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COUNTY AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

There will be a referendum election this fall. Now, don't confuse it with the municipal election which comes off next Wednesday, for they are entirely separate and apart and deal with different matters entirely. The referendum election is to decide whether certain acts of the last legislature shall stand, and among these acts is a law segregating counties into individual districts and providing for county attorneys rather than district attorneys as has always been the practice in Oregon.

Our contention is, that with each county as a unit the prosecuting attorney's office will naturally gravitate to the attorneys who can afford to take the job. The salary will be reduced in proportion to the size of the county, and as we read the statute, the county attorney will be able to practice little if any outside of his official capacity. Thus will the office become a training school in Oregon, as it has in other states that have tried this system and the public will be forced to pay for the errors of the young attorneys who honestly try to fill the place but through lack of experience, make mistakes.

It would be impossible to get an old, seasoned, hard-headed lawyer like Col. Ivanhoe, the present prosecutor, to consider the county attorney's office. And while there is little said about the present prosecutor officially, the fact remains that his long experience, his wide knowledge of conditions and his ability as an attorney has saved Union county a great deal of expense and at the same time justice has in no way been lost sight of.

We believe the county attorney bill should be defeated for the best interests of the entire state.

RAISE THE LICENSES.

The city authorities could do no better thing than to increase license of peddlers and street shows until it makes any exhibition or peddling prohibitive within the city limits. There's no place in a well organized city for the peddler, street vender or the street show. The peddling is unfair to local people who run stores, pay taxes and live here the year round. Goods sold by a peddler are usually inferior goods as there is nothing of standard value about them and the annoyance to householders of having the peddler at

the door is well known to all.

The handsome way to rid the community of all of these things is to raise the license so they cannot do business.

UNION COUNTY TO ENTERPRISE.

Next Tuesday a special Union county train will leave La Grande in the morning for Enterprise where the Union county people will take in the Wallowa county fair, renew acquaintance with those who live beyond the canyon and have a good time generally.

This movement was started by "Pat" Se Cor, secretary of the fair association, and every business man in the city fell in line with it at once agreeing to either go on the trip or send some one. Then many farmers expressed intention of going, the band was hired, and last but not by any means least, Bob England, president of the Central railroad of Oregon, who by the way is somewhat of a booster himself, proclaimed his intention of sending a car from Cove and Union to attach to the train at La Grande, thus completing the entire Union county representation. Cove people will turn out well and you can always count on a bunch of the good fellows from Union. All of these mingled with the La Grande and vicinity delegation will make Wallowa county understand how sincerely the fires of friendship burn between the two counties.

Father Murphy will join the special train at Wallowa with a delegation and the Elgin people will also be with us, which will make when it reaches Enterprise, one of the biggest excursions ever sent over the Wallowa branch road.

AFTER HAVING BEEN AWAY.

Probably no man in the city enjoys La Grande more than does E. Polack, who has just returned from a trip to the old country. He and Mrs. Polack have been absent from the city for several months. They saw many sights, enjoyed themselves splendidly, but in the language of Mr. Polack, "Oh, we are so glad to get back."

This is the universal expression of all who are gone for some time. They are glad to get back. And why?

Not because La Grande is a marvelous place in which to make money—although honest effort here brings forth good returns; not because there are so many things to see and so many places of amusement here. It is because the town is good, healthy, well located, and because of the class of people who live here. La Grande is a great deal like one big family—a harmonious family, if you please. Occasionally a member of that family may do something that transgresses the Golden Rule but repentance follows, and unless the offense be too severe, forgiveness comes and everything moves along as before. It is this feeling of friendship, almost kinship, that one misses when he takes a trip and leaves here. And as time goes on one yearns more and more for the old friends, the ones he sees daily. We will leave it to Mr. Polack if this is not true.

The clergy in some of Sweden's larger cities is coaxing down and out persons to church by means of hot

coffee and rolls. This is probably more satisfying at that than the American method of moving pictures.

When some husbands go to the hospital the wife does not dread the outcome of the operation half so much as she does the good looking nurses.

ROOTER ASPIRANTS TRY OUT

King of Varsity Noise Machine to Be Chosen by Competition.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., Sept. 26.—Three aspirants for the throne of rooter king, vacated by "Abe" Blackman, will demonstrate their clear leading abilities at the football practices during the present week. Harold Young, '14; Morris Bigbee, '15, and Harold Grady, '15, are the seekers for the position.

The first tryout was held yesterday, when each candidate was given his turn at directing the rooters. The successful man will be named by the executive committee next week on the strength of the showing made in this week's try-outs.

Coach Bezdek, who has been lamenting the absence of the old "Oregon spirit", which was much in evidence when he was last here in 1906.

Fire Truck Breaks Bridge.

Baker, Sept. 26.—While responding to an alarm of fire at South Baker at 5:15 yesterday afternoon, the auto fire truck went through a plank bridge or culvert on Third street, South Baker, and was stalled for an hour and a quarter before getting out. The front wheels passed over safely but the rear truck broke the planking, letting the five-ton car down in the ditch. It was jacked up and pulled out without damage.

The fire amounted to little or nothing, a little child having set some dry grass on fire, making smoke of such volume that caused the alarm to be sounded.

Fire at U. of O.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., Sept. 25.—Extension Hall, a temporary structure erected this summer to house the extension department, valued at \$900 and having two rooms for overflow classes, was gutted by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. Origin of the fire is unknown.

The fire was discovered by Night Watchman J. W. Bradway. Estimated damage to the building is \$700. No insurance. The damaged building was only 20 feet from Historic McLure Hall, home of the departments of chemistry, journalism and psychology, and 10 feet away is a small building stored with valuable chemicals.

Ask Oregon Delegates.

Salem, Or., Sept. 25.—Governor West has received a letter requesting him to appoint delegates from this state to attend a mass meeting to be held in Cooper Union, New York city, September 30, to protest against the injustice of the Roumanian government to its quarter of a million Jewish subjects. The meeting will elect delegates to an international congress to be held in Berlin in January, 1914. The meeting is backed by the American Roumanian Jewish Emancipation committee.

Governor to Investigate.

Salem, Or., Sept. 25.—The last legislature passed a law directing the governor to investigate in the interest of the public's rights what is known as the Portland gas franchise, but did not make an appropriation to defray the expense of such investigation. Governor West said today he is ready to take up the investigation as soon as funds are provided. He said he will put the matter before the emergency board when it meets Friday to consider the request of the governor for funds with which to see that the laws are enforced.

OPPOSITION ANSWERED.

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who may be or may not be responsible therefor. And when the blame is traced to its true source and is laid at the door of an elective officer there is no way of getting rid of him during his term of office for anything short of malfeasance in office and then only by the tedious and expensive method of impeachment. On the other hand under the contemplated commission form of government the people in looking to their representatives for the faithful and economical affairs of the city look alone to the three commissioners and the police judge appointed by them. The commissioners appoint the general managers, and he in turn appoints the other officers and agents of the city and is responsible for their acts. If the general manager proves unfaithful or incompetent he can be at once removed with or without cause by the commission and another appointed in his place. If any subordinate officer or agent proves unfaithful or incompetent he can at once be removed by the general manager, with or without cause. Again the proposed commission charter expressly provides for the recall of any commissioner proving himself unfaithful or unsatisfactory to the people. While in our present charter there is no way of getting rid of an unfaithful elective servant of the people of the city during his term of office save and except by impeachment after a long tedious trial in the courts. In this respect the proposed commission charter is more

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MYSTERIOUS MAN DEAD.

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From 9 o'clock until midnight, when he left, as noted above, Hollister stayed in the Gold Dust playing cards and taking a few drinks, according to those present, but was perfectly sober when he left after buying the beer, he said, to take to his room. His wife never raised any alarm at his non-appearance, and knew nothing of the tragedy until informed by Dr. Ison.

The shock broke her down completely, and she was in a condition of near prostration all day. She requested to see her husband and was taken to the morgue shortly before 5 o'clock last evening, fainting when she gazed on the dead face and later in the undertaking parlors after passing from the death chamber. Her condition was such that the authorities made no effort to question her, after she refused to see visitors, but will do so today, when possibly she may throw some light on the mystery of the man's identity. That he has traveled under two different names of late seems evident, and that he was nearly out of money before his death seems probable from the fact that he approached a bartender at the Gold Dust about cashing a check on a Portland bank, which was refused. The wife made the statement that her father recently died in Michigan and that as she did not know her husband's people, there was no one to be notified of the affair, but the authorities hope today to learn more about the couple and gather sufficient facts to enable them to make disposition of the remains.

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