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CRAWFORD'S OPINION.

Attorney General Crawford has prepared an attack on the supreme court as at present constituted, holding that Justices King and Slater were unconstitutionally appointed and that the legislative act creating two additional justices is null and void.

The attorney general bases his ruling upon the constitutional provision limiting the number of justices to three. While he is about it, Mr. Crawford might as well declare out of order some other constitutional violations that pass as the law in Oregon.

The salaries drawn by the governor, supreme court justices and other state officials are all in excess of the limits fixed by the constitution, and therefore unconstitutional. The existence of state institutions outside of Salem is forbidden by the constitution, and all such in existence are unconstitutional.

While he is abolishing offices, Mr. Crawford should abolish his own, not only because he is a needless luxury imposing an unnecessary tax on the public, but because the office is unconstitutional, there being no provision in the constitution for an attorney general.

Only by the most liberal construction can Oregon do business as a state under its obsolete mossback constitution, which ought to be abolished and an up-to-date instrument adopted. Oregon's constitution is a joke.

THE OREGON TRUST FARCE.

As big a farce as has been enacted in a long time is the grand jury investigation of the affairs of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings bank of Portland, now under way.

The bank closed its doors two years ago last August. T. C. Devlin was appointed receiver. Shortly afterwards, the German-American bank assumed all the liabilities of the bank and purchased the assets.

After a lapse of two years, experts are placed on the books of the refunct institution and a grand jury begins to probe. All of the rottenness revealed was fully exploited two years ago at the time of the failure.

Receiver Devlin knew conditions. Why did he wait two years and then rush into print to air the scandal? Why did the district attorney wait until the statute of limitations had intervened before starting the grand jury at work?

It certainly looks as if the receiver and the German-American bank, having disposed of the assets of the failed bank, are seeking an excuse for escaping the obligations assumed.

One thing is certain—the United Railroads project, the Board of Trade building and the Pacific & Eastern bonds were among the assets disposed of at a loss to depositors. The Pacific & Eastern deal is a sample, \$100,000 worth of bonds were traded for an \$81,500 obligation, and the bonds are worth par.

While the grand jury is investigating twice-told scandals, it ought to probe the handling of the bank's assets by the receiver and the German-American bank and ascertain whether the assets have been disposed of at an unnecessary loss to depositors—and it ought to be done before the statute of limitations expires.

What Brought Him to Grief.
 Writing to a son who was in trouble in Texas, the old man said, "You must take courage, Bill!"
 To which Bill replied: "I took courage and everything else in sight. That's why I'm in jail!"—Atlanta Constitution.

"He that has more knowledge than judgment is made for another man's use more than his own."

At the Bookstore.
 Unattractive Spinster—Can you get me "A Man to Love?" Bashful Clerk—Er—ah, you might ask the gentleman at the next counter.—Uncle Remus' Magazine.

God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it.—Webster.

The Drawback.
 "Elsie says there was only one drawback to her wedding."
 "What was that?"
 "She says her father looked too cheerful when he gave her away."

His Provisions.
 Bootmaker (to arctic explorer just returned)—How did you like those boots I made for you, sir? Arctic Explorer—Excellent! Best I ever tasted.—London Tatler.

Pleasure.
 Some men move through life as a band of music moves down the street, flinging out pleasure on every side through the air to every one far and near that can listen.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Sun Cooking.
 Sun cooking—roasting and boiling by sunlight instead of by coal or gas—has been going on for 300 years. There are sun stoves that roast a sirloin or boil a soup to perfection. They are only used, however, by scientists. A sun stove consists mainly of a mirror—a spherical mirror—on a joint. There is also a reflector. The place for pot or plate is so situated that the mirror's rays can be focused on it accurately.

A German, Baron Teberhausen, was the first sun cook. He began in 1687 to boil water, and in 1688 he had very good success in boiling eggs. Sir John Herschel and Buffon are other famous names associated with sun cooking. In California various sun cooks have boiled a gallon of water in twenty minutes, roasted meat in two hours and poached eggs in fifteen minutes, quite as good time as the ordinary fire makes.

An odd thing about meat roasted by sun rays is that it has an unpleasant taste. This is avoided by the insertion of a plate of yellow glass between the meat and mirror. In all solar stoves the sheet of yellow glass figures.—London Tit-Bits.

One Sided Gambling.
 "One need only to try his luck at any of the Riviera gambling palaces to learn how slender are the chances to win at roulette," says a German correspondent writing from Ostend. "But, if he would experience the gambler's disadvantage at its best let him come to Ostend and join the baccarat players. The game as it is played gives the man who places his money against the bank no chance whatever, and it were known how much money is sacrificed in a season in the endeavor to win by luck and by system the public would be horrified. It is nothing unusual for the bank to win twenty-four times before an outsider wins once. The people who play, if they have ever played before, know this, and still they come again, respond to the call until they depart and plant their gold in the baccarat mire in the hope that it will bear fruit. It does. But what is the harvest?"

A Shocked Scot.
 The London Chronicle says that two Englishmen recently touring in Scotland found that Sabbatarianism occasionally extends to the middle of the week. They were forced by the weather to take refuge in a small country hotel and after lunch adjourned to the billiard room to kill time until the rain stopped. The game had hardly started when the landlord entered in a very drunken condition, upbraided his visitors for their unseemly conduct and insisted on their leaving the billiard room. They received profuse apologies from the landlady. Her husband always got drunk on Sundays, she explained, but, mistaking the day, he had got drunk on Thursday instead, and from force of habit, believing it was Sunday, had been shocked at the click of the billiard balls.

Rebuked the Bishop.
 The bishop of Petersburg, England, is a great motorist and is also a staunch teetotaler, and thereby hangs a tale. On one occasion, while out in his car, the chauffeur ran short of petrol and applied at a public house for some more. The publican came out, and, seeing the bishop in his episcopal dress in the car, said: "Yes, I've got plenty of petrol, but I don't sell it to the likes of them what never buys my beer."

Making Herself at Home.
 Last summer five-year-old Lola's aunt came to spend a week with them. "Now, aunty," said Lola, "you must make yourself at home."
 "How can I do that, dear?" queried her aunt.
 "Why," answered Lola, "you can pitch in and help mamma work!"—Chicago News.

Whale and Elephant Meat.
 There is something unpleasant about the thought of eating whale meat, but it is said that the reality is very palatable. Japan has quite a trade in canned and salted whale meat, and there is to be a campaign to educate the European peoples to like it. Some whaling companies have distributed from their headquarters samples of canned whale meat, and those who have eaten it describe it as tenderer than beef and much like it in taste.

Whale steak seems no queerer than Frankfort sausage made out of an elephant, which is what some German people have been eating. An enterprising butcher over there, hearing that an unruly elephant in the Ghent zoological gardens was to be killed, engaged the carcass. He made 3,800 pounds of sausage out of it and sold every pound at good prices.

Keep Cool.
 "Why worry about the children?"
 "I can't help it."
 "But, my dear, you are hurting your game of bridge!"—Kansas City Journal.

A man is never appreciated in his home town, and he is usually not known in other places, and there you are.—Acheson Globe.

At Van Dyke's

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27 acres, 4 miles south of Medford, across road southeast from the Burrell orchards; 5-room house, good barn, chicken house, 9 acres of 3-year-old pear orchard, 15 acres alfalfa, large vegetable garden; berries, etc. Price \$6500.

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