

PEOPLE STUDY MEASURES

PEOPLE CAPABLE OF INTELLIGENTLY CASTING BALLOT.

LaFollette's Weekly Oregon Will Soon Have the Strongest Voting People on the Continent.

La Follette's Weekly, published at Madison, Wisconsin, by Senator Robert La Follette, whom the people of Cottage Grove had the opportunity of hearing on the lecture platform last winter, has an interesting editorial under the caption, "Oregon Studies Law," in part as follows:

"The voters of Oregon will pass on thirty-two laws at the next election. Some may think this too many to be mastered by the voters of the state in four months; but the Oregonians say they suspect that they can become as intelligent as to the merits of thirty-two laws in four months as is the average legislator concerning those he votes upon. The legislature passes on an average of 500 laws in 40 days, or at the rate of 20 a day. The voters have a chance to put in their leisure time for 120 days on the 1910 batch—or about four days to a law.

"Anyhow they feel like making their own guesses at their own laws, with such light upon them as the campaign documents printed and furnished by the state may shed, rather than take the guesses of the legislators who often see by the garish glare of the illumination from the corporate lighting plants. And up to date the Oregonians have legislated very intelligently. Really their problems this fall are not as complex as the reactionary press would have one think. Many of the bills are referendums on such things as the establishment of normal schools at certain points, merger of counties, creation of new counties, fishery rights in rivers, and salaries of public officers—which may be regarded as formal matters such as new and growing states always have to settle. There are thirteen of these, and therefore only nineteen of the measures are such as we usually have in mind when we speak of really public laws. And these nineteen are not so many quite separate measures. Several are merely the "yea" and "nay" forms of the same questions, and therefore when the voter passes on one he decides on the other.

"Literature on each question necessary to an intelligent understanding of it is furnished by the state free of charge. Of course some study is required. In order that the average knowledge possessed by the voter be equal to that of the ordinary legislator, he should perhaps do as much study as is required of an eight-grade pupil making up a lost semester in history. Certain voters will be at a disadvantage in Oregon this fall—the illiterate, the careless, and the embeccle. Perhaps this will be the only election in the nation where the bad citizens will be to some extent automatically disfranchised by his own bad citizenship.

And the average good, honest conscientious voter will come out of the campaign with increased knowledge of public affairs and strengthened by the exercise of his powers as a voter. Exercise is the cure for atrophied organs. Oregon exercises her people in civil government. They will soon be the strongest voting people in America, morally and intelligently."

BONDS ESCAPE OREGON TAX.

Property Owned by Harriman Can Leave No Revenue to State.

In response to a letter of several weeks ago from George A. Steel, state treasurer, Attorney-General Crawford has just submitted an opinion that stocks and bonds of a corporation under the laws of Oregon are personal property governed by the laws of the domicile instead of the location of the corporation and therefore escape the inheritance tax.

The question involved arose after the death of E. H. Harriman. As he held stock extensively in Oregon railroads and other properties of the state, could the inheritance tax act have been construed as against the Harriman estate, it would have added several hundred thousand dollars to the state treasury.

Favors Paving Fourth.

David A. Hendricks has purchased from David Finn of Merrill, Wisconsin, property in Cottage Grove, consisting of 100-foot frontage on the west side of Fourth street, two blocks south of Main. Mr. Hendricks is in favor of paving that street and this purchase may have a tendency to remove in part, if not wholly, any obstacle in the way of the proposed improvement.

Apples Are Fine.

The apples in the Hood River district are much larger and finer looking at the present time than usual at this time of year, according to H. M. Williamson, secretary of the state board of horticulture, who made a trip of inspection to the celebrated apple raising valley last Saturday.

Summer Resorters Numerous.

It is said there are more summer visitors at Newport this season than ever before in the history of that summer resort. It was estimated that there were between two and three thousand

people present at the big clam bake held there last Sunday. The Sunday excursions for the season are in effect and as usual are very heavily patronized. The new water system, just put in under direction of Contractor Geo. Lee of Cottage Grove, will give the bay city one of the finest of mountain water supplies.

DEALS IN LANE REALTY.

Several Transfers in and Around Cottage Grove Recorded.

D. M. Gault to Henry Lowry, lot 7 and N₂ of lot 8, block 1, Harms' addition to Cottage Grove, \$1100.

J. William H. Jones to Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., NW sec. 28-21-2 W.

David Alexander to F. C. Coffman, W. 60 feet of lot 1, block 4, McFarland's 4th add. to Cottage Grove, \$850.

J. H. Baker et ux to John N. Stoneberg et ux, lot 3, in block 1, of McFarland's 4th add to Cottage Grove; also three other lots in Cottage Grove, \$400.

Hattie E. Wrenn and B. F. Wren to E. M. Jackson, S. W. 1 of section 10-16-6 W., 160 acres, \$2,000.

John N. Stoneberg et ux to J. H. Baker, 4 lots in McFarland's add. to Cottage Grove, \$1.

Ambrose L. Woodard et ux to J. H. Chambers 21 acres in Thomas Gibson donation land claim No. 63, N₂ of sec. 33, township 20 south range 3 west; also 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in section 5, township 21 south, range 3 west, Lane county; 1 acre in sections 32 and 33, township 21 south, range 3 west Lane county; \$10.

James C. and Cora E. Teeters to John H. Chambers, tract of land in section 28, township 20 south, range 3 west, Lane county, Oregon; \$180.

Jesse J. Hooker as administrator of estate of D. D. Hooker, to J. P. Porter, tract of land in section 10, township 19, south of range 6 west, Lane county, Oregon; \$2 510.

COLONEL GETS HARD BLOW.

Favoring Nesmith County May Lose Him Honors.

On the hotel register of the Oregon hotel, at Cottage Grove on August 15, there appears the name of Col. E. Hofer, of Salem, Oregon, "For Nesmith county," so the News is advised by a local citizen. In the event the newspapers of Douglas and Lane counties advertise this little incident it is safe to assert that Hofer's vote in the two counties named will be very small—indeed, so small that he will not know he is in the race. The people of Douglas and Lane counties are opposed to the division scheme, and will oppose any man, no matter from where he comes, who attempts to further the interests of the Cottage Grove politicians in their farcical scheme.—Roseburg News.

The above idiotic paragraph is conclusive evidence that the opposition, or at least a portion of it, is too addled to attract the attention of ordinary intelligence. Col. Hofer favors the creation of Nesmith county, and every other proposed county in the state, from a development standpoint, and in so doing exhibits the good judgment of thousands of others. We have no doubt that under different circumstances The News would also be in the bandwagon. But politicians who are less fearless than the colonel, should take warning. Roseburg is a power, according to its way of thinking.

Outlook Appears Bright.

Mr. F. J. Hard of the Vesuvius mine came down from Bohemia on Saturday, returning on Wednesday, after having transacted business at the county seat. The mine is working what men it is able to secure, and it is expected that the big stamps will be in operation within a fortnight. To a representative of The Sentinel Mr. Hard said the prospects for the mines within the district are brighter than ever before in the history of the camp. Considerable work other than exploratory is in progress.

Where the Shoe Pinches.

While Judge R. S. Lovett, president of the Harriman system, complains that the great landowners of Central Oregon ask too high prices for their property to develop the great Empire as it should be, he refuses to admit it would have been a great help to Oregon had the Southern Pacific opened up its stupendous 2,500,000-acre grant in Western Oregon to actual settlers at a fair price.

Surveying For Electric Line.

The Oregon Electric company's crew of surveyors has completed the preliminary survey for the trolley road between Albany and Eugene, and the crew is now at work on the permanent survey between the two cities which will probably be completed within a month, when, in all probability, the survey will be extended south to the Nesmith county seat.

Deutsches Haus Dedicated.

Twenty-five members of the German society attended the dedication of the new home of the Eugene Verein last Sunday, and assisted in the ceremonies. The dedication of the Deutsches Haus began at noon and continued through the afternoon and evening.

E. E. Lillie returned to camp in the Bohemia on Tuesday, after having spent several days in town on business.

ON AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR

CHAMPIONS OF NESMITH COUNTY COVERING THE STATE.

Automobiles Convey Citizens From Town to Town, Where True Conditions Are Set Forth.

Automobiles filled with prominent citizens and bearing banners, are touring the state in the interest of Nesmith county. Every part of Oregon will be visited before November, and thousands of pieces of literature will be distributed in every town of consequence, setting forth the reasons why Nesmith county should be created by the qualified electors at the November election. This campaign is along educational lines, the purpose being to inform the voters of the state concerning the propositions that they may cast their ballots intelligently.

The proposed county of Nesmith embraces 1940 square miles, taken from the south boundary of Lane and the north boundary of Douglas counties. It would have an assessed valuation of \$5,309,575, leaving Lane \$18,000,000 and Douglas \$27,000,000. Ninety-two per cent of the residents within the proposed Nesmith county signed the petition praying for its creation, their contention being that local self-government is the ideal form of government; that the near home government is the cheaper; that laws are more effectually enforced; that greater development of the country is possible; that more and better highways are attainable; that its citizens would be inconvenienced by nearness to the seat of government; that taxation and representation should go hand in hand, and that by the creation of the new county the efforts of a large community would be rendered more effective in increasing population, developing the resources and enhancing the greatness of Oregon.

ESPEE SURVEYING TO COAST.

Contemplated Road Through Siuslaw Valley via Junction City.

Surveyors have arrived at Junction City from San Francisco, and will make a survey from that point to the head of the Siuslaw valley and down to Florence on the coast, in the interest of the Southern Pacific. The Southern Pacific has several thousand acres of fine timberland on the route from Junction to the coast, and a road can be built cheaper from there than from any other point in the valley to the Siuslaw country, as it is 10 miles nearer than from Eugene, and by going the low pass route, by tunneling one-half mile through solid earth, it will let them down into the Lake Creek valley. From there on it is a very low grade to the coast.

Big Machinery Display.

The machinery exhibit at the Oregon State Fair held in Salem from the 12th to the 17th of next month will be the largest ever displayed in the history of that institution. Almost every inch of the large exhibit hall has been engaged by firms manufacturing or representing every known mechanical device for the use of the farmer. Everything from the pruning knife to a new home portable dryer for the fruit man; a hand rake to machine power; hand pump to compressed air system for the large and small farmer, will be on display; also the stock and poultry-man will be on display; also the stock and poultry-man will be interested in new devices for his industry.

Socialist Speaker Coming.

Anna A. Malley, woman's national organizer for the socialist organization, will speak at Masonic hall on Tuesday evening of next week under the auspices of local socialists, and invites the public generally to attend and make inquiries along lines in which they are interested. She will discuss the question of food, shelter and clothing, and the education of children. In advance advertising matter she holds that "the poverty of the people is a live issue," and is desirous of disseminating information regarding these points from a woman's viewpoint.

Reduced Railway Rates.

Notice of the voluntary reduction of passenger rates soon to be made on the Southern Pacific has been served on the railroad commission. The reductions are not great, but are sufficient to be materially felt by those who are regular patrons of the main and branch lines. A copy of the rates has been filed with the commission as a portion of the answer made by the railroad company to the complaint recently served on the company by the commission, which has taken up the investigation of passenger rates in force.

Balloonist Takes Long Drop.

While making a balloon ascension at Springfield last week, Aeronaut Cabe, who made an ascension in this city as an attraction with the Miller Carnival company, fell 200 feet, the parachute opening a few feet from the ground and breaking the fall. The cause of the accident was the bursting of the balloon, which has seen its best days. Cabe sustained a sprained ankle.

How His Insanity Became Known.

There is said to be a crazy man running at large in this vicinity. He is

said to be wild and wooly, and have tusks about three feet in length. He is further described as wearing little clothing, having long, bushy hair with a slight tinge of gray and his whiskers are unshorn and shaggy. The appearance of such a fellow would make cold-chills play leap-frog up and down one's spinal column. Our informant says the reason he knows the man is crazy is because he was close enough to him to hear an incomprehensible negative argument concerning Nesmith county. The lunatic, it is naturally supposed, is from either Roseburg or Eugene.

Called East By Death.

Mr. Joe Lancaster left on Saturday for Michigan, called thither by the death of his brother-in-law, a resident of that state. His sister will return to Cottage Grove with him to take up her residence here.

Notice.

To whom it may concern:—Notice is hereby given that on account of my wife, Ida Bell Hexom, having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for or pay any debts contracted by her. Any and all persons are hereby notified not to extend credit to her with the expectation that I will pay any such claim or claims.

Dated this 19th day of August, 1910. CHARLES H. HEXOM.

For Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for county commissioner, subject to the will of the republican voters at the primary election. A dollar's worth of work for a dollar and serving the public without fear or favor is my platform. R. J. HEMPHILL, Pleasant Hill.



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