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OKLAHOMANS TO GRANDE RONDE

About the middle of March there will be a carload of Oklahoma people decamp for the Grande Ronde valley and Wallowa county. They are coming to get homes, go into business and become citizens of Eastern Oregon.

In this statement there is a lesson for our home people. Remember, Oklahoma is the fastest growing state in the Union. It sprang up as if by magic from a wide prairie to an intensely improved community. People rushed over good land in Kansas and Missouri to settle Oklahoma because the trend of immigration was that way. Those same people are coming to Oregon for the same reason. They are coming because the merits of this country have been told them and because the tide of immigration is turned this way.

And Oklahoma people make good citizens. They assist in developing any country, and the splendid experience they have had in the new state is beneficial to their efforts in this country. Extend the right hand of fellowship to every man from Oklahoma. He knows the game and usually has nerve enough to play it. He does not expect to find paradise on this earth, for he is willing to accept conditions as they are and is ever ready to place his shoulder to the wheel of advancement.

Come on, ye men of nerve and physical endurance who made the mad rush for homes in the new state. Oregon wants you; she needs you badly and is willing to pay a premium for your kind of men.

THIRD CONGRESSMAN NOT UNLIKELY.

According to press dispatches today it is not unlikely that the membership of the house will be increased and therefore Oregon will not be called upon to furnish a new congressman. This will be a disappointment to many as a number of light-

ning rods extended high in the air in Eastern Oregon. The dark lantern procession was almost ready, we are told, to go and draft favorite sons in several localities to carry the congressional mantle. There will be plenty of time later to make a congressman, so do not worry about it.

Is it not interesting to see the "insurgents" in Congress falling to come across and stand by the Taft reciprocity measure? Yet those same insurgents were loud in their utterances of criticism for not lowering the tariff during the campaign. Now they have an opportunity to lower and they fail to stand hitched. What can the people expect of such men? That remains to be seen. We need tariff reform and need it badly, but when the people cannot get it from men who pledge it in campaign speeches what is to be done? There is hope that President Taft will yet force them in a corner and make them vote for the people's interests.

Such plays as "The Gentleman from Mississippi", which was produced last evening at the Steward, do much to elevate mankind and put a premium on honesty. Of its kind it holds the record as being the best ever seen on this circuit. The company presenting it were artists of high grade and the whole evening sparkled with excellent talent and splendid acting.

The Flora Journal has been sold by Mrs. Effie Skaggs to R. J. Ghormley and A. M. Bolden, two energetic Wallowa county boys. They intend to increase their equipment and make the Journal one of the foremost newspapers of Eastern Oregon. Here is good luck to the boys.

The Baker papers are eulogizing the officers of that county for their efforts expended in trying to capture the murderers of Ed. McCullough of Haines. Would it not be well to catch the murderers and then pay the compliments to the officers.

But where is Speaker Rusk? All other legislators have finally reached their respective homes except the son who presided in the house. Jerry is not lost; he is probably busy.

Footprints in the snow have always been considered a good clue to capture criminals, but it does not seem to have benefitted in the Haines tragedy.

SUPREME COURT WORK.

How the Justices Prepare Decisions and Dissenting Opinions.

On Saturday evening each justice receives from the chief justice an envelope containing the names of the cases the chief justice has decided to allow the justice to write the opinions on, and the chief justice also notifies the justices of the hour of the conference on Monday morning. The conferences are usually held in the conference room under locked doors. The chief justice presides, and cases are taken up or postponed according to the wishes of the justices or their readiness to consider them. Each justice is furnished with a lock book, in which he may enter the details of a case, the record of the vote on conference and the final disposition. On a case being assigned by the chief justice to a justice to write the opinion of the

court the opinion when written must be agreeable to the justices. If not the dissatisfied justice will promptly write a dissenting opinion. In some instances four of the justices have each written a dissenting opinion, but the usual custom is for one to write it and announce that the others concur.

Before a case is reached for argument the justices familiarize themselves with its records and briefs, and when one is directed to write the opinion he makes a study of the case, long or short, as its gravity demands. This may take a few days or months. The opinion is dictated, and after being typewritten it is corrected, boiled down and revised; another copy is then made, further revised and sent to the printer. In order that the compositors who set the type may not know the decision of the case the foreman sets up the last few lines of the opinion, locks them in a safe, and after the opinion is set up he adds them to it, takes two proofs and forwards them under lock and key to the justice. It is again read and revised and sometimes completely altered and returned to the printer, corrected by the latter and nine revisions sent to the justice.

If the opinion is now satisfactory to the justice a copy is mailed to each member of the court. These are returned to the justice with the notations of the justices, and the opinion is revised or changed, if need be, to conform to their views. If there be a dissenting opinion the justice writing the majority opinion holds it until the dissent is completed.

Then on some Monday, the court being in session, the justice announces an opinion in the case, giving its number and title, and then proceeds to read it at length to the dozen people who may be present. If there be a dissenting opinion the justice writing the dissent reads it and announces the names of the justices who concur with him. Afterward the official reporter of the court sends a verified copy of the opinion to the publishers of the United States supreme court reports, and the case finally becomes one of thousands in the law libraries to be read and reread if of moment or to be forgotten if mere detail.—Independent.

The Secluded Duchess.

The Duchesse du Maine, who held her court at Sceaux during the reign of the regent, was an imperious old lady. One day, according to "A Princess of Strategy," when she was ill she complained to the doctor that he was not curing her quickly enough. What was the good, she wanted to know, of compelling her to go without so many things and making her live in seclusion? "But," replied the doctor, "your most serene highness has at present forty people at the chateau!" "Forty or fifty people!" said the duchesse. "Well, for a princess that is practically seclusion."

Not a Chance!

A man told another man a few days ago how he had been buttoning his wife's dress for five years and finally, in order to even the account, he had a shirt made to order with sixty-five buttons down the back.

"Did you make her button it?" eagerly inquired the second party, with a glad smile.

"I tried to and fell down like slipping on a banana skin," replied the first party. "She promptly told me to button the top button and let the others slide, explaining that they would not show when I had put on my coat."—Chicago Tribune.

Mehemet's Parliament.

When Disraeli was in Egypt—the story is told in Mr. Monypenny's biography—he met Mehemet Ali, who desired to introduce parliamentary institutions into his country. "I will have a parliament," he said, "and I will have as many parliaments as the king of England himself." So saying, his highness produced two lists of names. "See here," he said. "Here are my parliaments. But I have made up my mind, to prevent inconvenience, to elect them myself."

LAME DUCKS

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his charges of graft in the framing of the Payne tariff bill.

Wm. W. Cocks, "our neighbor" as T. R. used to say when he was in the White House, is a non-combatant in the army. Being a Quaker. He lives next-door to That Person up at Oyster Bay and was one of the few real, bona fide, really and truly farmers in congress.

Then there was Herbert Parsons a democrat of New York, and a friend of the children, agitator for playgrounds and all sorts of Utopian schemes, a keen lawyer and legislator withal; Hamilton Fish (Rep. of N. Y.), of the famous blue-blooded Fish family of New York; J. S. Fassett (Rep. N. Y.) who used to be upstate leader in the Empire state, and Cyrus Durey (Rep. N. Y.) who makes way for Theron Akin, the man with-

out a party. Akin, a republican, was elected by the Democrats and refuses to affiliate with either party.

The meager twenty-seven Democrats include a few characters who will be missed at the next session of congress. Chief among these is Adam M. Byrd, of Mississippi. He is one of the members who have Indian blood in their veins and is famous for his picturesque speeches. Wm. Willet, Jr., is another, best remembered for his enrichment of the English language in that famous speech against President Roosevelt, whom he described as the Strenuous One a "gar-goyle". Save for this outburst, and another famous dinner given on the same night of the aforesaid speech, Willet has not popped into print in his two year's service.

By all odds "Jim" Tanney will be most sorely missed in the next Congress. He is a perfect walking encyclopedia of information as to government finances. He knows more about the theory of this government than any man in Congress. He has accomplished wonders in safeguarding the Treasury. Rumor has slated Tanney for an important government position.

The list of celebrities would be incomplete without mention of Albert Douglas (Rep. Ohio) a member of the House point to Douglas with pride as the congressman who survived, without a bruise, the impact of a pair of opera glasses dropped from the gallery of a New York theater three floors below full on the top of his head. The New York newspapers of two years ago paid Douglas considerable attention after this episode.

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