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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

MISUSING THE REFERENDUM.

Because the appropriations for the State Normal Schools was included in the general appropriation bill of the recent legislature, an attempt is to be made to invoke the referendum to defeat the entire bill. The true friends of the referendum should do their utmost to defeat this attempt, for the reason, among others, that nothing else could be thought of that would do so much to bring the referendum into contempt and secure its abolition. We are aware that public sentiment may be strong enough to carry out this design and that a newspaper is apt to lose friends by opposing it, yet we deem it our duty to do so, and trust that Columbia County will set its seal of disapproval upon the proposition.

The mere invoking of the referendum means that the general appropriation bill, carrying over \$1,000,000, by far the greatest proportion of which is for the payment of the unavoidable expenses of the State, will be held up for two years, or that the Governor will be compelled to call an extra session of the legislature.

If the people will only give the subject their earnest thought we feel confident they will not vote to defeat the general appropriation bill; but there is every danger and probability that enough signers can be secured to invoke the referendum.

No doubt separate appropriation bills should be introduced for separate classes of expenditures, or the Governor should be given power to veto or approve separate items of the appropriation bills, but the remedy sought to be invoked is in this instance so much greater than the evil that we earnestly hope the attempt will fail.

The taxes will be collected and the vast amount of money collected lie idle in the State Treasury—or, as is supposed to be the custom, loaned out to the Portland banks without profit to the State. Expenses will continue and in payment of these expenses warrants in default "not paid for want of funds" will be issued. These warrants will all draw interest at the rate of six per cent until after the next session of the legislature, and the money sharks would reap a rich harvest at the expense of the taxpayers.

Five hundred thousand dollars of the appropriation is for the State Insane Asylum, where over twelve hundred unfortunate are cared for at the expense of the State. To invoke the referendum means to cripple this and every other charitable, reformatory or educational institution of the State and to increase expenses by not less than \$200,000 for the biennial term.

Do you want an extra session of the Legislature?

Do you want to compel the State to pay interest while a million of dollars is lying in the Portland banks?

Do you want to increase expense by a quarter of a million?

Sometimes it is hard to say who is behind what purports to be a popular movement, but it is not hard to see who would be benefited in this case by the adoption of the referendum, and it is certainly not the taxpayers of the State of Oregon.

A NOBLE MISSION.

Mrs. Ballington Booth, who has devoted her life to the reformation of criminals, is given this glowing tribute by a writer in the Portland Oregonian:

Prison walls and iron bars have no terrors for her. She has carried her message to the thief and murderer, repentant or unrepentant alike. In season or out, she has one motive which impels her—the betterment of those who suffer from their sins. Thanks to her efforts, hundreds of desperate and vicious men have been turned to better things than planning escape and revenge upon society. Hundreds of them have patiently served out their terms and gone out into the world to behave themselves.

It is impossible to imagine a nobler work than this. Almost universally custom has put the ban upon men and women who have been detected in their crimes. We have plenty of laws and spend millions of money to punish those who break them. Even from a financial standpoint it would seem to be good policy to hold out to criminals some inducement for and hope of reformation. The criminal who has been convicted of his first crime should be in a class by himself. So far as possible he should be prevented from associating with the hardened element, and when his term of imprisonment draws to a close he should be entitled to help if he desires to lead an honest life. Instead of this every effort of reformation is met with discouragement. He has no means to live upon while looking for work, and consequently he is driven back to the jail, and soon reappears before the Judge and is returned to the penitentiary. Probably then he has become callous. He believes there is no career except one of crime open to him. Mrs. Booth's mission is to reclaim this class, to procure aid for them and encourage them to become good citizens, to interest people in their welfare and to convince the law makers that prevention of crime is more profitable as well as more humane than its punishment. To accomplish this she has devoted her life, and the praise accorded her is no greater than she deserves.

SHORT BITS.

And now the liquor men propose to use the initiative for the purpose of amending the local option law to suit themselves.

The North Sea Commission has decided that England is all right and Rojstevsky "ban a good fellow." Let it go at that.

We are sorry for deputy Blakesley and Mr. Tichenor. They had nothing to do with either creating the levy or the rate of assessment; yet they have to sit still and look pleasant while the taxpayers register their kicks.

There were 630 bills introduced at the recent session of the Legislature. Three hundred and seven passed, both houses and will become laws unless the referendum is invoked, twenty were vetoed by the Governor, and the balance were either defeated or died natural deaths.

The Romanoffs might still be assassinated, and yet Russia would be a great and powerful nation.

Individual liberty is being rapidly restricted in this State. Hereafter the man who unlawfully whallops his wife will be lawfully whalloped.

Marion County's representative voted for the appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Centennial. Now Multnomah County hangs up the appropriation for the State Fair. We suppose that is the Portland idea of reciprocity.

The prisoners in the Multnomah County jail have petitioned to be released in order that they may go to work. They probably intend to "work" the visitors to the big exposition.

It is a singular fact that the parcel post, so useful to the millions in England, Germany and other continental countries, is habitually sidetracked by Congress after Congress, in this country.

OREGON'S WALNUT INDUSTRY.

The Oregon Agriculturist has the following regarding walnut culture in Oregon:

"There is no question of the fact that interest in walnut culture is becoming widespread in Western Oregon. The large size and superb quality of the nuts grown on the trees of Mr. Prince, of Dundee, Oregon, and of Messrs. Biddle, Board, Quarberg and others in the vicinity of Vancouver, Wash., and on trees scattered through the Willamette valley, have caused a great demand for trees for planting and for information regarding walnut culture. Quite large importations of trees have been made from France this season. A fine display of walnuts grown by Mr. Price will be shown at the Lewis and Clark Centennial and this display will still further stimulate interest in walnut growing."

There is no questioning the excellent quality of the nuts grown in Oregon, and it seems that this promises to be one of our greatest industries in arbor culture. A great many people are turning their attention to it this year, and there is little doubt that its development will be such as to place Oregon in the lead among the walnut growing states. Many of the nurseries today are paying particular attention to the cultivation of good walnut stock.

Gives Health, Vigor and Tone.

Herbina is a boon to sufferers from anemia. By its use the blood is quickly regenerated and the color becomes normal. The drooping strength is revived. The languor is dispelled. Health, vigor, and tone predominate. New life and happy activity results. Mrs. Belle H. Shriel, Middleborough, Ill., writes, "I have been troubled with liver complaint and poor blood, and have found nothing to benefit me like Herbina. I hope never to be without it. I have wished that I had known of it in my husband's life time." 50c.

It cost \$3,000 more for clerks in the Washington than in the Oregon legislature. True, the Washington session was twenty days longer than ours, but it is safe to say it did not pass any more laws.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes, "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by A. J. Deming.

In its state refinery experiments Kansas must not forget the quarterly dividend of 15 per cent.

Invaluable for Rheumatism.

"I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains." March 24, '02: John C. Duggan, Klamath, Ill. 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by A. J. Deming.

Though Jay Cook was upon financial difficulties, he made and left another fortune. No man falls until he loses his character.

The Best Cough Syrup.

S. L. Apple, ex Promote Judge, Ottawa Co., Kansas, writes, "This is to say that I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup for years, and I do not hesitate to recommend it as the best cough syrup I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by A. J. Deming.

GENTLEMAN NOTES.

A miniature mint in full working operation will be a part of the Government exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

More than thirty national conventions are scheduled to convene in Portland during the exposition.

Electricity in its every conceivable application representing the most marvelous achievements in modern science may be seen at the Exposition.

A native Filipino theatre, in which amusements peculiar to the inhabitants of our island territory will be presented, is to be one of the many excellent attractions of the "Trail."

The Government Fisheries exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will show the evolution of the Royal Chinook Salmon, from the embryo to a well matured fish.

Some idea of the privations endured by Lewis and Clark in their expedition to the great Northwest, may be gleaned by a careful examination of the exhibits characteristic of the earlier history of Oregon territory.

The model dairy farm at the Exposition in which everything pertaining to scientific dairying methods, the result of recent agricultural research, is to be shown, will prove of particular interest to those interested in dairying.

But seldom are some of us afforded an opportunity to hear the world's famous bands. Many of them have been engaged to play at the fair, among them being, Innes, DeCaprio's, Ellery's and the Hawaiian Imperial band.

FAIR NEARING COMPLETION.

With the opening day of the Lewis and Clark Exposition rapidly approaching, it is gratifying to the officials and people of Portland, to note that the work has advanced to such an extent as to surpass the most sanguine hopes of all.

If current reports may be accepted as a criterion, such a condition is wholly without precedent. It is universally known that in the instances of the Chicago, Atlanta, Buffalo and St. Louis Expositions, upon the opening days, much remained to be done. There was a deplorable absence of the finished appearance which will prove a marked feature of the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

According to an official report of the percentage of completion, issued by Director of Works Oscar Huber, the buildings and landscape gardening of the mainland and the decorative work is advanced in excess of 90 per cent. In St. Louis within three months of the opening day, work was advanced but 80 per cent.

The mere fact that the Centennial is advanced to such an extent within four months of the opening day, is in all probability due to the ideal climatic conditions which unquestionably have materially facilitated the work of construction.

In Portland there are none of the climatic disadvantages which so greatly retarded the progress of previous expositions. From the day that the ground was first broken, work has continued unceasingly, with the result that little other than the installing of exhibit now remain to be done.

When the gates of the Lewis and Clark exposition are thrown open to the public on June 1st, visitors may walk through both buildings and grounds, and to the most remote parts of the fair site entirely unhampered. All debris which necessarily accompanies the hurried construction of exposition buildings will have been removed, and the great exposition commemorating the famous expedition to the Northwest will be wholly complete.

The large forces of workmen which in previous expositions were putting forth superhuman efforts to expedite completion, and unconsciously serving to mar the gala attire which should be characteristic of such enterprises upon their opening days, will not be in evidence at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

On the mainland, the principal exhibit structures are practically completed. In some of them are at present stored divers exhibits waiting to be assembled and installed. The administration group and the Colonnade Entrance are finished. Those buildings which were recently deemed necessary, inasmuch as the magnitude of the enterprise was necessarily enlarged and for which contracts were let for their construction only within the last few weeks, are being erected as fast as is possible. Aside from these the construction of a great number of State buildings has been commenced and is being advanced with all reasonable haste.

The work of the landscape gardeners is nearly completed, their efforts having been crowned with a most worthy success and the result will prove a very agreeable surprise to the visitors. In no exposition have the natural features been so unusually common as they have in Portland, and these, with the conceptions of some of the most able landscape gardeners in the world, will give the Lewis and Clark Exposition a garb that may not be equalled.

Phenomenal has been the progress in constructing the government buildings on the peninsula. Little more than two months ago the tract was nothing more than a barren waste. Today the structures have assumed such proportions as to present an imposing appearance when viewed from the grand esplanade. In the course of another month their facades will have been covered with stucco and the architecture may be presented as realized. The following excerpt from Director of Work Huber's report gives an intelligent idea of the progress up to date: Landscaping on mainland98 per cent. Buildings on mainland95 U. S. island and buildings70 Bridge of Nations80 Decorations and statuary90 Electrical illumination90 State buildings (12)87 American Inn30 Esplanade and terraces80

IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH



The Pay of School Teachers.

World's Work furnishes some striking figures on the pay of public school teachers. They are more than striking. They touch on the injustice of a system that gets all it can and pays as little as it can for it.

It is not denied that teaching is hard work—hard and wearing. The teacher, man or woman, who has served a long period in the schools is not worth much for any vocation at the end of that service. The profession calls not only for years of preparation, but tact, patience, the highest order of intelligence, and that something that has not been named, but the ability to get along in the face of countless worries and obstacles.

Now how about the pay? A coachman—an average, competent coachman who can drive and who knows something about horses—is better paid than the average school teacher, for in the whole of the United States the average pay of women teachers is under \$40 a month.

It is pointed out that in a certain locality in North Carolina a man who trains puppies for quail hunting draws a better salary than any teacher in the community.

In the state of Indiana 12,000 teachers receive less than \$500 per year each, and there are other states in which the showing would be worse.

Are the people of the United States in earnest about their desire for thorough education?

And if they are, cannot they realize that while some—perhaps many thousands of good teachers, will work for a pittance because they must, the highest talent will get out of the business as soon as opportunity offers, and that there is and will continue to be a scarcity of the best teachers on account of the scant salary paid and offered?

Modern education will not progress as it should, or produce the results desired, until there is more justice displayed in dealing with those who do the work and bear the burdens.

Strikes Hidden Rocks.

When your ship of health strikes the hidden rocks of Consumption, Pneumonia, etc., you are lost if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes, "I had been very ill with pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at St. Helens Pharmacy, price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

RAINIER

Miss Margaret Galbraith, the esteemed friend of Dr. and Mrs. McLaren, left Saturday morning for Denver, Colorado. Miss Galbraith did not go to Colorado for love of the climate, as she thinks good old Oregon cannot be surpassed in climate. We already miss her, as she was a beam of sunshine in McLaren's drug store.

Mr. Clyde Stewart has been very ill with a hard attack of la grippe. He is feeling better at present writing, but is not yet well.

The caucus meeting held here last Friday evening nominated the following named gentlemen: Councilmen—Dean Blanchard, Alex McLaren, Fred Trout, W. J. Deitz, and J. C. Kilby. L. Swett was nominated for treasurer, J. B. Doane for town recorder, and Howard Drough, bought for city marshal. P. S.—L. Swett wishes to make it known that he has in stock extra sizes of hats for the nominees. He, himself, we take it, wears one of them, as he was seen giving away a practically new hat.

Miss McLaren went to Portland Saturday to see Miss Galbraith away.

Mrs. L. Swett and her daughter Margaret went to Portland last Monday to attend the grand opening of the wholesale houses. They went for a two-days stay.

The graduating class held a meeting Friday in order to decide upon the colors to be worn at the graduating exercises. Pink and white were selected. Some time ago a meeting was held for the election of officers. Mary Williams was elected as president, Lily Dale Crosby as secretary, Ira Newson as class representative and Dolph Hooghirk as treasurer. Our eighth grade is doing well and we hope to have a large graduating class. The success of the class is largely due to Mr. Wilkerson, to whom we are very thankful for his faithful and earnest teaching.

Last week a youth came into Swett's store to buy some Kow-Kure. "Who is sick?" asked Swett. "Mrs. Blank," answered the boy, who had not listened attentively.

Syrup of White Pine and Tar, the old reliable cough remedy. For sale by A. J. Deming, druggist.

REUBEN

En Withrow and wife moved from Rainier to Reuben on Wednesday last. Mr. Withrow has accepted a position upon the logging train of the Columbia Timber Co.

Bert Gardner, who has been living at the Wyatt mill, moved his family to Eugene on Tuesday.

The Columbia Timber Co. hauled their first train of logs on Wednesday morning.

H. C. Wyatt & Co. shipped two cars of lumber this week.

A quiet home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pavson, when their daughter Myria was united in marriage to Wm. F. Meacham. Rev. G. A. Taggart officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Meacham left on the afternoon train for Portland. They will be at home to their many friends after March 15.

The Coffee Club gave a Night Cap Social Saturday evening at the residence of Alex. Reid in West Reuben. Games were indulged in and a general good time had by all present. Ice cream and other refreshments were served. Those present were: G. W. Jordan and wife; Al Larsen and wife; Alex. Reid and wife; R. N. Hamilton and wife; Antone Wise and wife; T. C. Watts and wife; Martin Hoven and wife; C. C. Hoven and wife; M. J. Butler and wife and Miss Lela Hains.

The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from liver and kidney trouble. In a recent letter he says, "I was nearly dead of these complaints, and although I tried my family doctor he did me no good; so I got a 50c bottle of your Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold, and guaranteed to cure, dyspepsia, biliousness and kidney disease, by St. Helens Pharmacy, at 50c a bottle.

WARREN

The entertainment given at Baker's Hall Friday evening was well attended. Professor Allen made the welcoming address and the subject of fraternity was entered upon in an interesting and instructive manner. Pupils of the school contributed dialogues, recitations and songs. The hoop drill was well done by a class of young ladies. The coon song, and dance by W. C. Cooper, accompanied on the banjo by Mr. Grewell, was the star performance of the evening, judging from the vociferous applause. A dance and supper closed the evening's entertainment.

It is reported that Henry Larsen has sold his home place to a man from Lewis, who is to take possession shortly.

George Hazen is running the transfer to Copeland's landing, to meet the steamer America.

Mr. M. F. Hazen visited the county seat on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Disney and daughter Grace, of St. Helens, were in Warren on Friday last.

The Northern Pacific ticket agent reports sales of tickets for this station for the first month to amount to about \$70. This is more than double what the company expects.

THE NEW ASSESSMENT—Fieldwork on the new assessment will begin on Monday next. Assessor Laws will work the south end of the county, deputy Tichenor the north end and deputy Mills the Nehalem country. The assessment will be made upon the true cash value, which the law defines as "the amount such property would sell for at a voluntary sale, made in the ordinary course of business." Personal property will be exempt, under the law passed at the special session of 1903, as follows: when owned by a householder and in actual use or kept for use by and for his or her family: household goods, furniture and utensils; two cows, ten sheep, four swine, and the tools, implements, apparatus, team, vehicle, harness or library necessary to enable any person to carry on his trade, occupation or profession by which such person earns his or her living; to the amount of three hundred dollars, the articles to be selected by such householder; provided, however, that when the assessed valuation of the personal property above enumerated shall amount to less than three hundred dollars, then only such amount as the total of such property herein enumerated shall be exempt from taxation." On the 1904 roll there is no exemption, and therefore the taxes of residents are higher than was anticipated.

Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye. Good for horns and udders, too." Only 25c at St. Helens Pharmacy.

Startling Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says, "They have no equal for constipation and biliousness." 25c at St. Helens Pharmacy.

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