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NEW SCALP BOUNTY LAW.

An effort is being made by stockraisers of eastern Oregon to secure the passage of a scalp bounty law at the coming session of the legislature. The following bounties are proposed:

Four cougar, \$25; wolves, \$25; bear, \$5; lynx, wild cat, \$2.50; coons, \$1; large skunks, \$1; small skunks, 50 cents; digger squirrels, 10 cents; crows, 10 cents.

In arguments given to support the measure are preservation of game animals and birds, and the enormous loss of cattle and sheep on ranges and of domestic animals occasioned by wild beasts. Deer and elk are rapidly disappearing, due in a large measure to the ravages of wild beasts, wolves, cougars or panthers, bears, lynx, wild cats, etc. It is estimated that there are now 500 cougars in this state and that they will each destroy a deer weekly. This will foot up the enormous number of 26,000 deer killed by these creatures annually.

The small bounties which have hitherto been paid for the scalps of destructive wild beasts have not been productive of any considerable results, because the bounties offered were too small to justify hunters in keeping trained dogs and making it a business to hunt for animals. Coons, skunks, both large and small, digger squirrels and crows, in the nesting season, destroy great numbers of the eggs of game birds, both native and imported.

The bounty of \$25 for coyotes, which of course would be included with the wolves, is so large that it will arouse antagonism to the measure. The \$25 is the proper amount for timber wolves and cougars, but \$5 is sufficient for coyotes. Indeed a \$5 bounty threatened to financially ruin California a few years ago—so many persons went into the profitable business of raising coyotes for their scalps.

BRING THEM INTO THE CITY.

The suggestion made by Hon. W. I. Vawter that immediate steps be taken by Medford before the coming legislature, should be acted upon at once, so that if it is possible, the thickly populated adjacent territory be included in the city limits before the next national census.

If left to a vote, there is no doubt that residents of the suburbs would vote to be left outside the city so as to escape city taxes—yet nearly all do business in the city and enjoy all the advantages of the city. In brief, they would like all the benefits provided by the rapidly growing municipality at others' expense.

FOR A WATER BOARD.

Now that Medford has solved the source of water supply, the entire system should be placed in the control of a water board, and a business-like administration given the water department.

The Tribune suggests as a water board representatives of the three local banks—Messers. Vawter, Enyart and Deuel. Surely no more competent board could be selected, or one that would have the interest of the city at heart more.

SCHOOLS COME TO CLOSE WITH PLEASANT PROGRAM

With a program in nearly every room throughout the public schools, the first semester of the year came to a close Friday afternoon and will not reconvene until after the holidays. Many parents were present at the different schools and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The program arranged at the high school was as follows:

Piano solo, Ernest Pfeiffer; "A Christmas Message, Isola Ewbank; reading, "Christmas on Mount Olympus," Sue Hills; vocal solo, "O, Dry Those Tears," Ruth Agnew; reading, "The Other Wise Man" (Henry Van Dyke), Bernice Carder; piano solo, Ivy Boeck; reading, "Tommy on Christmas," Tess Marshall; reading, "The Voice of the Stars" (Will Carlton), Minnie Jackson; reading, "The Night After Christmas," Guy Leonard; music, "Life's Dream," double quartet; reading, "The First Christmas Tree" (Henry Van Dyke), Estella Phiester; piano solo, Agnes Isaacs.

BIG COLLEGES PLAY CHESS FIRST OF THE WEEK

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Chess experts are predicting another victory for Columbia when the players of that institution meet the representatives of Har-

vard, Yale and Princeton at the West Side Republican club during the first three days of next week. Since the annual tournaments were inaugurated, Harvard has won nine competitions, while Columbia, winner of the last two contests, has a total of five victories to its credit. The championship cup becomes the permanent property of the college winning it ten times, so that Harvard needs only to capture this contest to win the trophy.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 19.—Seven of the larger boys attending the seventh and eighth grades of the public school of this city heroically came to the rescue of young John Ager, who had been severely burned about the arms, back and shoulders. It was evident to the attending physicians that unless a large amount of skin was grafted onto him he would be a cripple for life. No sooner was the matter suggested to the school boys when seven of them volunteered to have patches of their skin transferred to the body of their young friend.

The operations of removing the skin from the boys and placing it on the injured one were very successfully performed and in all 50 strips about one-half inch in width and three inches in length were grafted onto the burned spots on the child's body.

HEARINGS ON TARIFF OVER

House Committee Will Now Make Report on What It has Accomplished.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—After more than five weeks devoted to hearings on tariff revision, the house ways and means committee today completed that part of its labors and is now ready to begin active work on the new tariff bill immediately after the holiday recess. A complete record of all the testimony adduced at the public hearings has been made and will be published in printed form, covering many thousands of pages.

A prominent republican member of the committee sums up its work, and the prospects of revision in the following language:

"We are going to frame a tariff bill that will commend itself to the sane and progressive. There is no ground whatever for criticizing anything the committee has done up to this time. Hearings have been in the open and everybody who wanted to speak was given an opportunity. Mr. Payne was compelled to shut off witnesses who desired to make stump speeches, but anybody who had facts was always welcome. Five weeks were devoted to the taking of testimony, whereas less than two weeks were devoted to public hearings on the Dingley bill.

Difficulty Met With.
 "This much may be said regarding witnesses who have appeared: There has been much uncontradicted testimony that many articles now highly protected can be placed on the free list without doing serious harm to legitimate industry. There has been much uncontradicted testimony that a material reduction in many other schedules can be made. You will observe that I use the word 'uncontradicted,' and its use is important in defining my position when it is remembered that most of those who came before us were representatives of special interests asking for the retention of present rates. In other words their own testimony proved the case against them."

What may be regarded as the democratic view of the hearings is presented by Representative Underwood of Alabama, one of the most alert minority members of the committee.

HO! FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The largest stock of Christmas goods in the city to select from. Come early and take your pick.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

EVERYTHING IN PYROGRAPHIC SUPPLIES.

POST CARD ALBUMS, 25c TO \$2.50.

LADIES' HAND BAGS, 75c TO \$10.00.

MANICURE SETS, \$1.50 TO \$12.50.

MUSIC ROLLS, COLLAR & CUFF BOXES.

SHAVING SETS, GLOVE BOXES.

THE CHOICEST PERFUMES.

CHRISTMAS STATIONERY

SOUVENIR TRAYS.

SKINS FOR BURNT WORK IN ALL COLORS

A SPECIAL LINE OF CHRISTMAS CIGARS

and a thousand other useful novelties that are appropriate for Christmas Presents.



Wax Doll Given Away

The BEAUTIFUL WAX DOLL which we will give away Christmas Eve to the person holding the greatest amount of CASH sale slips from our store. Every purchase entitles you to a register coupon slip showing the amount of your purchase. THESE SLIPS ARE TRANSFERABLE, and the person showing the greatest amount of cash sale at the Eagle Pharmacy gets the doll.

The Eagle Pharmacy

PALM BLOCK

GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN - - OUR NEXT SENATOR.

(By a Republican.)

To be or not to be? That is the question.

Shall the men who swore to elect the choice of the people lie, equivocate, sidestep, throttle the truth of their statement? Will they listen to rancor, spite, hatred and the effects of dissipated ambition?

I don't think so. No amount of reasoning can for a moment change the situation. No Statement No. 1 man or any living republican voted for George Chamberlain who did not do so fully aware of the fact that he was a democrat.

He told them so and advocated Bryan and his doctrine all through the campaign. Every republican knew precisely what he was doing, also what his course will be in the senate.

The puerile cry of being caught by his "non-partisan" bait is childish. It was made, manufactured, invented and used with goodly effect, especially on weak-kneed republicans. Our George supplied the goods, openly, above board, in his princely and imitable manner that the majority bought! Now what? Reb him? Say, they didn't know it was loaded? or they just gave him a complimentary? No such thing.

While we regret to see such a curious selection, which seems to us with Oregon's great republican majority as much in place as a Merry Widow hat on a Jersey cow, yet for the good name of the good republican who voted for the good democrat, by all means let Our George have his wages on the first ballot. He won it. Don't, after showing your chagrin, turn in and steal.

Moreover, gentlemen, you need an emetic, and the primary law furnished it. It produced a democratic senator as a result of your feelings. The natural

sequence of giving the ticket your support at the primaries in April, and the stiletto in June.

Let Our George have his justly earned wage, go to the senate on the first ballot and we really believe he will, and hope so. See the advertising Oregon apples will get. Vardaman, Gillman and Our George will present them to the solid south and our Jonathan will take care of Taft between golf games. Great stuff, when you think of it.

Oregon's delegation is like the little boy who put his pants on wrong side too—didn't know whether he was going to school or coming home. So is the senatorial delegation, "one is for, the other forainst." In this lies the beauty of the emetic provisionally spoken of supplied by the primary law—and skillfully administered by Dr. Chamberlain as a sure cure for disgruntled republicans.

A great deal has been said of democrats voting as republicans at the primaries. Just so. But which is the worst, the republican who votes for the democrat or the democrat who votes for the republican. The plain fact is, more republicans voted for the democratic candidate in June than democrats who voted in the primary election for the republican. No, get away from it.

Now there is only one honest way out of it—send Chamberlain to the senate, and repeal the primary law, as it will always enable democrats to help nominate republican candidates at the primaries, or vice versa, if the democratic party is in the majority. It will admit republicans to their primaries. But this is one of the great U'Ren's political knots that can only be explained at the Oregon City factory. PLUTO.

DALLES WILL SWING BIG STICK ON O. R. & N.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 19.—Local merchants will swing the big stick over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company by threatening to do all their business from the east over the North Bank road, unless the company complies with its agreement to commence work immediately on a million-dollar fill in Mill creek gulch.

When the citizens agreed to construct a \$75,000 hotel at Second and Union streets the O. R. & N. agreed to make a fines depot in the immediate vicinity. It was further stipulated that the company begin the fill when the money was raised for the hotel.

The contract for the hotel has been let, but work on the fill has not started. If the company does not keep its promise the hotel will be built in another part of town.

Xmas Footwear

Ladies' Fancy Slippers

Ladies' Felt Slippers

Men's Fancy Slippers

Ladies', Men's and

Children's Fancy

Moccasins.

C. W. McDONALD

Successor to Smith & Maloney.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 19.—The Eugene city council is advertising for bids for the construction of a 24 horse power electric plant on the McKenzie river, 15 miles east of Eugene, with which to furnish power for the operation of the

pumps of the water plant recently acquired by the city from the Willamette Valley company. The machinery for the power plant will consist of two 1200 horsepower horizontal motors, two 600 kilowatt generators, pumps and other apparatus.