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Edison's son says it is his ambition to produce a fuel cheaper than coal, and an exchange advises burning the mahogany furniture.

We might as well make up our minds to fight for state wide prohibition here in Oregon in 1914. The enfranchisement of women this year practically insures a "wet and dry" vote in the state at the next election.—Woodburn Independent.

I note that a dozen new obstacles have been dug up that will delay the transfer of the locks here to the government. This matter will probably be settled about the time Wilson gets his second term. These big demands don't come every day, and of course the lawyers want to make them last as long as possible.

Big interests did much to boost on the panic that Grover Cleveland heired in his second administration by arousing and cultivating distrust. There are indications this is going to be tried again, but I don't believe it will work. And it will be a mighty expensive experiment at this stage. The people won't stand for made panics.

Should Judge Beattie receive the appointment of U. S. Marshall for Oregon Governor West will have to appoint a judge to fill the vacancy until the 1912 election and it has been hinted to the Courier that some of our Democratic prominent are finding business at Salem quite often these days, and that incidentally they drop in and tell the governor how they stood behind him on the matter of abolishing capital punishment and how they are with him on his vice crusade.

Ten states now give the ballot to women, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California, Kansas, Arizona, Oregon and Michigan. There is an old saying that nothing succeeds like success. When a movement begins to get size and strength, the rest is easy.

In nearly every state the people are pounding on the doors of the legislature for a vote on this matter, and it is but a question of how long before every state will give women equal voting rights with men.

What this country needs is full court justice, and then there will be a mighty lot less of unrest and rebellion by the people. What the people demand is justice—the same punishment handed out to the trust law defiers in our high courts as is given to ex-convicts in our county courts. And we get hair-splitting decisions on technicalities, dug up by our supreme court judges to defeat, rather than to defend law. And as long as the politicians and interests make these judges, just so long will we get decisions that tell us there is no shoe on the bottom of price fixing in our country.

President-elect Wilson says he will call an extra session of congress immediately after his inauguration to take up tariff revision and keep the promises made to the people. That this special session will start a panic is silly—unless it be a made-to-order panic. And if our country is in such a condition that our trusts can give us hard times any time they care to, then the sooner we know it the better. But the probabilities are it will not make a ripple on business affairs. Tariff protection where it pinches one and fattens another will be revised, but we are not going to have any free trade scare stunts.

That Portland scandal would shame beasts it doesn't seem possible that men would degenerate to such low levels.

And under arrest are doctors, lawyers, business men—men with gray heads.

The matter is too heastly for publication. The details are rotten, horrible, unfit to think of.

And yet Governor West is censured for his vice crusade in that city. It is to be hoped that this matter will be probed to the very bottom and that every human animal connected with it will go down to Salem for the long term. Oregon owes this to the protection of its boys.

Governor West has paroled W. Cooper Morris, the convicted Portland banker, and I believe this leniency is another slip in the cogs of justice.

Morris was convicted of embezzling \$75,000 from the Oregon Trust & Savings bank in Portland.

He has served a few months in prison and now he is paroled and will now start a fruit ranch.

Six months in prison for stealing \$75,000. And last week in Portland a man was given a life sentence for stealing \$27.

What do you think of these two cases?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox said something in a little jingle once. It ended thusly: "Steal, if you get a million, For you'll get out on bail. It's the great big thief That gets out on bail. While the little one goes to jail."

Morris should have done good long time for his part in wrecking this bank, and in my judgment Governor West winked at justice when he let him out.

The governor says he was the goat of the bank scandal and others were as guilty as he.

But it doesn't take any of the guits from Morris that others were equally guilty. It is simply a reproach on our officials and courts.

I believe it was a big mistake to sentence a man to life imprisonment last week for stealing \$27, and I believe it was a bigger one to release a \$75,000 thief after six months imprisonment.

It has reached a time in Oregon where it isn't worth while to convict a man, if he is of any consequence he is released. We see this, paroling everywhere—we see it in this city almost every month.

These men are found guilty and they are sentenced. Now if these sentences are fit punishment for the crimes WHY aren't they punished? What is the use of burning up money to prosecute them if they are not to serve their sentences?

This parole business is becoming a joke. It is being overworked and is defeating justice. It puts a premium on crime.

Morris should have served every day of the limit of his sentence—ten years. You may argue that six months was as much punishment as ten years for a man of Morris' standing, but I want to tell you it wasn't as much as ten years, to the rascals who will come after him. It was no warning to the fellows who are figuring on cracking a bank.

And now just watch and see if William Wilson, the man who Judge McGinn gave life imprisonment last week for stealing \$27 will be paroled.

(Buffalo, N. Y. Enquirer.) It is the common impression that the five Americans most interested in the election returns were Messrs. Wilson, Taft, Roosevelt, Marshall and Johnson. All of them had hopes and the most confident of them had fears. The results meant much to them.

The interest of these gentlemen, however, was second to that of the five condemned murderers in Oregon awaiting announcement of the fate of the constitutional amendment abolishing capital punishment.

The Presidency and Vice-Presidency are great offices. But life is more. More vitally concerned than the statesman in the limelight were the shivering inmates of those death cells.

It has been given to many to wait and wonder whether the count would bring victory or defeat. The five men in Oregon are all who have ever waited and wondered whether the count would decree life or death.

Taft, Roosevelt and Johnson were disappointed but their disappointment is far second to that of the men whom the ballots of a state have ordered to the gallows. To escape the gibbet is a dearer desire than to gain the White House.

Here's the way the McMinnville News-Reporter hands a left handed one to the ladies, and they will have to read it over about three times to discover whether it is a complement or a slam: "The ladies, yesterday our superiors, today our equals."

The Progress is informed that Oregon City politicians, drunken with victory over Cascade county, are threatening reprisals because of the remonstrance of taxpayers over conditions at the county seal. Among other things they are reported to have said that the "secessionists" in this section of the county are to be punished by giving them nothing.—Estacada Progress.

When a newspaper prints as dangerous a paragraph as the above it should stand on something a little more solid than "The Progress is informed." It should back the statement, tell who said it, and give someone a chance to defend it.

"Reported to have said," is an Italian way of scrapping—sticking a knife in the back. It is too slim a bottom to stand such a charge on, and one newspaper should not use it. It is cowardly. It does not give those who are accused a chance to get back. It reminds one of school boys days when the bully would go to the kid and say "I heard you called me a liar."

Estacada is playing a very loose game of checkers. Oregon City is not the state of Oregon, and Oregon City only cast a very few of the 20,000 votes that laid Cascade county in the morgue. Cascade county (prospective) had a big hand in the game itself.

"Drunken with victory," "threatening reprisals," etc., sounds all right in war correspondence, but very silly as applied to this proposition.

Estacada was the only place in Oregon that took the county division matter seriously. No one outside of that place had the least idea it would come within a hundred miles of winning.

Anyone or any proposition that goes up against the lottery of the ballot should be seriously considered. They say the Lord hates a coward and a moaner.

The ballots decided the matter and it is folly to keep the sore open and try to start a feud in this county.

It is like the eastern part of the county is to be punished. The County Court isn't in the punishing business, and as for the politicians—why they forgot there ever was a county division on the next day.

Estacada and Oregon City might well play the game together than for the Progress to try to incite trouble. Some day Clackamas county will be divided, some day when it has become more developed, has more wealth and is more thickly settled, division will come in this and in other big counties.

And if Estacada had taken defeat as Taft took his, and come up smiling, Oregon City would certainly have felt far more kindly toward her future ambitions.

The Democrats of the United States have been under Republican rule for quite a while now and it is up to us to do as they have been doing. We will not attempt to tell Mr. Wilson just how it should be done, but we believe that if he desires to bring about the panic which has sometimes been doing, just call a special session of congress and commence monkeying with the tariff. We did not vote for Mr. Wilson, but evidently a lot of the other fellows did.—Silverton Appeal.

This is certainly great dope to hand out after the verdict of the people in this month's election.

The main issue of the campaign was the high cost of living, which is unjust, and—simply legalized graft and greed.

Wilson promised immediate revision of the tariff, and the voters cleaned up the country for him on this promise.

Four years ago the Republicans promised the same thing and sold out to the trusts. The result was Taft carried Mormon Utah and Nutmeg Vermont in this election.

We have a tariff schedule that puts 78 per cent on sugar and 10 per cent on diamonds—a tariff that protects trusts and levies tribute on necessities.

The Appeal says if we want a panic all we have got to do is to fulfill the Democratic platform and pledges.

This is a pretty nasty prophecy. I do not believe it is true, but IF IT IS, if we must have a panic to stop trust looting; if we must have a panic to show the trusts the government will govern, then the sooner we call big business bluff and get to it, the better.

POCAHONTAS DEGREE TEAM'S BALL WAS BEST EVER.

One of the most successful balls ever given in this city was given by the Degree Team of the Order of Pocahontas, at Busch's hall on Friday evening, when the music of the evening was furnished by Fox's orchestra of Portland.

There was a large attendance and many members of the different tribes of Portland attending. The hall never looked more attractive than it did on this occasion and the decorating committee deserving of the praise they received on that evening for the artistic design carried out.

The hall was brilliantly decorated in the colors of the order and Indian blankets were gracefully draped in many places in the room, which several places attracted the attention of the "braves" who attended. The electric lights were shaded with red crepe paper and many palms were used with artistic effect.

The following are the committees: General—Harry Williamson, Mrs. Walter Symes, Mrs. Clarence Osborn, Miss Mae Clark, Mrs. Webb Burns. Decorating—Mrs. Dora Hamilton, Mrs. Sophie Phillips, Mrs. D. E. Frost, Thomas Myers, Conrad Priester, Floor—Ernest T. Mass, Conrad Priester, Theodore Marly, Harry Williamson. Reception—Mrs. Walter Symes, Mrs. Webb Burns. Refreshment—Mrs. Sophie Phillips, Mrs. D. E. Frost, Mrs. Dora Hamilton, Mrs. Josie Surber, Mrs. Richard Bittner.

Get your hat now at reduction. Miss C. Goldsmith.

MR. UREN'S REPLY People Will Not Long Tolerate the Present Taxation Laws.

Oregon City, Ore., Nov. 20. To the Editor: I read Mr. Kelnhofers letter last week with much interest. Mr. Kelnhofers knows as I do, that the farmers and wage workers pay much more than their fair share of the taxes, and that the owners of valuable special privileges pay much less than their fair share.

The purpose of the graduated single tax amendment was to correct that injustice. I believe that nine tenths of the voters want that result. It may be that the change proposed was too radical, or it may be only that more time was needed for the voters to thoroughly understand the subject.

Of one thing I am sure, the people of Oregon will not long tolerate laws that tax industry for the benefit of valuable special privileges. If the law we offered at the last election was too radical we can propose something that will do justice without making too great and sudden a change. There is time enough for the work. I advocated the initiative and referendum ten years in Oregon before it was adopted by the people. The Corrupt Practices Act was contemptuously rejected by the legislature before it was accepted by the people. This is true of many other measures which I have advocated in Oregon. Mr. Kelnhofers remembers the fight over Statement No. 1, for the direct choice of the people of their United States senators. He helped on that job.

I ask only a patient study of the proposal to exempt personal property and improvements from tax and to collect the revenues of the state and the government from the owners of valuable special privileges. I am sure now that the people of Oregon will in the end adopt this measure of justice as I was 20 years ago that they would finally adopt the initiative and referendum.

Sincerely yours, W. S. UREN.

HALF-BAKED LAW But the Jurors Considered Justice and Reason Were Better

John Straight of Parkplace, one of the best known citizens hereabouts, a mighty hunter and a fisherman after Izak Walton's own heart, was out hunting along Roaring River last Sunday.

He was round about the second of November along came a game warden, and spying the deer meat which John proudly displayed to him, promptly had him reported and later arrested. This was more than John could stand, for he had killed the deer on the last day of October, and was bringing it home—so he went down to Milwaukie with blood in his eye.

It seems that the case was called in Milwaukie by the state, on the ground that Oregon City folks were too lenient in the matter of game violations. The jury found the defendant not guilty, so John was discharged. However, he learned something new and something which he had probably heard of to others. An amendment to the law was passed in 1911, whereby it is illegal to be found with prescribed game in one's possession, one second after the hour of sunset on the last day of the open season.

It is legal to kill one minute and illegal to have it in your possession one minute later. Another example of half baked law making.

A Bad Actor.

Melbourne Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, formerly residing in this city but who moved to Portland about four years ago, was arrested at Canby on Monday while trying to dispose of an automobile he had bought in Portland. He was taken back to Portland and now is in custody. About a year ago the boy came to this city with a pony he had stolen, and after reaching this city he was arrested upon a telephone message from the Portland police. He had cut the mane and tail of the horse, thinking this would prevent his capture and had brought the horse to the Seventh Street Livery Stable. With the assistance of a boy employed there he was captured. He was afterwards placed in the Reform School but escaped from that institution shortly after he had been placed there.

While in this city the lad, who was only about 13 years of age, and who had some talent for acting and had taken part in entertainments, but since moving to the metropolis he has proven a "bad actor" and no doubt will now receive a punishment he will remember.

THIS COUNTY SHINES.

There is much comment in the Eastern papers regarding the Oregon exhibit at the Northwestern Products Exposition at Minneapolis, and which is in charge of O. Freytag of this city. Several publications have had Mr. Freytag's photo, taken with some of the Oregon exhibits, one of which was where he is standing close by and supporting some of the large corn stalks, these being 16 feet in height, with speaking of the Oregon exhibit the people who have visited the Oregon booth were surprised with the wonderful products that Oregon has sent. There is no doubt but that the exhibit will be a great inducement for newcomers coming to Oregon in the early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Freytag will visit several other prominent cities where land shows are to be held before returning to Oregon.

FLAGGED TRAIN WITH SHIRT.

Tearing his shirt from his back an Ohio man flagged a train and saved it from a wreck, but H. T. Alston, Raleigh, N. C., once prevented a wreck with Electric Bitters. "I was in a terrible plight when I began to use them," he writes, "my stomach, head, back and kidneys were all badly affected and my liver was in a bad condition, but four bottles of Electric Bitters made me feel like a new man." A trial will convince you of their matchless merit for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Price 50 cents at Huntley Bros, Oregon City, Canby, Hubbard and Molalla.

OBSERVATIONS.

Mount Pleasant Writer's News and Comments.

Editor Courier: After reading some of our Metropolitan sheets how refreshing it is to read the many letters from thinking people in the Courier. It is like a spring in the desert.

The Mount Pleasant Farmers Society of Equity have elected its delegates to the Co. Union which will be formed as soon as arrangements can be perfected. The delegates elected are as follows: Christensen, Warner, Buchanan and Meredith.

The sole purpose of this order is to perfect a system of marketing the produce of the produce of the farm.

If the farmers of Clackamas County could sell all their raise at a fair profit it would require a sixteen horse power imagination to picture a country one half as good as this. The big ditch will soon be complete and it is my opinion that all commercial clubs could do no better than aid the farmers in securing the best of the world's markets for the best fruits, grains and vegetables the world produces, and idle capital in a form to suit the market of China, Japan as well as New York or Paris. The farmers then might vote \$75,000, to the O. A. C. to teach us how to raise more produce.

Pres. Lanton of our commercial club has the finest garage on the hill, also a field of corn that is a get rich quick scheme that is not affected by the blue sky law.

Mt. Pleasant is very much in need of a car line and the Clackamas Southern may need the business.

A new industry in our midst is the manufacture of grape juice by Mr. Christensen. He also has jellies, fruit butters and canned goods, and if this proves a success the business next season will assume some magnitude.

As to politics, I have heard that neither the Democrats nor Taft and Roosevelt combined, polled the vote of the two parties four years ago. If anyone thinks Mr. Taft a Socialist, just inform themselves how Socialists nominate their candidates and note the difference.

LITTLE VIRTUE IN FORCE.

Editor Courier: Brother Edwards, in taking exception to your views regarding picture theatres on Sunday, takes exactly the stand he is supposed to do, and which his calling demands. The very nature of his office precludes an unbiased or unprejudiced opinion,—at least for public consumption.—To take his letter at all seriously, in the light of his known intellectuality, his broad culture, and the breadth of view he is credited with, is to confess a lack of the sense of humor.

You were quite right in preferring the picture show to unknown resorts. Parents cannot be with their youthful children every hour of the day, nor compel a statement every night as to where they have been. And since the churches cannot attract them, as Mr. Edwards practically confesses, it is better to know they are in no worse environment than that of the picture show. There used to be an old saw to the effect that Satan always found work for idle hands, and if that is still true, and supposing Mr. Edwards' contention to be right, that the pictures, and picture show environment are an influence for evil, isn't it better to put up with an evil we know than run the risk of those we do not know? If Mr. Edwards can get them to his church or any other, we shall be almost as glad as he undoubtedly will, providing he can guarantee the people they will meet there will be any better than the people they meet in Oregon City picture houses.

As Mr. Edwards says, we need inspiration as well as recreation, but I do not think he would go so far as to maintain that the churches alone can give it. Closed libraries, concerts, and theatres; prohibited Sunday newspapers, or Sunday street cars, have all been tried in one place or another with but one result—a consistent decrease in church attendance. Nay, the churches cannot get men to fill the pulpits, never mind the pews.

No, Mr. Editor, the fault is with the churches, not with the glorious gospel of the risen Lord, nor even with the humble picture show. If the church cannot wage a winning fight, with the Lord on its side, fighting on even terms with the world, the flesh and the devil, there must be something wrong with the army. Certainly nothing has ever been gained by attempting to make men walk the narrow path by act of law.

But fancy Saint Paul whining at a picture show. THOMAS DIDYMUS.

A. D., 1912. G. E. Thomas, Administrator of the will annexed, of the Estate of Jerome W. Thomas, Dec'd. Dimick & Dimick, Attorneys for Administrator.

Only a Fire Hero.

but the crowd cheered, as, with burned hands, he held up a small round box, "Fellows!" he shouted, "this Bucklen's Arnica Salve I hold, has everything beat for burns." Right! also for boils, ulcers, sores, pimples, eczema, cuts, sprains, bruises, Suresst pile cure. It subdues inflammation, kills pain. Only 25 cents at Huntley Bros., Oregon City, Canby, Hubbard and Molalla.

Just What You're Looking For.

Trees, fine apple and peach—10 cents each if called for; other varieties at wholesale price, for list. A. J. Walker, Milwaukie.

For Sale—House, barn and acre of land, 2 blocks from car line, south Oregon City. Place has small fruits and is suitable for chicken ranch. Running water. See S. O. Dillman in Courier building.

Taken up—Cow and two calves. Cow grey and white spots. Calves 6 to 7 months old. Owner may have same by paying for this ad, and for pasture and feed. Gust. Engebrecht, Oregon City.

For sale or trade, 10 acres of timber land 3 miles from Oregon City; also Gladstone property. Will consider Gladstone property. F. R. Boardman, Aurora, Oregon. R. F. D. No. 3.

For sale—White Leghorn Cockerels direct from Olsen's in California at \$75c each. D. A. JONES Rt. 3, Box 149, Oregon City.

Strayed—from my farm, a moose colored Jersey heifer, six weeks old. Reward for return, Peter Sager, Oregon City. Phone 20.

A Snap. Lots 19—20—making 3 and a half acres of Harding-Walden tracts. Level, good land, in sight of Oregon City. 1/4 mile to High School 1/2 mile to street car. Will sell for cash and give good abstract. \$125 per acre. Land joining is \$200 and \$300 per acre. See H. S. Clyde, Weinhard Bldg. Oregon City.

A Timber Deal. Wanted, to sell tract of timber to be sawed on premises. Have pond and conveniences. Timber three fourths miles from Canby railroad survey and 3 miles from Molalla. Write to C. W. Herman, Molalla.

Mortgage Loans. Money to loan on first class, improved farms in Clackamas county. Current interest rates—attractive repayment privilege. A. H. Birrell Co.—202 McKay Bldg., 3rd. and Stark Sts. Portland, Oregon.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors. In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon, Wilson, bankrupt. In the matter of Clarence H. Wilson, bankrupt. Clarence H. Wilson, of Canby, in the County of Clackamas and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd. day of October, 1912, the said Clarence H. Wilson was adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the County Court room in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, on the 9th day of December, 1912, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

B. N. HICKS, Referee in Bankruptcy, November 22, 1912.

Notice of Final Settlement. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas. In the matter of the estate of Jerome W. Thomas, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Jerome W. Thomas, deceased, with the will annexed, has duly filed with the County Clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, his final report thereon, and the said Court has set Monday, the 30th day of December, 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. at the Court House in Oregon City, Oregon as the time and place of hearing any and all objections to said final report and to the discharge of said Administrator. Dated the 20th day of November

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weaves, diagonals, etc. There are all sizes in the lot, with a showing for small women and in extra large sizes. WOMEN'S COATS \$8.50 TO \$25.00. Stunning new Coats which for style and individuality are unequalled. They are beautifully made of chinchillas, zibelines, boucles, plushes etc. They are shown in all sizes, all colors, all styles—and at extremely moderate prices.

November Blanket Sale

Our purpose, not only to maintain, but to add to the prestige of our annual sale of Blankets, by giving better and better values, opens the door of opportunity for the economical housekeeper very, very wide this year. Here are the qualities you'll want—read the prices: 65c A PAIR—For three-quarter size cotton Blankets, shown in grey, tan and white, the kind greatly used instead of sheets.

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\$1.50 A PAIR—For full size cotton Blankets shown in grey tan and white, with fast colored borders; great values.

\$2.00 A PAIR—For full size and heavy cotton Blankets, with wool finish, shown in white, tan and grey. \$2.50 A PAIR—For extra heavy wool finish Blankets, shown in grey, and in plaid styles; they come two yards wide, 2-4 yards long. WOOL BLANKETS AT \$3.50 A PAIR. A fine lot of grey wool Blankets, made full double size, and with fast colored borders in pink and in blue; good warm, durable Blankets considerably underpriced. WOOL BLANKETS AT \$5.00 A PAIR. Extra large and heavy fine wool Blankets, shown in white and in grey with fast colored borders; also in neat plaid styles; are our unmatched leader at this price.

Household Accounts. A checking account is a great convenience and a means of economy for the householder. We have quite a number of household checking accounts on our books, and we know that the checking privilege has been a very great advantage to the households maintaining it. The Bank of Oregon City. Oldest Bank in the County.