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FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1905.

THE ANTIQUATED ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

"Theodore Roosevelt is to be elected President of the United States next Monday."

That sounds like a bit of jargon from an insane asylum until one stops to think that next Monday is the day for the assembling of the electoral colleges in the various states. Then, of course, one recognizes that it is strictly true—unless, perchance, the electors die, or are bribed, or prove ineligible, or are forcibly detained from meeting, in which contingencies we would either have no President at all chosen for the next term or else we would have some other man than Roosevelt.

Impossible contingencies, no doubt, and yet not entirely impossible in the event of some very close election some time in the future. At any rate they have possibility enough in them to induce Simon Newcomb to come out of the heavens and the fourth dimension, which are his ordinary spheres of activity, and busy himself urging a constitutional change to make them absolutely impossible. His arguments are to be found in the current North American Review.

Professor Newcomb thinks that at the very least the electors ought to be got rid of. The states could still vote as units and have weight in the result in proportion to their congressional strength, just as now, but he thinks they should vote for the presidential candidates direct and that the formalities of the Electoral College should be dropped. There is no doubt we should have a more rational system in practice if the elections were held in this manner, though it must not be overlooked that such a change would involve the legal recognition of party nominations in the presidential just as in other elections. Neither in the theory nor in the law of presidential elections thus far in our history has there been any recognition of party.

Further than this, however, Professor Newcomb would like to go. Either direct popular vote by the country as a whole or else a vote by congressional districts instead of by states appears to him preferable to the present system. These are proposals to be argued on their merits. However, it may safely be said, in view of the past history of our constitution, that they never will be argued on their merits with a direct view to constitutional amendment until the evils of the present system have become vastly greater than they now are. The vote for electors by congressional districts, instead of by states, is of course possible under our present Constitution in all states that desire to adopt it.—Chicago-Record Herald.

A NEEDED LAW.

It is proposed to have enacted at the present session of the state legislature laws requiring the publication of legal notices together with reports of proceedings of city councils and other organizations serving in a public capacity. A more general publication of these notices should be had in this state. Many of the other states provide for the publishing of a great number of important notices that are not included in the statutes of this state. For instance, it would be only right and proper to cause the proceedings of the city council to be published after each meeting. In this city the papers publish but a bare synopsis of the most important matters receiving consideration, omitting altogether some items, such as the auditing of bills, in which the taxpayer has a personal interest. Publishing of these reports in detail would have a tendency to thwart the consummation of many extravagant ideas, with which, under the existing conditions, the individual does not become informed except he be directly concerned in the transaction. Some such law as that proposed should be passed at this session of the legislature in the interest of the public service.

MINORS KEEP OUT OF SALOONS.

In his efforts to keep minors from frequenting saloons and striving to

terminate the practice so long followed by some local saloon men of selling their goods to minors, Mayor Sommer is very generally indorsed by the people of Oregon City. That the Mayor is in earnest in the matter was evidenced Saturday night when he made the rounds of the saloons, finding two minors in one resort. While the lads were not caught in the act of drinking, they did not escape a severe reprimand and were warned never again to be found in a saloon. Dr. Sommer has given explicit instructions to have strictly enforced the ordinances pertaining to the saloons of the city and their relations to minors.

CLACKAMAS' LOW LEVY.

By comparing the tax levy of Clackamas county with that made by the other counties of the state, it is observed that the levy of this county is lower than that made by any other county for the year 1904. This speaks well for the county and the business-like administration of its affairs by the officers in charge. The levy for general county expenses for the ensuing year is one-half mill less than was levied for the same purpose a year ago. By curtailing the expenditures and providing for the raising of about \$2000 by a special tax for reducing the indebtedness, the financial condition of the county will be very greatly improved.

An attempt was made at the recent Good Roads Convention to inculcate the farmers and taxpayers with the idea that the cause of good roads needed the services of a county engineer at a monthly salary of \$150. It has been pointed out that Judge Ryan, of Clackamas county, who can show more miles of good roads in that county than there are in any other county in Western Oregon, hired an engineer only when he was needed, and that his services cost the county only \$300 a year. The Morning Oregonian, doubtless having Judge Scott in view, and wishing to make our County Judge do a little solid thinking before going too far, says: "There are thousands of farmers who think they know as much about road-building as any polished young gentleman who was ever graduated from the engineering department of a college. They are honest in their belief, and perhaps some of them are right. There are a great many of them who would be certain they are right if County Courts should employ high-salaried men in white shirts and stiff collars to ride around over the country and tell the farmer boys how to do the work. The horny-handed sons of toil won't stand for that sort of thing in this or any other state, and the adoption of that plan would create sentiment against modern methods in road-building."—Woodburn Independent.

The bill to be introduced in the Oregon Legislature early in the session providing for the publication of the county assessment rolls is a meritorious measure, and deserves the vote of every member of the law-making body. The bill has the unanimous endorsement of the Oregon Press Association, and will be the first law ever asked by the newspaper men of the state. The publication of the county assessment rolls has proved highly satisfactory to the taxpayers in the states where the plan has been given a trial, and will prove of like value in Oregon, if adopted. The Albany Herald puts the whole matter in a nutshell when it says: "The newspaper men who are advocating the use of more advertising space in the matter of assessment rolls, are suggesting a business proposition to the legislature. Where the rolls are published, the county saves more by many hundred per cent than the cost. Property evading taxation is brought before the assessor. Improper values find adjustment. The idea is good business and according to modern methods and action should be taken by the legislature towards the ends mentioned."—Polk County Observer.

"House Bill No. 194," about which there is so much reference by the newspaper paragraphers in Oregon is not a bill at all. It is the reference that used to be made to the business calling members of either house out to a certain room where liquid refreshments were kept. They said they were going out to consider "House Bill No. 194." That was in the long ago, when Oregon Legislatures were wild and woolly. There is no such a bill these days. Oh, no!—Roseburg Plaindealer.

The Southern Pacific Company has ordered a new gasoline motor car for experiment on the West Side line, from Portland to Forest Grove. It will have a capacity for fifty people and will be capable of running at a high rate of speed. No cars of this kind are in use in the United States at the present time, but are said to be successfully operated in portions of Europe. If the experiment meets the expectations of its promoters, it will revolutionize the railway passenger traffic in Oregon.—Exchange.

Oregon City's Big Cash Store

ADAMS BROS.

Our Fifth Anniversary

CLEARANCE SALE

Our Great Clearance Sale still continues with prices lower than ever. Lower we know than any store in Portland. Our patrons have learned from past experience to expect a great deal from our annual sales, but this year their expectations will be more than realized for we intend to make our Fifth Anniversary Sale one to be remembered.

Every Article in the Store Reduced

We have just completed our fifth year of successful business life in Oregon City, and in order to celebrate it in a way, we have purchased four of the highest grade Singer Sewing Machines, valued at \$65.00 each, and will give them away during the month of January. With each twenty-five cents the customer will be given a ticket entitling them to one chance in each drawing during January. Awards made January 14th, 21st, 28th, 1905. In addition to this, we will offer the greatest values in merchandise ever given the people of Clackamas County. It is impossible to enumerate all our stock in a single advertisement, but the following items are a sample of the values given. With no desire to put our honesty above that of any other advertiser, we can honestly say we have never marked our stock at ridiculously high prices in order to make the selling price seem a greater bargain.

Ticket No. 2047
First Machine presented to Mrs. G. W. Tyacke,
Oregon City.

Ticket No. 2734
Second Machine presented to Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, West Oregon City.

MEN'S CLOTHING

The Famous Crouse & Brandegee Clothing Included in this Sale

All \$6.50 Suits	AT	All \$10.00 Suits	AT	All \$13.50 Suits	AT	All \$16.50 Suits	AT
" 7.25 "		" 10.50 "		" 14.00 "		" 17.50 "	
" 8.00 "	5.90	" 11.00 "		" 14.50 "	10.15	" 18.00 "	
" 8.50 "		" 11.50 "	8.40	" 15.00 "		" 18.50 "	
" 8.75 "		" 12.00 "				" 19.00 "	14.75
		" 12.50 "				" 19.50 "	
						" 20.00 "	

It has been suggested that it is about time for some enterprising space writer to discover some pest that threatens the partial if not the total loss of the 1905 hop crop.

The fellow who gets hot under the collar and seeks to recover damages for something that inadvertently slipped in a newspaper uncomplimentary to him, usually has about the same experience as is related of the man who tied the old cow's tail to his leg in order to facilitate matters while milking. He said he had not been dragged more than two miles before he realized that he had made a mistake.—Exchange.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY COURT.

Business Transacted at Regular January Term.

Be it remembered, That at a regular term of the County Court of Clackamas County held in the court house in Oregon City, for the purpose of transacting county business in January, the same being the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said court, present, Hon. Thos. F. Ryan, county judge, presiding; T. B. Kilbin, and Wm. Beist, commissioners, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

In the matter of the petition of Addie Hodgkin and Frank Hodgkin for the vacation of part of river street in Jennings' Lodge:
Ordered that petition be granted.
In the matter of a petition of Elmer Vettore for telephone franchise:
Ordered that the same be continued until February term.
In the matter of the petition of W. S. King for permission to pay part of a mortgage tax:
Ordered that upon payment of \$65 petition will be granted.
In the matter of the petition of John McNamara, for county aid:
Ordered that petition as presented be denied.

In the matter of the petition of J. M. Tracy and others for county road:
Ordered that Viewers meet at place of beginning on the 16th day of January, 1905.
In the matter of the proposition of Wm. Mortensen to furnish lumber for repairs to roadway:
Ordered that the offer of Wm. Mortensen to donate to county lumber for repair of road near his sawmill be accepted and supervisor be instructed to lay and spike the same.
In the matter of the petition of J. M. Stone and others, with subscription list, for the improvement of Milk Creek road at the intersection of Molalla road:
Ordered that the same be accepted and supervisor instructed to take out stumps and gravel same.
In the matter of the selection of jury list for year 1905:
Following names were drawn:
Samuel Jones, Parkplace; I. D. Taylor, Oregon City; W. J. Rauch, Gladstone; C. H. Dauchy, Gladstone; E. J. Maple, Parkplace; Jos. Meindl, Parkplace; J. W. McAnulty, Oregon City; Lorenz Mumpower, Parkplace; Wm. H. Faulbon, Parkplace; Patrick Harris, Gladstone; Wm. A. Blaut, Gladstone; Louis Rall, Gladstone; C. U.

Barlow, Barlow; Chris Koehner, Barlow; A. B. Cole, Barlow; Patrick H. Mulloy, Barlow; Henry Hodges, Barlow; Rudolph Zimmerman, Barlow; David O. Freeman, Barlow; W. H. Seaward, Barlow; G. A. Schuebel, Shubel; Frank Jagger, Carus; Edwin E. Howard, Carus; Charles Spangler, Carus; Thomas Duffy, Beaver Allen Edwards, Beaver Creek; Joseph Wilson, E.W. Hornshuh, Beaver Creek; D. F. LeFevre, Carus; Thomas J. Lewis, Beaver Creek; Thomas Davies, Beaver Creek; James Shannon, Beaver Creek; Thomas Danials, Beaver Creek; John G. Epperson, Borings, John Richie, Borings; Morris H. Wheeler, Borings; Silas E. Card, Borings; Andrew Vetch, Borings; Bert C. Palmer, Colton; George Foreman, Colton; Preston E. Bonney, Colton; Joseph Arquette, Colton; Joel Jarl, Sandy; S. J. Landon, Sandy; Wm. P. Roberts, Jos. Hall, James Bell, Sandy; James Pheelan, Sandy; James Adkins, Canby; Heman A. Lee, Canby; Henry Knight, Canby; John Molzan, Canby; Frank Zollner, Canby; C. W. Corby, Clackamas; S. J. Garrison, Robert Witz, Clackamas; Willis Imel, Clackamas; C. F. Street, Clackamas; C. E. Zinser, Clackamas; Chas. Otty, Clackamas; Spencer Thomas, Ely; Robert Kelland, A. W. France, Oregon City; W. L. Midiam, Oregon City; E. E. Kellogg, Oregon City; A. H. Finnigan, J. Y. Humphreys, Oregon City; W. A. Hedges, Oregon City; A. Warner, Oregon City; Edward Nuttall, Oregon City; Theo. Revenus, Cherryville; J. W. Elliott, Cherryville; John Bucholz, Cherryville; John Belcher, Cherryville; W. E. Welch, Salmon; L. M. Palmer, Salmon; C. W. Harris, Cherryville; J. C. Elliott, Damascus; Lewis Rodim, Damascus; Francis A. Welch, Damascus; J. M. H. Deardorf, Damascus; Geo. W. Johnson, Damascus; William Card, Damascus; Edward R. Johnson, Damascus; John C. Royer, Damascus; John Bates, Damascus; Emil Weise, Damascus; John W. Hilleary, Damascus; J. K. Ely, Eagle Creek; G. B. Linn, Eagle Creek; A. D. Burnett, Eagle Creek; J. W. Dowty, Eagle Creek; Harvey Gibson, Eagle Creek; A. Gerhardus, Eagle Creek; Noah Stingley, Eagle Creek; A. Bartlemay, Eagle Creek; A. J. Brown, Eagle Creek; J. L. Brackett, Eagle Creek; Fred Stubbe, Eagle Creek; Julius Paulsen, George; Henry Johnson, George; Hans Jenson, George; Fred Lins, George; Peter Ruhl, Joseph DeShazer, George; J. H. Palmtater, Garfield; B. F. Bullard, Garfield; Asa Hawkins, George; Edwin Bates, Garfield; Robert Miller, Garfield; F. M. Gill, Garfield; George Lockerby, Garfield; W. R. Outfield, Garfield; E. F. Surface, Garfield; Wm. Stubbe, Garfield; J. C. Tracy, Garfield; H. W. Hageman, Logan; J. J. Hatton, Logan; W. P. Kirechem, Logan; John W. Watta, Logan; W. L. Clark, Logan; William Byers, Logan; C. F. Wolfer, Logan; G. Fisher, Logan; Julius Busch, Logan; F. F. Hatton, Logan; T. P. McCubbin, Logan; Eli Fellows, Highland; S. Hutchinson, Highland; Fred Hoff, Highland; R. L. Ringo, Highland; Milo Gard, Highland; Peter Kern, Highland; J. W. Jones, Highland; P. Maasinger, Highland; Ole Hanson, Clarks; Louis Callahan, Highland; Michael Holland, Clarks; W. C. Owings, Hubbard; Marlon Samson, Hubbard; Peter Anderson, Woodburn; O. H. Robbins, Woodburn; W.

Long, Woodburn; E. L. Kenagy, Hubbard; Wm. Lennon, Woodburn; Albert Erb, Hubbard; Wm. Beard, Ely; Thos. Davies, Ely; Chas. W. Swallow, Ely; W. W. Myers, Ely; A. Mautz, Ely; Alfred Howland, Oregon City; W. O. Dickerson, Ely; Sherman D. Barney, Oregon City; R. L. Snodgrass, Meadowbrook; Emil Hornschuh, Shubel; A. L. Larkin, Meadowbrook; A. Erickson, Mulino; Robert Schuebel, Mulino; D. L. Trullinger, Union Mills; Arthur Dougan, Mulino; John T. Evans, Mulino; N. H. Darnell, Liberal; J. Bottemiller, Milwaukie; J. J. Roetho, Milwaukie; A. C. McLaughlin, Milwaukie; O. Wissenger, Milwaukie; Chas. C. Mullin, Milwaukie; Philip Henneman, Milwaukie; J. S. Broetje, Milwaukie; Otto Naef, Milwaukie; T. Hagenberger, Milwaukie; Emil Shubert, Milwaukie; Fred Roadarmel, Milwaukie; George Ogle, Marquam; J. Ringo, Marquam; J. B. Albright, Marquam; Barton Jack, Marquam; I. D. Larkins, Marquam; S. G. Nieholm, Marquam; T. O. Ridings, Marquam; G. W. Bentley, Marquam; D. R. Hubbard, Marquam; Chas. Dougherty, Molalla; T. L. Dibble, Molalla; W. O. Vaughan, Molalla; R. Dickey, Molalla; Albert Engle, Molalla; G. V. Adams, Molalla; H. S. Ramsay, Molalla; John Vick, Molalla; Oliver Robbins, Molalla; J. L. Tubbs, Molalla; H. A. Kayler, Molalla; Frank Sawtell, Molalla; E. K. Dart, Molalla; Albert Pasold, Molalla; Albert Camehl, Wilsonville; L. Hasselbrink, Wilsonville; M. Tauchmann, Wilsonville; J. N. Woods, Wilsonville; Nat Baker, Wilsonville; William Scott, Wilsonville; A. P. Todd, Wilsonville; Henry Voss, Wilsonville; Louis Toedtemeier, Stafford; William Schatz, Stafford; F. P. Larson, Stafford; A. H. Borland, Stafford; Fred Oddenstadt, Stafford; John Wanker Stafford; Chas. T. Polityka, G. W. Seramin, Macksburg; J. H. Joyner, Macksburg; F. Kraxberger, Macksburg; J. H. Daly, Macksburg; A. Mosherberger, Macksburg; W. C. Wilson, Macksburg; E. A. Wright, Macksburg; George Brown, New Era; Thos. Blanchard, Jr., New Era; John Braddl, New Era; Robert Clarke, New Era; H. H. Gregory, New Era; R. J. Brown, New Era; Wm. H. Jones, New Era; W. B. Thompson, New Era; W. S. Rider, New Era; Mort Haines, New Era; Herman Anthony, New Era; J. L. Hoffman, New Era; Richard Dundas, New Era; August Montandon, Needy; J. J. Cooke, Oregon City; R. Brockart, Needy; C. W. Noblitt, Needy; Carroll E. Hilton, Needy; T. C. Acheron, Needy; T. A. Dampau, Needy; L. Mosherberger, Needy; J. H. Wolfer, Needy; J. J. Cooke, Oregon City; R. D. Wilson, Oregon City; G. W. Church, Oregon City; Chas. E. Caulfield, Oregon City; Chas. Horn, Oregon City; H. E. Stevens, Oregon City; Frank Busch, Oregon City; Wm. B. Zimwalt, Oregon City; J. Vigellus, Oregon City; William Andresen, C. W. Vonderahe, W. J. Wilson, Oregon City; S. L. Belling, Oregon City; J. W. Cole, Oregon City; Frank Barlow, Oregon City; P. Nehren, Oregon City; Caleb Cross, Oregon City; David Caulfield, Oregon City; Columbus C. Babecek, Oregon City; C. W. Fredericks, Oregon City; H. L. Kelly, Oregon City; Henry Milloy, Oregon City; S. F. Scripture, Oregon City; T. W. Sullivan, Oregon City; A. L. Beattie, Oregon City; A. L. Millin, Oregon City; S. S. Walker, Oregon City; O. H. Cheney, Oregon City;

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