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WHY EXCEPT JUDGES?

The constitution of Arizona has been severely criticized because it contained a provision providing for a recall of the judges of the state courts. Now if Arizona wants to recall their judges why not let them do it? Why should people in other states object to a recall in the Arizona constitution providing for a recall? If judges go wrong, and they are not infallible, why should they not be subject to the same law that governs other state and county officials? Judges are supposed to be pure and incorruptible, but it is not infrequently happens that a judge is tried for some kind of misdemeanor and is impeached. If a judge is found guilty of dereliction of duty why is it not proper for the people who elected him to have some voice in the matter of his punishment? Judges are not above the people. They are of the people, and as such they are entitled to no more consideration than other mortals. It often happens that rich and influential criminals receive immunity from the higher courts. A powerful political organization may elect men to judge, and it may happen that some member of this organization will be brought before a judge who has been elected to office through the influence of this organization. Now is it not perfectly natural that an officer so elected should be slightly biased in favor of the men who put him in power? This is the class of judges the recall is intended to meet, and with a recall provision in the constitution speedy punishment would be made possible.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

Hardly a week passes that we do not read accounts in the Portland papers that another atrocious murder has been committed because men are allowed to carry concealed weapons. There is a law in nearly every state in the union against carrying concealed weapons and yet no attempt is ever made to enforce it. Sheriffs, constables and police officers take an oath to enforce the law, always with the mental reservation that they will enforce the laws that they think ought to be enforced. People make laws and then place men in office whom they know will not enforce the laws they have made. For many years in nearly every city in the United States there was an ordinance against the opening of saloons on Sunday, and yet no one ever thought of enforcing it. It finally dawned on the Law Enforcement League that there was a way to have the law enforced, and they carried the matter to the higher courts, where it was decided that the city officials who did not enforce the law could be removed from office. There was a difficulty after this decision in getting the saloons to close up on Sunday. Now there ought to be some way to enforce the law against carrying concealed weapons. Probably one man out of every ten carries a murderous instrument in his hip pocket and in most instances the officers of the law know who they are. Let us have another law enforcement league, and have all suspicious characters examined, and when they are found to have concealed weapons on their persons do not let them off with a small fine, but compel them to serve one, three or six months in the county jail, and after a number of them have been compelled to serve out their sentences there will be less inclination to defy the authorities, and consequently there will be a fifty per cent decrease in the amount of crime committed.

There is good reason why every man in business should carry on that business with the greatest possible efficiency. We are hearing a great deal just now about the need of efficiency in railway management in order to reduce the cost of doing business, and farmers may learn something from these efficiency experts. To produce a thing at the lowest possible cost consistent with quality, to sell it at the best attainable price and to use the proceeds for the best possible advantage, is the standard of efficiency which every business man should aim to reach, and these three

essentials apply with peculiar force to agriculture, and yet in some respects farmers have been the most wasteful and careless. They have worked hard, and too often they have carelessly allowed others to reap the rewards of their labors; and the time has now come for us to conserve not only our resources but our strength and industry, in order that we may get all that is coming to us, and that we may have possession of the products of our toil may not get the greater part of the reward.

WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO?

Apparently the president will have an uphill job in convincing the incoming extra session of congress to pass the proposed reciprocity bill in its present form. It is true that the house passed the measure during the last session of congress, all the Democrats but five voting for the measure. But the incoming congress is composed of different men and they may have different ideas about the matter. The president wants congress to pass the reciprocity bill and adjourn and let the regular session which meets in December, pass on the proposed reciprocity bill. The Democrats are not inclined to do this and they now propose to revise the entire law, quite a number of whom are in favor of even side-tracking the reciprocity scheme and pass the tariff for revenue measure only. No party ever went into power under more favorable conditions than the present house of representatives. They have a chance to make a record that the party will be proud of. If they can succeed in relegating demagogic measures to the rear and pass laws that will relieve the burdens of the people they can "point with pride" to their record during the next presidential canvass, but if they insist on debating the tariff laws until the regular session of congress meets and do not accomplish anything, they can rest assured that many of their names will be permitted to serve only one term in the national house of representatives. The country is getting very weary of this everlasting tariff talk. It interferes with business. Manufacturers and importers are prevented from making arrangements for future trade, and as they are in hopes that the time will sometime come when the whole tariff question will be submitted to a body of experts who will be able to settle the subject in a scientific manner. There is a bill now before congress providing for a permanent tariff board, but both bodies seem to be afraid of it. They are afraid that if the measure is taken out of their hands they will have nothing to talk about. The present tariff commission can only recommend. What is needed is a regular tariff court with the same powers as are possessed by the interstate commerce commission. They would be in session at all times and whenever importers and manufacturers thought they were being discriminated against the matter could be brought before the court at once and settled, without waiting for two or three years of congressional debate. This is the measure President Taft favors but there is not much likelihood of its becoming a law. The probabilities are that the country will not secure any relief during the coming session of congress, but it will get lots of politics, and that is what the country don't want.

IMPERIALISM.

The question of imperialism is again coming to the front and is to be made an issue by the Democrats in the campaign of 1912. The subject will be discussed at the extra session, although there are no new developments to be brought to the attention of the country. A vast majority of the party are in favor of getting rid of the Philippines. Some want immediate independence, while others want to place the time of independence at five, ten or fifteen years. Our occupation of the islands is not to be a constant menace to peace between this country and Japan, and if we should grant the Filipino independence the country would save millions of dollars annually, now necessary to keep up our navy. All the political parties in the islands want immediate independence, but if they cannot secure that they want a date set fixing the time for the establishment of an independent republic. The revelations of a congressional investigating committee, which disclosed the fact that American sugar interests have purchased an immense amount of rich farm lands, which they consider is a violation of the organic act, has strengthened a feeling that has been growing on them for some time, that powerful American sugar interests are influencing the Philippine policy of the United States. The Filipino does not want to see a few gigantic corporations hold all the best land on the island. They want it divided up into small tracts so that the common people can eventually own their homesteads. That they have good grounds for believing that the government is holding on to them for the purpose of permitting wholesale exportation there is no doubt. The American speculator is everywhere present, and American ingenuity has developed so many schemes to enrich themselves at the expense of the native that a rebellious spirit is being manifested and serious outbreaks may occur at any time. Now that the Democrats consider that there is no doubt but what they will be triumphant

phant at the next presidential election, they are investigating the matter with the view of presenting some plan looking toward the gradual evacuation of the island by our government. The Democratic platform of 1901, 1904 and 1908 declare our possessions of the Philippines an inexcusable blunder and demand that immediate steps be taken for their relinquishment. What they will do when they have possession of the government and are confronted by the powerful interests is a matter that can only be decided when the time for legislative action arrives.

The Wisconsin senators think they have discovered a way to improve on the Oregon initiative and referendum law. A bill now before the legislature, and which will probably become a law, provides for a referendum to the people of any law passed by the legislature when it is petitioned for by eight per cent of the voters. Any personal amendment to the constitution must be referred to the voters. Petitions for a referendum vote must be filed with the secretary of state within ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature and voted upon at the next regular state election occurring not less than thirty days after filing of the referendum petition, or at an earlier election called by the governor in not less than ninety days after the petition has been received. Any measure shall become effective upon receiving a majority of the votes cast on the subject at the election. The governor cannot veto measures adopted by a referendum vote.

Just because Uncle Sam thought it would be a nice idea to have dress parade down in Texas the yellow journals thought they saw 10,000 airplanes loaded with Yankees soaring towards the Mikado's domains. Instead of flying artillery the next war is to be fought with flying infantry.

When the mighty hunter started out on his latest swing around the circle he announced that he had "nothing to say about anything in England which was constructed during the 12th century."

Northern Democrats will have to be satisfied with few chairmanships in the house of representatives. They don't like it, but they will have to grin and bear it.

A college professor says the most of the college girls haven't got sense enough to boil potatoes. They could probably give the professor pointers on Saratoga chips.

In Mexico the government owns and operates the railroads, but just at the present time the dividends are not large.

In many places in northern California numerous farms have been entirely washed away by the disastrous floods in the Sacramento valley.

Champ Clark is said to wear an acceptance smile when asked if he has decided to become a presidential candidate.

Disease Lurks in Free Text Books.

The danger of disease infection, the lack of any pressing necessity, and the satisfactory terms of the present law are the basis upon which Prof. E. D. Rossler of the department of education at the Oregon Agricultural College rests his conviction that the state has lost nothing vital through the defeat of the free text book law proposed in the legislature this year.

"We have had the free text book question under consideration in the past two or three legislatures," said Prof. Rossler in discussing the matter. "and there is now a provision in the state statutes that school districts may vote free text books, in case the pupils are unable to provide them themselves; or the board may provide them, upon written recommendation of the clerk of the school board, for indigent pupils."

"Personally I am not in favor of a compulsory free text book law, so I do not mourn the demise of the one presented in the legislature this year. I think the optional arrangement in the present law is sufficient to meet conditions in Oregon as they now exist. Our text books are not frequently changed. They are adopted for periods of six years at a time, and at the close of such periods there are not often many changes, the old books being continued. Thus the matter of expense is not a great one."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

President Lincoln's cabinet, by a vote of 5 to 2, decided to send supplies to the relief of Fort Sumter. Secretary of State Seward declined to conduct negotiations with the secessionist confederate commissioners, declining to admit that they were the representatives of a foreign power. The officers and enlisted men of the U. S. army numbered 16,402, but it was so scattered under the order of Secretary of War Floyd that it was practically worthless. The U. S. navy had been dispatched to foreign countries, and no war vessels were available to come to the assistance of the beleaguered garrison at Fort Sumter. Beauregard expected to fire on Fort Sumter at any moment.

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF NEWS.

GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

All winter long the New York legislature has been trying to elect a United States senator. Day after day the legislature has met in joint session and voted with the same result. Boss Murphy has voted the Democratic majority every day and at this writing they are no nearer an election than they were on the first of January.

Uncle Joe Cannon will not consent to be minority leader of the house. Russia's latest demand on China will be acceded to and there will be no war.

The constitutionality of the Oregon initiative and referendum law will probably not be passed upon by the supreme court of the United States until next year.

James J. Hill, called at the White House and informed President Taft that the reciprocity idea was gaining ground and he thought the entire country would soon favor it.

Former Secretary of the Interior Ballinger returned to Seattle on Friday last and was given a great reception by the residents of his home town.

A terrible calamity occurred in a tall factory building in New York on Saturday last. One hundred and forty-eight persons, nine-tenths of whom were women, were crushed to death on the pavement, burned to a crisp or smothered by smoke in the worst disaster known since the Steamer Slocum was burned in 1906. Nearly all the victims were employed by the Triangle Waist Company on the upper three floors of a ten-story building at 23 Washington place. The partners in the concern, Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, escaped, carrying with them Blanck's two young daughters and a governess. There were no fire escapes on the building, and that accounts for the terrible loss of life.

The California assembly passed a bill—45 to 18—preventing state officers from placing their relatives in office. The measure is the amount of \$1,250,000 was discovered in an old house in England which was constructed during the 12th century.

The federal authorities have notified postal clerks that when they join labor organizations they violate their oath of office.

Eight persons were killed in a railroad wreck near Tifton, Ga., on Saturday last.

Chicago is having the most exciting municipal campaign in the history of the city. The ring candidate is Carter Harrison and he is opposed to by a university professor named Merriam. Lorimer's friends are quietly supporting Harrison, while the Central Labor Union has declared for Merriam.

A Santa Rosa, Cal., Grange has adopted a novel plan of increasing its membership and securing a more regular attendance at its meetings. To the boy under fourteen years of age who produces the best yield from a single potato a prize of \$2.50 cash will be given and the girl under four who shall write the best orchard story will be given the same amount.

The Mexican cabinet all resigned and their places have been filled by younger men.

A blinding snow storm in Chicago on Monday last caused blockading of roads and many collisions.

Bryan proposes to read the standpat Democratic senators out of the Democratic party.

A terrible electric storm in Philadelphia on Monday last destroyed a large number of buildings and caused much loss of life.

J. R. Walsh of Chicago and Charles W. Morse of New York, both serving in federal prisons for violation of the banking law, have been refused executive clemency and will serve out their term.

The Tacoma people are evading the new anti-treat ordinance by providing themselves with extra nickles and dimes which they slip into the hands of the friends they wish to treat.

The Steamer Rose City was quite severely damaged when trying to land at San Francisco on Sunday. The passengers were panic stricken, but fortunately no one was injured.

Portland representative at San Francisco brings information to the effect that Oregon will have first choice in the selection of their building at the Panama Exposition.

OREGON NEWS NOTES.

Twenty-two days from the time peaches leave the orchards in eastern Washington and Oregon and north there laid out until the fruit is placed on sale in London and Liverpool markets is the fast freight service promised for this season by a travelling representative of an eastern railroad, who is in Spokane on an extended tour of the Inland Empire. He says the transcontinental railroads and connecting lines already are preparing to handle the crop of the district.

Canby people claim that more freight is received and shipped from that town than at any other place between Salem and Portland.

As the center of a great fruit growing section, Salem people think the state should establish a horticultural school at that place.

Large numbers of colonists are daily arriving at Corvallis and nearly all of them are so favorably impressed with the location that they are purchasing homes for themselves and families.

McMinnville people say one telephone service is all they need. The Polk County Itemizer wants the county to issue \$50,000 in bonds for the improvement of the county roads.

"Rooms all taken" is a sign displayed at the Sheridan hotels almost every night.

Albany proposes to spend \$800,000 on street improvement this year. Work will soon commence on the new \$50,000 federal building at Albany.

Silverton is going to have a brass band. Thirty tourists from St. Paul and Minneapolis have invested \$42,000 in lands in the Linnhaven Fruit Company.

Many towns in Marion county are discussing the question of closing the postoffices on Sunday. Forest Grove expects a building boom this summer.

The Oregon game warden is making arrangements for the propagation of pheasants throughout the state.

Oregon's naval militia will get the Cruiser Bacon for use in training the members in the ways of the navy. The vessel will be available Mar 13 and will be stationed at Portland. Cruises will be made to sea and coast points to give the membership practical instruction in handling a fighting ship. The Reserve is an active organization that promises to become more important at time passes.

North Plains is one of Oregon's newest towns and one of the first things it did was to organize a com-

mmercial club and line up with the progressive spirit now so noticeable throughout the state. Portland Commercial Club officials, railroad men and others made an excursion to North Plains during the week and attended the "christening" of the new town.

Oregon is getting its full share of colonists who are crowding the west-bound trains. A telegram from Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, to Manager Chapman of the Commercial Club bore the information that over one-third of the passengers on the Oregon Limited one day out for the Twin Cities were bound for Oregon. This ratio is probably true of practically all of the colonist trains coming to the Northwest.

Instead of the usual foolishness that attends April 1, one Oregon town is going to accomplish something useful, Gaston, under the direction of the women's auxiliary of the commercial club, will clean house that day. Everybody will help, and it will be known as the cleanup day.

Oregon Postmasters will hold the annual convention in Portland June 7, 8 and 9. Selection of the place of meeting and the dates were made during the past week Postmasters of California, Washington and Idaho will be invited. Matters for the betterment of the service will be discussed and many suggestions made that will very likely be adopted by the department.

Cove, the beautiful fruit growing city of the Grand Ronde valley, has taken steps to organize a commercial club. One of the first projects in view is the holding of a cherry fair on the first week of July.

In a head-on collision on the south-bound train from Portland to San Francisco on Saturday last, between Ashland and Grants Pass, thirty people were injured but no one was killed.

The mayor of Salem was arrested for being in a saloon at one o'clock on Sunday morning last. The arrest was made by the chief of police.

Upon Mayor Lachmund's promise that the next time he has a good time he will live it in some other city, Chief of Police Hamilton will not press the charges of disorderly conduct against their members, that Julius Pincus, Conrad Krebs and Kola Neis voluntarily paid guilty to that charge and pay their fines.

The old town of Canyonville has been asleep so long that people had forgotten that there was such a place on earth, but the people living there have awakened their neighbors, says the Myrtle Creek Mail. They have got together in earnest and are going to make the old town boom. They have organized a commercial club with 31 members at the first meeting. They intend putting in a water system that will protect them in case of fire, and to use for irrigation purposes, etc. They are also going to have electric lights, and they now have one of the best flour mills in the country.

It is just possible that there are places where the winter climate is a trifle more agreeable than in the Grand Ronde valley, and where public spirit is at a higher tension, but there is no better all around land on the coast than right here, says the Union Republican.

Eight thousand acre feet of flood water which otherwise would have pursued its way unmolested to the sea is now held in the big Farnish reservoir at Coe, says the Echo Echoes. For the first time since its construction last summer, the dam filled early Friday, and water is now pouring over the spillway and finding its way back into the old channel of the river.

Oregon is invited to be one of ten western states to be extensively explored in the northern and Atlantic coast states next fall and winter by an exhibit train of ten cars. The train will be thrown open to the public wherever it stops during the two months of its travel. Descriptive literature will also be distributed from the cars.

The Western Development Association, which has just adjourned its annual meeting at Salt Lake, Utah, will be behind the movement with the various development leagues and associations and commercial organizations, if the tentative plans are carried out. Within the next two months a meeting will be held in Portland by delegates from the ten states when plans and a program for the campaign will be adopted.

PORTLAND ITEMS.

The live stock show in Portland last week was a decided success. There were 313 head of cattle, 700 head of sheep and 130 hogs and they were fed to the highest state of perfection. This fine showing left no doubt in the minds of the many visitors but that the Pacific Northwest was absolutely able to take care of itself in the matter of supplying wholesome meats if our farmers should take sufficient interest in the stock industry to meet the demands of the market.

R. R. Howard of the Pacific monthly staff of Portland, has been declared the winner of \$1000 in gold, the first prize in the \$2000 contest organized by the Portland Commercial Club, for the best article on Portland or Oregon published in some newspaper or magazine outside the state between November 1, 1909, and December 31, 1910. The winning article appeared in the World's Work under the title "Railroad Fight for an Empire."

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Real Estate For Sale "At Live and Let Live Prices" INVESTIGATE THIS!

- FARMS IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY 75 ACRES. Three miles from Oregon City Court House. Near macadam road. Two small houses and one large dwelling, new barn, new fences, stream of water, spring by barn, 50 acres cultivated, all tillable, family orchard, school 1/2 mile, north slope, no rock, wood for household use, slightly lowland, soil all fertile. Price \$110 per acre, half or one-third cash, balance terms. 300 ACRES. All tillable, at head of Dikoy's Prairie on Molalla River, front creek running through it, spring by barn, 5 room house, small orchard, 10 acres clear, some timber, 100 acres level, fertile soil, good stock range adjacent, good roads, near power station of proposed Molalla Railroad. Price \$35 per acre, half or one-third cash, balance terms. 40 ACRES. All tillable, none cleared, 3/4 mile east of Needy, good road, stream of water, good farms adjacent, small brush and timber easily cleared. Clear land adjoining worth \$100 per acre. Price \$50 per acre, half or one-third cash, balance terms. 23 ACRES. At Mulino, near Molalla road and river, 1 acre clear, small barn, slightly building place, on macadam road, saw mill and flour mill 1/2 mile, all rich garden land, small stream through it, part on bench and balance along stream, R. F. D. by door, timber for household purposes. Price \$60 per acre, half or one-third cash, balance terms. 14 ACRES. Adjoining city limits of Willamette, 8 acres clear, 5 acres low and balance sloping on bench, no buildings, all rich fertile land, building up all around it. Price \$250 per acre, half or one-third cash, balance terms.

- HOUSES AND LOTS 5 ROOMS. Falls View, slightly corner, new barn, good condition. Price \$500, half or one-third cash, balance terms like rent. 8 ROOMS. Oregon City, 10th and Jefferson, two stories, good condition, close in town. Price \$1100, payable \$200 cash, balance \$15 a month, 6 per cent interest. 5 ROOMS. Monts Villa, corner lot 50x105, outbuildings, all good condition, worth \$3000. Price \$1800, half or one-third cash, balance \$15 a month.

FOR TRADE OR EXCHANGE 60 ACRES. Near Seio, Linn county, 5 acres clear, old house and barn, spring, two county roads, some timber, good fruit land, all on north hill slope. Price \$35 per acre. 106 ACRES. Near Merlin, Josephine Co., stream of water, 3 miles of S. P. R. R., good timber, no clearing. Price \$2000. 160 ACRES. Near Clackamas River, some timber, good soil, near sawmill, worth \$1500. 160 ACRES. Trinity county, California, 2 1/2 millions Sugar Pine. \$3000

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