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MULTNOMAH'S INCONSISTENT BAR.

The "non-partisan" attorneys of the "non-partisan" Multnomah bar have met, whereased, and resolved, and placed in nomination two republicans and one democrat fjd uroeg nonfw and one democrat for judges, thereby giving the cloak of statehood to their very claim for action. These attorneys, inconsistent as can be imagined, hope to delude the voters. They hope to make people believe they have selected a bench without partisan influence. All of which they know to be buncombe and silly twaddle.

But listen, why has an attorney any right to select his court. Why should he, who works under the court, be the man to choose his master? Is it not a matter of record that in almost every instance where a judge's salary is to be raised or where any favor is to be extended, the bench attorneys seldom object.

A sample of this was visible last winter when the legislature added two more justices to the supreme court of Oregon without constitutional authority. It was also in evidence when salary bills were before the legislature.

A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.

At this particular time no one will hesitate to admit that irrigation would be of strong value to the Grande Ronde valley. There is not a year that the water would not increase tonnage of crops raised, but this year is a fair sample of what may be expected if the rainfall alone is depended upon. To miss one rain means a heavy loss to the farmers, whereas if the waters that go to waste in this valley were conserved at the proper time, and used on the land when needed, there would be little need of watching the clouds and wishing that nature might send moisture.

It is a scientific principle that any one can figure out and one that means money not only to the land owner but to every person in business in the valley.

Next Saturday there will be a meet-

ing of the Grande Ronde reservoir company and some plans will be outlined to promote irrigation in the valley.

The whole state is enjoying the row between the Oregonian and Mr. Brownell. And it is fine to note that the Oregonian has reached a point where a spade is called a spade. There is too much puppy love and polly-foxing in Oregon. People too often pretend friendship when they feel the opposite. A few jolts such as the great newspaper is giving men of the Brownell stripe, will have a tendency to line things up and separate the sheep from the goats. Let's have more of it. Let's know where we are at, as Tom Watson would say. It is better to suffer honest defeat at the polls than to carry on this game of puppy-love indefinitely.

Miss Edith Deacon has decided to marry a plain American gentleman and Newport society is all agog. Miss Deacon is using very good judgment and some one should congratulate her, rather than feel excited because she is to marry a "plain" man.

With Secretary Loeb running for governor of New York and Theodore Roosevelt being sought for interviews each day regarding his political opinions, it would seem that the former Roosevelt administration is still doing business.

OREGON HAPPENINGS.

Improvement is the watchword in the country surrounding Brownsville, as well as in the town, says the Times.

Grants Pass is doing much street and sidewalk improvement.

Medford bank deposits increased \$200,000 from March to June.

Eugene's postoffice receipts for June showed 14 per cent increase.

Summer pippin apples have already been shipped from Grant Pass.

A Newport man hooked a big halibut, but it broke the line and escaped.

A 24x46 addition to the Stayton school house will be built at once.

One of the biggest and most enjoyable celebrations was at Falls City.

Farmers in eastern Oregon must organize to fight the wild mustard.

A first class salmon cannery will be erected at Wheeler on the Nehalem.

The First National Bank of Eugene has \$1,500,000 deposits and a large reserve fund.

Medford's postal receipts for June will show a gain of 41 per cent over June, 1909.

Eastern people paid \$90,000 for 640 acres of land, 60 in orchards, near Eagle Point.

A head of lettuce raised in Dallas measured 18 inches and weighs three pounds.

Rogue River's fruit output this year is expected to reach 1,000 car loads besides peaches.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

The Man Who Will Succeed Earl Gray in Canada.

When it was announced recently that the Duke of Connaught was to succeed Earl Gray as governor general of Canada there was much rejoicing in the Dominion on account of the great social influence of the duke and because the appointment is expected to prove a distinct tightening of the bond between Canada and the empire.

The Duke of Connaught is the only living brother of the late King Edward and one of the most popular men in England. He has lived the simple life of a soldier during all his career. With his wife and their three children,



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one of whom is the wife of the crown prince of Sweden, the duke likes nothing better than to pass his time quietly hunting and fishing on his country estate, Bagshot Park, in Surrey.

FISCAL YEAR JUST CLOSED.

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of Eastern Oregon.

With this handsome financial showing do not overlook the building of the Hill road from Walla Walla to La Grande and then across the country to Ontario. Do not overlook the Byllesby survey for an electric line through this valley, also the survey for a line up Catherine creek into the Cornucopia timber. When these lines will have been completed, the Grande Ronde valley will be transformed into a fruit belt of gigantic size.

Bear in mind that this city is bound to become to Eastern Oregon what Spokane is to Eastern Washington, because it is now in the lead and is bound to stay there.

The city administration is doing everything in its power to improve the city with many blocks of paving, a complete sewer system and cement sidewalks. Property owners are awakening to the need of improvement and on every hand old buildings are being repaired and new ones erected.

The county court is doing most effective work on the highways leading to the city and soon many roads in Union county will be surfaced with macadam, and it will be done in a way that is lasting, for the road work done by this county court is standing every test.

But La Grande, in the midst of the splendid record shown last year, needs homes. She needs many good substantial homes for the people who are coming in every week. Railroad boys regret when they are transferred to this division because they cannot get suitable houses for their families. Last winter it was a matter of common knowledge that family after family came here and remained a few days, and then went either to Pendleton or Baker City to spend the winter because La Grande had no homes to offer.

At present there are at least twenty families want places to live. There never was such an opportunity for builders as right here.

Taking everything into consideration the year just closed shows a magnificent business era for this city. It shows that despite many conditions that could have been avoided the city has advanced with a strong, healthy stride. The city administration, fully realizing the need of more improvement, began a campaign that when completed, will not only record La Grande as the best business city in Eastern Oregon, but also the most beautiful and best improved.

And while the hot weather is on; while the ambition may seem to be dragging, let us ask each reader of this article to kindly take an invoice of conditions as the Observer has pointed them out. Then make a comparison with any other city of La Grande's size that you may know. We believe your conclusion will be that this is the place for the man who wants to be doing something of importance in the world.

VISIT WEST'S

This Week and take advantage of the Saving Opportunity Offered in Our Mid Season Clearance Sale Every Article in the Store Reduced

We do not re-mark our merchandise for a sale. The original price is on all goods and we take the discount off. You know just how much you save this way.

Benjamin Clothes reduced 25 per cent, Eiderheimer Stine Clothing reduced 25 per cent. 150 Boys' and Men's Suits at exactly 1-2 Price. Ladies' Suits, Coats and Skirts reduced 25 per cent. Ladies' Wash Suits reduced 1-3. All Millinery at exactly 1-2 Price. Entire Line of Shirt Waists reduced 20 per cent.

Reductions Like These Throughout the Entire Store Sale Closes Monday, July 18th

N. K. WEST, THE QUALITY STORE

Teach Children to Protect Property.

Children should be taught to have a proper regard not only for the premises on which they live, but for that of others and all in public spots, as school grounds, parks and parkways. If they are taught a proper appreciation of public trees and plants they will soon come to regard them as a personal possession, and but few children will destroy or injure that in which they have even a small joint ownership. "What is everybody's property is nobody's property" no longer applies.

Notice of Sale of School Lands.

Notice is hereby given that the State Land Board will receive sealed bids until 11:00 o'clock a. m. August 1, 1910, for the following described school lands, to-wit:

All of Section 36, T. 1 S. R. 34 E.

W 1-2 of Section 16, T. 3 S. R. 34 E.

All bids must be accompanied by a regularly executed application to purchase and at least one-fifth of the amount offered.

No bid for less than \$7.50 per acre will be considered.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and be marked "Application and bid to purchase state lands."

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No bids for less than \$15.00 per acre will be considered.

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G. G. BROWN,

Notice of Intention

of The Pacific Express Company voluntarily to cease business in the State of Oregon and Withdraw Deposit.

NOTICE is hereby given that The Pacific Express Company, organized and existing under the laws of the

State of Nebraska, having its principal place of business in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, and its principal place of business for the Pacific Coast in the city of Portland, State of Oregon, and having heretofore duly complied with the laws of the State of Oregon relating to foreign corporations transacting the business of express and forwarding in said State, and having been regularly admitted to transact the said business of express and forwarding in said State, and having deposited with the State Treasurer of the State of Oregon the sum of Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), as provided by the laws of Oregon, now desires and has voluntarily decided to cease the transaction of its approximate business of express and forwarding in the State of Oregon and withdraw said deposit at the expiration of six (6) months from and after the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: December 1, 1910, provided no claim or claims against said Company shall be filed with the State Treasurer of the State of Oregon during said time.

Dated in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, this 23d day of May, 1910. THE PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY. By James Eggleston, Pres. June 1 Dec. 1.

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