HOP GROWERS UNITE TO FIGHT A DRY OREGON

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., May 26.—Four hundred hop growers met at the Isis Theater Saturday and after listening to addresses and papers on the industry which is one of the largest in Oregon, affecting the farmers of 13 counties, formed a county organization and elected C. A. McLoughlin chairman. The next meeting will be held in Aurora, and meetings are slated for all the important hop centers.

President A. J. Ray of Portland stated at the outset that they were as an organization not allied with the liquor dealers and were not out to fight prohibition, but from an economic standpoint and self-preservation were compelled to fight submitting to a vote of the people a proposition to destroy any industry and the business and employment of the people connected therewith.

No Other Use for Hops

In California the grape industry was more important than the hop industry, and it was argued that there were more profitable uses for grapes than making wine. But there was no other use for hops than making beer. Out of a production in the United States of 260,000 bales not over 5000 bales were put to other uses, and exports were only 60,000 bales.

Statistics for Oregon showed that the crop for 1913 was 152,000 bales, worth $6,000,000 of which $3,000,000 was distributed for labor to about 50,000 people. The 25,000 acres planted to hops were worth on an average $200 per acre, or $7,500,000 and about as much more in buildings and equipments. A $20,000 crop cost $7000 for labor and worked ten horses. The prune crop on 37,000 acres amounted to only $1,600,000, while the total of all fruit crops in Oregon was 140,000 acres, turning off $6,500,000. The hop crop alone last year was worth $6,000,000.

Size of Industry

The hop crop brings to Independence for 24,000 bales marketed here $960,000, of which $480,000 is paid out for labor, $240,000 of this in about three weeks. Trainloads of poor people come from Portland to work in the picking season and earn money enough to clothe and school the children through the winter. "They would destroy all this industry by unfair means, and give us nothing in return," said W. W. Percival, one of the speakers. He showed that hop land was not fruit land and could not be used for ordinary farm crops.

County Commissioner Petrie said the destruction of the hop industry would effect the lumber industry and other industries all over the United States. He cited the large use of cotton twine, burlap, and sulphur. The rop growers had worked and saved to get their yards and buildings and equipment, and it was not fair to sweep away by a popular vote the labor and accummulations of years. George Ball of Balston said Oregon was a progressive state and could not afford to strike a blow at one of its most important industries.

Prosperity at Issue

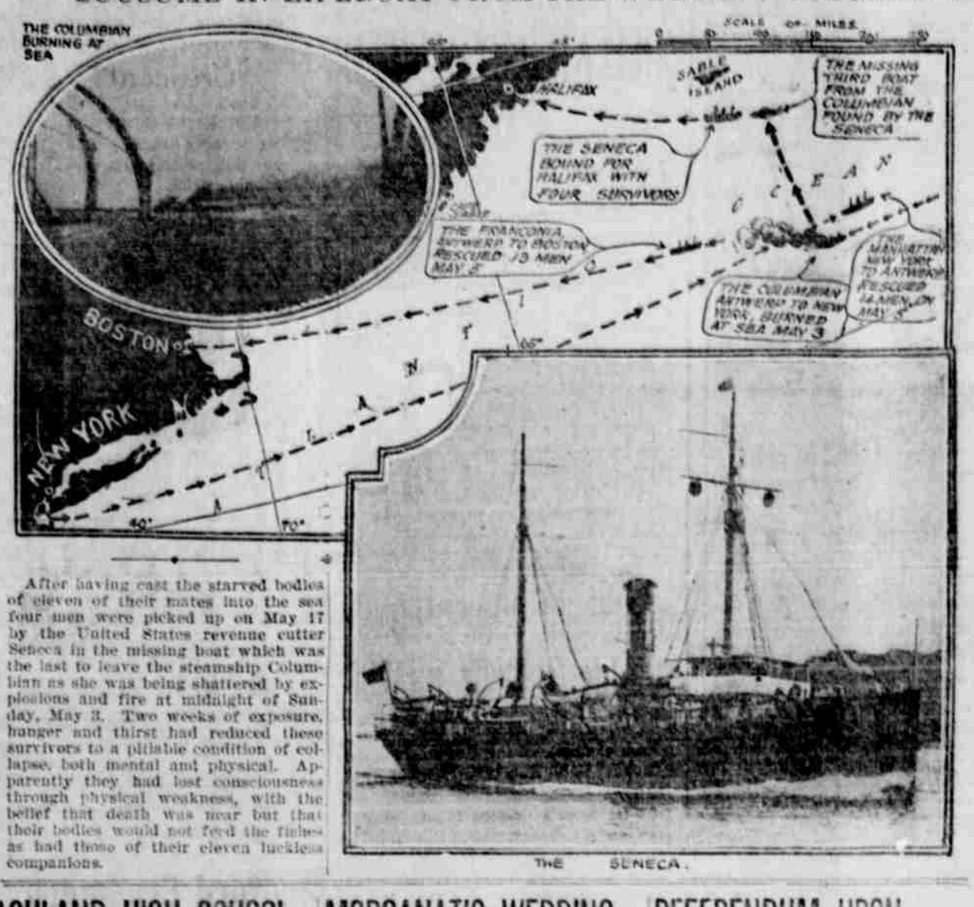
Rev. Dr. Dunsmore of the First Presbyterian church said he considered it a privilege and a duty to be present and speak on this occasion. A situation was before the people of Oregon that meant more to them and their prosperity than anything that had ever been made an issue. He said he had been in the ministry for 25 years and had labored for prohibition in Michigan, Kansas, Iowa and Oregon. He was compelled to discard the view so narrowly taken that because the saloon is evil all that is connected with it is evil, and had been compelled to acknowledge that our latter condition was sometimes worse than our first. The Willamette valley is justly considered the most desirable place in the world to live. The hop industry has been a great factor in building up our vast wealth and material prosperity. It has benefitted our schools, our churches, our homes and our merchants.

RITCHIE AND WHITE MEET AT MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 26.—Willie Ritchie of California, champion lightweight pugilist and Charley White of Chicago, who are to meet in a ten round, no-decision boxing contest at the Milwaukee auditorium about 10:30 o'clock tonight, are said to be in perfect condition. They will weigh in at 6 o'clock at 135 pounds.

The champion is a favorite in the betting, the decision to be given by the sporting writers.

FOUR PERSONS SURVIVE THIRST AND HUNGER AND ELEVEN SUCCUMB IN LIFEBOAT FROM THE WRECKED COLUMBIAN



After having cast the starved bodies of eleven of their mates into the sea four men were picked up on May 17 by the United States revenue cutter Seneca in the missing boat which was the last to leave the steamship Columbian as she was being shattered by explosions and fire at midnight of Sunday, May 3. Two weeks of exposure, hunger and thirst had reduced these survivors to a pitiable condition of collapse, both mental and physical. Apparently they had lost consciousness through physical weakness, with the belief that death was near but that their bodies would not feed the fishes as had those of their eleven luckless companions.

ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

The graduating exercises of the Ashland high school were held Friday at the Chautauqua tabernacle. The class history was read by Margaret Siemantel and Otto Klum. The presentation of diplomas by Superintendent Briscoe was to one of the largest classes in the history of the school. The graduation address was by Irving E. Vining.

The following are the members of the class of 1914: Everett Acklin, Mildred Applegate, Onita Barnard, Lucile Barber, Billie Briggs, R. L. Burdic, Voda Bower, Marguerite Brown, W. S. Carpenter, Alice Cromar, Kenneth Cummings, Dana Frame, Charles Freeman, Fred Garrett, Francis Hamlin, Mabel Hanson, Marion Hodgson, Dorothy Leenart, Marie Martin, Kenneth McWilliams, Harold Merrill, Kathryn Miller, Lelia Mitchell, Minnie Owen, Loretta Owens, Margaret Patterson, S. A. Peters, Elmer Scott, Margaret Siemantel, Thelma Throne, Ruth Turner, Jay Withrow, Otto Klum, Kenneth King.

Wood block pavements made from sawmill bolts is a new industry proposed in Lane county.

MORGANATIC WEDDING FOR SON OF KAISER

POTSDAM, Germany, May 26.—The engagement of Prince Oskar, fifth son of the German Emperor and Empress, to Countess Von Bassewitz, maid of honor to the Empress, was announced today.

Lively comment was aroused by the announcement of the engagement, on account of the fact that the marriage will be the first Morganatic union which has occurred in the Hohenzollern family since 1853. In June of that year Prince Albrecht of Prussia, brother of the old Emperor William and the then King of Prussia, married Countess Rosalie Von Holsenau.

The Emperor's consent to the match is said to have been granted because of the lack of an available German princess and to his aversion to a foreign marriage for his son.

NOTICE.

Regular meeting of Resmes Chapter Wednesday night.

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REFERENDUM UPON PRESBYTERIAN MERGER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 26.—When the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in session here decided to submit the proposed basis of union between this church and the United Presbyterian church of North America to a referendum vote of the Presbyteries, final settlement of the question was postponed at at least two years.

The Rev. L. E. McNair of Nashville, Tenn., presented today a report which told of the work of the American Bible society, acting in conjunction with the parsity denominations. Last year the report said, 1,706,459 Bibles were distributed through the nine home agencies. This was an increase of 280,222 volumes over the previous year.

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CUP CHALLENGER SHAMROCK IV TAKES WATER AT GOSPORT

GOSPORT, England, May 26.—Shamrock IV, the challenger for the America's cup, was launched here today and christened by the Countess of Shaftesbury.

The new challenger took the water on the stroke of noon. There was no hitch in the arrangements and she slid down the ways easily as the Countess of Shaftesbury, who had done similar service for Shamrock III, christened Sir Thomas Lipton's latest champion.

Few of the hundred guests of Sir Thomas obtained a glimpse of the yacht as the shed in which she has been hidden since her keel was laid is still standing. The party consisted chiefly of Sir Thomas Lipton's personal friends, but a few yachting experts were present, all of whom appeared to be greatly impressed with the boat and expressed the opinion that she had a better chance than any of her predecessors, although the lateness of her launching would, it was pointed out, prove a disadvantage, as the American yachts have had a longer time in which to tune up.

CHICAGO PROHIBITS SALE OF FIREARMS

CHICAGO, May 26.—A drastic ordinance against sale of firearms, is on record today. By its provisions only licensed dealers may sell firearms and then only to persons who have permits; signed by the chief of police. Loss of license and prosecution is the penalty for violation by dealers of the ordinance. Recent prevalence of "gunmen" shootings and killings led to the action by the city council at a meeting last night.

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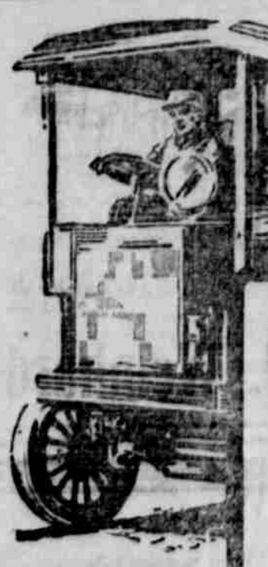

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