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The Wiser Way

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."
If thy friend is sad and weary,
Kiss him for a while,
If his way is dark and dreary,
Light it with a smile,
Let some helpful word be spoken,
Give a tender, loving token,
It may cheer a heart that's broken,
And its grief beguile.

Like a medicine that healeth
By its subtle art,
Is the sunny ray that stealth
From a merry heart.
As the song of some sweet bird
Holy memories of both stirred,
On a bliss and hopeful word
Will its strength impart.
Thou canst lessen pain and sorrow
Lesson is by all,
By the magic thou canst borrow
From a happy laugh,
Let thy light shine full and free,
Bid the darkness shadows flee,
Till the sad ones turn to thee,
As their stay and staff.
Carry, then, a face that's smiling,
With thee everywhere.
From its weariness beguiling
Many a life of care,
Soothing of a heart of sorrow,
Teaching is some hope to borrow,
That will gild the coming morrow
With its rainbow fair.

Mrs. Mary B. Wingate

THE OREGON LEGISLATURE

The near approach of the meeting of the Oregon legislature starts the inquiry "what is the work this body of law makers assembled to do?"

The answer to that question involves a thorough understanding of the powers that pertain to the law making branch of the government of any state or organized community. Broadly speaking the law making branch of any government can make any law or prescribe any rule of action, for the people, to obey and affix penalties for disobedience that it sees fit.

In absolute monarchies the declared will of the King or emperor is the law of the land. In oligarchies, like Greece and Rome, the will of the ruling class as expressed by its assemblies or Senates, was the law. The theory of our government is that the will of the people is the law but to avoid the necessity of the whole people gathering in one huge congregation and passing laws, the device used of selecting a few men from the several districts or counties to meet at stated times and theoretically, as representatives of the people to make laws, in their name, which all must obey.

The power to make laws for the 450,000 people in Oregon has been conferred upon a senate composed of 30 persons and House of Representatives in which there are 60 members.

These two bodies constitute the Oregon Legislature and by virtue of the power conferred upon them by the constitution of the state any measure that receives the sanction of a majority of each house, and the approval of the governor becomes a law and a two third affirmative vote makes a measure law, despite of the veto of the governor. The state constitutions

restricts the power of the legislators in some respects but subjects to the limitation of the constitution by prescribed by the constitution of the United States, the Oregon legislature can prescribe any rule of action for the people to observe that it sees fit to promulgate however detrimental to the well being of the people or obnoxious to their will or repugnant to their sense of right.

The legislature by the laws it passes determines and fixes limits to the cost of maintaining State, County, and expenses.

Some idea of the cost of maintaining the State may be had from the last Report of the Secretary of State on page 12 of the Secretary Report is recapitulates, gives the Receipts and disbursements of running the State from October 1st 1902 to Sept 30 1904 (2 years) thus

"Total Receipts \$5,486,799.12
"Total Disbursements \$4,917,809
The expense of running the counties of Oregon compiled by the Secretary of State for the year 1903 (the latest published) aggregated \$1,106,385 34 except for roads and highways Union County's expense except for roads in 1903 was \$42,090.28

The last legislature appropriated \$2,653,717.70 to carry on the State for the two years 1903 and 1904 and it is probable the appropriations for the ensuing two years will call for a similar amount and that the tax levy will be about the same as now for State purposes alone.

The Secretary reports the aggregate cash on hand September 30th 1900 as \$568,189.85,

As no money can be collected from the people by taxation fees or license to support the State Counties or municipalities without a law authorizing the same, and as the legislature is the only body that can make a law it is manifest that there is plenty of work for the legislature.

Several Denver women have been arrested for forging election returns. Their defense is that it is the right of women to pad the figures,

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that Nellie G. Neill, administratrix of the estate of Alfred T. Neill, deceased, has filed her final report in the administration of said estate in the County Court of Union County, Oregon, on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock, p. m. for the hearing of said report and any objections thereto. Dated this 15th day of November, A. D. 1904.

NELLIE G. NEILL,
Administratrix of the estate of Alfred T. Neill,
deceased.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878- NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon
December 23, 1904
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 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 Land States by act of August 4, 1894, Richard A. Crawford, of La Grande, county of Union, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2224, for the purchase of the Sec 34 of W 1/2 of Section No. 2 and N 1/2 W 1/2 of Section No. 37 in Township No. 4 S, Range No. 27, W. 1/2.

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 of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1905.

He names as witnesses: A. J. Bredder, of La Grande, Or.; Leo Young of Hillgard, Or.; Wm Dixon of Hillgard, Or. and I. W. Crawford of La Grande, Or.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 27th day of February, 1905.

E. W. Davis, Register.

Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house, in La Grande, on Tuesday the tenth day of January, A. D. 1905, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. At this meeting a board of five directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected and such other business will be transacted, as may properly come before said meeting.

George Palmer,
President of the La Grande National Bank

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Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has filed the final account of her doings as executrix of the last will and testament of Martha J. Watson, deceased; and that the County Court has appointed Monday the 2nd day of January 1905, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the time, and the Court House at La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of said final account. All persons having any objections to the same, will appear at said time and place, and offer said objections thereto.

IDA M. RAY, Executrix.
La Grande, Oregon, November 25th, 1904.

ESRAY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that there came to my place about July 1st, 1904, two miles north of Perry on Dixie Ave. the following described animal, One dark brown heifer, part Jersey, coming two year old, without visible brands or ear marks said animal has been taken up by me and is now with my cattle on the Draper place about 4 miles northwest of Island City, and owner can have same by proving property and paying charges.
ED HOBBS,
Home in Old Town, La Grande, Oregon,
Dated this 7th day of November, 1904.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County

La Grande Investment Company,
[a private corporation] Plaintiff,

vs.
J. C. Walton, Defendant.

To J. C. Walton, 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 action on or before Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 1905, and if you fail to so appear or answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$75.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from January 20th 1904, until paid, and the further sum of \$30.00, a reasonable attorney's fee, and for the plaintiff's cost and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published in the La Grande Observer by virtue of an order of the Hon. E. Eakin, Circuit Judge of this State of Oregon for Union County, duly made and entered at La Grande Oregon, December 23, 1904, and the first publication to be December 23, 1904, and the last publication to be February 3rd, 1905.

W. B. SARGENT,
Attorney for Plaintiff

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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 of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Saturday, the 7th day of January, 1905.

He names as witnesses: Herbert R. Cleaver of Caldwell, Idaho; Ralph H. Bullis, of Perry, Oregon; Benjamin F. Young, of Hillgard, Oregon; William H. Longley of Hillgard, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 7th day of January, 1905.

E. W. Davis, Register.

Notice to Creditors

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that letters of administration have been issued by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, to Mary C. Swauger upon the estate of Seymour Swauger, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the said administratrix at her residence at Kamela, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1904.

MARY C. SWAUGER
Administratrix of the estate of Seymour Swauger, deceased.

Rector of St. Luke's

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