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JUDGE CRAWFORD'S CLEAN CUT LOGIC.

It is to be hoped that every reader of The Observer carefully digested an article from the pen of Judge Thomas Crawford on the new plan of electing national delegates and presidential electors in Oregon. It is made plain by the attorney that the framers of the new statute have positively disfranchised the voters of Oregon and denied them a constitutional right by demanding that a voter shall vote for but one delegate to the national convention and one presidential elector.

What kind of meat does the promoters of such legislation in Oregon feed upon that they should be self chosen to say whether or not the sovereign voter shall vote for only one of several men when the constitution gives him an explicit right to vote for more? Is there any rule of fairness that would apply to the actions of these few men who hope to delude the people and build their own political fortunes?

Surely such work will stand before

the great Oregon public branded as infamous, unfair and ridiculous.

When such men as Judge Crawford, who have lived in this state almost a lifetime and have seen the different kinds and degrees of legislation enacted openly take a stand against such abuses the people will begin to know that much of this clamor about being friendly to the rank and file is but wind to sail the ships of a few men who have ridden into office on a wave.

Under the present statute Multnomah county can and probably will name every delegate to the national convention of both parties. The voters are there and it has been so carefully arranged that a few men will control the names upon the ticket, thus almost insuring an entire delegation from Portland and Multnomah county.

We people of Eastern Oregon do not care. What we may do or say will be of little moment until such a law is repealed and fairness is once more established.

COLLECTION FROM PHILIPPINES.

Agricultural College Gets Gift of Insect Collection of Pacific Islands

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 14.—A beautiful and interesting collection of insects from the Philippine Islands has just been presented to the entomology department of the Oregon agricultural college by Prof. E. M. Ledyard of the University of the Philippines.

The professor of entomology at the college of agriculture of the University of the Philippines at Los Banos, P. I., is now at Ann Arbor making over his collection and has asked for exchange collections of Oregon butterflies and beetles.

O. A. C. has already a small collection of Philippine butterflies, and the general insect collection of the college is one of the best in the United States. This new addition contains nearly 100 species, and as soon as it can be prepared will be placed on display in the entomology laboratory. It is expected that the exchange between the two colleges will be continued.

EXPERIMENTS FATTENING LAMBS

Carload of 100 "Mary's Pets" From Portland for Agricultural College.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 14.—A carload of 100 lambs has just been received by the Oregon agricultural college department of animal husbandry to be used in fattening experiments.

In the series of tests to be conducted at the college the lambs will be fed on hay and grain, half of them being kept well housed in the barn, while half will be allowed to run in the open. The object is to test the value of shelter for sheep in western Oregon, since there seems to be a difference of opinion, some sheep raisers believing that just as good results can be obtained where no shelter is given the sheep. The lambs will be fed 100 days and then sold on the open market for fat lambs. They are of no particular breed, the object being to gain results that will be typical of what can be done in ordinary sheep raising.

Value of Deep Breathing.

Writing on the cultivation of physical fitness in the Herald of the Golden Age, Eustace Miles says that those who have mastered the art of deep and full breathing are thereby enabled to master their emotions—they can overcome pain and secure control of the mind and of the circulation of the blood. The control of the breathing prevents one from becoming hurried and hurried, and one acts leisurely, although not lazily. Breathing can be adapted to various needs—for instance, in producing warmth or the opposite effect—or one can breathe in order to become more sensitive. In fact, the all round value of deep and full breathing cannot be overestimated. Of all physical practices this is the first and foremost and one that can be regulated without being in the least conspicuous. If you have learned how to breathe deeply and fully people may not suspect it—they only notice that you are calm, poised and good tempered.

He Had Told It.

Next to Joseph Chamberlain, Birmingham honors no citizen more than Jesse Collings. In politics and friendship Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Collings have been inseparable for many years. They even shared their platform anecdotes, and in regard to one story they arranged that when both were taking part in a meeting the first speaker was entitled to its use.

It so happened that Mr. Collings arrived late at a meeting one night, but was due to speak before Mr. Chamberlain. As he was launching out into the story he felt his coattail pulled, and a voice behind him whispered, "I've told it." So Mr. Collings desisted, but what was his surprise to hear Mr. Chamberlain tell the story as soon as he got on his legs. "I thought you said you told it?" he asked afterward. "So I had," replied the imperturbable Joe, "but not tonight."—Fall Mall Gazette.

A Legend About Cats.

The ancient Greeks thought that all creatures except cats had souls and that that animal lost its soul through a bargain made between a bridge architect and the devil. The architect had besought the devil to get help in constructing an exceedingly dangerous bridge structure, and his satanic majesty only consented to lend aid on condition that the first creature to cross it should lose its soul. This was agreed upon, the bridge finished in due time and the devil sent to the opposite side to await his prey. The shrewd architect took good care to send a cat over before any human being was allowed to cross. On learning of the bargain the cat recrossed the bridge and scratched the architect's eyes out.

An Elemental Error.

A judge was angling in the Manitowick waters and just after dinner became involved in an argument with his boat companion. The debate lasted some minutes, and during that time the judge had his baited hook dangling in the air over his shoulder.

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