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THE REFERENDUM

Turned Down By Oregon's Voters.

The O. R. & N. Fails.

W. C. Cowgill Fails to Make Good in His Work For That Company.

No advantage was taken of the first opportunity the people of Oregon had to exercise the referendum power. When the office of the Secretary of State closed at 5 o'clock this evening, petitions with 3900 signatures had been filed demanding the referendum on the Lewis and Clark Fair bill, but as 4380 are required, the petitions are ineffective. W. C. Cowgill, who has been circulating petitions for the referendum on the portage railway bill, the corporation tax bill and the tax exemption repeal, said this evening that he had secured but 4000 signatures on the first, 3222 on the second and 1800 on the third. As it would be useless to file his petitions unless he had the full number, he did not file them at all.

There were probably petitions enough outstanding to make up the required number of signatures on the portage railway bill, but they had not been forwarded here, and were, of course, of no use. It is also understood that several hundred more signatures had been secured on the Lewis and Clark bill petitions, but these were not filed.

There is a great feeling of relief in Salem tonight over the outcome of the effort to invoke the referendum on these measures. The people of this part of the state are pretty generally in favor of holding the Fair. Some who were opposed to the project at first think it would not do for the state to give up after going so far. Many who signed the petitions for the referendum would have voted favorably, but signed the petitions because they thought it proper that the people have an opportunity to vote on the question.

There is an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the corporation license tax law, and, though the Valley is not directly interested in the portage railroad, the people here believe that the state should give this aid to the commercial development of Eastern Oregon.

As times are good, there is not the opposition to the repeal of the tax exemption law that there would be otherwise, though it is certain that there will be a demand for the re-enactment of some sort of exemption law at the next session.

There would have been great disappointment if the referendum had been ordered upon any one of the three most important measures under consideration, and there is an equal degree of gratification over the failure of the referendum movements.

Since the referendum movements have not succeeded, there seems to be no present prospect that the legal questions involved in the exercise of the referendum power will be presented before the courts for at least two years. Some question might arise, however, concerning the time a law bearing an emergency clause goes into effect, which would involve the legality of the adoption of the referendum amendment.

The experience of the last two months has been enough to demonstrate that the referendum is a ready tool for the use of any persons who may have a grievance to avenge or a personal interest to subserve. There is no room for doubt that the mining corporations could have held up the corporation tax bill for a year, and that the railroad interests could have held up the portage railway bill.

The failure to demand the referendum on the tax exemption repeal bill shows that the referendum is not likely to be exercised where the masses of the people are interested, but it is plainly in the power

of capitalists to use the referendum to accomplish their own ends, for a time at least.

Does a College Course Help?

A little book that will attract wide attention and excite much controversy is R. T. Crane's work, "The Utility of an Academic or Classical Education for Young Men Who Have to Earn Their Own Living, and Who Expect to Pursue a Commercial Life." The author contends that for such young men the years covered by a college course are worse than useless. He starts the book with a quotation from Herbert Spencer, discrediting the value of a classical education.

"The remark is trite," says Spencer, "that in his shop, or his office, in managing his estate or his family, in playing his part as director of a bank or a railway, the college graduate is little aided by this knowledge he took so many years to acquire—so little that generally the greater part of it drops out of his memory."

"If we inquire what is the real motive for giving boys a classical education, we find it to be simply conformity to public opinion. Men dress their children's minds as they do their bodies, in the prevailing fashion. And this being our dominant idea, direct utility is scarcely more regarded than by the barbarian when filing his teeth and staining his finger nails."

Andrew Carnegie is quoted to the same end. "In my own experience," says the noted philanthropist, "I can say that I have known few young men intended for business who were not injured by a collegiate education. Had they gone into active work during the years spent at college, they would have been better educated men in every true sense of the word. The almost total absence of the graduate from high positions in the business world would seem to justify the conclusion that college education, as it exists, seems almost fatal to success in that domain."

"FIGGERS" TALK.

A Study in Arithmetic—Why You Should Buy Your Piano at the Eilers' Piano House.

Why not use the same business judgment in the purchase of a piano that you employ in buying an ordinary article.

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The retailing price of a piano consists of its cost to build plus the cost of selling it to the retail dealer.

By cost of selling it is meant the expense of maintaining a store, freight, drayage, advertising, salaries and commissions to salesmen, teachers, etc.

This being the case, it is evident that one store may be in a position to name lower retail price on the same instruments than can others.

A little dealer, who sells but four or five pianos a month, cannot reduce the cost of selling much below \$125 to \$150 on each piano. Nor can he buy his pianos at a close price from the makers.

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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics

Senator Hanna says that Grover Cleveland would make the strongest candidate the democrats could name.

There seems to be no end of the output of undigested and undigestible securities. The Michigan cucumber growers have just formed a combine.

Lulu Spencer, the Indianapolis chambermaid, who was discharged because she refused to make Booker Washington's bed, received over \$1,000 collected in Memphis. There was no list of subscribers, but the letter was signed "Southerners," and congratulated her action.

More than 150 books on the Boer war have been published, and, if they are like most of the magazine articles published after the Spanish trouble, they are devoted to the exploits of the writers instead of to the doings of the armies.

Many English doctors are now convinced that the eating of pig's flesh in different forms is greatly responsible for the increase of cancer. They point out that it is most common among the poor, whose chief meat is that of pigs, while the disease is extremely rare among the Jews.

The Holyoke Mass., Housemaids' Union has served notice that in future its members "must be permitted to enter and leave the houses where they are employed by the front door. It is not stated whether the "missus" is to enjoy the same privilege or whether she must use the back door.

It is announced that Prince Henry of Prussia will come to the United States next year to visit the world's fair. It is said that he will travel incognito. That is to say, he will travel under an assumed name, which will be given out so that everybody will know just where he is and what he is doing.

Professor Pickering, of the Harvard Observatory, thinks he has discovered hoar frost on the moon. During the total eclipse last fall the professor found that the spot around the Linne crater had greatly increased during the darkness away from the sun's heat, and that it was hoar frost, he claimed, was shown by its diminution as the light increased.

For the last 10 years the most popular dancer in Madrid has been one Senora Alari, who was prima ballerina of the Royal opera house. She has been dined and feted by the gilded youth of the city, and has, incidentally, so report has it, accumulated a nestegg of a million francs. Her career is ended. Not long ago she fell and hurt her ankle, and the physician who attended her discovered that she was a man, and for 10 years had been fooling the public.

The Klamath Lake Railroad is now in operation from Lairds, California, on the Southern Pacific to Pockama, Oregon, a distance of some 27 miles. This road will eventually be extended to Klamath Lake and taps one of the finest belts of pine on the Coast. Harvey Lindley, the manager of the road, and his associates, are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended the inauguration of this railroad enterprise, which means eventually a great deal for Southern Oregon.

Harbert Booth's proposal to promote "scientific evangelization," by means of religious dramas performed by Christian actors before a cinematograph has been described by his father, the chief of the Salvation Army, as a "highly in-

As a result of wise pure food legislation, European manufacturers are to be deprived of the privilege of dumping on the American market the impure and adulterated goods which they cannot dispose of at home.

genious device for keeping an eye on both worlds." Rumor says that when the idea was first broached to him the "general" expressed himself in characteristically candid fashion: "So you are planning a Christian theater? One of these days we shall hear of Christian prog."

Some young girls at a Summer resort were giving a vaudeville performance for a local charity, the New York Tribune says. A young man who thought himself facetiously tossed upon the stage after one of the "turns" a bouquet whose chief ingredient was a head of cabbage. The girl who received this offering of appreciation read the card that accompanied it and advanced to the footlights. "It gives me great pleasure," she said, "to know that Mr. Edward Morgan has enjoyed my performance. I hoped that the audience might like it, but I never expected for a moment that Mr. Morgan would so far lose his head as to throw it upon the stage."

There is room for thought as to what will be the outcome of the movement to civilize China and serious minded people are giving the subject much consideration.

Left alone to follow its antiquated methods and its barbaric whims China proved neither a benefit nor a detriment to the civilized world. Civilized, at least to the extent of having been taught to use modern methods, machinery, etc., with a teeming population capable of subsisting on rations on which a white man would starve, will the markets of the world be flooded with the products of cheap Mongolian labor and "the yellow peril" materialize despite Chinese exclusion and other laws?

Ezra Kendall tells of a man who was riding on a train and pretended to become ill after eating a sandwich. The man opened his grip and took out a hot water bag. "He got a sympathetic porter," Mr. Kendall continues, "to fill the water bag with boiling water and then he opened up his lunch basket, took out a piece of fried steak and warmed it on the water bag. You talk about your light housekeeping! Then, after he had warmed the steak, he cut it all up with a pair of scissors and fed it to himself with a pair of sugar tongs because he would not take a chance with a fork going around a curve. But his finish was a limit. After he had eaten the steak he uncrowded the stopper of the water bag and poured himself out a cup of hot coffee. He had the grounds in the bag all the time.

Deschutes Map.

The General Land Office has received the amended map filed by the Oregon Development Company, showing lands on the Upper Deschutes River in Eastern Oregon, which it proposes to reclaim under the Carey act. On this map, the company has eliminated nearly 15,000 acres that were included in the original selection, this action being taken because of the report of Special Agent Green, that much of the original selection was land covered with merchantable timber. Commissioner Richards, after hearing the company's statement presented by C. W. Ebbeman, was not satisfied, in view of Inspector Green's report that all of the land covered by the amended map was properly classed as arid. He fears some considerable portion may be pine lands. He has accordingly given the company 90 days in which to make a detailed showing as to the character of each section embraced in their selection, and to establish its character by proof. When this information is available, the matter will be taken up, and in all probability the truly arid sections will be segregated under the Carey act.

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