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OUR EDITORIAL POLICY

- 1. To advocate aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people
2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county.
3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook City.
4. To insist on an American standard of labor.
5. To be politically independent, but to support the candidates for public office who will bring the most good to the people of Tillamook county and of the State of Oregon.

OUR UNSUSPECTED GROWTH

The average Tillamooker as he goes about his daily routine probably never realizes what a rapid but still substantial growth is taking place both in wealth and population in Tillamook county.
To cite as an instance one may glance about the city here and see the vacant lots and weed filled corners developing into neat front yards and home sites.

It is almost awesome to witness this spectacle when one first opens his eyes to it. The old timer has made this city and county his home for the past 30 or 40 years may have a hard time realizing the scale upon which residential and business property are being constructed. Tillamook city in the past few months has witnessed nearly quarter of a million dollars in building construction, and this is Tillamook city alone. Outside districts are witnessing the same thing.

Yet they say that the demand far exceeds the supply. This can mean but one thing that Tillamook county has entered into an era of substantial prosperity which is reflected from our wonderful natural resources and industries.

One who banks his faith in Tillamook county will not be betrayed.

THE NATION'S DEFENSE PROGRAM

Aside from a few milk-fed pacifists who have always been an annoying factor to constructive government, the nation as a whole will enter into the observance of Defense Day on September 12.

In spite of the outcries made by the pacifist dwellers of this country that the establishment of this date is a warlike and unfriendly movement, the sturdier element of our country appreciate its real value as a preserver of peace and as a systematic and economical plan of mobilization in time of emergencies.

War there will be as long as human greed and hate exist. A month from now or a year from now may see us pitted against some powerful foreign country, bound to invade our shore line and take possession of our homes and property.

Are we going to peaceably allow this to occur, or resent it and defend our firesides?

Judging from arguments of the pacifists they leave their doors unlocked and their valuables unprotected, ready to be stolen by the first thief who comes along.

BOY SCOUTS

Not many years ago several boys organizations were built up for the purpose of developing in the youth of this country a spirit of wholesome service and citizenship. Most of them lived a few years and then gradually withered away. But one of these has survived and is still growing. The Boy Scouts of America is probably the best existing example of successful organization through service. The code of the organization, to perform one good deed a day without thought of remuneration has been a leading factor in building up the manhood that is being built up in these young fellows' lives. When called upon they willingly take the jobs that have always been hard to fill. During the editorial convention that was held here last month the local troop were on hand to assist in many ways. They have volunteered their services to the county fair board and will act as guards and policemen during the fair. Support of such an organization is certainly commendable.

EDITORIAL RESOLUTIONS

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To the paper trades association of Portland for badges.

To those who have appeared on the programs at different times for their interesting, entertaining and instructive contributions.

To the Tillamook Creamery association for the gift of cheeses to the newspapers represented.

To the Whitney Lumber company of Oregon, Rosenberg Bros. and others for entertainment yet to come.

And finally to the newspaper men of Tillamook for their unceasing efforts toward making the meeting the success it has been.

Whereas, it has appeared to the members of the Oregon Editorial association through personal observation and a presentation of facts by those conversant with the situation, that the present highway connections from the Tillamook country to the lower Willamette Valley and Portland, although their completion is of comparatively recent date, are already loaded beyond capacity with

traffic, and

Whereas, There is a vital need for all increase in facilities both for industrial traffic and that steadily increasing movement of tourists from the inland points of Oregon and the far and near places of the nation to Tillamook city and the increasingly popular beach resorts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Oregon State Editorial association does hereby give its hearty support to the movement to secure such new highway facilities, realizing their need both from a local and statewide standpoint; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Oregon States Highway Commission.

RELIGIOUS DEBATE

By N. W. Phelps

I notice by your paper of August 15th that Mr. Davey has turned Arab, folded his tent, taken his "Benedictine" still, and departed. A mighty actor has passed off the stage. We feel to speak of him in the language of Carlyle: "We speak of him secretly as if it were a kind of Melchizedek, without father or mother of any kind; sometimes, with reference to his great historic and statistic knowledge, and the vivid way he had of expressing himself like an eye witness of distant transactions and scenes."

We must admit that he did about as well as could be done defending what he defended. His defeat is to be found, not in his lack of ability, but in the impossibility to defend an organization that makes "booze" for profit in the name of Christ in a prohibition country. Which shows reverence to images and calls itself Christian. Which divides the emblems in the communion to uphold a dogma. Which counts beads in prayer, believes in the sacredness of 'shin bones,' dips itself in 'Holy Water,' and declares that in its hands are two swords, the one of 'spiritual life' and the other of 'physical death.' Which professes to be founded on the Bible yet has no Bible for its foundation. Which declares that it is just and Christian to take little children

and work them 12 hours in 'sweatshop hell-mills' that fat priests might loll in luxury on soft cushions. Which spreads out Holy hands while it defrauds hundreds of young women out of their God-given birthright by persuading them that it is the will of God and to his glory that they shut themselves up in walled bastilles and become the servants and prey of those who drive them with lashes and browbeat them with floor-kissing. Which says to Helen Jackson in the language of heaven, "What a pious sweet little face, and Oh, how Jesus would like you to be His Spouse" and later ducks her in the bath tub until she is dead, then beats her upon the wet gown to see if she can bear it and live. Which has left no 'holy word' our of its ritual and no crime against humanity out of its acts. Which dreamed out the "spider" with which they tore out women's breasts. Which dreamed out the thousand "unpardonable" and poured over it the "blessing" of a Pope. Which writes a list of questions with which they make the 'confessional' a pest-house of obscenity and a highway to blackmail. It is 'impossibility' Mr. Editor to defend a thing like that. There is no more defence fort it than there is for the slum.

Mr. Davey does a strange thing. He debates before the public and then undertakes to tell the public how nicely he won the debate. How 'very' truthful he has been and what an awful liar his opponent has been. Like Saul of old he is saying, "I have kept the commandment of the Lord." But Samuel is saying, "What meanest thou the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" Again and again Mr. Davey instructed this same public that it was very intelligent, now he presumes on this intelligence to tell what its verdict must be. We are of the opinion Mr. Editor that the readers of your paper are well able to judge who lied and who is that could find no scripture to sustain an "ever virgin" Mary, and no history to deny that J. Wilkes Booth a Roman Catholic killed Lincoln nine months after a Roman Catholic traitor had been told by Lincoln that he would

either reform or hang. Mr. Davey brings forth labored paragraphs about a 'moderator' which shows clearly that all his talk about a dear intelligent public was pure political bunk. He thus informs this 'intelligent' public that its intelligence is so low that there was need all the while that some one with wisdom should judge for it what was revealed, true or false. What Mr. Davey really meant to say no doubt was, that the Church of Rome should have supreme political power so they could act as moderator, set in judgment on the press, and allow nothing in print that would show up the malevolent character of the Church of Rome. Mr. Davey is very sorry that the laymen now know, some of them, that the Church of Rome, by its priests and Monks is in the business of making scotflaw "booze" in a prohibition country in the name of Christ for filthy profit. No wonder we find popish hatred belching its spume at the wrold's Magna Chartas.

Mr. Davey tries to make it appear that we have said hard things against 'holy women.' This of course is not true. We have all the while directed our words at a depraved priestcraft which is willing in its sodden selfishness to delude young women into believing that by serving THEM in the surrender of both themselves and their labor that they thereby serve God. God knows I pity the sad-eyed Sisters in their maternity dresses, bearing burdens too heavy to be born, which a drunken priestcraft, eating their man-made christs, will not lift with so much as their little finger. The girls are not to blame, they are VICTIMS of wily priests just as much, and in the same manner, as some are victims of Dr. Cook, the oil grafter. It was this same cunning that published in Democratic papers that Lincoln was born and baptized a Roman Catholic and that he was because of this an apostate, in order to build up in the minds of Catholics just grounds for killing him. It was the pressure of this demonic cunning that woke Lincoln's heart to the facts and caused him to say: "The fact is, that the majority of Roman Catholic bishops, priests and

laymen are rebels in heart, when they cannot be in fact; with a very few exceptions they are publicly in favor of slavery. I understand now why the patriots of France, who determined to see th colors of liberty floating over their great and beautiful country, were forced to shoot or hang almost all the priests and monks as the irreconcilable enemies of liberty. For it is a fact which is now evident to me that with very few exceptions, every priest and every 'true' Roman Catholic is a determined enemy of liberty.

"Their extermination in France was one of those terrible necessities which no human wisdom could avoid. May God grant that the same terrible necessity be never felt in the United States! But there is a thing which is very certain; it is, that if the American people could learn what I know of the fierce hatred of the generalities of the priests of Rome against our institutions, our schools, our most sacred rights, and our so dearly bought liberties, they would drive them away from among us tomorrow, or they would shoot them as traitors. The history of these last thousand years tells us that wherever the Church of Rome is not a dagger to pierce to the bosom of a free nation, she is a STONE to its neck, and a ball to its feet, to paralyze her and prevent her advance in the ways of civilization, science, intelligence, happiness and liberty." Lincoln's death was declared by Roman Catholics in St. Joseph Minn. hours before he was killed.

If man cannot use the Bible as a guide in his religious life he has none. The priests say, We are the messengers of Christ you should listen to us. We reply, We will most assuredly listen to you if you will first prove that you are the messengers of Christ. I offer this as a challenge to Roman Catholic laymen who have been reading this debate: You CANNOT read your New Testament with an open mind, with an unwavering purpose to follow its teachings, regardless of perverting footnotes, and remain a Roman Catholic.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIR
SEPTEMBER 9-10-11-12, 1924

Pendleton Indians with race horses—camped on grounds in native costumes—War Dances, etc.

McMahon & Wheeler Attractions—acrobatic, slack and tight wire, trained ponies, monkeys, dogs, and bear

FREE MOTION PICTURES EVERY EVENING

(Note: All the above attractions are free)

Program Friday for Old Time Settlers of Tillamook

The Fair Board asks you to cooperate with them by placing an exhibit.

Livestock entries should be made not later than Sunday, Sept. 7th.