

EIGHT FARM LOAN ASSOCIATIONS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

There have been organized in Jackson county to date eight National Farm Loan associations, and it is expected several more will be organized in the near future.

All of the loan committees and officers of these eight associations will meet for conference at the public library in Medford on Wednesday, January 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. It is expected there will be a large attendance of these committees and officers and that much good will result from the conference.

Two local organizations were perfected last week. One of these was organized at Rogue River last Friday. There was a large attendance and the assembly was addressed by E. H. Hurd of this city. The directors elected were Benj. Harrison, G. W. Wilcox, F. D. Eismann, J. J. Simonsville, J. C. Williams and Lee Steers. The officers are: G. W. Wilcox, president; E. H. Hurd, secretary-treasurer; Benj. Harrison, J. C. Williams and F. D. Eismann, loan committee. The territory covered by this organization is all of Pleasant creek, Rogue River, Foothills creek and Rock Point precincts.

At Eagle Point last Saturday a similar organization was completed by the election of the following directors: L. K. Haak, Eagle Point; C. L. Farrar, Lake Creek; J. E. Edsall, Battle Falls; Geo. Brown, Brownboro; G. H. Trusty, Trail; W. L. Farlow, Lake Creek; H. L. Young, Brownboro. The officers are: President, L. K. Haak; vice-president, H. L. Young; secretary-treasurer, E. H. Hurd; loan committee, C. L. Farrar, J. E. Edsall, Geo. Brown and G. H. Trusty.

The territory within the jurisdiction of this organization is from the west line of range 1 west, east to the Klamath county line, north from the south line of township 36, range 1 west, to the Umanu divide, also including township 37, ranges 1, 2 and 3 east.

NAVY RECRUITING STATION TO REMAIN

Chief Quartermaster Norstrom is in receipt of a letter from Lieutenant Commander J. H. Blackburn, in charge of the navy recruiting stations of this district, to the effect that upon visiting Bend, Ore., it has been decided not to establish a station at that point and that the station at Medford will be indefinitely continued.

Lieutenant Blackburn will visit Medford on the 19th instant, and young men who are contemplating enlisting in the navy, as well as their parents, will be welcome at the station for the purpose of interviewing the commander if they so desire.

Of the enlistment made during the past week, the following were of Medford: A. E. Watson, W. G. Landley and R. L. Sprague. Applications to enter the radio school have been made by L. D. Mueller and A. Don Runyard. Mr. Arthur Maxodon of Ashland intends to enlist for the 22-month enlistment.

NEXT CONCERT OF BAND TO BE PLEASING

Wednesday's concert, the second of the Medford band's winter series of entertainments promises to be very attractive. There are several soloists assisting the band among whom are Miss Bryan, Miss French, Miss Davis, Professor Root and Haight. Bandmaster Rowland states that this month's concert will compare favorably with the December affair which was acknowledged to be one of the finest musical evenings yet given in Medford. Many music-lovers are going to hear the "Joville orchestra," under the direction of Professor Root. Another feature of the meeting will be the Medford band's rendering of the "Hunting Scene," a descriptive that the whole band is heard in vocally as well as in several splendid instrumental effects. By special request the grand selection from Verdi's "Il Trovatore" will be repeated and the new popular march "Battle Cry of Peace," by H. J. McPhee, a local composer, which is arranged for band by Mr. Rowland will also be played.

The admission to the concert is 25c and 10c. The dance will commence immediately after the concert for which the charge will be 50c.

I. O. O. F. Notice

All Odd Fellows are urged to be present at the I. O. O. F. Hall promptly at 8:30 Wednesday morning, January 20th, for the funeral of Brother J. E. Day.

BIBLE IS PLATFORM OF NEW GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA

"I'LL CHOKe THE DEVIL OUT OF POLITICS" HE SAYS

Reformer of New School Made Chief Executive of Florida, Says Bible Should Be in Politics and That the Strongest Law on This Subject Comes From Ten Commandments.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan. 16.—With a bible as his platform and sermons as his political speeches, Sydney J. Catts, just inaugurated governor of Florida, stands today the most unique figure in an American gubernatorial chair.

A reformer of the new school, a prohibitionist with new but drastic ideas, a former minister of the gospel, who hasn't forsaken his religion, Catts entered the statehouse, after fighting Florida's most strenuous political battle, defeating the regular nominee of the all-powerful democratic party by pitting Biblical quotations against mudslinging.

Bible His Platform.

His Bible will remain on the governor's desk until his term ends four years hence and to it he will turn for counsel, rather than to political advisers—so Catts declares.

"I have literally choked the devil out of politics in Florida," declares the new governor, "and the devil is due another choking. I hope to have enacted legislation that will make our primary laws so plain and simple there will be no chance for fraud."

Catts entered a five-cornered race for the democratic nomination for governor last spring, in the face of the returns he was the winner over his nearest opponent by a few hundred votes and received a certificate of nomination.

A recount of certain precincts was demanded by the opposing side, and granted by the courts, and after months of suspense and re-checking of votes a new certificate of nomination was awarded to W. V. Knott.

Bolts the Ticket.

Feeling he had not been treated fairly, Catts announced he would enter the general election despite the democratic certificate of nomination held by his opponent.

In years gone by such a move would have meant political suicide in Florida, but a political revolution swept over the state in the fall of 1916, and Catts came out a victor by an overwhelming majority.

Thus, for the first time since reconstruction days, Florida has a gov-



Sydney J. Catts, Florida's New Governor, Shows How He Intends to "Choke the Devil Out of Politics."

ernor not the regular nominee of the democratic party.

Catts is the "home" type of man—general, religious, industrious. Frills and airs are as distasteful to him as a high-brow would be to William J. Bryan. His administration, therefore, will not be marked by "brilliant social events," but visitors to the mansion will receive such a welcome as can be given only by a genuinely southern host.

Discussing his views on religion and politics, Catts says:

"I believe there is a place in politics for religion and the Bible. Prohibition of liquor traffic should go hand-in-hand with religion, and blend in the political arena.

"The late campaign in Florida has demonstrated the upward tendency of thought in this state. We exposed irregularities in the primary. This proved the Bible should be in politics. The strongest law on this subject—stronger than state statute or constitution—is from one of the ten commandments:

"Thou shalt not steal!"

"We are going to clean and purify politics in Florida. In order to do this, it will be necessary to rule whiskey out."

Catts has only one eye, but that blazes with the fury of two as he illustrates, in the executive chamber, how he intends to "choke the devil out of politics!"

REJECT PLAN OF MERGING STATE COMMISSIONS

SALEM, Jan. 16.—After a two days' layoff the house got down to business Monday and the buzz-saw was continually humming during the morning and afternoon sessions. Six bills were passed, twenty-three new bills were introduced, and immediately after adjournment almost every committee started grinding away at their referred measures.

Representative Rowell of Clatsop county arose during the afternoon session and advised the young republicans to get busy and make good or they would lose out on the senatorships and everything else two years from now. He took exception to an adverse report from the committee on resolutions regarding the consolidation of commissions, which committee recommended that it not pass.

New Bills Introduced.

The following bills were introduced:

H. B. 65, by Mackey—To provide for adult blind.

H. B. 66, by Clark, to exempt cities and towns of less than 1000 inhabitants and all public utilities from restrictions of eight-hour law.

H. B. 67, by Gordon—Requiring all signatures on initiative and referendum petitions to be certified under oath.

H. B. 68, by Gordon—Governing sale of real property on execution.

H. B. 69, by Stott—Empowering district school boards to acquire real property by condemnation proceedings.

H. B. 70, by Gordon—Fixing method for sale of property by administrators.

H. B. 71, by Lewis—Requiring that opposing parties in divorce proceedings be notified and opportunity given to be heard when ordered to pay money.

H. B. 72, by Lewis—Penalizing the alteration of language in legislative bills.

Teachers for Chaplains.

H. B. 73, by Lewis—Substituting teachers for chaplains in state institutions.

H. B. 74, by Lewis—Making it un-

lawful to discharge or refuse to employ any healthy person over 15 years of age.

H. B. 75, by Lewis—Providing for issuance of certificates to teachers who are graduates of non-standard colleges or universities.

H. B. 76, by Stott—Appropriating \$39,000 to pay 75 cents per day to troop and battery A for services at Mexican border.

H. B. 77, by Tolson—Providing for state printing of text books.

H. B. 78, by Corchous—Enabling owners of land to set out poison on their own land to kill wild animals.

H. B. 79, by Mueller—Requiring that wages shall be paid as often as every two weeks.

H. B. 80, by Mueller—Restricting shipment of game fish.

H. B. 81, by Mueller—Increasing fines allowed on judgment for wages.

Normal School Repairs.

H. B. No. 82, by Sheldon—Appropriating \$420 for repairing roof on Ashland normal school.

H. B. No. 83, by Matfield—To annex portion of Clatsop county to Multnomah.

H. B. 84, by Stettin—Repealing law requiring \$10 license fee for sale of medicinal stock food.

H. B. 85, by Portwood—Granting county courts power to repair road bonds in yearly installments and abolishing sinking funds.

H. B. 86, by Walter R. Jones—Making it a misdemeanor to become father of child born out of wedlock and providing for care and maintenance of illegitimate children.

H. B. 87, by Forbe—Repealing law requiring district attorney to prosecute foreclosure proceedings.

O. A. C. Visit Planned.

An invitation from the O. A. C. to visit their school in a body was read and accepted, and the time set for Friday morning and afternoon. A special train will be provided to carry the members of both houses to Corvallis.

The prohibition bill as yet has not made its appearance. It is presumed that the forces behind it are wrangling over some of its provisions, and that some sort of a compromise will be effected in a day or two when the bill will be introduced.

Six Bills Passed.

The following bills were set to a vote and passed by the house:

H. B. 6, regarding estrays.

H. B. 9—Relative to reports of

railroads to the public service commission.

H. B. 10—Changing and regulating time and place of holding court in the eighteenth judicial district.

H. B. 11—Relating to duties of the county school superintendent of Sherman county and raising his salary to \$1500 per year.

H. B. 22—To amend Lord's Oregon laws, section 4573, relating to livestock running at large.

ASK CONGRESS FOR RELIEF

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to the coast without reducing the rates to intermediate points, on the ground that "special conditions as to water competition" prevailed. Every vote to the coast was made the subject of a wholesale order without special consideration or hearing. But since then the war has wiped out even the excuse of these "special considerations," but the commission is too busy or too flabby to undertake the enforcement of the law.

For these and other reasons Senator Pomfret has introduced a bill to again amend the law. This time he would declare that it is illegal, regardless of water competition, to charge a larger rate for a shorter haul over the same line, when the short haul is a part of the long haul.

Whether government ownership of the railroads will be adopted before the Pomfret amendment is adopted is now an open question.

Certainly conditions like this have greatly increased the prospect of government ownership.

THE MAKING OF A FAMOUS MEDICINE

Few people realize that over 500,000 pounds of various herbs are used annually in making Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and those herbs all have to be gathered at the season of the year when their medicinal properties are at their best.

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SCHOOL SURVEY TO BE MADE BY STATE UNIVERSITY

By invitation from Superintendent Hills of the Medford public schools, Dr. De Bask of the educational department of the University of Oregon is in town for the week, making a careful survey of retarded and average pupils in the schools.

Dr. De Bask is an expert in this line and has a fund of knowledge at his tongue's end on such work. He started his work at the Roosevelt school yesterday, going from room to room making careful examinations. He will visit other buildings in a similar capacity during the week.

Such a survey as he is giving will be entirely constructive. The object is to benefit the pupil teacher and parent. Dr. De Bask reasons that many pupils fail to do their work properly in school because they are not thoroughly understood by the teacher and parent. He is collecting data that will be most valuable to the teacher in solving her problems.

Dr. De Bask hopes to gather data sufficiently to make a rather comprehensive report to teachers and parents at the high school building Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public is earnestly requested to come, hear the report and ask questions.

Superintendent George A. Briscoe of Ashland is visiting and inspecting all special departments in the Medford schools today.

Miss Adele Brant of Portland, Or., arrived this morning to spend the next two weeks visiting the senior and junior high schools. Miss Brant was engaged last fall to teach French and Spanish, but on account of illness was not able to assume her duties at this time. She will now take Miss Turner's place, who was engaged for the half year only.

LEGISLATURE WANTS BONE DRY NATION

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—Memorial urging congress to submit the national prohibition question to popular vote and to enact laws barring liquor advertisements from the mails which were recently adopted by the state senate here, were passed today by the state house of representatives.

ALL CHILDREN LOVE "SYRUP OF FIGS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give It When Feverish, Cross Bittous, For Bad Breath or Sour Stomach.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

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You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative;" they lose its delicious taste; and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups, plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

Ask Your Neighbor

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PYTHIANS GATHER HERE IN CONVENTION FROM 3 COUNTIES

Monday evening a jolly, earnest crowd of Knights of Pythias gathered at the local Pythian Castle Hall and enjoyed fraternity to its fullest extent. It was the convention of the district composed of Josephine, Jackson and Klamath counties and was well attended. In addition to lay members from here and other towns the occasion was graced by the presence of Grand Chancellor H. G. Wortman and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Walter G. Gleason, who was greeted by the appreciative audience with enthusiasm.

The meeting was presided over by District Deputy Grand Chancellor M. A. Rader and the program was nicely balanced with speeches by grand lodge officers and visiting brothers, interspersed with musical numbers by F. A. Haight, "Tongery Bill" Isaacs and E. C. Root. At close of the program a palatable banquet was served in the dining room adjoining the hall where toasts and good fellowship held sway until a late hour.

At the short session of Tallman lodge prior to the program of the district convention, an executive committee was appointed to make arrangements to hold another Pythian convocation and initiate a class at Crater Lake next August and preparatory work will begin at once to eclipse the convocation held in 1915. In fact, plans have been maturing for some time to profit, if possible, by the experience of the last convocation. Assurances of support and attendance have been received from many quarters and Medford people generally, are proud of and glad to support this movement which so widely and uniquely advertises this "Scientific Riddle of the world."

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