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OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

At last the truth is out. A private letter from Porto Rico says that everybody there is pleased with the new tariff

There is something paradoxical in the fact that a large percentage of our great merchants who have pushed their way up from the lowest departments of store service to positions of wealth and eminence, are men who were ready and willing to work early and late, and who seldom spared themselves when the interests of their employer were at stake.

It is the fashion of the young man who tries to dodge work to berate the town he lives in. He thinks if he could only get out of the dog-eared hole, he'd own a zinc mine or be president of the steel trust in a couple of years.

None of the proposed constitutional amendments received the requisite number of votes in this State last week to become law, and we'll wag along in the same old rut with no "irrigation" only as nature sends it forth from the heavens, or the tank on the hill furnishes us some excitement by a "tank burst";

Those who knew him as a two-term Congressman refuse to take "Charley" Towne seriously as a Vice Presidential candidate. Towne is a Michigan man, who settled in Duluth. He belongs to the class of "boy orators" in all the term implies.

VERNONIA VARIETIES.

Mrs. M. A. Wedrich, who has been in Portland the past three months, returned with her children to her home near Pittsburg, Sunday.

Alex Sward contemplates buying a harvester if the farmers hereabouts will give him enough grain to cut to justify the cash outlay for a good one.

Gust Gustafson, who works at Peterson's logging camp, has been home for a week visiting his wife and new daughter, and doing some work about his ranch.

John Baker, who has been working in a wood yard the past Winter and Spring, returned one day last week. He says if the folks will let him stay he is going to be at home for the Summer.

A. Shannahan went out with team and wagon to St. Helens the latter part of last week for his daughter, Miss Lulu, who has been visiting with her sister Mrs. T. J. Cleaton, the past two months.

A number of men were blasting out the top in the new plot for a cemetery addition near town, last Saturday. When this ground is cleared, Vernonia will have a very nice place to lay away her dead.

George E. Gray, of La Center, Wash., has been in the valley the past week buying up beef cattle. He only got a few, the rest of those for sale not being in good condition yet. He will come again in about a month.

Commissioner-elect W. D. Case, of Pittsburg, has been quite ill the past week with a gripe and complications. We did not know it went so hard as that with the successful candidate. It's the other fellow who ought to be sick.

We were mistaken last week about Omar Spencer coming in from St. Helens on foot. His father, I. P. Spencer, who carried out the election returns of Auburn precinct, took a horse out and Omar rode a veritable animal instead of Shank's mare.

Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield would like to buy a good buggy horse, a good traveler, (racker preferred) one not too old, sound and gentle enough for a woman to ride. Anyone having such an animal or knowing of one will confer a favor by seeing them or writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lindstrom, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Malmsten, who came here early in the Spring and bought the Lewis place for a home, have become dissatisfied with Oregon and will return about a month to their former home, Red Wing, Minn.

Word has been received from President John Smith, that he and other ministers of the Evangelical Association will be here to begin campmeeting on the evening of July 11th. Let everybody bear in mind the date and arrange their work so as to attend. The meetings will probably continue about two weeks.

The Upper Pebble creek children, about a dozen in number, gave Master Clyde K. Woods a complete surprise on Monday, the 4th, it being his ninth birthday. The affair was arranged by his grandma, Mrs. A. M. Randolph, and was at her home. An afternoon tea was served, after which the children had a royal good time playing games.

The Vernonia Literary Club gave one of its characteristic open entertainments at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Spencer Friday night last. There was a goodly number present a fine programme, consisting of musical selections and recitations, was rendered, and coffee and cake were served by the gentlemen of the club, this being followed by a sociable. Altogether it was a very enjoyable affair.

The Sunday school will observe Children's Day on the fourth Sunday of the present month, that is, June 24th. If the weather is fair the exercises will be held at the camp grounds. Sunday school proper at 10 a. m., and this followed by a basket dinner in the grove with a preaching service in the afternoon and probably the Young People's meeting and another preaching service in the evening. That is, the present arrangement is to spend the whole day on the grounds, and everybody is invited to come early and to bring good-sized baskets, well filled, so that all may have a good day together.

A milk route for the Nehalem is one of the near possibilities. A creamery at Astoria proposes to take all the cream the people of the Valley will deliver at Mist at gauge prices. The farmers between Pittsburg and Mist are maturing plans to have John and Albert Parker, the mail carriers pick up the cans three times a week and take them to Mist, and the milk route will begin at the home of C. L. Parker, two and one-half miles above Pittsburg, which would give the farmers east and north of Vernonia the advantage of selling their milk at a higher price, and this would be of very great benefit to this community and we are glad to note that the farmers along the proposed route are taking quite an interest in the matter.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

What Proportion of Votes are Necessary to Ratify an Amendment.

SALEM, June 8.—Columbia County is the first to send in its official returns of the recent election to the Secretary of State's office and these returns have given rise to argument over the mooted question of how it shall be determined whether or not the Constitutional amendments are adopted.

Some contend that a majority of the votes recorded upon either of the amendments will cause their adoption, while others assert that there must be a majority of all the votes cast at the election. In Columbia County the total vote was over 1350, but on the equal suffrage amendment there were only 653, there being 293 yes, and 265 no.

The phrases of the Constitution on this point are: "The amendments shall be submitted to the electors of the State, and if a majority of said electors shall ratify the same, such amendment shall become part of the Constitution." Lawyers, as usual, disagree as to the construction of the phrase, "majority of said electors," but the better opinion seems to be that the amendment must be ratified by a majority of all the electors of the state, not of those who voted on the amendment.

The case has never been adjudicated in Oregon, as no occasion has arisen requiring judicial action on this provision of the Constitution, but it has been decided in some other States in favor of the construction that it means all the electors of the State. This number, now, would probably be ascertained by the registration; the voters are the electors, though in the absence of a registration law the last census might be used to determine the total number of electors, or it might be ascertained by the total vote cast for all the candidates for some State office. If this view be correct, the amendment in the case submitted would have to be ratified by 675 votes, a majority of 1350.

The rule applied in voting upon the Constitution itself, a special section thereof providing that the determination of its ratification or rejection should be limited to the vote cast for or against the Constitution, but this, it is thought, does not apply to subsequent amendments, and the courts would probably hold that all votes not cast should be counted as having been cast against the amendment. But if the question ever arises, lawyers can easily be found who will make a plausible argument for the other construction.

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