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IDAHO PAPER ON OREGON LAW

Speaks Out Against Referendum Measure

FARMERS SHOULD NOT OPPOSE

What It Means To Kill or Cripple a State's Educational Institution

Considerable interest is felt in Idaho concerning the proposed effort of some of the farmers in the Willamette valley of Oregon to invoke the referendum against the appropriation made by the last legislature of the state in support of the state university at Eugene. The support of this educational institution has heretofore been fixed at $40,000 per annum. The new act raises this sum to $125,000 per year, and it is against this increase that these grangers are making their objection.

It is to be hoped for the sake of higher education in Oregon, and for the good name of the farming community everywhere, that this plan, intended to at least defer this appropriation and possibly defeat it entirely, will not be carried out.

Oregon needs the state university and her people are abundantly able to support it up to the point of effectiveness where it can accomplish something, and its services will be worth much more than what they cost. In these times when higher education is a prerequisite for a successful career, it would be a great mistake for any state to dispense with or cripple its chief educational institution of learning.

Not only would such action work an injury to the people directly affected, but it would do incalculable harm to the state beyond its borders. Progressive American people who are looking for new homes in the Pacific northwest would shun a state that has put such a blight upon its future.

Not only will these farmers who propose to invoke the referendum in this instance harm the state in the estimation of the people outside of its borders, but they will cast odium upon farmers generally. Agriculture is reaping more benefits today from higher education than any of the trades, mechanics or commercial interests.—[Boise Statesman.

Thinks Tax Too High

H. A. Hunter, president of the Hunter Land Co., of Minneapolis, and Land Commissioner of the Military Road Co., was interviewed today by an Examiner reporter, and stated that he was pleased to be in Lake county once again, although only for a few days. The taxes on the road lands had been increased two and one-half times, he said, and the assessment was outrageous. His Company would pay under protest. He thought too much had been expected from the Road Co. in comparison. Yet, notwithstanding this, he seemed suprised to learn that the idea had gone abroad in the land that the rentals had been doubled this year.

There would be some increase of course, said Mr. Hunter, but it would be gradual and would be more than offset by the plans at last offered and long desired by the many tenants of the company, by leasing for three to five years, instead of only one year, as heretofore. He stated that Mr. W. H. Shirk president of the First National Bank, hoped to take a trip East this year, and Mr. Creed McKendree would be appointed agent for the Road company in his place. The sincere and general regret caused by the retirement of Mr. Shirk has been tempered by his consent to remain the company's banker and general advisor. His management of the company's affairs has been more than satisfactory, but the Road company's policy of expansion and improvement all along the line would, he said, require more of his time than he could place at the company's disposal, owing to his personal interests. The company is to be congratulated on securing the services of so capable a successor as Mr. C. H. McKendree, of Lakeview.

Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kerr expect to leave tomorrow for Portland, by the western route. They will, however, return here later on.

Plush Plushery

Editor Examiner:—Being so long absent from my ideal town, there is so much news to tell that I don't know where to commence—the whole tale would fill a good-sized book. This town has grown most surprisingly since I left here three months ago. The streets have been graded and buildings have been put up. The Tallyho Hotel has been completed and will soon be ready for business. The valley looks fine and the snow is all gone; the meadow lark larks, and the bull frog croaks, which is musical to the ear; the old cows to the desert are gone, which shows that spring is here.

Moss and Roberts drove 1000 head of cattle to the desert yesterday. The 7T company drove about the same number. Moss & Roberts have put up one hundred tons of ice to keep the Elephant cool next summer.

Dr. Verling has built an addition to the Conamara hotel, not having room for all his patrons; Moss & Roberts are building an addition to the Elephant.

Bill Barry has arrived here after a long sojourn in spheres unknown to us. He looks like an animated wire bust. He says he visited some fine places, but he met or saw no place like Plush.

I care not for grumbling comers and goers,
Nor how they scramble and rush,
I'll swear on my oath, tho I'm lothe to swear
There's no finer city than Plush.

Warner Valley is on the boom, people are coming from all quarters, settling on our lands. There is a colony in what is known as Rabbit town, which comes from the hazy, clammy burg called Seattle, and some of the leaders are disgruntled because we have not a line of electric cars running from Plush to the new settlement.

Seattle, Seattle, come down and be calm.
Your poor, wounded feelings I'd cover with balm.
You cannot well help it it o'er you the sky
Drizzles and drizzles and never goes dry.
Some day the bright sun thru the heavens may peep.
Seattle, Seattle, why do you weep?

There was a mask ball given at Adel on Friday night. The people assembled from all parts for forty miles around and a better time could not be had anywhere.

Most Obsequious,
McCarty Come Down.

O. W. Kerr Visits Us

O. W. Kerr, of Minneapolis Minn., President and general manager of the O. W. Kerr Co., of that place, arrived in Lakeview Sunday night via Reno, in company with Harry Hunter, President of the Hunter Land Co.

Mr. Kerr expects to spend several weeks in Oregon. Speaking of his trip Mr. Kerr says:

"Our Company is engaged exclusively in buying tracts of land, cutting it up in small farms and retailing to settlers. During the year 1907, we sold 200,000 aces of land in Southern Alberta Canada and in the Pan-Handle of Texas. We put over 400 families in Southen Alberta during the past two years. Land is getting high in price in that section and it is also difficult to get large tracts at any price. We are now looking for a new field where the conditions are more favorable for colonization.

I am impressed with what I have read about Oregon, and expect to spend considerable time looking over the country. I am very favorably impressed with what I have seen and heard, although i have not seen much of the country as yet. I was very much surprised at finding such an extensive settlement so far from Rail Road, and more than surprised at the towns, especially Lakeview. Our territory covers Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. Many of our farmers, especially in North and South Dakota, who have made considerable money during the past ten years, will move west where the winters are less severe. I look for a big emigration from the middle west to the Pacific Coast States during the next five years. Southeastern Oregon seems to have many attractions for the settler; the principal drawback, of course, being the lack of Rail Road, which is bound to come in the near future. It has been said that Southeastern Oregon is the largest white mans country in the United States without railroad. The present unsettled conditions of the financial world may delay building in this line temporarily.

ADEL WOMAN CHOKES COYOTE

Mrs. Caldwell Grapples With Beast That Attacks Her and Chokes It to Death

Mrs. T. A. Caldwell, who lives on the M. Wingfield ranch, near Adel, performed one of the most daring feats Tuesday morning of this week, that it has been our experiencce to chronicle in this country. Shortly after her husband left the house for his days work on that morning, a coyote came to the chicken yard and made a raid on the chickens. Mrs. Caldwell went to chase the coyote away, not believing that a coyote would tackle a person. But she was surprised, when the thing took after her. She started to run, tripped and fell prone on the ground. The coyote jumped on top of her and sank his teeth in her breast. She grabbed Mr. Coyote by the throat and with a death grip, choked it to death. The coyote's teeth were fastened in her clothing and she succeeded in overpowering him, and never loosened her grip until her desparate victim was dead, and dead to stay. The coyote was skinned, and Mrs. Caldwell will undoubtedly keep the hide as a souvenir of the most blood curdling experience of her life.

Hammersley-Bryant

A large number of guests were present at the wedding last Sunday of Miss Nora Bryant to Mr. Frank Hammersley, which took place at the house of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shellhammer, in Lakeview.

Both young people are well liked and their marriage is looked upon by their many friends as a happy culmination of a pleasant courtship.

Mr. Hammersley is an industrious young man, always steady and painstaking. He is interested in the sheep business with his father, which promises him reward for faithfulness and energy. He is deserving of the congratulations for having won for his life partner a young lady of such good raising and high ambition as Miss Bryant.

Following is a list of the presents received by the happy young couple: J. M. Hammersley, $25. Nolan Hammersley, cooking utensils. Mrs. Houston, bed. Mr. F. B. Houston, cow. Mrs. C. Sherlock, silver coffee pot. Mrs. May Batchelder, silver teapot Mrs. Newell, table cloth. Mrs. D. J. Wilcox, napkins. Mr. D. J. Wilcox $5. Mr. N. R. Wilcox, silver knives and forks. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, center set. Mr. and Mrs. Corey, plates. Henry Newell Jr. Tea set. Wm. Hammersley, cake stand and berry set. Irving Sherlock. Ned Sherlock. Mrs. J C. Shellhammmer bed Eva Shellhammer knives and forks teaspoons, and pillow silps. Mr. Andrew Hammersley, and Mr. Fred Ahlstrom, Dinner set. Mrs. Fred Ahlstrom a quilt. Mrs. Rusow, glass center set. Charley Rusow, salt and pepper shaker. Joseph Bennett, Water set. Mr. Albert Dent, box cigars. Mr. Easter silver salt and pepper shakers. James Metzker doll.

Run Down By Sheriff

Harry Hunter and O. W. Kerr had a little experience at Alturas that is somewhat laughable, yet aggravating to Mr. Hunter. When he reached Reno he telergraphed to an Alturas livery stable to send a team to Likely to meet him and his companion, who did not wish to remain there or loose a moment. Upon their arrival they inquied about the team, but it was not there. They waited nealy an hour and it did not come, so they hired a team at Likely and started for Alturas. When they reached that place they hired another team to bring them to Davis creek. While they were preparing to make the start the sheriff came to them with a summons and held them up for the amount of team hire and costs of action.

What makes the incident more ridiculous, Mr. Hunter went direct to the stable upon his arrival in Alturas, and offered to pay the bill, but the proprietor was out and he was looking for him when the sheriff presented the summons. Mr. Hunter does not speak in very loving terms of some of those people, as a result of his experience.

Feilx Green returned from San Francisco last week, where has been on a business trip for the XL cattle company for several weeks Felix says the lower country has not recoverd, from the effects of the financial crisis last fall, and that there are thousands of idle men in all the towns in the valley. He says there is no feed in that country for stock, and the outlook is not very encouraging for the coming summer, unless conditions change.

Charley Combs Murdered

Merrill Klamath Co. Oregon.
Feb. 14th 1908.

To Editor of Lake County Examiner:—

Charley A, Combs son of Pierce and Bessie Combs, died at Redding California, on the seventh of February, under mysterious circumstances.

He was murdered and robbed of all the money he had excepting fifteen cents. He got on the train at Kennett on the sixth to go to Redding, that was the last seen of him until he was found dead the morning of the seventh under the depot platform. His youngest brother, Fred, and Sam, brought the remains home, and he was given a christian burial in the Merrill Cemetary on the twelvth He letf a father and mother, sister and four brothers.

Gone from this earth to Heaven,
Where death shall come no more,
Gone from this world of trouble,
To his home on the opposite shore.

It seems to all so cruel,
To have him called away,
While friends and all dear loved ones
All thought to have him stay.

He has gone from pain and sorrow
When called we must obey;
Although its hard at parting
The Lord must have his way.

That home is sadder, sadder,
Since the son-brothers' gone,
They will find him ready waiting
In that glorious home beyond.

When they meet far up in Heaven
On that happy golden shore
He will cling to them forever
To part no, never more.

Charlie A. Combs was born in Little Shasta, Siskiyou Co., Califorina, on February 15th 1882.

Written by request.

While it was hoped the construction of several first-class battleships would be provided for at the present session of congess, there is liklihood of an appropriation being made for the building of but two, at a cost in the neighborhood of $10,000,000.

San Francisco's Mayors seem to make themselves prominent in various ways. Schmitz' notoriety is well known, and now the new Mayor, Dr. Taylor has taken unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Jeffers.

The Examiner is getting out a lot of pamphlets for the real estate men of Lakeview, which will be distributed throughout the eastern states among the homeseekers.

There is a move on foot to put a stop to gambling in Reno. When the lid goes down on Reno, the task of reforming the rest of the world should be easy.

The U. S. Government has ordered three airships, one to cost $10,000, one $20,000 and the other $25,000, all to be supplied within 200 days.

C. W. Withers came down from Paisley first of the week to secure sheep range within the National forest this summer.

Frank Morine spent a couple of days in Lakeview from Paisley the first of the week, returning Tuesday.

J. Simmons returned from Summer Lake last Sunday, where he had been to see Mr Innes, who is quite ill.

H. E. Barker, the stage man, brought a load of stage freight from the railroad, arriving here Sunday.

Several parties arrived here from Washington and other places this week to locate on Lake county lands.

It is given out now that the Western Pacific will be completed next year.

The University Loan Fund.

University of Oregon, Feb. 10:—

Hon. R. A. Booth, of Eugene, has just given to the Student Loan Fund of the University of Oregon a check for $500 to be used as an irreducible educational loan fund for students. The fund will be known as the "Booth Loan Fund" and will be kept separate from the general fund which at present is distributed in loans ranging in amount from $15 to $80 among ten students of the University. Since the establishment of the general fund five years ago, more than thirty students have been able to complete their college course who could not otherwise have done so.

The University hopes to establish during the present year a loan fund of at least $5.000, to be loaned under the direction of President Campbell or one designated by him to boys and girls all over Oregon, who wish to complete their education, but who cannot do so without assistance. It is believd that with a loan of approximately $100 a year at a low rate of interest to be repaid in two years after graduation, is much more preferable than an outright gift in the form of a scholarship. The Fund will be guaranteed by ten men against loss. Two signatures will be required to each note and a small amount of life insurance will be taken out to insure againts loss by death.

The present loan fund amounts to approximately $1000.

The funds of this institution have fallen short $15,000 of meeting the current expenses of the past year, and to avoid a deficiency the faculty have served three months without pay.

Local Briefs

Dr. Witham, who went to London last fall, returned to Paisley last week, accompanied by his father and mother from England, who come to the United States to reside. We suppose the Doctor is happy now, as getting his parents to come to America has ever been his highest ambition, since we have known him. Mrs. Witham and son went to Likely to meet them on their return home.

Chas. Lambert, the proprietor of the western stage line from Bly to Klamath Falls, was here from Bonanza first of the week looking for stage horses. Mr. Barker brought two up from Alturas for him. Mr. Lambert says every indication is that the stage lines will do a big business this summer in bringing homeseekers into this country.

W. B. Barnes who was once a resident of Lake county and assessor for one term is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Klamath county. We do not know Mr. Barnes' opponent but we can say a good word for Mr. Barnes. He was a very efficient official in this county.

Mr. J. R. Wright, a Portland drummer, while coming from Bly with a private rig met with a severe accident last week. In some manner he was thrown from the wagon, and two of the wheels passed over his leg. He has been hobbling around on crutches since.

A marriage license was issued Monday, Feb. 17, 1908 to Mr. John O'Neil and Miss Disse Reid, both of New Pine Creek, Oregon. No further particulars as to the wedding has been learned by us, up to the time of going to press.

E. W. Eyanson, of Seattle, L. T. and R. K. Forbes and J. W. Langdon of Washington, went to North Warner last week to locate permanently on some of Warner's rich, agricultural lands. Cogburn and Sanford located them.

Chas M. Innis has been very sick at the Innis ranch in Summer Lake valley for some time. Last Sunday he was moved down to Paisley, where he will be near the doctor until he recovers.

George Conn met with a serious accident Tuesday while coming down from Paisley on the stage. The team ran away throwing Mr. Conn out. He was taken to Bryan's station, and Dr. Daly was 'phoned for at once.

W. J. Sherlock and John Sheehan came down from Summer Lake last week to make application for summer range in the reserve. They succeeded in getting about the same range allotted to them last year.

Dave Jones, who has been engaged in the saloon business at Andrews, Harney county, has sold out and moved to Burns, where he has taken charge of the French hotel at that place.

OTHER HORRORS OF NEW YORK

Use Water From Filthy Reservoirs

PARTS OF CITY UNSAFE TO VISIT

Life Is Really Not So Pleasant As It Might Be In a Very Large City

New York City

Editor Examiner:

My original intention was to send only one communication regarding the disagreeable things to be endured in a large city. However, I readily see that books would be required to fully describe the same.

One never knows, upon retiring for the night, but what they will be awakened during the night by the alarm of fire with little or no chance of escape.

You are not sure when you go out upon the street, whether you will return safely with your purse or life.

About 500 people are killed annually by the street cars alone, including the elevated and subway systems, and while this seems like a large and unnecessary loss of life, it is a small percentage, when we consider that about 400,000 tickets are sold on those systems every twenty four hours.

Then take the milk and water supply (I enjoy them very much) the former is supplied from cows that one third of them, are affected with tuberculosis, which the state of New York is practically proceeding to destroy, at an estimated expense of $8,000,000.

The water supplied from large filthy rivers, and held in large reservoirs or more properly, lakes, which would seem to be filthy enough Since last November two suicides had been found, floating upon the surface of the reservoirs. And yet old New Yorkers pay little or no attention to this state of things. Then the distrust shown amongst the people, is anything but pleasant, in fact it is about as hard to find an honest man upon the streets, as the proverbial hens teeth. much so, that when I meet one I take off my hat to him. The partial reasoning for such a state of affairs is the fact that they do not expect to meet you the second time, therefore, they skin you whenever they get a chance.

I met one honest man selling apples the other day, who said if any of them were bad, or wormy come back and he would give me another one; What! in New York City,—I doffed my hat to him and told him that I would walk blocks to find him again when I wanted apples.

New York City is a hot bed of Socialism. Burglers, Kidnappers, Mafia Bomb throwers and Anarchists. The latter expressing thoughts from the public rostrums I never expected to hear in these United States. However, nine tenths of the above are foreigners, who have not been here long enough to talk good English.

On some of the streets nearly all the business is done by this foreign element, and while there you can hardly realize that you are in the Metropolis of the United States. Several times when I have told Old New Yorkers of visiting these streets, they have warned me not to do so, on account of the danger, remarking that they would not think of going there, even in daylight. However, I would not be satisfied to see only the best of anything. I must see both sides, even of a large city, in order to make comparisons, and thereby form a correct opinion of the same.

S. V. Rehart.

Harry A. Hunter returned from Minneapolis last Sunday evening. He was accompanied by Mr. O. W. Kerr, of Minneapolis. Mr. Kerr is at the head of several colonies in Canada and Texas, and comes here to look at this country, possibly with a view to locating a colony.

Joe Ambrose was in town from the West Side last Saturday. He says one day last week he saw a man going west, and that when the fellow saw him coming he took to the brush and hid, and when he was well past him he crept out from his hiding place and went on his way.