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County Official Paper

The editor received a letter this week upbraiding him for statements made in regard to a recent death, and using the word "lie" rather promiscuously. In this connection most of the facts were gathered from the records and the balance from reliable people, and so, while we would hate to do anyone an injustice, we certainly cannot see our way clear to make the slightest retraction upon the say so of some unknown party who has not the courage to sign his name. Anybody is subject to mistakes, and the Mist's editor probably makes more than his share, but we will have to get a lot more definite information on this subject before admitting that the horrible things are coming to us that our unknown correspondent claims.

There is a great deal in recent political history to interest those gentlemen who spent much of their time in the last Oregon Legislature denouncing or seeking to discredit the Oregon system. We may refer simply to the one feature of that system, namely, the Oregon method of selecting United States Senators by first determining the popular choice and then abiding by that in the State Legislature.

Consider the state of affairs that obtained in New York and in Iowa, the trouble, agitation, expense and waste of legislative time and public money over the

election of Senators, that under the Oregon system would have been consummated without expense, without friction and without loss of time. Consider the case of Colorado, where much of the time of an entire session of the Legislature was wasted to no effect whatever; that state repeating a chapter in Oregon's history to its own detriment. More grievous than all, consider the state of affairs in Illinois, which cannot be mentioned without a sense of humiliation by any loyal and patriotic American.

Oregon, in a common-sense way and as developing democracy of the broader sort, has gone straight to the heart of this Senatorial problem, and it may be said truthfully, moreover, that Oregon's action and Oregon's experience has given an impulse to the National movement in expedition of a constitutional amendment for the direct and popular election of Senators.

Oregon has reason to be proud of the record, and the plain citizenship of this state appreciate that fact. If the gentlemen referred to in the foregoing have the sensibilities attributable to ordinary citizenship, a contemplation of the Oregon status as applicable to outside conditions must make them feel like that amount of fractional currency so famed in the slang of the day.—Telegram.

There is now in effect in this State a law requiring that all stallions be registered with the Stallion Registration Board. It reads in part as follows: "SEC 1. No person, firm or corporation shall use or offer for public service, in this state, any stallion or jack unless and until he shall have caused the name, description and pedigree of such stallion or jack to be enrolled by the Stallion Registration Board, as provided by this Act, and shall have procured a certificate of enrollment from such Board, and shall have recorded the same in the office of the recorder of conveyances of the county in which such stallion or jack is to be used

for such public service". This would appear to be a good law and should have the effect in time of making a great improvement in the horses of the State.

While all of the county has made great progress, it is doubtful if there is a section where it is as noticeable as from Hgilton south to the county line, through the Warren and Scappoose neighborhoods. A man does not have to be one of the oldest inhabitants to remember when this section was mostly tall and uncut, and yet at the present time a trip through there on the train will show some of the finest ranches in the State of Oregon and a considerable amount of land in a high state of cultivation, though by far the larger part is still to be cleared. At the present rate what will the next ten years bring forth?

A special issue of stamps for the Astoria Centennial will be courteous recognition of the enterprising city and bring her to the notice of millions who now know very little of her.

Changes in train schedules ought to be made in such manner as will bring an owl service on the trolley lines.

Borah is boring away at the Senate in the cause of popular elections and he is not a smooth-bore, either.

POMONA AT DEER ISLAND

The Columbia County Pomona met at Deer Island last Saturday, the sixth, and the meeting was one of the best ever held. There was a class of seven to take the fifth degree, being the following: Mrs. Bessie Beshe, Willis Kelly, Rita Grewell, Alma Brown, Ella Razez, L. M. Gore, and Albert Palmquist.

The following resolutions were passed by the Pomona:
A resolution condemning and denouncing the petition being circulated against the appropriation made by the last Legislature for the betterment of the State University and Agricultural Col-

lege as being against the best educational interests of the people

A resolution instructing our delegates to the State Grange to use their best efforts to have our laws amended so that each subordinate grange would be entitled to elect one delegate to the State Grange.

A resolution instructing the legislative committee of the State Grange to prepare and circulate the initiative petition to prohibit the operation of factories and mills and other places where men and women are employed over six days during the week.

A resolution against the sending of a special representative from this country to witness the coronation of King George.

The evening session was one of unusual interest and entertainment. The following program had been prepared by the lecturer and was enjoyed by all.

Opening song by the Grange.

Recitation, Sister Appleton.

Song, "The banker and The Beggar", Sister Lillich.

Accordeon Solo, Albert Palmquist.

Recitation, "Jesus Lover of my Soul", by Sisters Ella Razez and Alice Brown.

Song, "Pulling hard against the Stream", Bro. C. S. Hazen.

One minute talks on, "How to Make the Grange Interesting", the following members took part: Brothers Armstrong, Rose, Lovelace, Young, Pinkney, Tarbell, and Hazen and Sisters Lovelace, Lillich, Appleton and English.

Story, by Uncle George Merrill
Two Irish Girls, Ella Razez and Alice Brown.

Closing Song, by the Grange.

The place for the next meeting has not been chosen, but will be left to the executive committee.

Notice To Creditors

In the District Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, In the matter of the estate of John A. C. Johnson, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of John A. C. Johnson, deceased, to the creditors of said person having claims against said estate to present them with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administrator, at his residence at Mt. Hood, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate. Dated April 29, 1911. J. A. PETERSON, Administrator of the Estate of John A. C. Johnson, deceased.



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