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BAD BUSINESS.

It is a very interesting state of affairs that prevails in the county clerk's office, but not one that should be satisfactory to the people of this county. Owing to the great increase of business, the recording of deeds and other instruments is something like two months behind-hand. It is also the time of year when the clerk's office should be making a copy of the assessment roll. The roll is now being prepared by the assessor and his deputy, and if the clerk could now have a man at work preparing a copy, a saving would be effected for the county, as the assessor could call off for both deputies. Mr. Harris has asked for extra help in the clerk's office, but this has been denied by the county commissioners, acting under the orders of the district attorney, who holds that there is no authority, however great the emergency, for the employment of any clerical help other than the one deputy provided by law. This makes a very bad state of affairs. It is absolutely impossible for Mr. Harris to keep up with the business by doing eight hours work a day, and there is no reason why he should do more. He is doing his full duty when he puts in eight hours work per day, and if the work cannot be completed in that time then it must remain undone until such time as the law is changed or the interpretation thereof is less rigid. It seems ridiculous that the county court, which has such great authority in other matters, has not the power to give extra help in any of the county offices when the welfare of the county demands it. Economy is a good thing, but there is no economy in putting off work that has to be done, and, as the recording of deeds takes precedence of other work, it looks as if there would be no copy of the assessment roll this year.

The killing of George Mitchell by his sister Esther, were it the act of a sane person, might well be considered one of the most diabolical and cold-blooded murders ever perpetrated. But Esther Mitchell is not sane and we do not believe that any jury will say so. The evil influence of Creffield had completely dethroned her reason. She was fully convinced, as she states, that he was a holy man, and that her brother was a wicked worldling who deserved death for what he had done. Had Creffield, during his lifetime, commanded her to kill anyone, no doubt she would have done so, so great was the strange influence he exercised over his followers. This influence controlled her after the prophet's death, and caused her to look upon herself as justified in executing his slayer. Her proper place is in the insane asylum, where she should have been placed long ago.

SENATOR AND SECRETARY

Senator Fulton's statement that Secretary Hitchcock is in his dotage, if taken by itself, would not have received a great deal of attention in Oregon, nor would it have rebounded to the Senator's credit, but when the secretary himself furnishes corroboration by making a vindictive and outrageous threat against Senator Fulton the public will believe the senator's remarks both true and justifiable. If the press reports from Washington are correct, the President would do well to allow Mr. Hitchcock to retire to private life. He is reported as saying that he would do his best to find something criminal in Fulton's record and to place him behind the bars. A public officer who starts an investigation animated by pique and malice can hardly be trusted to be either fair or honest. He is not seeking to have justice done but is using the powers of the Government to gratify his personal spite against an individual. Senator Fulton's position has been a peculiarly trying one, and he has filled it with dignity and honor, and has won a standing in the United States Senate seldom attained by a senator during his first term. Secretary Hitchcock's rabid utterances will not injure him, but will only serve to convince people that the Senator's statement was true and justifiable.

AN ESSAY.

It is the day of dreamers; it is the day of graft and rhab. N-verse were the signs of the times more hope-inspiring; and never were the deeds of these times more ominous. Men, drunk with dollars, lord it over the earth. With their enormous arms—the railroad, the telegraph and the telephone—they gather up the commerce of the continent, to carry it down to the sea. And thus they acquire power—the power of a man over his fellowmen. Beside them, touching elbows in the street, perhaps—are those who starve. Millions are and tramps! From dim beginnings thus far have we come in human progress; crawled in a dumb daze on that primordial path—the devious, harsh, old waste-way of the world—allured by rainbow beckonings. Today, how far star it seems—this Brotherhood of Man! A fresh obstacle has arisen. The lust for power has taken on a new shape, at a new and menacing, to overawe our patient labor and our busy schemes and startle us again to questioning. "Zeal of our house hath eaten us up." Competition is a devoured connection. Telling, oral-bulker-wise,

LIDS AND LIDS.

The lid is on in Columbia County and our worthy sheriff is sitting upon it. The word has gone forth that just for a change the Sunday closing law must be respected, and not only the saloons, but all other places of business, except such as are by law exempted, must be closed on the first day of the week, commonly known as the Sabbath. From Marshland to Scappoose and from the site of the new court house to the depot grounds at Vernonia the Sabbath of the Puritans holds undisputed sway, and the wicked ones who were wont to congregate in the corner groceries and discuss affairs of State and spend their time and their creditors money in the seductive game of solo for the beer or cigars, are now compelled to go to church with their wives or commune with nature in the primeval forests by the banks of the beautiful mountain streams. To us it seems a goodly state of affairs, and we are glad that it has been brought about. "Six days shalt thou labor and do all that thou hast to do" is good law and good gospel, though like other rules for the government of mankind, it has its exceptions and unless they are recognized the law necessarily becomes oppressive. The MIST is now, as it always has been under the present management, in favor of the enforcement of all laws. If it is a good law its enforcement will make it stronger and if it is not a good law it should be repealed. No doubt it has worked some inconvenience; but we believe the sheriff's action in enforcing it has met with very general approval. The only legitimate complaint we have heard is that Columbia County is singled out as the only county in the district in which the law is to be enforced, the natural inference being that Columbia County needs disciplining more than any other county in the district. In Clatsop, Clackamas and Washington the law is inoperative, and there is considerable inquiry as to the reason of this discrimination. The blame can hardly be placed upon Rainier, for the metropolis of Columbia County is certainly no worse than Astoria, where swilltown has from time immemorial held undisputed sway, and where no law, either human or divine, has had any show for enforcement if it interfered with the pursuits of dive keepers or gamblers, who have made and unmade politicians as their "business" interests seemed to indicate. Then there is Clackamas County, with its famous Monte Carlo, which openly advertises in the columns of the Oregonian. Mayor Lane, of Portland, attempted to suppress it, and found that he had no jurisdiction, but the authorities who caused the lid to be put on in Columbia County certainly have jurisdiction in Clackamas and Clatsop, but for some mysterious reason, which is doubtless satisfactory to themselves, the lid is left off and the boiling mass of crime and corruption sends out an odor that is offensive to all decent citizens. Is Columbia worse than Clatsop or Clackamas, or is there some reason of public policy that sets aside the old proverb that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander also? The MIST believes in the enforcement of the law in every county in the district and in every district in the Sstate. The sheriffs of Clatsop and Clackamas took the same oath as did the sheriff of Columbia County, and Judge McBride's instructions to the law officers of this county apply with equal force to every county in the district. A law should be enforced because it is the law, and not because the church favors it or any particular set of citizens demands it. We are not to be governed by the whims or passions of people, or even by the wishes of the moral element of a community, but by the law, which is supposed to be the expression of the will of a majority of the people. Failure to enforce the law is the cause of many of the evils under which this country is now suffering. Those placed in high position have set the example. From the President of the United States down to the marshals of small municipalities it has seemed easier and more profitable to let things go in an easy and slipshod manner, unless some great outcry was made, rather than to enforce the law, and the era of laxness has brought about a state of affairs in this nation that will tax its strong men to the utmost to remedy. The only cure is law enforcement, and the place to begin is at home.

to an end we know not what, we awake like foolish Frankenstein, to find that we have evolved an unmanageable monster.

The power of one over his fellow—our Old Man of the Sea! How often shall we fear this ancient apparition? Here it is again at the parting of the ways, more subtle and tenacious than before. The tyranny of the trusts is further reaching, less apparent, more dangerous and degrading than the tyranny of feudal barons. Persecute it out of one strong-hold, at once it flees into another. Attempt to cripple any of its members, and we find that they ramify out through the whole Republic.

Needless to say we are not without remedies. A whole crop of them is springing up, various and fantastical, according to the temper of the statesmen or the taste of the spellbinder and the crank. From palliatives to panaceas, from rate making and "publicity" to socialism and frank anarchy, we have our choice—either to be just tided over for a term, or saved forever and immediately. The Master saith "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." Then it hath been so long a time with us, and yet we know it not! Behold the eternal paradox, before which men have balked at every crisis of our race, afeared to catch the nearest way. Now we are denouncing and exposing; someone's pet politics will relieve the tension for a while. Once we thought that "Liberty, equality, fraternity" would relieve the world; then came "No taxation without representation;" then "Universal suffrage." Still we have come short. The "isms" are all dead issues. New ones are retired and old ones reappear with unfamiliar names.

But we abide, however incomplete. We are the power, and all the schemes so confidently cried are swift impermanence. "Humanity, its hopes and fears," persists—abashed, delaying, doubting, wrangling, always compromising at the last. And as fear is the impulse of all compromise, so it holds the hope of our salvation. It is in the fine instinctive dread of falling back that we yield what is precious for what seems practicable. Before that common danger we become welded in a great solidarity whose password is unselfishness. We are bathed in the warmth of generous youth. A cause may grow to be more worthy than any single life. Progress becomes impossible. There is an uprush

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION (Timber Land, Act June 2, 1882.) United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, April 24, 1906. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress, June 2, 1882, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 1, 1892, Christopher Sauerwein, of Yankton, Columbia County, State of Oregon, has filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6901, for the purchase of the S. E. 1/4 of Section No. 20, in Township No. 4 North Range 3 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 18th day of July, 1906.

SHERIFF'S SALE. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County. William M. Watrous, plaintiff, vs. Jesse Fincoat and Carrie E. Fincoat, his wife; Robert Connors, a corporation, and Wilson Case Lumber Company, a corporation, defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ORDER and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Columbia County, on the 9th day of June, 1906, and in pursuance of a judgment, entered in said court on the 15th day of May, 1906, in a suit wherein William M. Watrous, plaintiff, vs. Jesse Fincoat and Carrie E. Fincoat, his wife, and others, in the sum of nine hundred and thirteen (\$913) dollars, in U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from May 15, 1906, and the further sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars, attorney's fees herein, and costs and disbursements of said suit, taxed at \$25.00, and the further sum of \$200.00, taxes paid, and forever debarring and foreclosing the defendants and all persons claiming under their endorsement to the date of this sale, of all right, title, interest in the hereinafter described premises, and requiring the sale of the following described property to satisfy the above amount, to-wit: The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty nine (29) in township seven (7) north of range two (2) west, Willamette meridian, containing forty (40) acres, and the southeast quarter of section thirty-two (32) township four (4) north of range four (4) west, Willamette meridian, containing eighty (80) acres, both lying, being and situate in Columbia County, Oregon, except said defendant Wilson Case Lumber Company, a corporation, and Robert Connors, a corporation, who have a right of way over, through and across said land for logging road.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. In the matter of the Estate of Ellen T. Payne, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as the duly appointed and acting administrator of the estate of Luvina Bryant, deceased, have filed his final account in the office of the county clerk of Columbia County, Oregon, and the Honorable County Court of said county has appointed Monday, the 24th day of July, 1906, at the hour of 12 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the county courthouse in the city of St. Helens, in said county, as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final account and for the settlement thereof.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. All persons having claims against the estate of J. D. Birdsall, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, with the proper vouchers attached, with the administrator, at St. Helens, within six months from the date hereof. Dated April 20th, 1906. E. E. QUICK, Administrator.

SHERIFF'S SALE. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson. D. J. Switzer, plaintiff, vs. Charles Meserve, defendant. Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon in and for the County of Jackson, on the 1st day of June, 1906, and in pursuance of a judgment made and entered in said court on the 21st day of October, 1905, in an action wherein D. J. Switzer, plaintiff, recovered judgment against Charles Meserve in the sum of \$504.00, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the date thereof until paid, and the costs of this writ, commanding me to satisfy the above named amount out of the personal property of said defendant, Charles Meserve, or if sufficient cannot be found then out of the real property belonging to said defendant in Columbia County, State of Oregon, I have levied upon the following described real property, situated in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, to-wit: All the right, title, interest and estate of the said Charles Meserve, the same being an undivided interest, inherited from his mother, Sarah Meserve, deceased, and in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:—The northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 10 North Range 3 West, Willamette Meridian, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, of Block 28 of Meeker's addition to the city of Rainier in said County and State; and the following described tract in the City of Rainier in said County and State, commencing at a point which is 600 feet south 26 degrees 40 minutes of the initial point of Meeker's Addition to the city of Rainier as detailed and recorded, thence south 26 degrees 40 minutes, east 200 feet to a point; thence north 62 degrees ten minutes, west 300 feet to a point; thence north 26 degrees 40 minutes, east 200 feet to a point; thence south 62 degrees ten minutes, east 300 feet to the place of beginning, save and except a strip of five feet wide of the easterly end, over which a five min. and that I will sell the same at public auction as provided by law.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Portland, Oregon, July 7, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on August 21, 1906, viz: Marcus Johnson, H. E. No. 14414, for the S. E. 1/4, Sec. 30, T. 5 S., R. 2 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Christopher Sauerwein, Yankton, Oregon; King V. Portland, Oregon; Willie Sauerwein, of Yankton, Oregon; Anton Fisher, of Portland, Oregon. ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

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W. C. FISCHER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. RAINIER OREGON DR. H. R. CLIFF, PHYSICIAN & SURGEON ST. HELENS, OREGON. DR. EDWIN ROSS, PHYSICIAN & SURGEON ST. HELENS, OREGON.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles G. Caples, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, and having qualified, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, properly verified, to the undersigned, at his place of residence in Columbia City, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Date and first publication May 25th. FREDERICK C. CAPLES, Administrator.

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