown ram lamb may be used on 20 to 25 ewes, but as a rule this is not good practice.—O. A. C.

The keeping qualities of the golden delicious apple in eastern Oregon are of the best. There it develops a good, waxy cuticle, which adds to the keeping quality. O. A. C. hopes the same quality may develop in western Oregon as the trees here grow older.

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