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AGAINST STERILIZATION.

The Observer is in receipt of a communication dated at Portland and signed by M. G. Munly, Emmet Callahan, Henry McGinn, Perry Green, Lora C. Little, U. H. Black, W. S. U'Ren and Matilda Greiner, urging the people to vote against what is known as the "Sterilization" bill at November referendum election.

Now, Col. Wood says a whole lot in those few words. But the sterilization bill is not the only piece of rot put over on the people of late. We have a whole yard full of rot in the shape of laws that are worthless, laws that are of value to only a few and therefore, are the product of class legislation.

Take for instance, the much talked of "Blue Sky" law. We are informed by able attorneys that a corporation cannot be formed in Oregon now without first breaking this law. That it is an impossibility to proceed as the law outlines. Yet the "Blue Sky" law created a handsome office for one of Governor West's pets and the people are told by the Salem contingent that it is a fine law.

We are lawed to death and if Col. Wood's definition of the proposed sterilization act was applied to two thirds of present day legislation the application would be entirely correct.

PASSING JUDGMENT EARLY.

Editor Aldrich, of the Pendleton East Oregonian, with his usually positiveness, has labeled the La Grande form of commission government a miserable failure. He says it is getting away from "the people," that under its provisions "the people do not rule" and then he rambles off into

platitudes and fails to show why he makes the bold assertions.

But Editor Aldrich might be mistaken. In fact, La Grande people believe there is a splendid chance for this teacher of the public to have erred in his early judgment. He has never seen a commission form of government at work. All he knows by actual observation is such municipal campaigns as the last Matlock campaign when voting was fast and furious and betting was heavier than it used to be at the "ringside" in Frisco.

Perhaps it would not do in Pendleton, but in a live hustling town like La Grande there is every reason to believe it will work satisfactorily.

Senator LaFollette will be original and different at whatever cost. For instance, no other senator has the nerve to wear a pompadour.

There seems to be as much artistic temperament among baseball stars as among those of grand opera, and it pays just as well, too.

When Daniel Webster was secretary of state, he is said to have pieced out his salary by playing poker. The chautauqua game is safer.

A taxicab driver in Sioux City has been left a legacy of \$187,000. Why do all of these legacies have to go to those who are already rich.

FROG IS A BAROMETER.

A. B. Cherry, grower of flowers and producer of green vegetables when snow flies, does not dispute the fact that Hot Lake has cats that instinctively know the arriving time of the trains, does not deny that Hot Lake employes call fish to supper by whistling, nor does he scout the strange tales of rare feats in animal teachings there, but he does point with some pride to a frog in his hot house.

No need for barometer, thermometer or automatic regulator of heat in that establishment. There is a full grown frog in said institution that is all this. If the place grows a little too hot, a croak from Mr. Frog reminds the proprietor to stop the draft; if it grows suddenly chilled, another croak or two, and Mr. Proprietor knows there is need of more fuel in the furnace. Likewise, if the morrow will bring storm and drop in temperature which the green house goods could not withstand without special preparation, a song of warning comes from the frog and the warning is heeded. Mr. Frog is diligent, never cries "Wolf! Wolf!" when there is no wolf, and never goes to sleep on the job either. "I would not think of selling that frog or even permitting it to be destroyed, for it is a better weather forecaster than Beals and Benham put together," is the way that Mr. Cherry lauds the educated frog.

PROVERBS ON WOMAN.

A bag of ideas is easier to keep watch over than a woman.—German.
A dog is wiser than a woman.—Russian.
A goose, a woman and a goat are bad things to own.—Portuguese.
A handsome woman is always right.—German.
A woman and a melon are hard to choose.—French.
A woman and a cherry are painted for their own harm.—German, Spanish.
A woman can love a poor boy better than a rich dotard.—Hebrew.
A woman's strength is in her tongue.—Welsh.
A woman's tongue is only three inches long, but it can kill a man six feet high.—Japanese.
All women are good—either good for something or good for nothing.—Danish.
Women have long hair and short wit.—Turkish.
Women rouge that they may not blush.—Italian.
One demands four things from a woman—that virtue dwell in her heart, modesty beam on her forehead, sweetness flow from her lips and industry occupy her hands.—Chinese.

A PETITION TO TIME.

Touch us gently, Time!
Let us glide adown thy stream
Gently, as we sometimes glide
Through a quiet dream.
Humble voyagers are we—
Husband, wife and children
three.
(One is lost—an angel fled
To the azure overhead.)
Touch us, gently, Time!
We've not prouid nor soaring
wings.
Our ambition, our content,
Lies in simple things.
Humbler voyagers are we.
O'er life's dim, unbounded sea,
Seeking only some calm cline.
Touch us gently, gentle Time!
—Barry Corwall.

FRIENDSHIP.

As the feet, in the journey of life, plod along places smooth and others rough and stony, where the stormy hedge hedges out or hedges in, by the still waters and waters raging, in meadows green and meadows parched, through valleys and over hills toward the great city, what is more delightful than to fall in with a bright, lovely, particular spirit traveling the same way?—W. M. Bicknell.

BRILLIANTS.

Peace, hope, courage, faith be with you—not the faith that reaches, trembling, toward rest beyond the grave, but faith that reaches down deep—grasps now the deep laid cable that moves the car of humanity now.—F. Blanchard.

If men will have no care for the future they will soon have sorrow for the past.—Chinese Maxim.

No man or woman who has fallen can be restored to the position formerly held. Such must rise to a yet higher place, whence they can behold their former standard far beneath their feet.—George MacDonald.

Good resolutions seldom fail of producing some good in the mind from which they spring.—Charles Dickens.

Blessed is he who has found his work. Let him ask no other blessedness. He has a life purpose. Labor is life.—Carlyle.

You may choose to forsake your duties and choose not to have the sorrow they bring, but you will go forth and find, my daughter, sorrow without duty, bitter herbs and no bread.—Ravennara.

NATURE.

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.—John Muir.

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Diaz to Land Today.

Vera Cruz, Oct. 20.—Gen. Felix Diaz, nephew of Porfirio Diaz, president ruler of Mexico for so many years but now exiled, was expected to land here today from the steamer orcovada, which sailed from Havre September 20. Federal officials refused to discuss rumors that young Diaz, who started the revolution, which ended in the overthrow and cold-blooded murders of President Madero and Vice President Suarez, and the usurpation of the presidency by Huerta, would be arrested on the latter's order. Diaz was sent abroad on a special mission by Huerta. It was charged at the time that Huerta practically exiled Diaz rather than do away with him, for fear of arousing the Diaz adherents against him.

Coffee

Don't delay and put off your intention to try Schilling's Best; buy it today and try it for breakfast tomorrow morning. And keep on trying until you get to the bottom of the can. If at any time you don't like it well enough to keep on trying and buying, ask the grocer for moneyback.

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PRESSURE.

"I can" has aided many a man. Where high obstructions rose, To conquer bravely, rather than Sit down and nurse his woes.
"I will" has often served the weak On steep and stony ways And caused the fearful still to seek The sweet reward of praise.
More potent than "I can" and still Backed by a sharper thrust And stronger purpose than "I will" Is man's old friend "I must." —Chicago Record-Herald.

SONG OF PEACE.

The grass is green on Bunker Hill. The waters sweet in Brandywine; The sword sleeps in the scabbard still; The farmer keeps his flock and vine.
Then who would mar the scene today With vaunt of battlefield or fray?
The earth has healed her wounded breast; The cannons plow the field no more; The heroes rest! Oh, let them rest In peace along the peaceful shore!
They fought for peace; for peace they fell. They sleep in peace, and all is well.
Lo, peace on earth! Lo, rock and fold! Lo, rich abundance but increase. And valleys clad in sheen of gold! Oh, rise and sing a song of peace. For Theseus roams the land no more. And Janus rests with rusted door! —Joaquin Miller.

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