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A number of bills have been introduced in the legislature tending to amend the direct primary law. Among other things is the fixing of a certain date in May each year in which an election is held, instead of having the date six months earlier each two years. While on the subject of primary elections, it would be a very good idea to arrange it so that a candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the primaries should be declared elected without further voting on the matter. In case no one man received a majority let the two highest become the candidates. Of course this would apply only to county and precinct officers and would eliminate entirely political parties in such elections, which is already accomplished under the present system. A bill has been introduced and will probably pass, to have no political candidates for judicial offices and what applies to that class of officers would certainly apply with equal force to any other officer. Why not treat them all alike?

BARKBEETLES

The secretary of agriculture announces that investigations conducted in 1907 and 1910 to determine the conditions on an area of more than 1,000,000 acres in north-eastern Oregon showed that the killing of a large number of trees by the mountain pine beetle had been going on in this area since 1905. It was estimated that thirty-five per cent of the lodgepole pine on about 1,000,000 acres and fifty per cent of the matured lodgepole on 800,000 acres of the same area had been killed, or a total of 8,000,000 trees. It was also estimated that 140,000 yellow pine had been killed by this beetle and that the invasion was moving south and southeast into the more valuable areas of yellow pine.

In order to demonstrate the practicability of the control measures recommended by the expert on forest insects of the Bureau of Entomology, an area of about 90,000 acres, principally in the yellow pine, was selected in which to conduct a beetle control project. This area was located south and southeast of the advance movement of the swarms of depredate beetles in order to check it. The project was organized in 1910, under a co-operative agreement between the Bureau of Entomology, the forest service and private owners, according to which the Branch of Forest Insects of the Bureau of Entomology made the investigations, recommended the methods and gave instructions, and the forest service and private owners furnished the funds for the actual control work which was completed June 30, 1911.

In the spring and summer of 1912, a thorough inspection was made of the treated area. A similar untreated or check area in another forest was also examined. It was found that on the 87,950 acres of the treated area the number of trees killed by the insects had decreased from 37,178 trees to 4,698, a reduction of 22,480 trees, or more than 80 per cent, while on the untreated area in the other forest there was no decrease and in one small isolated area the increase in the number of trees killed was two hundred and forty per cent.

The results of this project, undertaken as it was, strictly as a demonstration, forebly brings out the points that even under unfavorable conditions of a well-established and widespread dying of trees from insect attack it is possible and practicable to treat a small part of such area, successfully check the of the pest, reduce the loss per cent or more within the

treated area and protect large bodies of adjacent healthy timber; and they strongly emphasize the necessity for more extensive insect control work to curb the enormous and preventable killing of merchantable timber by barkbeetles.

DISTRIBUTION OF 1912 TAXES

No.	Valuation	Levy	Tax
1	\$1,070,796	.005	\$5,353.98
2	781,259	.006	4,687.55
3	505,830	.0035	1,770.41
4	110,655	.003	331.96
5	564,349	.01	5,643.49
6	60,500	.0026	157.30
7	1,085,510	.001	1,085.51
7Jt	97,740	.001	97.74
8	150,420	.0015	225.64
9	120,932	.018	2,176.78
10	230,939	.004	923.76
11	250,222		
13	1,042,624	.007	7,298.37
14	212,423	.0015	318.64
15	153,985	.005	769.92
16	144,760		
18	115,210	.0035	403.24
19	36,415	.003	109.24
20	210,078	.006	1,260.47
22	220,180	.0015	330.27
23	242,270	.0065	1,574.76
24	862,040	.0003	258.62
25	341,959		
26	403,310	.001	403.31
27	96,930	.009	872.37
28	227,050	.002	454.10
29	217,090	.006	1,302.54
30	246,570	.004	986.28
31	125,965	.003	377.90
32	249,870	.0025	624.67
33	30,310	.005	151.55
34	236,267	.0006	141.76
36	122,999	.004	492.00
37	459,760	.0015	689.64
38	183,585	.0007	128.51
39	240,275	.008	1,922.20
40	549,915	.0003	164.97
42	333,770	.001	333.77
43	186,720	.0013	242.74
44	64,605	.001	64.61
45	219,625	.008	1,757.20
47	262,576	.01	2,625.76
48	185,300	.003	555.90
49	165,618	.001	165.62
50	47,043	.005	235.21
51	470,796	.002	941.59
52	240,968	.001	240.96
54	94,585	.003	283.76
55	146,058	.0075	1,095.43
56	206,960	.0015	310.44
	\$14,594,015		\$62,967.44

No.	Valuation	Levy	Tax
1	\$ 686,345	.003	\$2,059.04
2	1,135,383	.002	2,270.77
3	2,280,703	.0032	7,412.28
4	1,077,860	.002	2,155.72
5	972,522	.0085	8,266.44
6	1,367,869	.0075	10,259.02
7	638,180	.01	6,381.80
8	686,694	.01	6,866.34
9	555,647		
10	976,940	.005	4,884.71
11	630,314	.007	4,412.20
12	434,190	.008	3,473.52
13	727,926	.01	7,279.26
14	822,830	.007	5,759.81
15	545,971	.0075	4,094.79
16	412,319	.005	2,061.60
17	645,282	.005	3,226.41
	\$14,595,015		\$60,844.71

Valuation	Levy	Tax
Clatskanie	\$244,283	
Houlton	108,467	\$1,084.67
Rainier	718,183	5,027.29
St. Helens	647,639	3,238.20
Vernonia	25,075	125.38
	\$1,743,627	\$9,478.54

SUMMARY
State tax, \$14,595,015, levy .001263, tax \$18,433.50.
School, valuation \$14,595,015, levy .00196, tax \$28,606.23.
Library, valuation \$14,595,015, levy .000025, tax \$364.87.
S. & S., valuation \$14,595,015, levy .000005, tax \$72.98.
County, valuation \$14,595,015, levy .002747, tax \$40,092.51.
Gen'l road, valuation \$14,595,015, levy .003, tax \$43,785.04.
Sp'l school, valuation \$14,595,015, tax \$52,067.44.
Sp'l road, valuation \$14,595,015, tax \$80,844.71.
Cities, valuation \$1,743,627, tax \$9,475.54.
Total tax, \$273,742.82.
State of Oregon, Columbia County.

I. H. E. LaBare, County Clerk of Columbia County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct exhibit of the distribution of the 1912 tax, as appears by the tax roll of said county for said year.
Dated Feb. 1st, 1913.
H. E. LaBare, Clerk.

When it Comes.
"Does your wife raise a rumpus when you stay away from home at night?"
"No, but she does when I get home."
—Houston Post.
Go that well and rightly considereth his own works will find little cause to judge hardly of another.—Thomas a Kempis.

A Regular Old Sherlock.
"Poor girl!" said the general manager as the young woman who had just applied for a position as stenographer walked out of his office.
"What's her trouble?" asked his secretary.
"It's too bad that a girl who is so pretty—one who might be living in luxury—is compelled to go out looking for work because she refused to listen to her parents. You heard her say she was married, didn't you?"
"Yes, but I didn't hear her mention her parents."
"Evidently you have not developed much ability in the way of making deductions. Why would a girl with such eyes, such hair, such a complexion, such teeth, such a beautiful face and such a figure as hers have to go out looking for work if she hadn't married against her parents' wishes?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.
Louise Weinhard, Anna Wessinger, Paul Wessinger and Henry Wagner, Executors and Exentors respectively of the last will and testament of Henry Weinhard, deceased, plaintiffs,
vs.
R. C. Thomas and Jane Doe Thomas, his wife, Defendants.

Whereas I, the under-signed, Sheriff of Columbia County, in the State of Oregon, have received an execution, Judgment order, decree and order of sale, issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled case, to me directed and dated the 16th day of Jan. 1913, upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said court and cause on said 16th day of Jan. 1913, in favor of the above named plaintiffs and against the above named defendants, for the following sums, to-wit: The sum of \$150, with interest thereon from the 20th day of November, 1903, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; and the further sum of \$10.70, taxes and penalty paid by said plaintiffs for the year 1901, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 16th day of March, 1906; and the further sum of \$6.20, taxes and penalty paid by said plaintiffs for the year 1907, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 20th day of October, 1908; and the further sum of \$5.30, taxes paid by said plaintiffs for the year 1906, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 16th day of November, 1907; and the further sum of \$7.05, taxes paid by said plaintiffs for the year 1908, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 27th day of Oct. 1909; and the further sum of \$7.98, taxes paid by said plaintiff for the year 1909, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 21st day of Sept., 1910; and the further sum of \$8.90, taxes paid by said plaintiffs for the year 1910, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 25th day of May, 1911; and the further sum of \$7.42, taxes paid by said plaintiffs for the year 1911, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 1st day of April, 1912; and the further sum of \$100.00, attorneys' fees and plaintiffs' costs and disbursements in this suit, taxed at \$10.00, and the costs of and upon said writ.

And whereas, in and by said execution and order of sale I am commanded, for the purpose of satisfying said execution, judgment, order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs, to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit: Lot numbered three (3) in block numbered five (5) in the town of Seapoose, Columbia county state of Oregon, as the same is laid down upon the official map of said town, now on file and of record in the office of the County Clerk of said county and state.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment, order, decree and order of sale, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will, on Tuesday, the 25th day of Feb., 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the County Court House at St. Helens, Columbia county, Ore., sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the said defendants or either of them had on the 20th day of November, 1903, the date of the mortgage foreclosed in said suit or since that date had, in and to the above described property or any part thereof.
A. E. Thompson,
Sheriff of Columbia County.
Dated and first published Jan. 24, 1913.
Last publication, Feb. 21, 1913.

Notice of Final Account and Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.
In the matter of the estate of Charles Anderson, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that John F. Chelstein, administrator of the estate of Charles Anderson, deceased, in the State of Oregon, has filed his final account as such administrator of said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, and that said Court has appointed and set Monday, 24th day of February, A. D. 1913, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. of said day, in the court room of said court, in St. Helens, in said county and state, as the time and place for the hearing of all objections to said final account and the settlement thereof, and that all persons interested in said estate may appear on or before said date and file any objections thereto.
Dated St. Helens, Oregon, and first published January 24, 1913.
John F. Chelstein,
Administrator of Estate of Charles Anderson, Deceased.
T. H. Wood, Attorney.

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

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J. W. Allen, Sec.

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