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LEADING NEWSPAPER OF INTERIOR OREGON
TWO DOLLARS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

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WILLAMETTE LAND IS RICH

HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN
VALUE IN THE PAST YEAR

SHOULD BENEFIT KLAMATH COUNTY

The Demand Has Never Been So
Great as at the Present Time
Homeseekers Flocking in

"I was never so greatly surprised in my life as during my recent visit to the Willamette valley," stated C. C. Hogue, fiscal agent of the reclamation service. "I used to own some land near Albany, and I became discouraged and sold. That is where I made a mistake. If I had held that property until this summer it would have yielded far greater returns than I received. From one end of the valley to the other land has more than doubled in value. Surrounding Albany land is selling for four and five hundred an acre, and it is hard to get even at that price. Farming land that last year went begging for \$30 and \$40 an acre is now in big demand for \$80 and \$90. The cause of this is the great influx of homeseekers. The number of new people is far in excess of anything of the kind in the history of the state, and it shows no indication of abating. Until this year Oregon had the cheapest land on the coast. In Washington and California the price of land has been high for several years, and the people who are coming out West this season cannot afford to pay the high prices asked in those states. Consequently they came to Oregon and lost no time in buying up the cheap lands of the Willamette valley.

"Now that the lands in that section are reaching the high water mark the homeseeker will doubtless seek the interior, but even the hundreds of thousands of acres in that section will not suffice to satisfy the demand for land, and it is but a matter of a short time before that will be settled up." Klamath county should benefit from this great demand for farming land. One of the great difficulties heretofore is the fact that the homeseeker located before he reached this county. When one did arrive here he was impounded to invest in city property until he got so sick of the town that he generally left. Whenever one was taken into the country a sale was generally made, or at least more than the average percentage of them bought farms and made their home here. It is being recognized that the irrigated lands of Klamath county are not high when compared with other sections of the coast. It is true that many farmers unacquainted with land values elsewhere think that the price asked here is unreasonable, but when they go away and investigate they soon learn that Klamath county offers the best opportunities.

The sale recently made of the Will Humphrey ranch for \$125 an acre is indicative of the high price lands close to this city are beginning to command. Last year farming land that could be bought for \$25 an acre cannot be had this year for \$75. The man who one year ago balked at paying \$35 an acre would certainly be filled with regret if he were here today. The man who today refuses to buy up \$15 land located within a few miles of the city will one year hence suffer from the same regret as the man who refused to pay \$35 twelve months ago.

The farming lands of the Pacific coast are going up, and they will continue to do so for some time to come. A man who owns a farm should keep it and improve it, and in five years it will yield him a return far beyond his highest expectations. But he must remember that it is only the good farms that command the fancy prices.

NOVICE AT AUTO WHEEL FURNISHES AMUSEMENT

Dan Van Brimmer Rans Into Ditch
While on His Way Home to
Merrill

Dan Van Brimmer of Merrill has purchased a new automobile, and, incidentally is furnishing much amusement to himself as well as his ac-

quaintances. But the fun was all on the side of his friends yesterday.

F. H. Brandenburg, J. W. Jones and Edwin P. Cox were driving to Merrill in a hay wagon yesterday, making their way at a leisurely gait. A short distance behind them was a buggy. Mr. Van Brimmer had been to Klamath Falls to take in the celebration, and yesterday was seemingly in a hurry to get home, for he came along the road behind the two vehicles at a merry pace. He caught up with them near the Altamont ranch, and without slackening his pace passed the buggy. He did not calculate the distance between the buggy and hay wagon correctly, for when he started to turn out in order to avoid colliding with the heavy wagon his machine ran into the ditch beside the road and was stuck in the mud.

Clay Cann of Merrill happened to pass that way at the time, and, of course, he offered some advice to the new chauffeur.

Mr. Brandenburg, who was driving the hay wagon, also observed that the automobilist needed some advice, which he proceeded to give, and told Mr. Van Brimmer the proper way to run an auto.

After the owner of the machine had been sufficiently enlightened as to the proper way to operate an automobile Mr. Brandenburg kindly fastened a rope to the machine in the ditch, and with his team pulled the vehicle out of the mud. Mr. Van Brimmer lays the trouble all to inexperience.

A PIG THAT CAUSED A WAR

Champ Clark, the minority leader in the house of representatives, says he hopes to write some day a book about what a margin of one vote has caused to happen in the history of this country. One of the instances of what one vote will do he describes as follows:

The war between this country and England was caused by one vote, and stranger still, the small margin came from a pig's getting its head stuck in a rail fence. It was a Rhode Island fence at that, but built much like a Virginia worm fence.

They were having an election of members of the legislature in Rhode Island. One federalist put "x" going to the election, and left himself just time enough to get there before the polls closed. Just as he got on his horse and started for town he heard a pig squeal. He looked around into that old rail fence, and anybody who knows anything about hogs knows that the hogs would have eaten that pig up if it hadn't been rescued. The farmer stopped long enough to liberate the pig, and when he got to the polls they were closed. He was too late.

The result was that a democratic legislature was elected from that district by one vote, and he would not have been elected if that federalist had gotten there on time. In the legislature a democratic United States senator was elected by one vote, and that democratic legislature who had been elected by one vote voted for him.

In the United States senate they voted for the war of 1812 by one vote, and that Rhode Island democratic senator who had been elected because that pig got caught in the fence voted for the war of 1812.—Popular Magazine.

THREE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

United Press Service.

TACOMA, Wash., June 30.—A terrific explosion in the Dupont powder factory near here this morning blew three men to atoms and partly demolished the factory.

The dead are James Sach, Tom Blake and George Strouse, all employees. This is the third fatal explosion in this factory within four months, two men being killed in each of the previous ones.

Many delicate compliments have been paid the fair sex by men subtle in speech, but the following comes straight from the heart of an illiterate negro, who was married in the South the other day by a white minister. At the conclusion of the marriage the groom asked the price of the service.

"Oh, well," answered the minister, "you can pay me whatever you think it is worth to you."

The negro turned and silently looked his bride over from head to foot; then, slowly rolling up the whites of his eyes, said:

"Lawd, sah, you has done ruined me for life; you has, for sure."—Harper's Magazine.

GOOD MAN FOR THE POSITION PIONEERS HAVE GOOD MEET

SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT A
CAPABLE OFFICIAL

MADE HIS OWN WAY IN THE WORLD

Casual Conversation Gives Taft an In-
sight Into the Ability of Charles
Dyer Norton

United Press Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 6.—As McKinley had his Cortelyou and Roosevelt his Loeb, so Taft now has his Norton.

After Mrs. Taft left for Beverly Charles Dyer Norton, secretary to the president, lived at the White House. Now that the nation's business is being transacted from Beverly, Norton is on the job there. When Norton recently took his office he called the newspapermen at the White House into conference.

"I'm green to the job," he explained, "and I want your assistance. I believe that the public is entitled to know how the wheels go 'round up here, and I want to help you get them real news."

It is the secretary to the president who explains to the newspapermen (and, through them, to the public at large) what the president thinks. He hears the presidential brain cogitating, and translates—with discretion—those thoughts to the correspondents. It takes a good deal of knowledge and tact and a big lump of discretion to translate the presidential brain.

The secretary is the buffer against which smash all the vexatious little things that go to make a presidential day. He makes and keeps track of the president's engagements. He relieves his chief so far as possible by a judicious "weeding out" process, and sidetracks the troublesome and bothersome callers. He gets all the blame for everything and none of the credit. Twenty years ago Norton started out in life as a book agent, the son of a poor clergyman. Later he went into the life insurance business, learning how to think quickly and talk without circumlocution. He advanced from solicitor to head of a division for a big life insurance company.

He had worked his way through college. He learned to study men through selling them books and life insurance. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh brought Norton to Washington as assistant secretary of the treasury.

It is said that President Taft first formed an admiration for Norton when he called at the White House one day on a routine matter. Conversation turned into another channel, and the executive casually expressed an opinion on a certain subject. Norton very quietly took the opposite view. And he told the president why; he advanced further facts to support his position, and, finally, got the executive to admit that his was the right way. It was all done tactfully, and yet with a display of backbone that won Taft right away. So it happened that when Fred W. Carpenter's health failed, and the president found himself in need of an individual with backbone and plenty of tact, he turned to Norton.

Norton is full of nervous energy. He is tall and spare, with dark hair that he brushes back to show a broad forehead. He talks in crisp, short sentences—direct to the point. He smiles pleasantly, and his blue eyes twinkle. He is exceedingly well groomed, and, all in all, is the sort of man people look at twice.

Norton has been on all the trips with his chief since he became secretary. He is a close student of politics. Coming to his present job without a working knowledge of that most mysterious of all subjects, he has managed to grasp the situation thoroughly.

Norton has made a hit with the newspapermen because he is one of the few officials of the government who seem to have "noses for news." He reads the papers closely. If he tells the correspondents a bit of news one day on the next he looks to see how they "played it up."

INTERESTING ITEMS

Every day the railroads of New York move 85 per cent of the population of the city.

Wireless telegraph apparatus is used in Spain to detect the approach of thunder storms.

The world's production of corn has reached the enormous figure of 90,000,000 tons a year.

Newspaper is made by machinery at the rate of from 150 to 400 feet a minute, according to width and the quality.

The first American flag ever made in the United States of America—made bustling was recently sold at auction in London.

Oklahoma has the greatest Indian population of any of the states. The last time they were counted there were 117,370.

GATHERING AT COURTHOUSE
SQUARE ENTHUSIASTIC ONE

WILL CAMP IN THIS CITY NEXT FALL

Object Is to Perpetuate the History
of the Settlers of This
County

The meeting of the county pioneers at the courthouse grounds Tuesday was attended by a number of the older residents of this vicinity. A number of them made excellent talks on subjects appertaining to the early days and the credit that is due the hardy men and women who crossed the plains to settle in this part of the state of Oregon.

O. C. Applegate impressed on his listeners the necessity for forming an organization and fixing a place of meeting, as well as collecting all the data possible of the early settlement of the county while the pioneers were still living.

Mrs. P. J. Roberts thought that it was about time the pioneers were given credit for discovering this country, and believed that some means should be taken to let people know that such was the case.

J. D. Applegate also had views similar to those held by Mrs. Roberts. He said that he had been a pioneer all of his life, and that this was the first pioneers' meeting he had ever attended, but that it was time that some steps were taken to see that it was made known that the pioneers had a little to do with the settling of this part of the state.

O. A. Stearns was of a similar opinion, and that if the pioneers formed an organization it would show that they still had a little of their old vitality left, even if others did claim to have hewn this country from a wilderness.

The main headquarters of the association will be in Klamath Falls, and the first meeting will be in this city this fall. Arrangements will be made to hold other meetings annually at different places in the county, so that all the members can have an opportunity to get together and talk over old times. The meeting will be held at such a time that they can camp out and talk over pioneer days by the light of camp fires.

The officers of the association are: President—O. A. Stearns. Vice-president—O. C. Applegate. Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. E. V. Cogswell.

Executive committee—J. O. Hamaker, Bonanza; Jacob Reuck, Dairy; Charles Keister, Poe Valley; Steven Stukel, Merrill.

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Marion Hanks to A. Y. Lindsey, lots 7 and 8, blk. 14, Klamath Falls; \$10.

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| RESOURCES | DOLLARS |
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| Loans and Discounts | \$ 68,344.53 |
| Bonds, securities, etc. | 2,464.46 |
| Banking house, furniture, and fixtures | 2,150.74 |
| Due from banks (not reserve banks) | 10,932.53 |
| Due from approved reserve banks | 20,402.44 |
| Checks and other cash items | 872.13 |
| Cash on hand | 19,687.75 |
| Total | \$124,854.58 |

| LIABILITIES | DOLLARS |
|---|--------------|
| Capital stock paid in | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 48.64 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 50,930.11 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 280.00 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 11,585.00 |
| Savings deposits | 37,010.83 |
| Total | \$124,854.58 |

State of Oregon,)
County of Klamath, ss.

I, J. W. Seimens, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: J. W. SEIMENS, Cashier.
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