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THE INQUEST

With the aid of fifty-three jurymen, Coroner Hillis is holding an inquest over the remains of the deceased Republican party. The jurymen are ex-officio members of the Republican national committee and Mr. Hillis is ex-officio chairman of the same organization. They will bring in a sealed verdict and that document will be read only in the privacy of the inner chamber of the party wigwam.

Now the Democrat is not at all surprised because Mr. Hillis and the members of the Republican national committee have seen fit to hold an inquest over the remains of the Grand Old Party, but we are surprised that these gentlemen should presume to raise the dead.

It has even been suggested by some of the members that Colonel Roosevelt be recalled from South America, instructed to raise the body by a magic touch and cause the blood to again course through the veins which have been empty since November 5th, 1912. This suggestion, however, was not looked upon with favor by the majority members, who recalled that the Colonel has thus far been unable to raise from its moss covered grave the deceased Progressive organization, which passed on to another world on the same day that the lights of the Grand Old Party flickered and went out. Borah, Cummins, Hadley and others have been examined and tested by the committeemen, only to learn that they are mortal men the same as the rest of the members of the organization, gifted with no superhuman powers, and moreover, unwilling to offer themselves up as a sacrifice upon the altar of the dead.

The Democrat is truly surprised at the action of the coroner's jury. Had the members reached a unanimous verdict blaming the stupidity of William Howard Taft and the vaulting and insatiable ambition of one Colonel Roosevelt for the death of the deceased, tossed a few flowers upon the grave of the departed, paid a glowing and deserved tribute to the party leaders of former years, adjourned, and given three rousing cheers for Woodrow Wilson and a re-united Democracy, the deliberations of that body would have been more in keeping with the rules of common sense.

There ought to be an old age pension for all the failures in the land, who, quite too numerous to mention, parade their grief on every hand. The shiftless skates who look on toiling as something most absurdly wrong, who will not keep the pot a-boiling when they are capable and strong, should draw a pension when they're hoary, be kept in grub and hand-me-downs, until they wing their way to glory and don their nice new Stetson crowns. Oh, we who dig like blooming gophers to buy our homes and keep from debt, should shell out for the dinky loaders who never drizzled honest sweat. The pension plan is surely nifty, in line with other recent schemes which are designed to soak the thrifty, and give the loafer pleasant dreams. The men who work and save their money have grievous burdens on their backs; the government believes it funny to skin them with an income tax; the while the skate who never tottled to savings bank to salt his wage, must pensioned be, and nursed and coddled, when he attains his wintery age. This thing of working hard and saving must be discouraged, prompt and sure; we wait to see our hamper waving above a people beastly poor.—Walt Mason.

The Little Girl returned from her first party—Mother, I did what you told me. I took cake the first time and when they asked me a second

time I said: "No, thank you." But they came around a third time—and you never told me what to do.

These ain't very much fun in being poor, but it certainly does lessen your chances of being cut open for appendicitis.

A good mule is worth about \$250, but there are a lot of jackasses who wouldn't bring a dime bid at an auction.

The longer you live the more you are constrained to believe that the scientists are wrong when they say that human beings can't live without brains.

Mount Vesuvius is again threatening an eruption. We suppose that will be laid to the administration.

PERSONALS AND NEWS NOTES FROM JORDAN

Jordan Valley, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special to Democrat).—Mrs. Addie Beaver, of Rose Lodge, Lincoln county, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shelton, started homeward expecting to visit at Salem and Dallas with relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Arthur Lengele is at Albany visiting with her son.

Messrs. Frank Rohwein and Joe Schwindt, was called to Salem on business.

Mrs. Coons is reported better. She has not been feeling well for quite a while.

Mrs. Daugherty accompanied by a son and two daughters went to Salem to meet a number of relatives and friends, who are recently from Oklahoma.

Quite an enthusiastic meeting was held here Monday evening to decide whether there should be a Christmas tree entertainment. It was so ordered and the proper committees were appointed.

V. L. Holt, of Eugene, transacted business here yesterday afternoon.

John McGee, of Siletz, was in Albany yesterday on business.

Mark Milles, of Roseburg, was a business visitor in Albany this morning.

L. W. Smith, of Jefferson, returned to his home this morning after attending business matters here.

Mrs. C. Miller and son returned to their home in Eddyville this morning after shopping here yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Dall, of Elks Nest, arrived in the city this morning to spend the day shopping.

M. N. Richardson, arrived this morning from Portland to spend the day looking after business matters.

Edgar Muck, of Corvallis, was in the city last night. He refereed the wrestling match and is a champion wrestler of the O. A. C.

M. W. Stone, of Mehama, was a business visitor in Albany yesterday, returning home this morning.

A. J. Peterson and wife of Alpine, were in the city yesterday to witness the wrestling match. Mr. Peterson is a brother of Bob Peterson, one of the wrestlers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens were passengers to Portland this morning.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn County. Department No. 2.

Herbert W. Pryme, Plaintiff,

vs.

Amy A. Pryme, Defendant.

To Amy A. Pryme, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon you are hereby notified and required to appear in said court in said suit, and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff now on file herein, on or before the 17th day of February, 1914, and you are hereby further notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as above required, for want thereof the plaintiff will take a decree against you for the relief prayed for in said complaint.

A decree of said court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and said plaintiff.

This summons is served upon you by publication for six consecutive weeks prior to said 17th day of February, 1914, in the Semi-Weekly Democrat, a newspaper published twice a week in the city of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, and of general circulation in said county, by order of the Hon. D. B. McKnight, county judge of said Linn county, Oregon, which said order bears date December 19th, 1913, and the said D. B. McKnight, judge of said county court of said county, in said order for the publication of this summons upon you, has prescribed said 17th day of February, 1914, as the time as of before which you shall appear and answer the said complaint in said suit.

The date of the first publication of this summons in said newspaper is December 27th, 1913.

W. R. HAYLIE,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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BATTLE EXPECTED IN MEXICO CITY

Gen. Zapata and Men Encamped in Suburbs and Clash Is Expected Tomorrow.

THE HOSPITAL SHIP IS DISPATCHED TO CAPITAL

Villa Advancing on the Capital; Administration Concerned Over Situation.

(By United Press Association) Washington, Dec. 19.—That Pancho Villa began the rebel advance on the capital, Mexico City, was stated in dispatches received this morning from Chihuahua City. It is also stated on authority that he intends to abandon neither Chihuahua City nor Juarez, but left sufficient garrisons to protect both places.

The administration is seriously concerned for the safety of the foreigners in Mexico City and vicinity. With General Zapata and his men encamped in the suburbs, quick changes in the situation are deemed likely. It is feared that the new development will be attended by danger to Americans and Europeans as well as to the Mexican residents. It is a precarious situation in Mexico City and the decision to send the hospital ship, Solace, from Vera Cruz, was reached today. That here will be a battle fought there soon is regarded as almost certain. The cabinet discussed the situation at the meeting held this morning.

Wireless for Cruisers.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 19.—Admirals Fletcher and Craddock, the American and English naval commanders at Tampico sent "hurry up" calls for the U. S. and British cruisers Chester and Suffolk which left here for Tampico. The summons is interpreted as meaning that the rebels are becoming restless in the Tampico district.

Run on Mexican Bank.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—A determined run continues on the Bank of London and Mexico, the largest financial institution in Mexico City. Money conditions are worse than at any time in Mexico's recent history. The official bank reports show the holdings of the bank are from ten to twenty per cent lower than that required.

E. W. Holm, of Jefferson, was in the city yesterday afternoon transacting business.

A. W. Fisher, of Corvallis, was in the city last night. He attended the Peterson-O'Neill wrestling match.

Byron Taylor, formerly of Albany but now of Corvallis, was in the city last night. He acted as a second for Jack O'Neill in the wrestling match.

Counties to Hold Dual Meet.

Scio, Or., Dec. 7.—Plans were formulated at the joint county institute held by Linn and Benton counties at Albany, to hold a county track meet in each county next spring, then a dual county meet will be held between the two counties. All students will be eligible to enter. The contestants are divided into three classes and are classified according to age. This idea is to encourage athletics in rural districts.

Notice of Registration.

The trade mark (Albany Creamery Butter), to be placed on butter, ice cream, milk and cream, has been registered at the office of the Secretary of State.

W. RAY CREAMERY ASS'N.
wk 419-26-J2*

Guardian's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned guardian of Juanita E. Thompson, an insane person pursuant to the order of sale duly made by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, in the matter of the estate of said insane person on the 26th day of November, 1913, will, from and after the 21st day of January, 1914, sell, at private sale, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest of said insane person in the following described real property, to-wit: Lot 4 in Block 5 in City View Addition to the City of Albany, in Linn County, Oregon, said sale to be made subject to confirmation by said court.

L. G. THOMPSON,
wk 423-30 J6-13-20 Guardian.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was on the Third day of November, 1913, duly appointed Executor of the estate of Wm. J. Obenmyer, deceased, by the county Court of Linn County, Oregon. Any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at Tangent, Oregon, or to Weatherford & Weatherford, attorneys, Albany, Oregon, within six months from this date, duly verified as by law required. Dated this 24th day of November, 1913.

WILLIAM C. OBERMEYER,
Executor.
WEATHERFORD & WEATHERFORD,
Attorneys.
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BOOSTERS TALK AT BROWNSVILLE

Members of Commercial Club Meet at Banquet and Discuss Current Affairs.

WAS RESULT OF A MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Brownsvillites Show That They Are Alive; Many Speakers Addressed Assembly.

Brownsville, Or., Dec. 19.—To discuss current local affairs, mainly pertaining to the existing conditions of the town and proposed improvements, a large number of the members of the Brownsville Commercial Club met at a banquet Tuesday evening in the City restaurant.

The banquet was a result of a contest for new members to the club, the losing side furnishing the "eats." The contest was a success, between 50 and 50 members being added to the rolls. The guests were addressed on various topics pertaining to the existing conditions of the town and its proposed improvements. The public library was discussed. The city recently voted a 1 mill tax, the funds to be used in the interest of a public library, and as the present location is not large enough and is very inconvenient, a movement was started to acquire a library building.

A representative of the Brownsville Canning & Preserving company was present and stated that he had signed an order agreeing to furnish a certain firm 5000 cases of string beans next season, and asked the support of the community in furnishing this amount. Mr. Rumbaugh, Linn county fruit inspector, was a visitor, and spoke of the ideal soil and conditions for fruit raising in this county. Mr. Rumbaugh said that as good apples could be raised here as any other place in Oregon, and that they could be raised cheaper. The club will meet again in two weeks.

BIG COUNTY FIELD MEET TO BE HELD IN SPRING

Rural School Students of Linn and Benton Counties Will Compete.

"Sound minds in sound bodies," is the motto of progressive teachers, and while many young people will naturally take needed exercise, there are many others who will not do so without some incentive. Nor does labor furnish the kind of exercise that alone is required in keeping the bodies of young people in a healthy condition.

To encourage athletics among the rural school students, a county track meet of all the school of Linn and Benton counties will be held next spring, at a time and place to be determined later. This was the announcement of the committee yesterday, who was in charge of the arrangement for the event, when the plan was inaugurated at the recent Linn and Benton school teachers institute at Albany. The meet will probably be held at Albany, it is said, on account of its central location and the conveniences afforded.

While all the pupils of the public schools of the two counties can compete in these county tournaments, the main purpose of the teachers in planning this feature of school activities is to encourage athletics in the rural schools where the smaller attendance does not give opportunity for the rivalry that makes for effort as is found in the schools with larger enrollment.

G. F. Brown and D. A. Jones, both of Corvallis, was here last night to attend the wrestling match.

W. B. Stevens and wife left today on a trip to Forest Grove.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, as administrator of the estate of Estella B. Skidmore, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned at Albany, Oregon, with the proper vouchers therefor within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 29th day of November, 1913.

L. M. CURL,
Administrator.

Administrators Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Thurston Davidson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me properly verified at the office of C. C. Bryant in Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated December 13, 1913.
CLOUD H. DAVIDSON,
Administrator.
C. C. BRYANT,
Attorney.
316-23-30-J6-13

DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST BENTON TRIED HERE

On Motion for Change of Avenue, Farmers \$350 Claim Was Transferred.

On motion of attorneys for the plaintiff for a change of venue, the \$350 damage suit of Leland C. Haley against Benton County, has been transferred from the circuit court of that county to the Linn county circuit court for hearing to secure an impartial trial.

Claiming that it was due to deficiency in a road, that he lost a horse and suffered damage otherwise, to the extent of \$350, Haley asks for the judgment of \$350, with costs and attorney's fees.

It is set up in the complaint that the county maintained on the Monroe Junction City stage road an unprotected open gravel pit, 12 feet deep, and that when the water was over it, it was impossible to tell the location. On January 19 last, it is alleged, that while the plaintiff was traveling the road, driving a heavy team and wagon lightly loaded, it was precipitated into the dangerous and swiftly moving current, to the depth of 15 feet. Haley claims he suffered the loss of one horse, by drowning, damage to a set of new double harness, to the extent of \$40, damage to a bedstead of \$5 and damage to the wagon of \$5.

BOURNE ASSAILS GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP PLAN

'All Rot' Says Former Senator from Oregon in Interview Given to Press.

(By United Press Association) Washington, Dec. 19.—Bitter criticism of government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines was voiced today by former Senator Jonathan Bourne.

"This talk of government ownership," said Bourne, "is all rot. It is a result of a bureaucratic paternalism and governmental disorientation within the country. Under the proposed plan the government would employ more than three million persons a day, a sufficient number to control the government under present political machinery."

Williamette Collegian Out.—The Christmas number of the Williamette Collegian, the official publication of the associated students of Williamette University, at Salem, was issued today. It contains many news articles of college and state happenings, along with a number of cuts.

Will Plant Walnut Grove.—Mark Miller, a well known resident of Roseburg arrived in Albany this morning and will return to his home this evening. Mr. Miller has just purchased sixty acres of fine land in the vicinity of Roseburg and proposes to set out twenty-five acres in a walnut grove. He believes that there is money in this industry.

Rain or Snow.—"Rain or snow tonight and Saturday," is the weather prediction made this morning at the local weather bureau. The range of temperature for all hours ending at 8 o'clock was 45 to 30 degrees. The river is 2.8 feet stationary.

Marriage Licenses Issued.—The following marriage licenses have been issued: Henry S. Nolan, age 26 of Lacombe, and Ethel Craft, age 18, of Crabtree; Fred Robertson, age 27, and Feet Mabel Heyne, age 23, both of Waterloo; Elgin Roy Grubbe, age 21, and Sylvia E. Holley, age 18, both of Albany.

Funeral Held Tomorrow.—The funeral of John Schoffner, who died at St. Mary's hospital Wednesday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of the Fortmiller undertaking establishment. Interment will take place in the city cemetery.

First Christmas Tree.—Was held last night in the hall of the Royal Neighbors in the Schmitt-Hunt building. Presents were taken from the brilliantly decorated tree, for husbands and wives of the members. A select program with games for all furnished the entertainment. Refreshments apropos the holiday season capped the climax of the evening's enjoyment.

Death of Paris Man.—Willard E. Levings of Pasadena, Cal., formerly of Paris, Ill., was killed this week when his auto collided with a street car. He had many friends and acquaintances in Albany who will be shocked with this sad news. Before coming to the coast Mr. Levings was prominently identified with the Young Men's Christian Association work in Illinois.

Bogus Money in Circulation.—Hearing that bogus \$500 pieces were circulating in Albany and vicinity, and had actually passed a bank or two there, Detective George F. Elgin of this city immediately notified the banks of Corvallis and leading storekeepers, and may have served them a good turn. It will be remembered that bogus money circulated here last year about this time.—Corvallis Times Times.

Rural Ladies Meet.—The Rural Ladies' club met with Mrs. D. W. Shirley on Thursday with an average attendance. The president was absent on account of sickness, so no business was transacted. No time was lost in seeing for many Christmas gifts were given, that had to be finished. The success served delicious refreshments. The next meeting on January 8th with Mrs. Paul Astion.

BETTER FEELING TO BE PROMOTED

Clearer Understanding Between Farmers and Merchants Is Movement Launched.

GRANGERS WILL APPLY FOR SOIL AND CROP EXPERT

Direct Co-operation and Elimination of Middlemen Will Be Subject at Issue.

To promote a better feeling and eventually to have a better understanding between the farmers and merchants, relative to the marketing of products through direct cooperation, and to take steps towards the employment of a soil expert for the entire county, to work with the farmers and give them free advice relative to soils and crops, to the end of systematizing farming, is a movement launched this morning at a meeting of a grange committee.

The meeting was held at the Hotel Hammel. Those composing the committee are: U. G. Smith, E. L. Shaw, F. D. Corbett, E. R. Allen, and L. G. Lewelling. A. C. Miller and F. M. Mitchell were also present.

This is the outcome of a state wide plan inaugurated by the grangers and is the direct result of the grange institute held here the fore part of the week, when E. E. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, member of the state executive committee and a representative from Josephine county in the 1913 state legislature, urged direct cooperation between the farmer and retail merchant in marketing products, to the elimination of all middlemen.

Mr. Blanchard was the principal speaker of the institute and talked upon "Cooperation." That the farmer and retail merchant should get together and "cut out" the commission merchant altogether was his plea, and he thought such action would make conditions better for both. He also urged that each county appoint an agricultural expert under the terms of a law passed by the last legislature to give farmers free advice on soils and crops.

The duties of this expert will be to wait upon the various farmers, telling what this and that soil is adapted to, enlighten them as to points of scientific and practical farming. The result of such aid, carried on in a systematic way, it is believed, will be of inestimable value to farmers. The expert is virtually to be another county official, receiving his compensation out of public money.

That there is an increasing tendency of the farmers to patronize the mail order houses, is believed certain. The result of this is that the merchants have a grievance and in turn the farmers feel the same way towards the merchants. This is the result, it is said, of a lack of system and it is only through direct cooperation on such a plan that the farmers and merchants can get together with a better understanding.

MICE AND MATCHES CAUSED SLIGHT FIRE THIS AFTERNOON

Pantry at Home of Charles Kroesehel at Third and Washington Damaged Slightly.

Mice and matches caused a slight fire in the home of Charles Kroesehel, this afternoon before 3 o'clock which resulted in but little damage. The department was called out but owing to a mistake in giving the location of fire over the Home telephone, suffered a slight delay.

The fire started in a pantry. It is believed that mice gnawing matches caused a bag of feathers and a bundle of old clothes to become ignited. At the time Mrs. Kroesehel was entertaining a visitor. Smelling the smoke led to the immediate discovery of the fire. She called up the ice works, where her husband was at work, and Louis Kraserel, a son answered the phone. Thinking his home was on fire, he dispatched the department to Eighth and Lyon streets. Arriving there it was found out that the fire was at Third and Washington streets.

Hauling Rock to Halsey.—The Southern Pacific company is getting out a lot of rock at a quarry owned by it above Natron on the Oakridge extension for rip-rap work on the main line. Several car loads are sidetracked in Eugene each day and taken on down the line by the regular freight trains. At present a stretch of track near Halsey is being rip-rapped. Depot at East Independence.—It is reported that the Oregon Electric railway has practically completed arrangements and will soon commence the creation of a modern depot in East Independence. A regular agent and crew of employees will be installed, and freight and express will be received in every way. The company recently installed a baggage chit for the handling of all kinds of baggage from the boat landing.