

THE WASCO NEWS.

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Nomination and election of city officers are close at hand.

The dry weather is very favorable to those who have a large crop to haul a long way to market.

The two mills now running in Wasco turn out about three hundred barrels per day; they run eleven hours.

The financial situation throughout the country still continues to improve and it is now thought that entire relief will come much sooner than was expected a week ago.

The essays on Sherman County, published in the News, furnish the best kind of advertising literature for our community. Each reader might do a little missionary work by sending copies of these descriptions to friends in the East who might be induced to become residents of our county.

Everywhere the exchanges are complaining about the cold, frosty weather. Why don't you move to Oregon, brethren, especially eastern Oregon, where we have such balmy weather the year 'round? It is very seldom that the weather in Sherman County gets cold enough to be more than bracing.

There is considerable agitation through the country over the question of good roads. The federal government has taken up the question with a view to educate the tax payers to see that a good road is cheaper for them in the end than a bad one. One important feature is the saving of horse flesh. On a smooth, well graded road, four horses would handle a load with ease that would tax the strength of six on a road such as those usually found in any farming community. Add to this the convenience to the people and the advantage to the price of real estate and you have a complete argument for good roads.

Take an hour some day and visit the public schools of your district. Whether you have children in attendance or not it will be worth your while to attend the school and see how your taxes are being spent. Go in and watch the children at their study and as they recite and listen to them sing their little song at the closing of their day's work. Look around the room and see how bright and cheery things are, especially among the little ones. Talk with the teachers about their work and if you see anything worthy of praise, and you will if you are not dead, don't be afraid to say so. Ask the principal about his plans—how the different departments of the work are progressing. You have no idea how well pleased you will be with the school and how much encouragement your visit will be both to teachers and pupils. We are prone to neglect this most important of all our government institutions, the public schools.

A rumor says that the proprietor of the Antelope Herald is planning to move his plant to Shaniko. A sufficient reason appears in the advertising columns of the paper itself. The last issue of the Herald carried two inches more advertising for Shaniko merchants than for those at Antelope. Antelope may once have been a good town, but there are not very many missionaries in the printer's guild, and the place which finds itself unable to support its home paper must abide the consequences. Its merchants must expect city property to decline in value, they must expect home lovers and home seekers to go elsewhere and build for the future. They must expect their public school enrollment to decrease. They must expect their sidewalks to fall to pieces,

their public buildings to decay and blow to the ground and their residences to become the habitation of rats. Then their trade is gone. Their business which was fairly profitable before will not yield them a humble living. For the future they have the prospect of winning a livelihood with the section gang or starting business in a new place. For the past they have the satisfaction of looking on a blighted career, a defeated ambition and the gratification of knowing that they helped to kill a good town.

Make Home Beautiful.

The season is approaching for tree planting, and we would again call the attention of our readers to the fact that they can in no way invest a few dollars to better advantage than in the purchase and planting of a few trees, both forest and fruit.

In talking this matter over with the late Mr. Biggs, one of the pioneers of Sherman County, only a few weeks before his untimely death, we were impressed with what he said about the labor and expense involved in putting out the trees around his home place in Wasco. He said they were one of the best investments he ever made in his life, and that he never looked at them save with a feeling of pride.

If every rancher would make it a point to follow the example of Mr. Biggs, there would be a wonderful change in the appearance of our country, and the owners would have the double advantage of beautifying their places and adding greatly to their value.

As to what variety to plant, that is an open question, but the locust and the various populars are quick growers, and make a good appearance, and are not hard to keep growing, very little water doing them.

As to fruit trees, the peach and cherry are as good as any. The peach grows rapidly and comes into bearing the third or fourth year. And every rancher should have a few apple and pear trees.

But do not hesitate about the variety. Any old tree is better than none. "Plant trees." Let that be your watchword, and after planting them see that you give them water and lots of cultivation. The latter is just as essential as the former and with frequent cultivation during the growing season you can make them take on a rapid growth with very little water.—The Dalles Optimist.

Society Offers Prize.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our war for independence.

Prizes of \$20.00 \$15.00 \$10.00 and \$5. will be awarded for the first, second, third and fourth best essays written on any of the following subjects:

1. Washington the Great Leader.
2. The Flag of the United States.
3. The Boston Tea Party.
4. The Treason of Benedict Arnold.

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the students own hand-writing on one side only of the paper, and accompanied by a certificate of the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work. The essays must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her postoffice address. They should be forwarded to Mr. R. I. Eckerson, Chairman of the Committee, Room 5, Washington Building, Portland, Oregon, and should reach their destination not later than March 31, 1908. In awarding these prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of Statement.
3. Manner of Treatment.
4. Orthography, Syntax and Punctuation.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of country and the study of its history.

Any additional information which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished.

CHARLES H. CAREY.

TO IMPROVE ROADS

Is Object of Meeting to be Held In Portland this Week

Speakers of Note Will Address Meeting at Portland Commercial Club Rooms Upon how to Improve Highways of Our State

Mr. John H. Scott, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association, has prepared a magnificent program for the good roads meeting to be held at the Portland Commercial Club, beginning Thursday, November 14th, at one o'clock, p. m.

The meeting will be opened by addresses of welcome by Mayor Lane and Tom Richardson, with response by Judge Scott. The addresses for the afternoon will be by Hon. Wibur K. Newell, Judge Alfred Battles, President Kings County, Washington Good Roads Association, Judge Thomas F. Ryan of Clackamas County, ex-Governor T. T. Geer and Hon. James H. McDonald, President American Road Makers Association and Highway Commissioner of Connecticut.

Thursday evening at 7:30 there will be a stereopticon lecture by Hon. Samuel C. Lancaster, United States Government Engineer, followed by refreshments, music and speeches, at which Judge Webster will preside as toastmaster.

The convention will re-assemble Friday morning, Nov. 15th, at 9 o'clock, and the list of speakers for the morning session includes Professor Skelton of the Oregon Agricultural College, Dr. Willis B. Morse of Salem, President Campbell of the State University, Hon. Samuel Hill, President Washington Good Roads Association, Dr. James Withycombe and Hon. John H. Aldert.

Friday afternoon, Senator Johnson, of Benton county, Judge Webster, of Multnomah county, Addison Bennett of the Irrigon Irrigator, Dr. Andrew Smith, of Portland, President Coleman, of Willamette University and Senator Kay of Marion county, will talk, followed by reports committees, election of officers, and an automobile ride to Kelly Butte.

The horse show which closed Saturday, at Portland, was a tremendous success, and the Oregon animals on display as well as the show itself was voted by Dr. Withycombe as just as good, if not as large, as the one in New York City.

The Portland Commercial Club's monthly dinner tomorrow night will discuss how Oregon is being advertised. In addition to local speakers, Mr. John H. Hartog, just elected secretary of the Eugene Commercial Club, John H. Whyte, Manager Astoria Chamber of Commerce, and speakers from several other points, accompanied by delegations, will be present, in addition to prominent Portland business men.

There will be a special excursion of Portland business men to Mosier, Saturday the 16th, to attend the meeting to be held Saturday evening.

"We take clearing house certificates" is a sign that is now to be seen in the show windows of nearly every Portland business house. The financial sky is clearing and there is every prospect that two weeks more will see conditions normal.

Our Prosperity

Statistics gathered and compiled by the Portland chamber of commerce show that the Inland Empire, embracing 150,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho, western Montana, northeastern Oregon and southern British Columbia, will produce this year, exclusive of manufactures and imports, \$267 per capita of the estimated population of 500,000, or more than \$1,200 for the average family, as against \$119 per capita, including agriculture, manufactures and imports, of the entire United States according to government census reports.—Rural Spirit.

FISHES IN SLEEP.

In Most Species They Experience a Change of Color.

The way fishes sleep is a study which few people have taken up, but which is nevertheless very interesting. They are very light sleepers and frequently assume singular positions, but the most remarkable thing is the change of color which the majority of them undergo while asleep. Usually their spots and stripes become darker and more distinct when they have successfully sought temporary oblivion.

Sometimes the pattern of their coloring is entirely changed. The ordinary porgy, for instance, presents in the daytime beautifully iridescent hues playing over its silvery sides, but at night, on falling asleep, it takes on a dull bronze tint, and six conspicuous black bands make their appearance on its sides.

If it is suddenly awakened by the turning up of the gas in the aquarium it immediately resumes the silvery color that it shows by daylight.

Naturalists ascribe these changes to the principle of "protective coloration" and point out that the appearance of black bands and the deepening of the spots serve to conceal the fish from their enemies when lying amid the seaweeds.—Buffalo Times.

CHASING RAINBOWS.

Folks to Whom Happiness is Always Just Out of Reach.

How many people go through life deluded with the conviction that if they could only get a little more money, get into a little more comfortable position, own a little better home, or if they could only get over the particular trouble that is annoying them at the time, they would be happy.

I know a man who had a very hard boyhood, suffered great poverty, who is now fifty years old, and he has always honestly believed that if he could only get the particular thing he was after or get over the particular difficulty that was annoying him at the moment he would be perfectly happy, but he is the same anxious, restless, expectant spirit today as when a youth. He has been quite successful and has done some very remarkable things, but he is invariably in hot water. There is always something that nettles him or destroys his happiness, and although he is a well meaning man, he has made his family, his employees and everybody about him very unhappy because he is always fretting and worrying, always borrowing trouble.—Success.

Literary Tenants of Islington Tower.
Canonbury tower in Islington, now encompassed by London streets, is all that's left of the priory of the canons of St. Bartholomew, which once stood in the midst of a "pleasure ground," as they used to call such private parks. In the days subsequent to its monastic history many persons of literary fame were tenants of the tower, among them Ephraim Chambers, originator of the modern cyclopedia; Speaker Onslow of the Georgian era; Woodfall, the printer of the "Junius" letters; the famous publisher Mr. Newbery (whose children's books are so well known), and also Oliver Goldsmith. Islington was a rural suburb, with pleasant country lanes, in which Charles Lamb dwelt and where he accomplished the feat of tiring out a dog in a persistent walk.—Westminster Gazette.

How Burbank Works.

Be patient; try to get the truth always on all subjects; do not depend wholly on books, for the knowledge thus obtained, although useful, can never take the place of your own personal observation and effort.—Luther Burbank.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership hitherto existing between William Macnab and Alex Macnab, doing business as Macnab & Macnab, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Dated this 29th day of October, 1907.

WM. MACNAB,
ALEX. MACNAB.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY.

In the Matter of the) NOTICE
Estate of William)
H. Biggs, Deceased,) Administration.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of William H. Biggs, deceased, by the above entitled court, and all persons having claims against deceased or his estate are hereby required to present the same, duly verified with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at the law office of C. J. Bright, in Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Wasco, Oregon, this 25th day of October, A. D., 1907.

JOHN FULTON,
Executor.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.



Sherman Lodge, No. 157, F.O.F.E. Wasco, Oregon. Meets every Saturday Evening in the K. of P. Hall. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited. Members are expected to be present.
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