

High Schools.

The DEMOCRAT is in favor of the move for county high schools. It is the proper thing. The high school is a great institution. Altogether perhaps the greatest of all schools, certainly next to the public school. It has grown in power until it occupies an enviable position, and it is right that country districts should have the privilege the same as the cities. A great many never get beyond the high school. While it is well if they do, it is a fact that the student who passes the twelfth grade high school is well equipped for the average vocation of life. The modern high school is almost a college, with its advanced facilities for study, and its splendid equipment. The student does well to keep a going, but the fact has to be faced that most students do not, hence the propriety of facing the music as it is presented and making an issue of the high school in the cause of education. It should be put on a solid basis, giving country districts as good advantages as are enjoyed by the large cities. As the country now has the R. F. D. and telephone it is proper for it also to have its high school.

Cold-Blooded Hypocrisy.

The news comes from Washington that Roosevelt has directed "that all government employes who wish to take an active part in politics must resign their positions with the government, and that there is no hope of their regaining their positions after the campaign is over."

Now, why should these office holders be blamed? Who is more actively engaged in politics than the president himself? If it is a scandal for men holding subordinate positions by appointment under the government to engage in party politics, how much more so is it for the president who is supposed to be an exemplar of dignity and decency to desert the post of president to engage in political warfare to elect for president the man whose nomination was dictated by himself? Or, after having forced the nomination of a candidate for Governor of New York, step down into the "filthy pool" to make that candidate's "calling and election sure." If we were not speaking of the president of the United States we would be compelled to call such conduct the very quintessence of hypocrisy.

A Good Outlook.

A Buffalo paper received at the DEMOCRAT office states that the chances are very bright there for Bryan to carry Erie county, which has been going republican for several years. In fact the paper thinks Mr. Bryan's general prospects are silver-lined. It is a labor paper and indicates very plainly where the labor vote of the country will go. This means a good deal, particularly, when it is general, and not confined to any section. Everything indicates there is a decided change of sentiment in favor of Mr. Bryan among the masses, and that they no longer take any stock in the hackneyed old cry that the country will go to ruin if any particular man is elected. People know that this is too solid a country for that kind of business.

Rockefeller at Work Again.

John D. Rockefeller has again been obliged to look after business, heretofore entrusted to clerks like Henry Rogers. Rogers got sick, and John hustled down to No. 26 to look over the books and see it Standard Oil had the people sufficiently by the throat to keep his income up into sufficient millions for his family expenses and running Chicago University. Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller while there will call some of the political bosses over and have an interview. He will no doubt send in his usual big check to have Taft elected in order to keep the country in the grip of high finance laws.

The disclosure business in politics hastens on apace. The ugly fact now comes into the limelight that Mr. Vorys who is managing Taft's campaign in Ohio was debarred from practicing as an attorney before the pension department at Washington on the ground that he had made fraudulent use of money belonging to a widow pensioner. Who next?

A subscriber when forced to pay a back subscription of several years declared it was simply a graft to send a paper on credit and then collect for it. A sample of some of the unreasonable needs of the world. Most of the businesses of the world are run on the credit system, and the newspaper has the same rights as any other business if it sees fit.

Gov. Haskell is going to sue Mr. Hearst for damages for libel. But that won't settle anything. It will take years to reach the case, and the campaign will be long past.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

In national affairs a feature of the campaign has been the interference of President Roosevelt in the election, taking a hand in the campaign in a striking manner, like all of President Roosevelt's acts, following the startling advice to other office holders to keep their hands out of politics or step down for good. It at least is interesting, a chapter in the life of a man who has never done anything like any body else.

A big irrigation congress has been in session down in New Mexico this week. An important one, for irrigation has become one of the greatest industrial questions of the day. Places which a few years ago were arid and worthless, are now blossoming with life and giving forth in abundance, in fact in more abundance than places that depend upon nature alone. The government is doing an immense thing when it puts its money into irrigation projects. Even sections favored with much rain are the better for irrigation.

A son of the president this week began life as a workingman. It is probable that he expects to get into other things; but he does well to get into an industrious habit. It has made many men no matter what the business they afterwards followed. Industry is at the bottom of success. In fact genius is simply work, and more work, continual work.

The boy who really wants to get along will not be a laggard, spending his younger life in idleness.

Some men live more in two or three months than others in years, that is attract more attention, but it does not take long for the meteor to pass, and what has been accomplished. It takes years to build up a good reputation. Meteoric rises rarely last, for there is nothing stable to them. Character needs to be at the back of a man's life to make it count in the long run. Men do well in this life to patiently and faithfully abide their time in the affairs of life, doing well their part in whatever falls to their lot. By all means row up stream, good and hard, don't drift, but do it steadily and carefully with the distance in view.

Stop, what's to be compared to a clean character, lived consistently and well, the best one knows how, always seeking the best. An automobile set loose without a chauffeur might make a stir for awhile in the crowd; but it is bound to end up against a fence or building, a wreck. It is much so in life.

These are athletic days. Young men do well to cultivate the athletic. It counts in the race. But the kind that weighs heavy is the steady, regular care of the body, day after day, year after year, temperance in eating and exercise. Men injure themselves for life in overdoing the same as they do in over-drinking and over-eating. Good, common every day horse sense, is a splendid factor in body development as in character development.

There is a decided improvement in the smell around the farmer's barn this Saturday evening.

Political Forgery.

The meanest and most contemptible piece of political forgery is the publication a few weeks since by a New York paper supporting Taft of an article said to have been written by Ex-President Cleveland in favor of the election of Taft. It was said that Mr. Cleveland wrote the article just previous to his death but that he died before it was delivered to the magazine. In some way the New York Times got hold of the article and published it. The article lauded Taft and belittled the democrats and particularly Mr. Bryan.

It now turns out that the article was a forgery. But one republican paper that published it, so far as has come to our notice, has retracted the matter and the credit for that belongs to the Oregonian.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Careful enquiry among real estate agents fails to disclose a single sale of valuable property to anybody who got rich patronizing Mr. Tom Lawson's latest easy money scheme. Americans are not such lobsters as Tom Lawson thought.

A London millionaire is back to be making a hobby of collecting bagpipes. There are so many ways for the rich to blow in their money, you know.

Let it not be forgotten that Senator Beveridge also spoke at Youngstown, Ohio.

With the assistance of the President, Secretary Loeb has established a new chapter of the Ananias Club in Wisconsin.

His triumphant tour of the Coast indicates that the West refuses to consider Mr. Harriman as "undesirable citizen."

C. H. NEWS

Circuit Court. New Case:— G. W. Bradley et al. vs. W. L. Burton et al. suit for partition of property consisting of 10 acres in tp 11-1 West, with several heirs interested. L. M. Curl attorney. Order signed by Judge W. M. Gallo-way in Wells Fargo Co. agt. Linn County and Sheriff Smith restraining them from issuing an execution and selling the property of the plaintiff for taxes, plaintiff to file bond for \$350.

Marriage licenses:—Chas. Hodges, aged 31, born in Ky., of Philomath, and Marie Knaut, aged 18, born in Or., of Seio, Chas. E. Ogelsbee, aged 22, born in Kan., of Aumsville, and Edith All-rain, aged 21, born in Or., of Lebanon, 19 during September.

Probate:— In estate of John Harrison inventory filed. Value of real property \$1000. In estates of Addie Andrews and David Andrews, Benj. Keebler, Chester Mitchell, Geo. Ross were appointed appraisers.

1235 hunters licenses issued, being ahead of a year ago.

Deeds recorded:— J. A. Wassom to Clara A. Wilkins 287.10 a. \$ 4500 R. E. Morris to J. D. Wassom 954.95 a. 15000 Jas. P. Schooling to Matilda I. Schooling 12 lots Harrisburg, Granville B. Duff to Gustav Volk 85.5 a. 10 John Turnridge to Wm. Edwards 32 rods. 100 Robt. M. Brown to Jennie Brown 2 lots bl 127 H's ad. 10 J. F. Surrill to Theodore Cowitz 146.12 a. 3653 Geo. L. Washburn to A. P. Hirons 40 a. 500

Bill of sale moving picture plant F. P. Stewart to J. A. Stewart. Patent Catherine Hoffstand.

Deeds recorded:— J. K. Conner to D. B. Cooper, 2 lots, Browns-ville. \$ 900 Edward Holloway to J. F. Vanner, 31 by 105 feet, Browns-ville. 2600 Hubbard Schrank to Wm. H. Schrank, 43.43 acres. 800 W. E. Yates to Wm. T. Harry & J. P. Harry, 260 acres. 4000

Mortgages \$2340, \$1890, \$1000, \$550. Satisfactions for \$120, \$440, \$700 and \$300.

Proof labor by Rolo Ellis for E. O. Smith, Santiam district.

1246 hunters licenses issued.

HARRISBURG

Body of J. F. Nixon Not Yet Found.

Bulletin:— Mrs. E. E. Warner shipped six cars of hay to Portland last week. She reports the hay market glutted.

Mrs. E. E. Warner was at Springfield last Saturday. Altho her home has been only a few miles, comparatively, from this place this is the first visit she has made that town since 1867.

The statement of the financial condition of the First National Bank shows a gain in deposits of almost \$30,000. It certainly looks up great.

The body of J. F. Nixon, drowned here, had not been recovered up to late last evening altho workers have been busy every hour of daylight since the alarm was first given. Yesterday afternoon an expert driver was secured. The bridge to one of the horses was found over a mile below the scene of the drowning.

A most distressing accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the farm home of Farmer Rice. His uncle, N. J. Rice, a man of 75 years of age, and whose residence is at Holly, had driven into the yard, chatted a few minutes with the folks and was about to turn and go on his journey when the horses began to plunge frantically, wheeling around shortly and throwing the old man out. He was rendered unconscious.

The little home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Couch caught fire at eight o'clock this morning and burned to the ground. All the near buildings but one little shed were destroyed, as well as the winter's supply of wood. Some of the furniture was saved. \$500 insurance is carried, \$300 of which was on the residence. Mr. Couch is old and feeble and for the past couple of days has been alone while his wife is visiting a daughter in Albany. If the old man first saw the fire he was no doubt too feeble or excited to do anything.

Rev. W. P. White returned from Brownsville, where at the Presbyterian church last night he presented his lecture on the Yellow Stone Park, with illustrations. Rev. J. F. Lyons, pastor of the church there also came down on the same train.

R. K. Ohling went to Portland on a short business trip.

Mrs. Vard Litterer went to Portland on a visit with her folks.

Mr. Douglas Thrift left for Union to look after the Lasselle prune dryer.

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MISFITS.

The slaughter of the innocents has begun.

More tough looking nobos, dirty and grimy.

No more kicking about there not being enough rain.

Things are being dug up down at the irrigation congress.

Portland runs the Willamette Valley on opening days.

It is all settled, Taft says: "I am going to be elected."

Hillsboro has reason for shouting. She has an electric line.

Fierce base ball back east, the greatest and best of all games.

According to an eastern actress society women have no brains.

Albany is somewhat of a musical center and has high ambitions.

Hurrah for the lumbermen. It is a great victory for living rates.

Just one month to election. General Apathy now has charge of affairs.

Standard Oil is causing its usual trouble, always has and always will.

Everybody knows the trusts haven't been hurt, and are stronger than ever.

A Long Beach hotel has closed because it cannot run without a bar. Better quit then.

What right has the president any more than any other office holder to be officious in politics.

Yesterday Mr. Bryan had been married 24 years. May he live long and be president of the U. S.

Over 1300 hunters licenses granted.

Marriage licenses: Hulert Davis, aged 32, born in Oregon, of Gates, and Jennie Rice, aged 22, born in Nev., of Albany. Jos. A. Brand, aged 24, born in Montana, and Apollona Pietrick, aged 24, born in Oregon, both of Kingston.

Deeds Recorded:— Bard L. Craft to J. A. Craft 2 lots Wrights ad. \$ 225 Jas. D. Simons to J. F. Vanner & R. W. Tripp 2 lots N. Browns-ville. 1550 John H. Simpson to G. W. Simpson 90 by 90 feet bl 55. 10 Rose E. Young to John H. Clelan lot 4 bl 7 H's heirs 1st ad. 1 Jennie Brown to Rachel Wagstaff 1 lot bl 127 H's ad. 350

Satisfaction of mortgage for \$600. Assignment for \$1200.

No one has heard of an arrest under the new game warden. A big mistake was made when J. W. Baker was dropped. He looked after things.

You can hear anything. One thing is that Jim Hill owns the Oregon Electric. Another is that Harriman is behind Mr. Welch. Probably nothing in either.

Albany continues to be a fortunate city. We can now get our evening mail in the evening, and our morning mail very early, a fine thing for business men and busy people generally.

A picture published shows a scene from the Bostonian Minstrel Maids gives nineteen or twenty persons in it. The total number in the Company is eight; but they are equal to nineteen of some performers.

Sarcastic but suggestive is the following from the Eugene Register: And the editor of the evening paper, a recent importation, has learned, as his first real substantial lesson in Eugene, that vituperation, abuse and falsehood are poor weapons to use.

According to a caricature Katzan-jammer Roosevelt and Hearst, two well known kids have been making it pretty lively for Haskell and Foraker. As the doings of the Katzanjammer kids is always pure cussedness it is difficult to see where the point is.

Considerable fun was poked at Eugene for its sensational notification to Mr. McMurry of the S. P., to not bring any more people there until those there had been taken care of. The papers insist that it was no fake. As a matter of fact Albany is full just the same, houses cannot be found, hotels are running over, etc. one night a man sleeping on the seats in the G. A. R. hall. But what of it, we want others to keep coming, and will try and look after them some way.

Harrisburg Bulletin: A good sized vote of thanks is due the Albany Commercial club for the publication of its splendid book on the resources of Linn county. Harrisburg's community will share in the benefits derived. Perhaps Harrisburg herself will never get anything out of it as the designers of the map for the booklet has placed several miles of the river—leaving Albany the river town in the county. But then if it helps the country we'll risk old Harrisburg taking care of herself even if it don't have the Willamette flowing down Main street.

Miss Lena Stellmacher came up from Portland today on a visit at the home of her father W. C. Stellmacher.

J. H. Goins has gone to Omaha to attend the national letter carrier's convention. He proposes to do some live boosting for Oregon.

Oregon Builders

Are you doing what you can to populate your State?

OREGON NEEDS PEOPLE—Settlers, honest farmers, mechanics, merchants, clerks, people with brains, strong hands and a willing heart—capital or no capital.

Southern Pacific Company Lines in Oregon.

is sending tons of Oregon literature to the East for distribution through every available agency. Will you not help the good work of building Oregon by sending us the names and addresses of your friends who are likely to be interested in this state? We will be glad to bear the expense of sending them complete information about OREGON and its opportunities.

COLONIST TICKETS will be on sale during SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER from the East to all points in Oregon. The fares from a few principal cities are

Table with 2 columns: From city and fare. Includes Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, New York.

TICKETS CAN BE PREPAID

If you want to bring a friend or relative to Oregon, deposit the proper amount with any of our agents. The ticket will then be furnished by telegraph.

C. K. FRONK, LOCAL AGENT. W. M. MCMURRY, GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT, PORTLAND, OREGON.

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TELEGRAPH.

Circuit court.—Answer filed by J. C. Christy in Brinson agt. Jones et al.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

AT ALBANY, IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 23, 1908.

Table with 2 columns: Resource and amount. Includes Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. Bonds, Premiums, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Liabilities and amount. Includes Capital stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Total \$1,074,829.64

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF LINN, ss:

I, ALFRED C. SCHMITT, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ALFRED C. SCHMITT, Cashier. H. F. MERRILL, Notary Public.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—The attorneys for the Southern Pacific and Oregon and California road filed a bill of complaint in the court of appeals declaring the lumber rate as fixed by the interstate commerce commission is confiscatory and also attacks the constitutionality of the act creating the commission.

PORTLAND, Oct. 1.—Whitney L. Boise, who was charged with embezzlement in the Hawthorne estate by members of the family, was vindicated by the grand jury this morning, which returned a true bill.

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—The Municipal association here will not aid fallen women whom the mayor declares he will drive from the city. He announces he does not expect to cure or remedy the social evil, but wants the red light district wiped out. Women must either reform or go to outside towns where trade is tolerated.

PORTLAND, Oct. 2.—The report of Receiver Devling shows 23 per cent of the assets used up while only 16 per cent of the liabilities have been paid in the defunct Oregon Trust and Savings Bank. The concern is still able to meet the claims in full.

ONE OF 13.

From an Immense Calif. Stock Farm.

W. H. Chambers, of Dos Palos, Cal. is here on a visit with his mother, Mrs. M. C. Chambers, of Knox's Butte, and other relatives. Mr. Chambers is one of a family of eight boys and five girls, of whom seven boys and four girls are living, the youngest now being about thirty, a remarkable record. Mr. Chambers' father was a pioneer of 1847, settling near Knox's Butte where the family has since lived. This is Mr. Chambers' first visit here since going to California seventeen years ago. He is employed on the big Miller & Luck's stock farm, embracing thousands of acres of grazing land, the Company controlling by lease and otherwise several million acres for grazing purposes on the coast, dealing in cattle, sheep and horses by the thousand. The Company owns its own packing house, and slaughters about two hundred head daily, besides an immense business along other lines. Mr. Chambers has been with Miller & Lucks for eight years, except ten months just before the earthquake, when he was in the dairy business at Francisco, the earthquake shaking him out of it.

In a Forest Fire.

Among those in the recent big forest fires in Northern California, near Eureka, was Frank Wheeler, a former Albany man. In a letter to his sister, Mrs. J. S. Morgan of this city, he gives an account of the thrilling experience. At the time he was at Luffenholtz, a summer resort town, which was wiped out. His house was about the only thing left, a fact due to a clean up just before, leaving nothing around the place to burn. As it was it became so tropical that he fled to the beach a hundred yards away. Even the postoffice was burned. A good deal of damage was done.

A Couple Buys.

Mr. Schrader, of the gun store, has bought the five property of Mr. E. Thrall, in the first ward, consideration \$2500, and will make it his home. He has also bought of Olin Stalmaker the vacant lot adjoining, paying \$450. J. A. Howard officiated as agent.

Henry Blakely of Browns-ville, went to Portland. Griff King went to Portland.