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## THE LAST WEST.

A very few years ago the homeseekers and homebuilders, residents of the New England and other eastern states, headed for what they termed the West: Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and other now Middle West states. The vast Oregon country was always referred to as the far West. Today the center of population is in the state of Indiana and is not so slowly progressing westward. Oregon of the three Pacific coast states is the only one which has not yet reached the million mark in population. Whether or not Oregon's failure to advance as fast along all commercial lines as either California or Washington, is due to restrictive legislation which has been passed in this state there can be little doubt. Restrictive legislation keeps out capital and it takes capital to start the wheels of commercial activity and keep them going. But we are glad to say that the people of Oregon are finally coming to themselves and have decided to put their shoulders to the wheels of progress rather than to continue devoting their time in passing freak laws which have in the past proved such a hindrance to the development of the state. Oregon is the last of the West, but in another decade, she will have passed over the line and joined in with the other states of the Union who are making the best of their natural resources as well as creating new industries.

Oregon is the last of the West and Morrow county is near the end of the line in the counties of the state. Not near the last in size by any means, but last in development. In the line of opportunity we can proudly say, and it is no idle boast, she stands at the head of the list. No county in Oregon has better land for the price and it would be conservative indeed to say that land is cheaper today than it ever will be again in the future. Oregon will undoubtedly have a wonderful development within the next few years, when the real influx of population begins, and it will then be that those incoming homesteaders will turn their eyes to Morrow county, for we have the best proposition here in the last of the last West that the homeseeker will be able to find.

## HERBERT W. COPELAND.

Herbert W. Copeland, for the past few years a teacher in the rural schools of Morrow county, has announced his candidacy for the office of county school superintendent. At the present time Mr. Copeland is teaching in the Pilot Rock Junction school just below Pendleton.

In speaking of his candidacy, Mr. Copeland says, "For the past several years I have been registering and voting as a Socialist, being a member of the Socialist party, but now I have decided that I am a Republican, in fact have always been a Republican at heart, so I am seeking the nomination at the hands of the Republican party."

Mr. Copeland attended the Socialist convention in Portland two years ago and has been an active member of that party in this county up until the present campaign. "The issue," says Mr. Copeland, "will be as to whether the office shall be held by a man or a woman." He is opposed for the nomination by Mrs. C. W. Shurtle, a woman who is well known throughout Morrow county as an educator and a woman who has had much previous experience in the work of school supervision.

## The Wool Situation.

It is reported that strenuous efforts are being made in the Condon country to contract for wool on the sheep's back at 19 to 21 cents. These prices do not appear attractive to the sheepmen at the present time for the reason that there is not enough advance over last year's prices to warrant them to contract at this time. According to wool men, clips will be at least one pound short in weight over last year which will necessarily mean lighter shrinkage and this will off-set any damage that might be incurred through breeding wools from lack of feed or thin sheep. Pelts are reported extremely high and agents operating in the local field recently were offering prices far below value.

## PATRIOTISM.

A nation is made great, not by its fruitful acres, but by the men who cultivate them; not by its great forests, but by the men who use them; not by its mines, but by the men who work in them; not by its railways, but by the men who build and run them. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made of it a great Nation. In 1776 our fathers had a vision of

a new Nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Without an army they fought the greatest of existing world empires that they might realize this vision. A third of a century later, without a navy they fought the greatest navy in the world that they might win for their Nation the freedom of the seas. Half a century later they fought through an unparalleled Civil War that they might establish for all time on this continent the inalienable right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A third of a century later they fought to emancipate an oppressed neighbor, and, victory won, gave back Cuba to Cubans, sent an army of schoolmasters to educate for liberty the Philippines, asked no war indemnity from their vanquished enemy, but paid him liberally for his property. Meanwhile they offered land freely to any farmer who would live upon and cultivate it, opened to foreign immigrants on equal terms the door of industrial opportunity, shared with them political equality, and provided by universal taxation for universal education.

The cynic who can see in this history only a theme for his egotistical satire is no true American, whatever his parentage, whatever his birthplace. He who looks with pride upon this history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance which they have bequeathed to him, and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may.

LYMAN ABBOTT.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Alone on the capot platform,  
Bathed in the cold winter's breeze,  
Stands an empty eight-gallon beer keg,  
With nothing in it to freeze.  
Shorn of its former glory,  
Drained of its last amber dreg,  
Beardless, bungless and friendless,  
Stands an empty eight-gallon keg.  
—Arco (Idaho) Advertiser.

## OUR LOSS ON WOOL.

The January imports at the port of San Francisco amounted to more than \$13,000,000 and about \$5,500,000 of this were on Australian wool en route to the manufacturers of the Atlantic seaboard. This wool weighed about 20,000,000 pounds and was valued at about 20 cents per pound, which is more than the best western wools are now worth.

Did we lose that five and one-half million dollars? Evidently not, as we never had it, but we did lose the opportunity to supply this wool and it was partly, at least, our own fault. We do not have the sheep, in the first place, though there are thousands of unused acres out here that fairly ache to be pastured with sheep.

And then, we don't have the quality of wool to compete with that which pays for the long haul from Australia and then sells for more money than do our home-grown wools.

The wool market will be good for a long time to come, in all probability and western sheepman can supply its demands by proper sorting and grading the fleeces in the shearing sheds to meet this foreign competition on quality and by increasing the number and quality of their sheep.

Do we want these millions of dollars? We do. Let's go after them with better methods.—Rural Spirit.

## THE ASTORIA NAVAL BASE.

Representative Hawley and Senator Lane of Oregon, have introduced into the halls of Congress a bill which will provide for the establishing of a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river. Under the present plan of preparedness the bill should, and in all likelihood, will carry. The Astoria naval base committee is asking for preparedness without "pork."

The Committee insists that the Columbia river is nature's outlet for a vast empire. It is the shortest, most mobile route from the Pacific to the Middle West and the Atlantic. It is a route which, if unprotected, an invading army from over the Pacific would select for its march to the Mississippi valley, with ample supplies in its great productive storehouse for commissary, arsenal and hospital. It is the route and the region over which and within which our own military forces would travel and be maintained, with a base of supplies adequate for extensive and prolonged operations for the defense of the Pacific coast.

The committee contends that this is no time for little, picky-until political dickering and trading—it is time for action of the highest type of statesmanship and patriotism.

The Inland Empire has gone these years without carrying a policy of preparedness insurance. Its poor business on the part of the government and unfair to the citizens who inhabit the land.

## JUSTICE HUGHES AND THE PRESIDENCY.

Justice Hughes has made it quite clear that he is not a candidate for president, that he does not want to be considered as a candidate, and that he does not think it proper for a justice of the Supreme Court to enter into, or be brought into, the swirl of national politics. That he is sincere in this attitude no one questions. That he prefers the exalted office he

now holds to the presidency is quite likely. But he has not said, has never said, that he would refuse the nomination if given to him, nor is it probable that he will say it. For one reason he would be reluctant to refuse a thing that had not been formally offered to him. But the greater reason, we think, lies in his high ideal of public duty. He feels, he must feel, that if the call for him should become imperative he would have to heed it. No man of his character could refuse the demand of his party that he serve it in the highest office in the gift of the people. However reluctant he might be, however unwilling to establish a precedent opposed to the traditions of the supreme bench, the higher duty would forbid that he refer to the possibility of such a demand. All he can do with propriety is to protest against the use of his name in that association, and that he is doing with as much emphasis as he can give to it.

Justice Hughes may not, and probably does not, want the presidency, but he is not the sort of man who would make his nomination impossible by such a positive declaration as that of Gen. Sherman: "I will not accept if nominated and if elected I will not serve." There were reasons for Sherman's curt refusal that do not exist in this case and the circumstances are not at all parallel. Justice Hughes, notwithstanding his judicial office, is a statesman by education, training and instinct; Sherman was a soldier. Mr. Hughes is, no doubt, the strongest man in the Republican party today. It is the prevailing opinion that he would be the nominee if he would announce a willingness to permit his name to go before the convention. There is no probability that he will do that, but it is conceivable that he may be nominated despite his objections.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## PUPILS GIVE PROGRAM

(Continued from First Page)

Tom, the Chimney Sweep..... Elmer Bucknum  
Pinochello..... Duck Lee  
Pied Piper..... Howard McDuffee  
Cinderella..... Elizabeth Huston  
Aladdin..... Andrew Baldwin  
Pollyanna..... Olive Boten  
The mother of Mary and John was Reatha Owen.  
Rose Ellen Hale and Gladys Brown favored the audience with a piano duet.

The sixth grade gave a charade, proper noun, two syllables, three acts. A well known author whose poem "March" was read by Nellie Clark in the last act. The first act a spelling lesson, words pronounced by Charlotte Winnard, teacher of the school, and words spelled and misspelled by Lawrence Wilkins, Ellis Irwin, Conrad Johnson, Linley Potter, Edward Groshen, Baird Patterson, Freda Brown, Nellie Clark, Allene Sprouls. Second act, a quarrel or dispute over the worth of Rockefeller and Carnegie. The whole charade, Wordsworth.

Elizabeth Huston played a piano solo.  
A playlet that brought forth much merriment was "Oh You Teacher" by pupils of the sixth grade. In the absence of the regular teacher Herman Hill was delegated to take charge of the class until the first recess period. He had a very unruly class but managed them quite successfully. The pupils were: Edwin Bucknum, Paul McDuffee, Tom Mahoney, Conser Adkins, Allen Case, Jack Howard, Linley Potter, Agnes Boyd, Vera Cowins, Vivian Robison, Anita Turner.

Song, "Down by the Shore," by the following girls: Florence Cason, Frances Parker, Agnes McDaid, Blanche Groshen, Ruth French, May Chan, Erna Ashbaugh, Evelyn Humphreys, Edna Brookhouser, Ruth Tash.

Another comical skit was "Seeing the Animals" by Carl Cason, Violet Merritt and Fay Young. The characters were a swell hotel clerk, a suffragette, and a spoiled child. The parts were well sustained and created much merriment.

Violet Merritt played a piano solo. The closing number was a play, "Patriotic Peanut Stand," by pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. The first act was a meeting of the Young Citizens' Club to plan the means of making money to improve their town. Yankee Jones, a leader, suggested a peanut stand when the circus came to town, which met with the approval of all.

Act II represents the peanut stand and the various scenes which take place on circus day. The result of the adventure was gratifying to all for the club made more money than was expected. The leading characters were seventh and eighth grade pupils. They were assisted by the fourth and fifth grades, making sixty characters.

The program was attended by one of the biggest and best satisfied crowds since the completion of the high school building.

## \$30,000 Sale on Butter Creek.

Two hundred acres of seeded alfalfa land near the mouth of Butter creek was sold this week to the Thomas Richards family by Pete Sheridan for \$30,000. The land is a tract across the road from the home place of Sheridan. Glenn Richards will move onto the place soon and will improve it for the owners.—Echo News.

## Catholic Church Services.

First Mass, 8 a. m.  
Second Mass, 10:30 a. m.  
Christian Doctrine, 11:30 a. m.  
Evening Devotions, 7:30 p. m.



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