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THE NEWSPAPER IN POLITICS.

THE Willamette Valley Press association will meet in Dallas today, and the principal topic the editors will discuss is the newspaper's place in politics. It is an important subject, since politics has to do with government, local as well as national, and the newspaper is, or should be, the mouthpiece of the people.

In this respect there has been much progress made in a decade in the direction of independence, fairness and fearlessness of the part of the press of the country. The old hide-bound party organ has almost disappeared, and in its place has come the newspaper which, although allied nominally with one party or the other in the matter of underlying principles of government, is independent enough to discuss political questions fairly and honestly, and, if need be, to support at times the candidates of the opposition party where the public interest will best be subserved thereby.

As a matter of fact, there are no definite lines of policy and principle separating the two leading parties at this time. The affairs of government are being considered more and more from the business instead of the financial standpoint. The old partisan rancor, engendered largely by the civil war, has died out and voters refuse to follow blindly the dictation of party leaders. The old-fashioned boss is out of a job because voters will not allow tradition to bind them and are no longer democrats or republicans because their fathers were before them. They are reading and thinking for themselves, and as a consequence voting more independently than ever before. Even that ancient issue, the tariff, no longer arouses general partisan interest; the view of General Hancock, once derided, that "tariff is a local issue," is now quite generally accepted. The general principle of "protection" or "tariff for revenue only" is accepted without reservation by few voters of either party. One section demands free trade in certain products and for certain industries, while other portions of the country desire protection for the same things. The result is that neither party is able to put into effect a tariff schedule which is in line with its traditional platform declarations on this principle of government.

Newspapers of today reflect the new political view because they are more than anything else a mirror of the world's progress. The growing independence of their readers has had the effect of stimulating the innate desire for independence possessed by every real editor, and seeing the tendency of the public in this direction he has become a leader in the movement for emancipation from party control.

The place of the newspaper in politics is that of independence from all influences except those which tend toward better political and social conditions in the field throughout which it circulates, since in no other way is it able to occupy the place in the confidence and esteem of its readers that it must acquire in order to become an influential and useful instrument for public betterment.

THE SECRET OF PERPETUAL YOUTH.

LORD WEMYSS, who still felt young when he died at the age of 96 years, once explained that the way to keep from growing old was never to forget the world is always in the infancy of invention and discovery. Wemyss began life in the era of the tallow dip, and he left it in the age of the tungsten electric lamp. Tungsten was an unknown metal when he was born, and even when he had passed the allotted three-score and ten; and electricity was only a laboratory product, so far as human beings had anything to do with it.

Old age comes, according to this Englishman's philosophy, when a man begins to think that his life and the life of his time is finished. The secret of eternal youth, the Ponce de Leon's spring from which to get draughts of rejuvenation, is, therefore, the constant appreciation of the incompleteness of life, and a constant interest in things to be done in the future.

It really begins to look as though Mexico was at last to have peace. Provisional President Carranza says he has no ambition to hold the job, only took it in order to facilitate a settlement, and is ready to turn it over at any time. This simplifies matters, as there are plenty who want the place without him. Carranza will step in, and it depends entirely on him as to Mexico's future. If he is broad-minded and a real patriot, with the good of his whole country at heart, all may be well. However, it is a matter of history that that kind of men in Mexico are exceedingly rare birds. If he fails, the absorption of Mexico by the United States may become a necessity.

William Sulzer is addressing great crowds in New York and gives evidence that there is a chance for him to come back. He is out for the progressive nomination for governor and says he is the same old Bill. He is at the same time a thorn in the side of the New York progressives, and this is why they are so anxious to have Roosevelt make the race for the governorship, not only to save them from defeat but also to save them from Sulzer, which they think is the same thing.

Mr. Knowles, of "Bosting," has gone into the woods of southern Oregon minus clothes, food, weapons or anything else, not even matches, in order to prove that man can live like any other wild beast. What a miscarriage of accidents it is that in such cases as this the fellow who can't tell a man from a deer is never loose in the woods with a gun.

The whereabouts of Huerta is sometimes recently in doubt, but where he will turn up eventually is easily guessed. All that is necessary is to see where that six millions was shipped to.

* Remember to have The *
* Capital Journal to follow *
* you during your vacation. *

* THE ROUND-UP *

Two alleged burglars were caught in the Stewart Hardware Company's store at Hood River Thursday morning.

For the sixth time in a week, a house occupied by a bootblack at Eugene was on fire Wednesday. It has burned away little at a time until only the kitchen is left, but this the bootblack sticks to and says he will stay as long as there is anything left of the house, and then he will camp on the site.

It is feared the big bridge at Oregon City has been injured by electrolysis. An examination is being made.

The old hotel building at Independence at the corner of Second and C streets was burned Thursday.

The two doctors who would be governor, are diagnosing the trouble, political, with the Oregon system, and as usual with doctors, do not agree. They both spoke at the chautauque at Albany Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Georgia Ann Hughes, a pioneer of Forest Grove died at her home there Wednesday, aged 72 years. She crossed the plains with her parents in 1850 by the usual ox drawn Pullman.

Mrs. Lorann Wilcox, aged 75 years, was struck and killed by the Stausta limited at Eugene as she was crossing the track Wednesday night. The body was carried some distance and was badly mangled.

The Medford Sun says that although two speed cops are on the job, arrests of speeders are increasing daily.

Eugene Register: Four persons died in St. Louis Saturday as a result of the extreme heat. The blankets feel pretty good these nights, don't they?

W. J. Townley of Union, the Scout says, recently took the trouble to count the roses blooming on a fine climber that grows on his premises, and found there were 45,391.

Instead of holding the regular county fair in Klamath Falls this fall, the suggestion has been made that the money set aside by the county court be divided equally among Merrill, Fort Klamath and Bonanza, and that a local fair be held in each of these towns.

Dallas Observer: Dallas claims the best public school student in the state. Thelma Smith, aged 14 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, established the wonderful record of 99.2 per cent as her yearly average in her studies. Her instructors say they have not known of any pupil to equal it. She is a native of Polk county.

* WARMEST DAYS IN SALEM *
* SINCE 1903. *

* July 19, 1903.....87 *
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Queer Justice

When Bully Boozer beats his wife, we put him in a cell; and there he leads a pleasant life, and likes it passing well. We fill his plate with wholesome fare, when sounds the dinner gong, and see that while he lingers there his life's a grand sweet song. We hand him magazines and books, and papers day by day, so he can loaf in cozy nooks, and read the hours away. Sweet women call and hand him traets, and cheer him up so well that he forgets the ugly facts which put him in his cell.



Meanwhile his wife, with blackened eye, is tolling o'er a tub; she has to toil, with sob and sigh, to get the children grub. Her husband, sentenced by the court, earns money when he's free, and though he is a yellow sport, he feeds his family. Because he filled himself with ale, and started household strife, we lock him in our cozy jail, and punish kids and wife. He has the rest he's long desired, with time to read and sleep, the while the woman, sick and tired, must work and watch and weep. This flows our justice in a rill—the kind we keep on tap; the innocent must pay the bill, while sinners have a snap.

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STILL HOLD DECISION ON FREIGHT INCREASE

Washington, July 18.—While it had been announced that the long expected decision by the interstate commerce commission on the petition of eastern roads for permission to increase freight rates by five percent would be rendered some time this week, there were no indications up to noon today that a ruling was ready to be filed. The decision was being prepared by Commissioner John N. Harlan, who was expected to leave soon for his summer home on Lake Champlain, and it was thought probable that it might be announced later in the day.

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GRASSHOPPERS MAKE RAID.

Grasshoppers are reported by special wire to be devastating the crops of certain parts of the Klamath country, and Professor H. F. Wilson, entomologist at the agricultural college, has gone to the help of the farmers there. The likelihood of this invasion was foreseen and considerable publicity has been given preventive and remedial measures. Relief can be had only by co-operative action, which will come when the need for it is sufficiently pressing. Poisoning, dragging and dosing in hopper dozers are remedial measures that bring satisfactory results when taken up by citizens co-operatively. Bankers, railway officers, business men and professional men joined hands in Kansas last year to fight the pests, and under the leadership of the agricultural college entomologist saved millions of dollars' worth of crops.

Many have been grateful to the Journal Want Columns for the return of lost articles of value.

STRAWBERRY GROWERS RECEIVED GOOD RETURNS

Within a few days Northwestern strawberries will be off of even the local markets; several days ago the shipping season ended. The prices received by various marketing agencies and shipping concerns are being presented to the public for comparative purposes, inasmuch as speculation is rife, following the most unique season in 20 years of Northwestern strawberry history.

The North Pacific Fruit Distributors presented this week what are practically their final strawberry figures, showing an average net price secured by that growers' selling agency of \$1.57 1/2 per crate and \$1,230.00 per car, for the total of 151 1/2 cars sold at a total net price of \$202,417.72. This was \$8.2 1/2 more per crate or \$577.40 more per car than was obtained by the private or independent firms operating in the Northwest, according to the figures being reported by them.

A Seattle house handling practically all of the berries of the Vashon Island and the Olalla districts recently issued a statement which was published in the Seattle Sun, announcing that the 34 cars shipped by it brought a record average price of a trifle over \$1.05 per crate. This compares favorably with sales made by other such competitive firms throughout the season. The Distributors in a bulletin to affiliated growers call attention to the fact that their average net price per crate was \$8.2 1/2 more per crate or \$577.40 more per car than this figure. For the 34 cars which the Seattle house marketed this would have amounted to \$19,631.60. For the 151 1/2 cars which

the Distributors marketed it was \$87,476.10 more than would have been secured through competitive channels. Of the cars shipped by the Distributors, 19 came from the Yakima district, 124 from the Hood River district, including White Salmon, and 17 1/2 cars from the Spokane district. Final returns have also been made by the Distributors on 40 cars of cherries for which the Distributors secured a net price of \$40,227.92, an average per car of \$1,005.70. This average, although exceptionally good as contrasted with previous years' records, was materially reduced by a number of cars of cherries which were packed either full ripe or wet and arrived at the markets showing considerable decay and mould. However, for cherries in good conditions it obtained excellent prices, breaking all previous records by getting, net, \$2,015.00 for one car, or an average of \$1.05 per 10-pound box, and netting over \$2,000 for a number of others. Settlements have likewise been rendered on five cars, containing 185,465 pounds of new potatoes, for which was received net, \$3,119.14, an average of \$223.88 per car, \$33.60 per ton, and \$1.69 per 100 pounds.

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