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SENATOR FAIRBANKS.

A very careful and skillful politician is Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, and it is among the probabilities that he will round out a successful career by becoming the next President of the United States. The people elect, but the politicians, within certain limitations, nominate. In making the nomination, however, they listen to public sentiment, as voiced by the press, and endeavor to select the candidate whom they believe will be strong enough to defeat the opposition. There is nothing effective that can be said against Senator Fairbanks, and it is probable that the limelight in which he will soon stand will be beneficial instead of injurious to his prospects. He is a careful, conservative and fair man, representing the best type of American citizenship, equidistant from the demagogue and the corporation tool, and standing for law enforcement as the great remedy for existing evils. He wants to be President, and is undoubtedly doing his best to secure the position, yet he has no hesitation in going on record on all public questions, and has been, and is a strong supporter of the politics of President Roosevelt. His methods are those of the successful tactician, whether applied to war, business or politics. Like Lincoln, while thoroughly devoted to great principles, he understands the necessity of careful attention to details, and that no great success is achieved without careful and persistent endeavor. In fact, his life is an example and an inspiration to American youth. He was a farm boy and, as many others have done, worked his way through college, cooking his meals and living on a pittance. There is nothing sensational in his career,—nothing but a gradual building up, based upon the principles that are sure to win success for everyone who puts them in force. He is a sound thinker, and when many of his party were carried away by the delusion of cheap money Senator Fairbanks stood for the gold standard and the maintenance of public and private credit. His position as to the corporations was tersely expressed in answer to an inquiry: "They must know who is the boss." It is very probable that Senator Fairbanks will win the nomination. All things considered he is probably the strongest man the Republican party could nominate. His record will bear inspection, and that is a great deal to say for a man who has been in public office for many years.

THE NEW ORDER.

The Oregon Journal rightly says that when the Legislature attempts to tinker with laws made by the people it treads on dangerous ground. The initiative is here to stay. It should not be lightly invoked, but it will be used as a weapon of defense whenever the representatives elected by the people fail or neglect to do their duty. By its use the direct primary was enacted and the Legislature will do well not to tamper with that measure. It is the death blow to all the old methods of the bosses, and they object to losing their power. There will be bosses (or leaders) in the future, but not as there have been in the past. The methods employed will be entirely different. The old ward heelers can no longer be relied upon to deliver the goods, therefore they will be of less value to the boss. Public opinion must be courted through the medium of the press, and the political aspirant must be able to convince the people that his nomination will be beneficial to their interests. They will doubtless make many mistakes, but they will have the power to rectify them much quicker than under the old system. Mere subservience to a dominant faction will not mean political success. It is the realization of this fact that is making the heelers and ward workers squirm.

The Old Silver Dollar.

(Masonic Journal)
How dear to our hearts is the old silver dollar, when some kind subscriber presents it to view—the liberty head without necktie or collar, and all the strange things that to us seem so new; the wide spreading eagle, the arrows beneath it, the stars and the words with the strange things they tell. The coin of our fathers! We're glad that we know it, for some time or other 'twill come in quite well—the spread eagle dollar, the star spangled dollar, the old silver dollar we all love so well.

COMPULSORY PATRIOTISM.

The bill of Senator Bingham of Multnomah County, prohibiting baseball, horse racing, etc., on Decoration Day will fall of passage by the Legislature, and in our humble judgment should fail. Decoration day is not altogether a day of mourning, and, if it were, compulsory mourning would be no compliment to the memory of those who gave up their lives for the Union and that slavery might perish. The manner of their death was glorious, and the debt of gratitude the Nation owes them and their survivors is fully recognized. Decoration Day is set aside for the purpose of giving an opportunity to those who so desire to pay tribute of respect to the memory of our soldier dead; but the tribute, to be of any worth, must be voluntary, and not forced. The politicians are always willing to throw bouquets to the Grand Army of the Republic, but there are many ways in which the old soldiers can be more substantially benefited than by turning Decoration day into a day of enforced idleness. We are personally acquainted with a number of Grand Army men who consider it no sacrifice, after they have paid due respect to the memory of their fallen comrades to spend the remainder of the day in any manner of recreation.

COUNTY TIMBER CRUISER.

Someone has suggested the wisdom of Cowitz county employing a timber cruiser to cruise all the timber lands in the county in order to more accurately fix the value of the lands for taxation. It would not doubt be a paying proposition for the county, as it is an easy matter to make a mistake of a few thousand dollars in fixing the value of a quarter section of timber land, if the land has not been cruised. The assessor has not the time to cruise timber in order to find the true value of the land, and can therefore only guess at the valuation to place upon it. It is only right and fair that the land that cruises the most timber should pay the heaviest taxes. The valuation of timber lands was increased a good deal by Mr. Downing when he was assessor, but the valuation on the large tracts of timber in the eastern part of the county must necessarily be estimated in a sort of wholesale manner unless the timber is cruised. No doubt money could be made for the county by having a cruiser go over the timber lands of the county every five or ten years and fix valuations for the guidance of the assessors and the board of equalization.—Bulletin.

Service Pensions.

The present congress has added to its record of important legislation by passing an act to pension any soldier over 62 years of age who served ninety days in the Mexican war, in the United States army. This law will apply at once to all Mexican soldiers, and nearly all the surviving Union soldiers, for a man of 20 when the civil war closed is now 62. Age alone in these cases gives a claim to a pension of \$12 a month at 62 years of age, \$15 a month at 70 years, and \$20 a month at 75 years and over. Pensioners now receiving less than this allowance can get it increased on application. Those who are receiving more are not affected by the new law. Claims for special disabilities may be prosecuted as before.

This act sweeps away an immense amount of red tape and delay, often running into years, to which applicants for pensions have been subjected. It can be taken for granted that a veteran past the age of 62 is unfit for manual labor, and many of the medical examinations carried on have long been superfluous. Pensioners are dying at the rate of more than 40,000 a year, and the mortality in their ranks is increasing. Only a few thousand survivors remain of the Mexican war, which closed fifty-nine years ago. It is doubtful if the pension payments next year exceed those of 1906. Service pensions for the soldiers named have not come a day too soon. May it be long before the last brave men to whom this justice has been awarded are mustered out.

THE POWER OF TRUTH

So it was all a mistake; a vision of the excited imagination; a pipe dream, as it were. San Francisco never wished to exclude Japanese children from the public schools. She never set apart an old cowshed for their accommodation. The President never shook his big stick at her for doing it and Japan never growled warlike over the situation. California has not thought of following the exalted example of South Carolina by trying the historic policy of nullification. The eminent Mr. Schmitz has not been invited to Washington to confer with Mr. Roosevelt over a delicate diplomatic problem. Nothing of the sort has happened, for Mr. Schmitz says so, and who would dare to doubt his word? The nightmares is over and we are awakened to the glad consciousness that after all we shall not have to drive the Japanese into the sea. It is delightful to think that we may still leave that venturesome job to the Russians. There was a rumor that San Francisco had dedicated the cowshed to orient instruction because the Japs were likely to contaminate the pure Caucasian blood of Mr. Schmitz and his fellow citizens; because the noble race which he and Mr. Ruel adorn with their symmetrical lives could not demean itself to mingle in the arithmetic class with brown-faced Orientals; that the yellow impurity of the Mongolian breath would taint the sacred disphomps of the swelling book; that the langhty San Franciscans would drive the Japanese boys out of their schools or die in the attempt. But this rumor was a base slander. No body ever thought of separate schools except for those Japs who lived too far away to go to the white schools. It was only to save them walking so far that Mr. Schmitz devised the delicate compliment of shutting them up by themselves in the cowshed. Thus the impending shadow of war and pestilence disperses in the white light of truth.—Oregonian.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah A. Yates, deceased, by the Hon. R. S. HATTAN, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia. Any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me at my residence at Warren, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 11th day of January, A. D. 1907.
W. H. POWELL, Attorney for Administrator.

GUARDIAN'S SALE.
Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of February 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in front of the court house door in the town of St. Helens, in the County of Columbia, State of Oregon, I will sell at public sale the interest owned by Lavette Margaret Connell, a minor, the same being one-half interest in and to the following described real estate: The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 5, the north half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 4, township 5 north, range 2 west of the Willamette Meridian; terms of sale, cash in hand.
This sale is made by order of the County Court of the said Columbia County, duly entered on the 14th day of January, 1907.
MARGARET A. FRASER,
Guardian of the estate of Lavette Margaret Connell, Minor.

GUARDIAN SALE.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Anna E. Woodbury, guardian of Charles William Paul, Della Selinda Paul, Melissa Jane Paul and Zenith Harold Paul, minors, by authority of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, will on the 11th day of March, A. D. 1907, at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m. at the front door of the County Court House, in the town of St. Helens, in Columbia County Oregon sell all the interest of said minors in and to the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 25, in township 6 north of range 5 west, situated in Columbia County, Oregon, to the highest bidder, said sale being made subject to confirmation by said Multnomah County Court, terms of sale, cash in hand. Interest of said minors, the undivided half of said described land, subject to the dower right of said Anna E. Woodbury.
ANNA E. WOODBURY,
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SUMMONS.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.
Benson Logging & Lumbering Co., a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Andrew Kenowski, Defendant.
To Andrew Kenowski, the above named defendant:—
In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit on or before the 15th day of six weeks from the date of the publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before the 22nd day of Feb. 1907, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in its complaint now on file herein, which relief prayed for is as follows, to-wit:—
That you be required to answer herein within the time prescribed by law, and to set forth fully the nature, character and extent of the interest or claim had or asserted by you to the tract of land described in said complaint, to-wit, the 1/2 of sec. 2, T. 5 N. R. 2 W., W. M.; that said right may be subject to investigation by said court, and that upon the hearing of this cause, if you be decreed not to have any right, title, interest or estate in said premises, or any part or parcel thereof, and that the plaintiff herein be decreed to be the owner in fee of said premises and the whole thereof and its title hereto be forever quieted, and that plaintiff have judgment against you for its costs and disbursements herein.
This summons is published by order of the Hon. R. S. HATTAN Judge of the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, which order was made and dated the 8th day of Jan. 1907, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 11th day of Jan. 1907.
COVART & STALETON
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
(Timber Land, Act June 8, 1878)
United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, December 28, 1906.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, 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 Lands States by act of August 4, 1892, Charles L. Doty, of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 718, for the purchase of the W 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 6, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section No. 2, Township No. 4 North, Range No. 3 West 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 Monday the 4th day of March, 1907. He claims as witness: George Sitta, of Kenawy, Or.; John Pringle, of George Sitta, of Kenawy, Or.; John Pringle, of Vernonia, Or.; J. E. McCrea, of Portland, Or.; R. F. Cox, of Portland, Or.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of March, 1907.
ALGERNON S. DRESSEK,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
(Timber Land, Act June 8, 1878)
United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, January 2, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, 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 Lands States by act of August 4, 1892, Gottlieb Schergering, of Albion, County of Washington, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 718, for the purchase of the N 1/2, NW 1/4, Sec. 4, and section No. 2, in Township No. 3 North, Range No. 4 East, and will offer proof to show that said land 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 Tuesday the 5th day of April, 1907. He claims as witness: Albert Hanson, of Omo, Oregon; A. G. Hobbes, of Barona, Or.; Otto Nieldmann, of Ilwaco, Or.; Albert Heipner, of Albion, Or.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 5th day of April, 1907.
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