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M. J. BROWN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1913.

GILBERT L. HEDGES,
Notary Public for Oregon

WATCH THE BABY

There are pretty good indications that the Citizens Independent ticket which was born at the recall nominating convention here in July, will be raised to maturity—that it will become a party and a factor in Clackamas county.

Already the "county ring" is laying its mines to again get control of the county court a year and a half hence.

They want Mattoon to stick, to brazen out the verdict of the people and refuse to resign.

With him it will only be necessary to nominate one candidate, the judge or a commissioner, at the next primary, and they will again have a "county ring" county court—and they figure it will be easy enough to see that at least one is nominated.

All a very nice scheme, and all very true. But it is just possible and very probable, that when this interesting primary time rolls around the "ring" will find that it may nominate all the "ring" candidates it chooses, without any opposition whatever, but that the people who downed the ring August 16 will stay by the party which they won under and will nominate its own candidates, irrespective of party and name candidates for the party of the People.

And it is just possible again (mind you this is only the wildest flight of guesswork) that this same Citizens Independent party may take a hand in county nominations next spring, may make a few nominations on the side and put up some candidates without any old party brands on them—just Clackamas county mavericks.

The recent elections and the more recent recall election pulled the veneer off both old parties in this county and showed the people the amusing spectacle of once hated rivals, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, occupying the same platform and vying with each other in making the stronger defense for a county court brought under charges.

It showed a Republican central committee-man working his head off to keep a Democratic official on his job.

It showed such a scrambling of politics, parties, breeds and rings all working for the same end, until many a man decided party means little in ring based Clackamas, and it is time for individual plays.

And it is just possible this new baby is going to be adopted in this county.

It is weaned, it is healthy, has no indications of cholera infantum, has cut its teeth, has learned to stand alone.

ALL FOR BIG BUSINESS

Doesn't it appear to you a mighty strange policy, when there are a million and a half Americans in this country who cannot find work, that our ports should be almost wide open to almost every country on earth and that foreigners should be permitted to come in droves every week?

In Oregon City we are discussing a rock pile and sentence for men out of work, yet our country permits the incoming steamers to dump load after load of foreign workmen onto our shores, men who will work cheaper and take the places of our own workmen.

There has ever been a loud cry from the manufacturer that a tariff should be retained to the amount of the difference in wages at home and abroad, so the mills and factories could compete.

How about a tariff on immigration, a head tax so high that the cheap wage foreigner cannot cut wages of the American?

The manufacturers don't want this kind of a tariff, and because of the great vote of foreigners in this country, no congressman dares to back it.

And while a million and a half Americans are hunting for work at wages, thousands and thousands pour in and snap up the jobs at wages the foreigners think is a snap.

And some day what are we going to do about it?

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement.

August Mautz and family.

HELP CHANGE THINGS.

"I favor a small number of well paid legislators with the members so directly responsible that they would not dare obey instructions. The supporters of the present system virtually say they are willing the people should be poorly armed for the war between the masses and organized capital."

These are not the utterances of a soap boxer or agitator, not of a Socialist or I. W. W., but the sentiments of the governor of Wisconsin, Governor McGovern, spoken openly at the conference of governors at Colorado Springs last week, and endorsed by governors Hodges, Hunt and Dunne.

The people realize, as they never have before, that he states must have more direct, responsive and responsible government—that a public official must do the will of the people and he must stand right out in the open and be alone responsible for his work.

The double chamber legislative systems we have in this country are petrifications handed down from the old country and they should be shuffled into the discard of What Has Ended. There is no more common sense in clinging to them than to the whipping post relic of Oregon or the old eastern blue laws that forbade a man to kiss his wife on Sunday, or prescribed how he should have his hair cut.

Oregon has paved the way for the United States on practical reforms and majority government, and Oregon will be the first state (mark the prediction) to abolish the useless senate and start responsible and economical legislation.

Ask any man you meet "Why is a Senate?" and he wouldn't want his answer printed, if he defended the upper house.

There is no good reason for its existence, and about the only reason at all is that we heired it from Great Britain and should keep it.

When we get a state legislature down where we can pick out any and every man and know what he is and is not doing, then will we have a legislature that will work like yeast.

And so long as we have a double system that can be used to hide under and cover up, so long will we have big business governing and taxes out of all proportion to results.

Take away individual rights of legislators to ask for appropriations and you take away the power of big business and big politics to run the state.

Give the governor the entire responsibility of introducing appropriation bills and that man will have his ear to the ground to hear taxpayers' protests, and he will get out in the campaign and tell you just what he will and will not do.

Cutting down the legislature and taking away its power will give the people more power and make the reduced representation more responsive.

We can't be worse off. Our legislative sessions are the limit of misrepresentation now. These change promises much good. Try it.

DON'T SLEEP AT THE SWITCH

Two laws that should have never been held up through the referendum are the county attorney law and the employers liability law.

The first was held up by the Republican politicians of the state and the latter by the ambulance-chasing attorneys and the insurance companies.

The probabilities are that the liability referendum will be thrown out, as it is faulty and dishonest, but the county attorney hold up must be done by the voters.

A fine opportunity presents for the politicians to win out on the county attorney referendum, unless the voters take an active interest in this reform and vote.

It is figured there will be but very little interest in this fall's election, because only referendum matters may be voted on, hence a small vote. You know when the farmers stay at home, the politicians get busy. Every friend of the ring that wants to continue the present district attorney system will be on the job. If those who want the reform law are not, politics wins out.

There is no question as to how the majority of voters in this county try to favor the county attorney law and the elimination of politics from the prosecuting attorney's office. This law gives each county its own government and own election of the prosecuting attorney.

A year and a half ago this county reversed a big Republican majority and carried for Gilbert L. Hedges for district attorney, but it was a vote thrown away, for the other counties offset it, and Mr. Tongue was elected.

It is simply a matter of taking an interest and voting. If the people will vote the county attorney law, as passed by the last legislature, will stand. If they do not vote, the ring will put the referendum over.

We glory in the grit of Governor West and wish there were more governors like him. If we must be ruled by the arbitrary will of an official, we much prefer it should be the man whom the people have made the head of the state government than by the judge or lawyer who ever lived.

And in this connection we deem it pertinent to remark that the people of this country and these states will never really be free to govern themselves so long as courts possess or exercise the power to declare unconstitutional the laws the people have enacted.—Woodburn Independent.

It is a fright, the women styles you see in Portland, and it would seem they are harking back to fig leaf days. The three-piece gowns, many of them, would scare a team on a public highway, and the single skirts look as if they had been cut down and made over from a baby's dress.

DELIVER US

Three or four hundred new laws went onto Oregon's statute books last winter, and I'll bet there are not over three or four hundred voters in the state that know a quarter of them.

One big weak spot in the head of nearly every member or senator, and especially with the first termers is that he thinks he must pass a law or his district won't think he weighs very much. It doesn't matter much what, but he must show that he is in the running.

What this state needs is men to go to Salem and watch the job get next to every bill introduced and get with the people on their votes on these bills.

Less laws, less appropriations, less junketing committees, less fat jobs, and more independence is what is wanted at Salem, and the man who will take this stand will make entirely good, if he never introduces a bill or heads a committee.

TAX PROGRESS IN OTHER STATES

The Legislature of California and Pennsylvania are following in the foot steps of British Columbia.

Oregon will be forced by competition from California and other states to begin the process of exempting personal property and improvements from taxes.

In California a home rule amendment was passed giving counties or their subdivisions, the right to exempt any class of property from taxation for county or local purposes respectively; this would not affect taxation for State purposes, although California has now separated its sources of State and local revenue so that there is no direct State tax. This amendment is to be voted on November, 1914. Its purpose is avowedly to permit any locality by vote of the people, to exempt personal property or improvements, or both.

Pennsylvania has enacted a law providing that in second-class cities (Pittsburgh and Scranton) the rate of taxation on buildings shall be reduced 10 per cent every three years, beginning 1914, until by the year 1925 buildings will pay only 50 per cent of the rate upon other property. In Pennsylvania personal property is classified and taxed for state purposes only, and the practical effect of this legislation will be to make the tax on land values twice the rate of the tax on improvements. This measure was advocated on the ground that it would encourage the erection of buildings, diminish congestion of population, and by increasing the tax burden upon vacant land, increase the available building sites for homes and industry. The successive steps of reduction are taken every third year largely because the real estate assessments are triennial.

This legislation in Pennsylvania is the first positive enactment in the United States which follows the example set twenty years ago by the provinces of northwestern Canada. It is added that the Province of Saskatchewan in February, amended its rural municipality act so that, beginning with next year, all lands outside of cities will be taxed on actual value, exclusive of buildings, improvements or the expenditure of labor or capital thereon, which will be exempt. In these communities there is no personal property tax, so that local revenues will come entirely from the taxation of land values. The new law provides also for a sur-tax of 6 1/2 cents per acre upon large holdings which have only part of their area under cultivation, and this is avowedly designed to discourage the holding of land idle for speculative purposes.—The American Political Science Review for August.

When asked for a comment on the decision of the supreme court that states have the power to regulate interstate freight charges, E. P. Ripley, president of the great Santa Fe system, replied: "It is a long step toward government ownership." It is the day will come when the government will not only own the railroads, but the wire corporations, the coal mines, the express companies and the other important means by which necessities controlled. And why shouldn't the government own or control these, for the benefit of the many rather than the few?

The Proof is Here the Same as Everywhere

For those who seek relief from kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder ills, Doan's Kidney Pills offer hope of relief and the proof is here in Oregon City the same as everywhere. Oregon City people have used Doan's and Oregon City people recommend Doan's, the kidney remedy used in America for fifty years. Why suffer? Why run the risk of dangerous kidney ills—fatal Bright's disease. Here's Oregon City proof. Investigate it.

Edwin Albee, Washington and 17th Sts., Oregon City, Oregon, says: "For five or six years, I suffered from kidney trouble. There was pain in the first of the week looking over the small of my back and twinges when stooping or lifting. I tired easily. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and I had to get up two or three times during the night. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they helped me greatly."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburne Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Adenoids are a Menace to Children. Adenoids result from a succession of colds in babies and young children. They spoil the mental and physical life of a child. This condition that causes them may be easily avoided by careful parents. Quickly and thoroughly cure all colds and throat irritations by the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and adenoids will not develop.—Huntley Bros. Co.

FROM TWILIGHT

The News and Comments from Our Handsome Suburb

O. E. Freytag was recently elected president of the Oregon City Farmers' Club.

The premium, by way of increased taxation, is greatly retarding the clearing of land in the Willamette Valley, especially in Clackamas Co.

By way of refutation of charges recently made against this neighborhood by the Commercial Club of Oregon City, I am requested to state that the output of potatoes from a half an acre of our soil, has kept the grocery market of Oregon City glutted for thirty days.

The writer has traveled by rail as far east as Niagara Falls, south to Tampa Bay, Florida, but until he spied the Clackamas Southern Railway Crossing of the Highland public road did he witness the comic opera act of halting the iron steed, while the fireman let down a pair of bars before continuing their journey across the country highway.

Mrs. Chas. Webber of Portland, Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Sweetman of Toronto, Canada, together with Mrs. Eva Emery Dye of Oregon City, were Totem Pole Ranch callers Wednesday. The absence of the hostess interfered somewhat with the pleasure of the occasion.

Don't misjudge the thrasher engineer. He's neither announcing the approach of a station or a railway crossing, nor is he calling in a flagman, or awakening a sleepy operator at a closed night telegraph office. He's not recognizing a red signal on an opposing engine, nor shooting an obstinate cow off the track. He's only playing with the whistle. Bear with him, the suspense will soon be over, for the season.

Light fingered parties recently stole a derrick rigging, valued at thirty dollars from the contractors engaged in the erection of the dairy ranch buildings.

The application of Geo. W. Smith of Mulino was rejected by the Look Pleasant Club after a unique test. A member of the club dropped in and took dinner with George, and after partaking of fried chicken the third time, the host insisted on helping his plate to a fourth piece, when George frowned at his courteous refusal.

Our public school will open Monday, September 29th, for an eight month term, with Mr. Adolph Speiss instructor. A successful school year is predicted.

Mrs. Ed. Schwab of Portland, Mrs. T. P. Randall and Mrs. W. H. Hessel-dine of Oregon City, were guests of Totem Pole Ranch Wednesday.

FACTS ABOUT KANSAS

Figures and Statistics a Reasoner Can't Get Away From

A subscriber sends in the following clipping regarding conditions in Kansas and asks that it be reprinted:

A half million young men and women in Kansas have never seen a saloon in that state. There is not a Kansas newspaper which published a liquor advertisement since Kansas adopted prohibition. Illiteracy has been reduced from 49 per cent to 2 per cent. There is only one pauper in every three thousand population. Eighty seven of the one hundred and five counties have no insane, fifty-four no feeble-minded and ninety-six no inebriates. Thirty-eight poor farms have no inmates. In July 1911, fifty-three county jails were empty and sixty-five counties had no prisoners serving sentence. The county jail at Hfgoton has not had an inmate for two years and the county commissioners have rented the building for a dwelling. Some courts have not called a jury to try a criminal for ten years. In one Kansas county there has not been a grand jury. In 1880 the saving deposits in Kansas were thirty million dollars and today they are two hundred million dollars. Kansas stands first among all the states in per capita valuation of assessed property. During the panic of 1907 Kansas sent fifty million to New York to relieve the money market, while her neighbor, Missouri, sent nothing. During the panic of 1907 Kansas has dropped from seventeen in three thousand to seven and one-half to the thousand Kansas is also the most healthful state in the union. Do not feel sorry for such a state? It is lacking in the luxuries of the other states, such as jails, the poor farms and grand juries. Kansas would have all these things were she to permit saloons to return.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

J. C. Ayer & Co.

In Use For Over Thirty Years

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THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

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 Permelia Mathews, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the estate of Permelia Mathews, deceased, has duly filed with the County Clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, his final account therein, and the said Court has set Monday, the 15th day of Sept. 1913, 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 account and to the discharge of said Administrator. David P. Mathews, Administrator of the estate of Permelia Mathews, deceased. Date of first publication August 14, 1913.

Sheriff's Sale on Execution

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas. D. P. Mathews, Plaintiff, vs. L. E. Williams and A. R. Williams, Defendants. By virtue of a judgment order, decree and an execution, duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 7th day of July, 1913, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 2nd day of January, 1913, in favor of D. P. Mathews, plaintiff, and against L. E. Williams, and A. R. Williams, Defendants, for the sum of \$275.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the first day of March, 1913, and the further sum of \$36.00 as attorney's fee, and the further sum of \$14.25 costs and disbursements, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me out of the personal property of said defendants, and if sufficient could not be found, then out of the real property belonging to said defendants on and after the date of said judgment to satisfy said sum of \$275.00 and also the costs upon this writ of execution, judgment order and decree, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, being unable to find any personal property of said defendants, I did on the 9th day of July, 1913, duly levy upon the following described real property of said defendants, situated and being in the County of Clackamas, and state of Oregon, to-wit:

Two (2), three (3) and four (4), in block numbered seventy-two (72) in Ninth Ward Addition to the city of Portland, Oregon, and I will on Saturday, the 13th day of September, 1913, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of this county court house in the city of Oregon City, in said county and state, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, the highest bidder, for the cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants, or either of them, had on the date of said judgment or since had in or to the above described real property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order, decree interest, costs and all accruing costs. E. T. MASS, Sheriff of Clackamas County, Ore. By B. J. Staats, Deputy. Dated Oregon City, Oregon, Aug. 11, 1913.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas. The Frankfort Marine Accident and Plate Glass Insurance Company of Frankfort on the Main, Germany, the Frankfort General Insurance Co., Plaintiff vs. Owen Boyle and Anna Boyle, Defendants. To Owen Boyle one of the above named defendants: In the name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from August 21, 1913, the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit: For a judgment foreclosing and barring you forever of any right, title or interest in and to a certain sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) on an insurance policy written by the plaintiff insurance company, in which you are named as beneficiary, and that this plaintiff may be forever discharged of and from any liability under and by virtue of the terms of said policy, or the money due or owing thereon, and for such other further relief as the plaintiff herein may be entitled to in equity and good conscience.

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