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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

One of the measures to be voted upon at the special election May 21st is the restoring to the Oregon statutes of capital punishment.

The TRIBUNE believed it was a mistake when capital punishment was abolished in this state, and such a belief is strengthened by the increased number of cold-blooded murders that have since taken place. We believe in the death penalty, not so much as punishment to the one who has already committed the crime, but as a check upon others from committing similar crimes—a shield of protection about the innocent and helpless. And statistics prove that while it does not stop brutal murder, yet it does lessen it.

The measure now pending is better than the old law in that the jury can recommend life imprisonment on a first degree verdict which will guide the court in pronouncing sentence. This will do away with all danger of hanging an innocent person.

Not many would care to feel that they were responsible for the taking of innocent human life, and yet, if the voters of Oregon, after the object lesson they have had, refuse to restore capital punishment, they will be responsible for the loss of more than one such life at the hand of the assassin.

Capital punishment is a safe-guard society is entitled to. Life imprisonment, when the average person thus committed is freed after a little over five years' confinement, is not sufficient check to the man whose only hesitancy at taking human life is the thought of the punishment that will follow.

PUBLISH THE PROCEEDINGS.

On January 31st, last, a special session of County Court was held at Gold Beach for the purpose of considering the sale of the good roads bonds recently authorized by the voters of this county. As a result of this meeting the court has authorized the sale of one-half of the issue, or \$49,000. Conflicting reports are in circulation as to just what was done at this special session, the proceedings of which have not been published, some claiming that the bonds are now tentatively sold.

The attention of the TRIBUNE has been called to the matter, and we have been urged to ask why it was the proceedings of this special term of court were not published in the official paper as other special sessions are published?

The TRIBUNE does not want to be misunderstood in this matter as criticising the action of the county court, as we believe that body has acted in good faith, but as it now stands, the court is being censured and we believe it would be better for all concerned if the transactions of this special session were published.

The taxpayers of the county are vitally interested in good roads. They want to know, and are entitled to know, what is being done in regard thereto.

PORT BRINGING DEVELOPMENT.

That the Port of Port Orford will do all for the development of this section of Curry county that its most ardent advocates claimed it would do, is daily becoming more evident.

The big fishing industry, mentioned in this issue as about to start, and the saw mill that is going in on Sixes, are two industries that would not have come to this community had it not been for the assurance of a wharf in our harbor. Furthermore, the assurance of the big mill that A. H. Powers and associates intend to build, and the coming of the small fruit industry, are more industries the future has in store for us because of a publicly owned wharf and water transportation.

And in this connection it should not be forgotten that a local paper came out in its last issue before election in a bitter attempt to defeat the organization of this port—an attempt to stab the development of this community in the back.

Candidates are either lying low, or offices in Curry county are going begging this year. County Clerk is one of the important offices for which no one is either announced or prominently mentioned, it being understood the present incumbent, Miss Myrtle Cooley, will not seek re-election. Deputy Fred Caughell would make an excellent official, but it is said he cannot be prevailed upon to make the race. The small salaries received, compared with other avocations, is the trouble.

One of the constitutional amendments to be voted upon in May is a special measure for Crook and Curry counties, which would permit these counties to issue bonds to take up outstanding indebtedness, thus putting them on a cash basis. It is a good measure.

Political Announcements.

The announcements of candidates seeking nomination to office will be published in this column until after primary election in May for \$3.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE

I herewith respectfully announce my candidacy for nomination to the office of Joint Representative, subject to the will of the Republican voters of Crook and Curry counties, and should I be nominated and elected to that office I pledge a faithful discharge of its duties to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,
J. F. HOPKINS.

FOR SHERIFF.

I herewith respectfully announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff of Curry county, Ore., subject to the will of the majority of the republican voters as expressed at the Primary Election to be held in May. Should I be nominated and elected I will use my best efforts and judgment in law enforcement in the future as I have in the past.

Respectfully Yours,
W. T. HOLMAN.

New Industry May Develop.

Prospects for extensive shipping from this port by the Pacific Export & Lumber Co. are promising at this time according to information given out during the past week by representatives of the company, who were here conferring with their local representative, H. W. Coats.

The company thru its San Francisco Office, has contracted for 1,000,000 feet of white cedar to be delivered in cants at the local wharf. This contract is now being filled. Auto trucks and teams are daily bringing in heavy loads of the wood which is to be shipped by steamer to San Francisco. So far about 20,000 feet of cants have been cut. Mr. Coats states that the company is paying between \$40 and \$60 a thousand for cedar, delivered at the wharf. The cants are now accepted in any even foot lengths from six to 28 feet.

The representatives of the company while here stated that it is contemplated to also purchase fir timber here in the future, providing the timber be cut into proper lengths by small mills in the woods.—West Coast World.

An Irishman's Will

In the name of God, Amen! I, Timothy Delons, of Barrydown, in the county of Clare, farmer, being sick and weak in my legs, but of sound head and warm heart; Glory be to God!—do make the first and last will and testament; first I give my soul to God; when it pleases him to take it; sure no thanks to me, for I can't help it then; and my body to be buried in the ground at Barrydownderry Chapel, where all my kith an' kins that have gone before me, an' those that live after, belonging to me, are buried; pace to their ashes, and may the red rest lightly over their bones. Bury me near my godfather; Felix O'Flaherty, betwixt and between him and my father and mother, who lie separate altogether, at the other side of the chapel yard. I have the bit of ground, containing 10 acres—rare old Irish acres—to me eldest son Tim, after the death of his mother if she survives him. My daughter Mary and her husband Paddy O'Regan are to get the whit sow that's going to have twelve black hounds. Teddy, my second boy that was killed in the war of Ameriky, might have got his pick of the poultry, but as he is gone, I'll have them to his wife who died a week before him. I bequeath to all mankind fresh air of heaven, all the fishes in the sea they can take, and all the birds of the air they can shoot; I leave to them the sun, moon and stars. I leave to Peter Rafferty a pint of fulpoten I can't finish and may God be merciful to him!

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