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The woman's suffrage movement is waxing strong in Oregon. It seems to us that the question whether or not women should vote should be left entirely up to the ladies to decide. If they want to vote, they should have the privilege, but if the majority of the women do not desire to do so, the ballot should not be forced upon them. Which way the majority leans is by no means clear. It is a question for the women to decide, and a way should be found to enable them to settle this question.

Some of the papers have been growing hysterical over the candidacy of A. W. Lafferty, who is attempting to secure re-election to the house of representatives. Lafferty is a bachelor, and because he is said to have sought the acquaintance of a young Washington girl, whom he desired to meet, the papers rave. We fail to see anything so radically wrong with Mr. Lafferty's conduct on this occasion. Many young women have felt flattered to receive attention from a congressman, even in the unconventional way Mr. Lafferty sought to become acquainted. But the father got the letter, and grew irate. Nothing was in the letter as published to give unpardonable offence to either the girl or the parent. The act was not inexcusable. It seems the fact that the episode became public property causes the most serious offense. How many other congressmen, with wives of their own, are guilty of much more disgraceful acts? But they have been kept hidden, or at least kept out of print. The fact of the matter is that Lafferty has made good, and gotten as much for Oregon as any other in his place could have secured. Even his worst enemies concede that he has tried to get things for the people he represents, and is still trying. His worst crime seems to be that he is poor, and therefore is "poor picking." He is deserving of another term of office and should get it.

Ed. L. Stockton has made a verbal bid for the city advertising, possibly with authority to do from the Telegram management, a paper that is ever loath to say a good word for St. Johns. Mr. Stockton cited the February bill of the Review, and claimed on the publication of resolutions for that month the paper he represents could beat the price 30 per cent. Why didn't Mr. Stockton take the last bill of the Review rendered April 1st for March advertising, instead of the February bill? Because we voluntarily reduced the price of publishing resolutions, even without the knowledge of the city officials, beginning with the month of March. We had contemplated doing this as soon as the annexation case was settled, and we did so, as our March bill attests. Where resolutions are published but once the rate was cut fifty per cent; where published twice a cut of 33 1-3 per cent was made. This more than wipes out the margin of the so-called Telegram offer. The unfairness of Mr. Stockton, in view of this fact, is most manifest. We do not believe the Telegram would authorize a lower rate than is now charged; we do not believe it ever published advertising of this class at as low rate per line. Anyhow, it was out of order, as no bids were called for. A bid for the office of janitor would be as much in order. The fact of the matter is there is not a small city in the Northwest that is getting it cheaper or in better shape than St. Johns. Portland is getting a cheaper rate on each publication of their ads on account of the volume and the fact that legal advertising run mostly ten times in Portland, while one time is the general rule here. We would be only too glad to give a bonus of $1000 and take the Portland printing at the price it now pays for same. We notice the Telegram never makes a bid for it, somehow.

Spring Flower Social

At Bickner hall Wednesday evening, April 24, 8 p. m. under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Pioneer M. E. church "The Spring Flower Frolic Drill" by 16 of St. Johns' fair maidens in dress costumes of spring flower colors, will be peculiarly adapted to the occasion. The entire program entertaining to both young and old. Come early and miss nothing. Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents. Booths with home made candy, cake and ice cream.

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leading me on to it, while I was thinking that I was instructing you," laughed Emily. "Oh, but now I will surprise Karl—'the tools of production must belong to the workers,'" she repeated slowly. "Why, I see it now. That is just exactly what we want!"

W. C. North for Sheriff.

Lafferty for Representative.

Leap Year, Girls! Our photos first, the preacher afterwards.

REVIEW'S LEGAL BLANKS

The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises:

Warranty deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Realty and Chattel Mortgages, Satisfaction of Mortgages, Contracts for Sale of Realty, Bills of Sale, Leases.

All these blanks at the uniform price of 30c per dozen.