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SIGNS OF SUNRISE.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The vote of yesterday indicates that the people of Portland are tired of the most excellent fopperies and fooleries of the last few years; of the initiative system and the method of legislation it has introduced; of the double toll and trouble of dealing in the election booth with the irreconcilable differences between the vast number of whimsical propositions submitted by cranks and fanatics of every degree; of the annoyance of being called on to consider and stand guard against irrational and tangled suggestions, involving bosh and bosh, and then more bosh—without end. Hence the thundering "No" all along the line.

The vote for Simon is a vote for return to common sense. The plurality—perhaps a majority of all—by which he is elected marks the decline from high-water mark of the grotesque proceedings taken under a system of folly that so fully sufficed for itself that it rejected all knowledge and all experience—as if this age could strike out on the anvil a new system at once, and defy all its ancestry.

Abuse of Initiative has been rebuked. Truth is that the people have learned, by experience, that they do not want the system; that it is not a rational one; that it is too liable to abuse; that it introduces the evils of a fool's paradise.

Of sound and conservative sentiment, the Republican party of Oregon is the natural exponent. The troubles that have beset it and the defeats it has met have been due to factional disorder rather than to any lack of principle. Possibly its factions may have learned something by this time. The vote of yesterday seems to point that way.

Between Republicans of sound and conservative judgment and Democrats of like character, there is no difference of any important nature on the questions or issues of the present time. The tendency to socialistic fallacies is the danger they must combat. It is becoming as clear as the issue was between nationalization and disintegration, 50 years ago, or between the sound money standard and debased money, 20 years ago. Men will have to choose their political company on this main issue. It will not be difficult, for the set of the main tide has long been that way.

We believe that eccentric, fantastic and delusive notions are tending towards their nadir, in Oregon; and it is high time. We have been making a spectacle of ourselves before the country. We have been putting our own affairs into confusion, and through cross purposes of factions pulling down the pillars of the state. It is time to quit it, and time to begin to rebuild. The election of yesterday is a cheerful sign, pointing that way.

THE AUTOMOBILE LAW.

Little or no attention is being paid by the police department to the enforcement of the city ordinances governing the operation of automobiles, particularly in the suburbs, says a Portland paper. The police wink at serious infractions of the law, although it is said that the attention of this department has been repeatedly called to the provisions of the ordinance. It is also claimed that many automobile accidents have happened as a result of violations of the law, and if the law had been enforced they would not have occurred.

Many auto drivers are exceedingly reckless in driving, and continually exceed the speed limit. Frequently it is claimed by residents in the suburban districts that automobiles shoot along the thoroughfares at a 30-mile clip without fear on the part of the chauffeur of being arrested. It is also declared that the police do not enforce that section of the ordinance providing that all machines shall remain on the right side of the street, in order to prevent congestion of travel and collisions. This violation of the law is especially noticeable in downtown districts, where danger from reckless driving is always great.

Much of the trouble is caused by reckless and incompetent chauffeurs. The board of examiners for chauffeurs, it is said, pass many young men and give them licenses who are not fully capable of handling a machine. It is said that they never give them a practical test of their abilities to operate machines, but merely ask them some simple questions of their knowledge of the business. Owners of machines do not have to pass an examination at all, competent to operate their machines, and many of them are entirely incompetent. Members of their families also permit them and the responsibility for accidents which may happen in such cases cannot be fixed.

There are now over 1500 machines owned in Portland. This would make a line of automobiles, if they

should all be placed on parade over two miles in length. The members of the Automobile club realize that something should be done to curb incompetent drivers, and various city officials are also of the same opinion. It is declared that the present ordinances should be strictly enforced, and that all chauffeurs who have not taken out licenses should be forced to do so immediately, or be subjected to arrest. Owners of private cars, it is said, should also be made responsible for their operation at all times, even if they permit another member of the family to operate them.

DISGRACE TO MEDFORD.

There is an old saying to the effect that you can judge a man by the company he keeps, and this, it must be admitted, applies to others than individuals, as any one with an observing mind will notice almost everywhere in Medford, as well as in numerous other cities.

Citizens of this city have noticed during the last few months attempts on the part of certain concerns to do some so-called advertising at the expense of the good reputation of Medford, its good name and its reputation for decency. For instance, on Memorial day, after being annoyed by a freak riding a wheel, the old soldiers and the citizens who turned out to help them observe a day which is getting to be considered more sacred than Sunday, the rider dismounted, and while Rev. McDougal was speaking, started to announce the concern he represented. This breach of good taste was resented and the promoters of this "advertising scheme" were forced to put an end to it, and fortunately the perpetrator of the insult has left the city.

The Florida Times-Union wants to know if the Republican congressmen "will live up to their pledges." Some of their pledges are too high for their present short reach.

An exchange says a Kansas City funny man won a wife with his jokes. If he should wish to be a widower he will probably make the lady die laughing.

The Kansas City Star warns the forest preservers that it is high time to investigate, since a North Missouri paper reports that all the trees are "leaving."

Ellis Glynn says no man in this country tried to flirt with her. Probably because the men feared the judge might give 'em Three Weeks.

Roosevelt left the sleeping sickness behind him. He knew that congress would monopolize it in the discussion of the tariff.

There is such a unanimous sentiment for good roads that no one ever thought of putting it to the "ayes" and "noes."

Mr. Roosevelt's interest in the African natives is confined to their efficiency in driving the animals with a rifle range.

If Mr. Aldrich has studied the tariff so long he ought to know more about it than appears from his interpretation.

A Texas exchange wants to give the Missouri river to Harriman, which brings on more talk about watered stock.

The new sultan says he is going to boss the job. He can't go slow and keep up with the fast Young Turks.

The ice trust is having its tinnings in this world, and evidently has no fear of warm weather in the next.

Let us hope that a talk with Mars will not reveal the fact that we have such a stubborn tariff problem.

It didn't require a discussion on razors to show that the consumer was getting a close shave.

It stands to reason that a millionaire tariff should have no sympathy for the poor consumer.

The Illinois legislature has the big head, but is dead against the women wearing the big hat.

As the prophet of the wheat crop, Mr. Patten fails not to predict that it is coming his way.

The mother of the trusts claims that she is too merciful to spank the infant industries.

Ohio has no intention that the political pie crop in that state shall be a crusty affair.

With good roads all over the country we can wait on the airships a while.

The Kansas murderer who won a pardon by a poem was not in hard lines.

Professor Todd should reflect that living comes higher ten miles nearer Mars.

It was one of the best automobile parades Georgia has ever known.

GET PERSONAL

IN REMARKS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The senate chamber was again today the scene of a lively debate, Aldrich leading the conservatives and Beveridge, heading the progressives, did most of the talking. Both the senators were frequently on their feet, and there were many sharp conflicts between them. Beginning the session with a vote on the recommendation of his committee for the duty of 3 cents per square yard, and 20 percent ad valorem on a fabric known as window Hollands. Aldrich was apparently somewhat encouraged over the prospect of making decided headway with the cotton schedule. His hopes, however, were doomed to disappointment, for only a few moments afterward Beveridge took the floor and before he concluded he opened such a gap that the Rhode Island senator himself could not resist the opportunity to walk in.

Beveridge, having said he had been inclined to support the recommendations of the finance committee, the admission led the chairman of the committee to say that the Indiana senator had not shown such inclination in his vote. From that time forward the two senators were engaged in joint debates much of the time during the day.

In the course of his remarks, Aldrich, while contending that many prohibitive tariffs were justified, said he never favored a prohibitive policy. He predicted that in time the south would become the greatest manufacturer of the finer grades of cotton goods.

Replying, Bacon declared if even such should prove to be true, he did not favor any increase in the customs duties.

About the middle of the afternoon the senate reached its second vote, which was on the amendment by Dilliver to strike out the committee provision fixing a duty of 1 cent per square yard for the process of mercerization. The amendment was lost by a unanimous vote—32 to 30. The narrowing of the margin was, however, due to the absence of the senators rather than to conversion of the progressives to Aldrich's standard.

It was after this vote that Aldrich found occasion again to challenge the attitude of some of the Republican senators, who were contending for lower duties. He charged them with playing the part of a brigadier for the democrats and, speaking of Beveridge, declared he had associated with the Democrats so long that he was accepting their ideas. He characterized Beveridge as the leader of the opposition. Both Beveridge and Cummins replied, the former asserting he was standing on the Republican platform, while the latter had been so often charged with being a "Democrat" that the charge did not worry him.

During the day Smith of Michigan found occasion to attack the position of Secretary MacVeagh as the mouthpiece of the tariff situation. He intimated he did not consider the second member of the president's cabinet a reliable leader of this subject, because of his former Democratic proclivities.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The cotton schedule was completed at the night session. The Dingley rates were restored on hosiery, making the reduction of about 20 cents a dozen pair from the rates of the house bill. Tomorrow the woolen schedule will be taken up.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Reverting to Aldrich's criticism of his Republicanism, Senator Beveridge had read in the senate today a resolution of the executive committee of the Indiana Republican association endorsing the attitude of Beveridge on the tariff question.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The house of representatives today passed the Porto Rican bill without amendment. The bill provides that whenever the legislature shall make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year those for the current year shall be considered in force. It also provides that hereafter reports of an official character shall be made direct to the executive department of the United States designated by the president, and such department is authorized to take jurisdiction on all matters pertaining to the island.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

United Copper Company Official Spirits Books Away

NEW YORK, June 3.—George Baglin, vice-president of the United Copper company, was taken to the Tombs prison today and must remain there under an order of Judge Lacombe of the United States district court, until the missing books of the company which contain the evidence upon which the federal district attorney seeks to convict F. Augustus Heinze are produced. A similar punishment also hangs over Sanford Robinson, a prominent director of the company, whose case will be further considered by Judge Lacombe tomorrow morning.

Heinze Mixed Up.

Both men are alleged to have per-

mitted the spiriting away of the books that were under subpoena. Baglin testified before the grand jury that he had overheard Robinson and one of the Heinze brothers conspiring to remove the books and had interposed no objection.

"Nothing remains for me to do but to commit you for contempt," said Judge Lacombe after hearing Baglin's admission.

"You had no right to stand idly by while men were plotting the removal of books wanted in a grand jury investigation. An officer or an employee cannot so act with impunity."

Sentenced by Court.

Baglin was visibly affected by the sentence of the court. He was allowed to communicate with his wife and lawyer, then he was led to the Tombs.

Robinson's case was then taken up by the court. It was shown that he had refused to testify before the grand jury regarding his alleged conversation with one of the Heinze brothers, maintaining that both he and Heinze were attorneys for the company and therefore their conversation was privileged.

CARUSO UNDER KNIFE.

Result of the Operation Unknown—Can Never Stand Strain Again.

LONDON, June 5.—A Milan dispatch to the Chronicle says Enrico Caruso underwent an operation on his vocal chords early this morning in a clinical hospital. Professor Della Vedova performed the operation, assisted by three brother specialists.

Meanwhile the hospital is closed to the public. Caruso will remain under constant medical attention until the middle of July, when Professor Della Vedova gives hope that the famous tenor may be ready to sing again.

The actual result of the operation cannot be made known yet, but although there is a chance of Caruso recovering his former freshness, he will never again be able to subject his voice to the overstrain put on it in the last few years without incurring disastrous consequences. The doctors insist that Caruso shall avoid all excitement, particularly interviews or criticisms relative to himself, for these cause him chronic exasperation.

Caruso declares he takes care of himself and does not dissipate.

FIGHTS FUZZY BUGS.

Victoria's Devouring Element Is Caterpillars.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 5.—A plague of caterpillars has developed such serious proportions that the Victoria fire department is engaged with chemical engines in the work of extermination, sulphuric acid not being counted in the list of health foods for caterpillars.

So popular is Victoria as a caterpillar summer resort that every year the flat goes forth to destroy them while in the larvæ, and legislation exists calling upon all householders and property-owners to attend to their destruction.

The city, too, must do its share, and in this particular case, in which Fire Chief Davis commands as chief exterminator, the devouring element is occupying a strategic position in the trees on the boulevards. Millions of the caterpillars are in evidence, remaining along the branches and leaves.

PUT \$20,000 IN BED.

Mrs. George Shea Loses Large Sum of Money at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 8.—Mrs. George Shea of Duluth, Minn., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Engle, at Alki Point, a suburb, reported to the police last night that she had been robbed of \$20,000 in currency. Mrs. Shea, who arrived in Seattle last Monday, intended to invest the money in property here.

Her husband shipped the money to her by express, the package reaching her on Thursday. Yesterday Mrs. Shea and her sister decided to visit Seattle to see the decorations. They hid the \$20,000 between the sheets of a bed. On returning home it was found that burglars had ransacked the house and stolen the treasure.

FOUR WOMEN DROWNED.

They Were Riding in An Automobile When It Topped Into a River.

KNIGHTS LANDING, Cal., June 7.—An automobile containing Mrs. W. F. Mixen of Woodland, Mrs. J. H. Dungan, Miss Meri Dungan and Miss Julia Dungan, also of Woodland, was overturned on Main street here tonight and toppled into the river. All four of the women were drowned. Joseph Armstrong, the chauffeur, swam to a boat and was rescued.

AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

PARIS, June 7.—Private advice from Washington state that Robert Bacon, former secretary of state, has accepted the ambassadorship to France and will succeed Henry White at the end of the year.

The married policemen on Coney Island are venomous in placing the lid on.

Joe's Intervention

By MARTHA McCULLOCH-WILLIAMS.

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Marina's lip quivered. "If only I were a man," she began. Joe, her brother, just growing into long trousers, grinned and interrupted: "If only you were a man, Sis, there'd be war aplenty. It beats me clean why a girl like you, not no bigger'n a minute, can be so full of spite and fight. Jim Dabney says you look like you were made out of ribbon and lace and a kiss in the face. He'd talk different, though, I bet, if he knew you like I do."

"He had no business to say anything," Marina snapped, her eyes flashing. "I'm nobody's business except my own."

"Several fellows seem to think different," Joe hazarded, with his tongue in his cheek. "Aunt Rita Tandy sure does too. Unless I go half a mile round she calls me in to ask me about your sweethearts every time I go to mill."

"It's perfectly disgraceful the way people gossip all over this town," Marina said, flinging up her head. "If only I were a man—or there was one in the family—well, it would have to be different. Somebody would get called to account."

"Oh, don't get mad, Marina," Joe ejaculated. "You go and get ashy—vent down ash—well, for nothing. I know what's maddened you so—it's the tales Miss Pete Watson told Jim Dabney—that you were engaged to Dick Foster ever since last Christmas. I'd like to lam her for it good and hard."

"I hope somebody will some day," Marina said vindictively. "Make haste



"SHE SAID DICKY MADE LOVE TO YOU MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT."

and grow up, Joe," she added. "Maybe you can help me a little bit then."

"Humph! You'll be married—with grandchildren—almost—by that time," Joe giggled, dodging the apple his sister flung at his head. They were out in the orchard, picking basketsful of red beauties.

At least they had been picking them until Joe's incautious recital of certain choice bits of gossip had sent Marina into a tantrum.

"Say, Marina, was there ever anything to Miss Pete's tale?" Joe asked as he came upright again. "I mean were you ever real sweet on the Dicky bird? Say truth cross your heart. But if you were I'm ashamed of you. Dicky bird is the limit!"

"No, he's gone beyond it; he's simply insufferable—always was," Marina flung in. Joe whistled softly, then stuck out a hand, saying: "Shake! You'll do after all. But the way Miss Pete told it she had me real scared. It was awful the way she reeled it off to Jimmy going home from prayer meeting last night."

"You didn't listen? Walking along behind?" Marina demanded. Joe closed his eyes and elevated his eyebrows. "I ain't no professional eavesdropper," he said, "but the road's as free to me as anybody, and it ain't my fault if Miss Pete talks so you can hear her twenty yards off. I heard—without listening. She said Dicky made love to you morning, noon and night and gave you a ring—the most be-a-u-ti-ful solitaire—worth a mint of money—she saw you have it on."

"It came out of a prize package, I guess. I threw it away as I went home," Marina sniffed.

Joe giggled again and went on: "Miss Pete surely can make up a story. She said you told her you were engaged to Dicky when you went visiting the Wentworths."

Marina became crimson with anger. Even Joe, and he was a critical young brother, thought that she looked pretty nice. She felt that she must relieve herself.

"Of course I saw Dicky, and three times a day," said she. "Mrs. Wentworth is his aunt, and he lives with them. He can't help being conceited; he's the only single man under thirty in their town. Such a dead town it is, even Dicky is an event."

"It got to be a standing joke with all of us that Dicky was my last opportunity. But I never dreamed he'd be mad enough to traipse over here once a week as he has done ever since."

"The told Jimmy you were in dead earnest until you were tempted by a richer man," said Joe. "My! But she did roll that out, with a long sigh, 'most a meow.'"

Marina flushed again. "Jimmy? What did he say?" she demanded. Joe looked incredulous. "Oh, not much of anything. Only enough to keep Miss Pete going until he got her safe through her own door," he said. "She came near yanking him in by force, but he managed somehow to pull a loose from her. Then—well, you ought to have heard him. I can't repeat it; couldn't go to Sunday school if I did."

"But he listened to her! And how he is ever going to hear the truth!" Marina cried, half sobbing. "Oh, how I hate a mischief maker! Of course I

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL INDEMNITY SELECTION

United States Land Office
Roseburg, Oregon, June 3, 1909

NOTICE is hereby given that the State of Oregon on May 18, 1909, applied for the N^o 4, NW¹4, NE¹4, NE¹4, and Lots 1 and 2 of Sec. 14, Tp. 41S, R. 1 E of W. M. and filed in this office a list of school indemnity sections in which it selected said land; and that said list is open to the public for inspection. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described land or any legal subdivision thereof, or claiming the same under the mining laws, or desiring to show said land to be more valuable for mineral than agricultural purposes, or to object to said selection for any lawful reason, should file their claims of their affidavits of protest or contest in this office.

I hereby designate the Medford Mail, published at Medford, Oregon, as the newspaper in which the above notice is to be published.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Ore.,
May 26, 1909

NOTICE is hereby given that Benjamin J. A. Stavik, of Seattle, Washington, who, on October 19, 1908, made Sworn Statement, No. 01896, for N^o 4, NE¹4, NE¹4, NW¹4 and Lot 1, Section 2 West, Township 33 South, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver at Roseburg, Oregon, on the 18th day of August, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Carlos L. Byron, of Seattle, Washington; Charles W. Armstrong, of Everett, Washington; Edward J. Wallace, Seattle, Washington; Warren Dundy, of Roseburg, Oregon.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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