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DR. FREIDMAN SLOW TO MAKE GOOD.

It certainly looks as though Dr. Freidman was a little slow in proving to the government and the general public that he is going to make good. We had considerable faith, not particularly in Freidmann but in the belief that some one would find the serum that would save the human race from the white plague.

Anything is worth a trial along this line whether it be presented by a medical college, a quack or a foreign physician, for it must be remembered that some of the best things even in the scientific world have been stumbled upon although the scientific law teaches research and science.

But Dr. Freidmann is in a way losing contact with the laymen. He never has been taken very seriously by the profession, and now that he is failing to make proper showing it is doubtful if his star will much longer hang on the horizon.

In a letter from Dr. Molitor of La Grande, who is now in New York, and who has investigated carefully the Freidmann claims, there is sufficient said to indicate that the foreign physician has yet much to do before he convinces Americans that he really has the serum of value. All La Grande people, knowing Dr. Molitor as they do, know that his broadness of vision would not in any way permit prejudice against Freidmann and therefore a clear, fair estimate of the value of this cure as can now be given, would be given by Dr. Molitor if he was willing to go on record in the matter. But the doctor is not willing to condemn Dr. Freidmann even yet, nor is he willing to accept the harsh criticism which in many cases have been heaped upon the foreigner. In fact all that Dr. Molitor will say at this stage of the experiment is that he hardly thinks the Freidmann serum has obtained the results which were expected of it up to the present time. This coming from one whom we know to be thoroughly conservative means that the serum is not nearly accomplishing what was claimed for it.

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AN UNWISE AND UNFAIR LAW

During the last session of the legislature a bill was passed which provides for a county attorney in each county of the state. Some question arises as to the wisdom of this act because of the small salary each county can afford to pay thus establishing the county attorney's office as a training school for young and inexperienced lawyers while the state pays for the mistakes they make.

But this is not the principal objection. The new law says election of county attorneys shall not occur until 1916, when as everyone knows we have a general election in Oregon in 1914. As the measure now stands the governor appoints all county attorneys in counties where the district attorneys do not reside. Where the district attorneys do reside and go out of office in 1914, as in Union county, the governor then appoints his successor instead of letting the people elect, which is the American way of doing things.

There seems to be no excuse offered for this unheard of attempt to run the state of Oregon by appointment from the gubernatorial chair. Doubtless no one at the state house is able to offer an excuse that would be sane to the people. To usurp and take away the power of the people to choose their officials is a serious matter and endangers every free institution in the state. And this is exactly what is being attempted in the new county attorney law.

There is one thing for the people to do if they object to having their independence throttled and that is to put the referendum firmly against the new law.

We have never heard a man holding the office of district attorney express himself on this question, and in fact we must admit that we did not know what the law contained until our attention was called to it by a citizen of the state who does not hold office nor does he ever expect to hold office. There is nothing to be considered when investigating this law but the independence of the people and the fairness of permitting the voting body of Oregon to choose their own officials, rather than to let the state house rings appoint a man in every county in the state thus building up and perpetuating a machine for political purposes.

DELAY MEANS BIGGER SORES.

Just why the Democratic administration does not name the federal officers and get through with the pain cannot be understood. President Wilson and Senators Lane and Chamberlain should know that the more delay means bigger sores and harder to heal. That is the history of politics.

But there may be good and sufficient reason for the delay, after all. There is quite a bunch of Republicans left in the senate and should all of them bare their tomahawks and begin dancing the war dance, which distribution of federal ple frequently causes, even a Democratic administration may sit up straight in bed and take notice. Seemingly it is impossible for a hopeless minority to make trouble, but in the present case such is decidedly possible. Then, too, there

is the postmaster general who says out out all of this rough stuff; give the people service rather than pay political debts. Which means that postmasters with good records, doing good work, should not be molested in his opinion. This is in direct opposition to the Democratic belief in handing down the jobs to the boys who are "so thirsty and so hungry."

Taking all things into consideration, the white house is having its troubles in apportioning the pie under Democratic rule just as it had trouble under Republican rule. But with a few "non-partisan Georges" on the job it is very apparent that selfishness is the paramount issue.

NOTICE OF SEWER IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. You will hereby take notice that in pursuance of a resolution duly adopted by the council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 26th day of March, 1913, creating sewer district No. 3, section 3, and designating and declaring the real property hereinafter described as included in and comprising said district, and in pursuance of a resolution duly adopted by said city council on the 3rd day of March, 1913, whereby said city council determined the necessity of and declared its intention to improve said district and all the real property included therein as hereinafter described, by laying therein a sewer and in pursuance of the report of the commissioners heretofore made in relation thereto, and adopted by said council, the city council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, will meet at the council chamber of said city on the 7th day of May, 1913, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. of said day, and consider the levy of a special assessment against all the real property benefited or affected by said proposed improvement and grant a hearing before said council to all persons feeling aggrieved on account of said proposed levy of said special assessment to pay the costs and expenses thereof.

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all in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given you that the said city council proposes to levy a special assessment on all of the property affected or benefited by such proposed improvement for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of the same. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$1558.40.

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Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 21st day of April, 1913.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By LEE WARNICK, Recorder of the city of La Grande, Oregon. 4-25-13

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