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On page 6 this week will be found the ballot which will be voted on November 4th. Each one of the measures there is referred by referendum of the people, with the exception of the one relating to the raising of the salaries of county officers of this county. All the others were passed by the legislature last winter and then referendum petitions were filed by some person or persons whose names are contained in the ballot title. The two bills appropriating money for the University of Oregon were referred by the same people who referred the bills two years ago. They are people who are opposed to Higher Educational institutions. Of course they will deny this, but as a matter of fact that is their real object in referring these bills. The people of the state should pass both of these bills by such majorities that these enemies of educational institutions would be buried so deep they could not raise their heads again. By all means these two bills should receive affirmative votes by all fair minded people.

Perhaps the most important of all the bills to be voted on is the Workmen's Compensation Act, referred by Mr. Farrell, a member of the firm of Davis & Farrell, personal injury lawyers of Portland. In another column of this paper is printed a resume of this bill taken from the Labor Press of Portland, and which should be read by everybody. This is a bill of greatest importance to employer and employe. There may be, and perhaps is, some things in the bill that does not meet the approval of everybody, but it is right in principle and the defects can be cured at each succeeding session af the legislature until it meets all the requirements of every class of people. Even if it does not suit you in every particular, it is far better than no law at all on this important matter. This question should also receive a large majority favorable.

The sterilization bill is just what it says it is in the title. By some people it is declared to be barbarous and uncalled for by the people of a civilized community. But after reading the bill, knowing what its provisions are, and ascertaining the condition of some of the criminal and insane, there is no question but that it will be a great benefit to the coming generations unless the power given therein be abused, of which there seems to be no cause for alarm.

The County Attorney Bill was passed by the Legislature after considerable log rolling and political maneuvering. That the principle is right, there seems to be almost unanimous opinion, but that this bill will not be satisfactory to a great number of people is also apparent. It gives the Governor power and authority to appoint county attorneys, who hold over until 1917, thereby taking the right of the people to name their own officer away and putting it in the hands of the Governor for three years. For political reasons this bill will probably have hard sledding.

We are printitg the ballot this week so that each voter may have an opportunity to see what measures will be voted on and to inform himself or herself as to the merits of the various bills.

For several months the city council has been planning on steam heat for the City Hall building. On two or three occasions bids were called for and private concerns from Portland had men here figuring on the job. The lowest bid received was for more than $800 for the radiators, pipes and the work of putting them in. All of these bids were considered too high, and as a final solution the council decided to purchase the radiators and pipes and to hire the work done by the day. Councilman Saxon was delegated to take charge of the work done by the day. Councilman Saxon was delegated to take charge of the work and he is this week finishing up the job. In a statement made by him yesterday he says the city has saved just $400 by this plan. In other words, the actual cost of the material and work was just one-half the amount bid by the Portland concerns. Evidently somebody wanted to make some profit off the city.

An editorial appeared in the Portland Journal last Sunday which is so full of well known facts and comes so near to the heart of the publisher of the small weekly paper that it is printed in this issue of the Mist. The subject of the article is "The Up-State Press" and was written by a man who knows the exact conditions. It strikes the nail squarely on the head. We are urging our readers, especially the business men of St. Helens, to look it up and read it over. After you have read it over carefully, read it over again. Then come into the Mist office and sign a contract for advertising space in the paper that is doing more towards advertising the city and community than is any other man or set of men or business in the city.

About two or three months ago the roads between here and Portland were oiled by the County Court, since which time they have been in much better condition. With the oil on the macadam roads and that big automobile of Abel & Sheppard running over two or three times each day the roads have packed down hard and smooth as can be. There has been nothing done on these roads that has resulted in more real benefit to them than the running of that big auto over them. Especially is this true after the roads have been oiled.

UP-STATE PRESS

The up-state newspaper men have been in session in Portland. Much is asked of them and little bestowed. The man who wants free publicity and gives nothing back in advertising, besieges all the newspapers, but none more than the up-state publication. The mail overwhelms them with all kinds of copy with a request that it be inserted free and marked copies of the paper be sent. Stock shows, horse shows, county fairs, church fairs, state fairs, school fairs, world's fairs, charity balls, June festivals, health committees, charity committees, development committes, promotion committees, publicity committees, general welfare committees and every other kind of fair, show exposition and committee showers the publication office with requests for free space, always holding out as a renumeration the assurance that it it is for the good of the community, never realizing that the white paper must be paid for in dollars, that printers must have money for food, clothing and shelter and that publication offices cannot subsist on warm wind.

Along with the fairs and other free publicity folk, is the real estate agent who doesn't advertise but wants his name mentioned in every sale, the doctor who does not advertise because he says it isn't professional, but wants his name as the surgeon in case of accident, and the merchant who doesn't advertise because he says it doesn't pay, but wants the reporter to drop around and write up for the paper the description of a newly arranged show window.

In addition there is the professional press agent who is paid a big salary because of his versatility in wanting the newspapers for free publicity. He is the ruminguest, craftiest man with his winning ways, caste smile, polished address and soulful eyes, and when he gets through with the up-state newspaper publisher there isn't much left about the office that the agent wants to buy, especially in the way of advertising.

In no activity in the world is there so much endeavor for get something for nothing as is attempted on the newspaper business. No activity in the world gives so much to the public gratis, and gets so few thanks back.

For all the boasting of the community, for all the constructive agitation, for all the struggle at reform, for all the appeals in behalf of public movements, for all the cheery puffs of all the prominent citizens, for all the free notices, free insertions, publicity, free exploitation, free advertising and free gifts of space and influence of every kind, the community expects in return to lay a few flowers on the grave of the defunct newspaper man when he is dead and let it go at that.

No public servitor is more faithful and devoted, no citizen more sincere and but few figure in the community so generous or able as is the average up-state editor.—Portland Journal.

ORDERS

HOULTON CIRCLE No. 648, Women of Woodcraft, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month at Houlton, Ore. Mrs. Elsie Wilkerson, Guardian Neighbor. Stephens, Clerk.

Columbia Encampment No. [illegible] I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, sojourning Patriarchs most cordially invited to meet with us.

G. C. Robey, Chief Patriarch.
C. W. Hudsonpiller, Scribe.

[illegible] No. 31, O. E. S. Meets in Masonic hall the second and fourth Saturday each month.

MARY GRIGSBY, W. M.
LUCY GRAY, Secretary.

[illegible] Lodge No. 62 Knights of P[illegible] meets every Tuesday Evening in [illegible] Hall, St. Helens. Visiting Knights always welcome.

W. E. Miller, C. C.
Harold Ross, K. of R. & S.

ST. HELENS LODGE NO. [illegible] A. F. & A. M. Meets 1st and 3d Saturday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed. J. W. Clark, Master. E. E. Quick, Secretary.

St. Helens Lodge No. [illegible] I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. building, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, visiting members are always given a hearty welcome.

Chas. Beeler, N. G.
J. W. Allen, Sec.

United Artisans, Assembly No. 61, meets first and third Saturdays of each month at K. of P. Hall, St. Helens, officers: M. A. Mrs. Lizzie Robertson; Sup'or, Mrs. Schuster; Sec. Mrs. Keller; Bill; Treas. J. Bill. All visiting brethren are cordially invited.

CHURCHES

Houlton M. E. Church—First and third Sundays—Preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. E. G. Oliver, Supt. Epworth League. Wm. E. Smith, president, meets every Sunday evening at 7:30, preceded by a song service of twenty minutes conducted by the pastor. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30.

Yankton—Preaching on second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Leader of class, Mr. Carl E. Olsen.

Warren—Preaching at 3 p. m. on first and third Sundays of each month.

Other and remote points, week nights.

W. T. Fairchild, Pastor.

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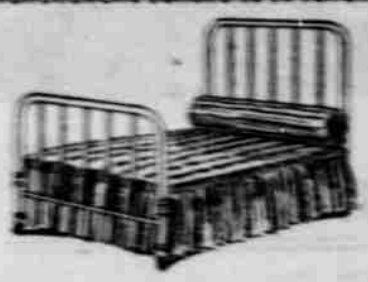

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