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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 1903.

Count Tolstoy was charged with insanity, because he was giving away his priceless fortune to the suffering poor. In releasing him from the charge, the court made the wisest decision that ever came out of Russia, to wit: "A man who gives away his money in a worthy cause, is not necessarily any more insane than one who keeps it."—Elbert Hubbard.

### DON'T CHANGE THE CHARTER.

The time has arrived for the supporters of the present city charter to appeal to the legislature, to make no change.

The petitioners and the remonstrators are before the members of the legislature. They are both representative bodies of men. They have rights and privileges which cannot be gained. They are both entitled to the highest consideration. But if the legislature is looking for evidence in the matter, upon which to base its decision the East Oregonian points to the fact that the Pendleton Commercial Association, and the Pendleton city council, with but one dissenting vote in the two bodies, have gone on record against a change.

The Pendleton Commercial Association is composed of the bone and sinew of Pendleton's business life. Its membership comprises the cream of the business strength of this city; its mission is absolutely above all personal and partisan prejudices in the interest of the city, and of good government.

Its voice has never been raised but for the highest ideal of moral, commercial and social life. Its work is to improve Pendleton morally and physically, collectively and individually.

When it passed a resolution asking the members of the legislature to allow the present method of selecting marshal and recorder to be more thoroughly tested, it meant what it said.

When the city council, which is in direct contact with the conditions in Pendleton, asked the legislature to keep its hands off the city charter, it spoke from the very wisdom of experience. It made an appeal founded upon the needs of the city. It spoke a sentiment based upon facts, records, public weal and common good.

The legislature cannot ignore these two forces arrayed against a change of the present charter.

The proposed amendment, whereby three property owners can complain against the elected marshal, and secure his removal upon conviction by the council, is one of the most far-reaching fountains of litigation, municipal expense and endless personal warfare that could have been framed in that many words.

It places the council between the fires of the citizen and the marshal. Its hands would be tied against all efforts to enforce laws and to exact strict official rectitude from the servants of the people. The marshal, upon being found guilty of misconduct by the council, would appeal to higher courts and the old municipal fight, from which Pendleton has so recently freed herself, would be reenacted and refought in all its olden bitterness.

Let the charter alone, for two more years at least. Let the council exercise its full prerogative in suppressing vice, regulating the various municipal issues and in conducting the business of the city. Give it a

chance to test the law now in force. The people hold the council responsible for good order and good government: this being the case, let the council retain the right and authority to direct all agencies to this end.

If it is held responsible, it must hold the keys to good government. It must have power to select its agents and direct their work.

### RAISE PRICE OF SCHOOL LAND.

Senator Stetler has secured the passage of a bill raising the price of Oregon school land from \$1.25 per acre to \$2.50, and also to raise the price of lien lands from \$2.50 to \$5 per acre.

At last the school children of this state are to receive the fruits of the magnificent gift of the government. The state of Oregon has sold the school land area at the low rate of \$1.25 per acre, when a great portion of this land would have brought from \$10 to \$20 per acre.

This priceless heritage has swelled the coffers of land sharks, offered temptation to trickery and has been parcelled out with a lavish hand, as if the limit of its area would never be reached.

Now that nothing but the ragged edge remains, the legislature seems willing to awaken to the interests of the state.

The schools of Oregon are in need of the interest on the proceeds of these land sales. In many country districts the term is shortened on account of a lack of funds. Low wages are paid to teachers in order to make the fund last as long as possible and the land grabbers, fostered and petted by the legislatures of the past, have grown rich on the magnificent public school tracts, which might have been sold at four times their ridiculously low price.

The state of Oregon has sold her school land at the second lowest price of any state in the Union. Texas, alone reached a lower figure, having sold her school land at \$1 per acre.

This school land issue has been before Oregon for years. The people have asked time and time again for relief; the land grabbers have dominated the land deals and the school children of Oregon have suffered.

It is high time politicians halt for an instant in the manipulations of the school land of the state. It is shameful that the record of past transactions are among the state's historical annals. They cannot be undone.

A cleaner, more economical administration in the disposal of the fragments of a once magnificent tract, will partly atone for the rottenness of the past.

The republican members of the United States senate are now discussing Mormonism in New Mexico and Arizona, as being a barrier to statehood. If the Mormons will convert those territories into garden spots equal to Utah, it would be policy to encourage them to settle there and to marry and give in marriage with greater rapidity than ever. The industrial phases of the religion of the Mormons are excellent. They are home builders, desert conquerors, tree planters and alfalfa raisers without equals.

The publication of a daily newspaper on board an ocean steamer, by means of the wireless telegraph, borders on the miraculous. A wireless station in Central Oregon, is badly needed to furnish an occasional news item, to be "sandwiched" in between the monotonous land notices in several esteemed exchanges.

Lane county has an unfortunate and sorrowful affair upon her hands.

The murderer of Sheriff Withers will not be long at large. The world becomes a mirror in which the bloody handed criminal is seen at every turn by the vigilant eye of the law.

Deliver us from the friend whose defense of our acts is so peevish and ridiculously weak that its very excuses become more hurtful than open condemnation.

Caracas can stand a perpetual revolution, but a threatened coal famine brings her to her knees.

### NOT CLASS LEGISLATION.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8. (To the Editor.)—The editorial entitled "Class Legislation" in the East Oregonian of Feb. 4, does an injustice to both Dr. Smith, of Multnomah, and Dr. Smith, of Umatilla. S. B. 129 was not introduced by Smith of Multnomah, but by W. Tyler Smith of Yamhill, neither has it passed the senate as was stated but is in the hands of the committee on Medicine and Pharmacy.

The correspondent of the Portland paper, who quite appropriately signs himself "Quack" and whose letter is quoted in the editorial referred to, displays a woeful ignorance of the subject he attempts to deal with. S. B. 96 introduced by Smith of Umatilla is a copy of the present statute passed by the legislature of 1895, with the simple addition of a proviso authorizing the board of medical examiners to issue a license to practice medicine to applicants who shall produce a certificate from the board of medical examiners appointed under the laws of any state of the United States, and recognizing license from this state, certifying that the person presenting such certificate is qualified to practice medicine and surgery, and that said board has subjected the applicant to a thorough examination to ascertain this fact. This as will readily be seen, makes the law more liberal than at present. The bill is endorsed by the Medical Associations of the state, of Eastern Oregon and of Marion county.

### SAXONY'S ROYAL PRIEST.

As is generally known, Prince Max of Saxony, is a Catholic priest, probably the only person of royal blood in Europe who has taken holy orders. He recently acted as confessor to the murderer Chatton, who was guillotined at Friburg. His royal highness wears religious garb and leads a life of seclusion and severe self-denial.

The prince, who is 32 has been spiritually inclined ever since he was a boy. When just out of his teens he came to London to live, and for several years worked among the poorest folk in the slums of the East End. With this experience gained he went back to Dresden and in 1896 "took orders." After that he studied hard, got to be doctor of law and of theology and not long ago was appointed professor of canon law and liturgy at the Friburg university.

That he is earnest a man of God as if he were a peasant instead of a king's son Prince Max proved in the recent Chatton affair. The murderer, only 22, was a confirmed scoundrel who had completed a long list of crime by killing with an ax his pretty cousin, a girl of 17. As soon as Prince Max heard that Chatton was to die he went to him. He remained in the murderer's cell all night, received his confession and walked with him to the guillotine.

Prince Max comes naturally by his

### BOUND HAND AND FOOT

With muscles drawn and throbbing with pain, and joints swollen, stiff and tender, the rheumatic patient is as helpless and dependent as though bound hand and foot. No disease causes such intense suffering, such sharp, nerve-racking pains as Rheumatism, and this unfeeling monster, unless checked, crushes the strength and hope of its victims.

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faith, the royal house of Saxony being strongly Roman Catholic. It was one of the few princely houses in Germany that went back to the old faith after the reformation. Even before Napoleon made Saxony a kingdom its "electors" were among the pope's staunchest adherents.

### QUARANTINED.

I've been exposed to smallpox, an' I'm quarantined, you know; Folks can't come here to visit us, an' I can't even go. Out in the yards or on the porch, but have to 'stay right here— How other folks can catch from me what I haven't got seems queer. "Too bad that I can't go to school," they say, but I don't mind; I never had such fun before as bein' quarantined.

I do 'bout as I please now'days—make lots of noise, I do— Just whoop an' yell an' holler, an' my Ma she don't say "Boo." I took the poker yesterday, an' smashed the lookingglass— My! it was great, an' Ma, she never cared a rush, I guess; Leastwise she didn't say so nor look mad, an' every night Pa takes the handle of a spoon an' holds my tongue down tight. An' then looks down into my throat, an' says: "There ain't no signs as yet."

An' while there ain't I'm havin' stacks of fun, don't you forget. Sometimes we play like I'm Crusoe, an' Ma's my Friday man. With this house for our island, an' the yard's the ocean, an' Then, sometimes we're two lions caged in a menagerie.

So we just have the best time bein' quarantined, you see. My vaccination didn't take; you can't tell where it's at. My arm ain't sore like Tommy Smith's an' I'm glad of that. An' now I tell you the best fun that's 'a-goin' to my mind.

Next to a dog and pony show, is bein' quarantined! —Sadie Van Buxtkirk in Inter Ocean.

Mrs. Sarah J. Johnson, a pioneer of Dixie in Walla Walla valley, died Sunday of pneumonia.

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