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THE FIRE ELECTION.

The annual fire election Monday was a good natured contest. Frank McGinnis, the newly-elected Chief, is a good fellow well met. For years he has been an active fireman and his elevation to the head of the department is a deserved recognition for his years of faithful service.

Three young men were selected for fire commissioners, their election as in the case of Mr. McFarland being without a contest. They are: Pat Finucane, from the Cataracts; Henry P. Roos of the Fountains and C. W. Pope, of the Columbia Hook & Ladder Company.

PAYS HIS OWN FARE.

Few men occupying public places nowadays are found who decline to accept all courtesies proffered by transportation and other corporations, especially when a declination of the courtesies involves the expenditure of cold cash.

During the last year Mr. Koerner refused to accept transportation that was sent him for his own use and also for members of his family. In every instance the transportation was returned accompanied by a note acknowledging receipt and explaining the reason for its non-acceptance.

EMPLOY THE INITIATIVE.

The movement, initiated at a public meeting in Yamhill, to invoke the referendum on the appropriation bill in an effort to eliminate the biennial allowance for the state normal schools is open to criticism. Constructive, rather than destructive, legislation is the only means of treating the subject without a serious and costly interruption resulting to the state in the management of its various institutions for which an appropriation is absolutely required to be available every two years.

To refer the appropriation bill in question by referendum petition would tie up the various appropriations that have been made for the insane asylum, state prison, reform, deaf mute, and blind schools. The result would be the issuance of interest bearing warrants. The abuse complained of can be directly reach-

ed by initiative petition. If the opponents of the bill wish to cut off the state support from so many normal schools and re-organize the normal school situation in the state, a bill covering the subject can be framed and submitted on its merits.

LEMONADE VS. PUNCH.

The fact that three of the volunteer fire companies of this city each gave a dance this winter with success from a social and a financial consideration, speaks well for the general public which is at all times generous in its patronage of any enterprise that is fostered by the city's volunteer fire fighters.

But the Cataracts made a hit last Friday evening at their Inauguration Ball when they served pure lemonade as a substitute for the usual punch, charged with quantities of almost every known intoxicant, that is usually offered at dancing parties.

In the death, presumably from poison, at Honolulu, of Mrs. Jane Stanford, the cause of education of the Pacific Coast, particularly Stanford University, loses a staunch friend and a liberal provider. Succeeding her husband, the late Senator Stanford on his death, in the management of the vast estate, Mrs. Stanford has devoted her every care and much of her wealth to the support and growth of the big university that was founded in memory of an only son.

The Enterprise is not conducting a seed store but in the last two months we have distributed among the good people of Clackamas County several hundred packages of garden seeds. These seeds are sent to the Enterprise annually from Washington, D. C., and their distribution has never been conditioned on your becoming a subscriber to this paper or the payment of a year's back subscription.

"Mac" was elected chief of the Oregon City fire department Monday.

DIVORCE IN MISSOURI.

Several bills have been introduced in the legislature to limit the un-questioned evils of divorce made easy. A revision of the laws on this subject is essential to the public welfare and to a decent, honorable standard of society. Divorce abuses demand earnest attention because their vicious, demoralizing affects are increasingly emphasized in Missouri and throughout the country.

Missouri has not purposely assailed the marriage relation. Between 1869 and 1901 the number of divorces granted in the United States was 700,000, and the number for the next thirty-four years at the same ratio, would be 3,000,000. That means broken homes for 6,000,000 men and women, and for not less than 12,000,000 children, this deep wrong to the young being one of the most serious features of what must be called the diseased condition of the divorce laws in the various states which are in conflict with each other with morality and with common sense.

separations. All should be thoroughly considered, keeping in mind the unquestionable fact that Missouri is one of the backward states in contending against this widespread, insidious social danger.

Both the late state platforms in Missouri call for divorce reforms. The Republican platform declares: "The prevalence of divorce from the sacred bonds of matrimony in this state we deplore, and we are in favor of immediate and careful revision of the divorce laws to the correction of this great evil."

DR. OSLER AND HIS THEORY.

A man with a theory is a public menace. There should be a law against the exhibition of hypotheses within the city limits, or the discharge of opinions upon the highway. We live happily, and gradually adjust ourselves to our neighbors.

If men were like billiard-balls, and their gyrations, and angles of incidence, and impact, and resiliency, could be accurately and mathematically determined, we should, of course, be grateful for theories like Dr. Osler's. We might even accept the grosser result of his belief, and asphyxiate those who have lost the impetus given them by the great Cue.

Others bellow through youth and strive through young manhood, only to halt, falter, and go to sleep long before Dr. Osler's limit is reached. We are creatures of fancy, of spirit, of airy passions. We fix our eyes on the goal of the theorist and turn aside from it unquestioningly at the call of some vagrant vision, forever forgetful of the stern and tangible mark. Dr. Osler's fortieth milestone, beyond which we should not try to go, is a mere gross token of distance. He is past it himself. But he should not examine his own mind and then shout to the world that every man near sixty is a fool.

Most of us think of life not as measured by years or days, but as a succession of infinite moments. It is a procession of flashlights on the continuous screen of our memory on which we see ourselves in various sudden attitudes—heroic, foolish, abashing, ludicrous, and inspiring. It is like the humming kitescope which we can slow up sometimes to see the continuous action break into contortions as the whirl slackens, until at last, the machine nearly stopped, we fail to recognize the glory and quick life of what but a moment ago we were enjoying. Consequently, to the great world that does and thinks none too much, it is a short life and a hot one in preference to a long one and a cold one. Better to struggle and fight and drop exhausted, than to worry along, hiding in the corners and avoiding the highways filled with dangers.

WEATHER FOR MARCH.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Issues Some Statistics.

The following data covering a period of 33 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Portland, Oregon. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed during the month in question for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

Month, March for 33 years. TEMPERATURE. Mean or normal temperature, 47 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1889, with an average of 54 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1897, with an average of 40 degrees. The highest temperature was 79 degrees on March 25th, 1886. The lowest temperature was 20 degrees on March 20, 1896.

Will Vote On Bill

Continued from Page 1. "Thirteenth—How many of the Senators and Representatives composing the ways and means committee of the late session of the Legislature were from the Normal School counties? Will Senator Kuykendall or Representative Mills please explain how so many from these Normal School counties came to be selected for that committee? Did the selection of the members of this committee have anything to do with the organization of the House and the Senate?"

"Bound To Employ Referendum. "While I am satisfied that constructive legislation proposed by initiative petition is a better means of treating the normal school question than is the plan of invoking the referendum," said W. S. U'Ren today, "still I do not think there is any possible way to prevent the movement that was started at the Mc-Minnville mass meeting from being carried out. By treating the subject through the initiative the Normal Schools would have two years in which to close up their business, and this could be done if the appropriation bill were not referred at this time."

"The sentiment, however, demanding that the referendum be invoked on the appropriation bill is growing in every section of the state," continued Mr. U'Ren. "Today I received several letters from different sections of the state and each represents the sentiment in that respective locality to be pronounced for employing the referendum without delay. The author of one letter was so much in earnest he wrote that even if the hold-up of the appropriations contained in the bill should cost the state \$100,000, the tax-payers would profit, for the referendum is aimed at items in the bill that aggregate nearly \$150,000."

Mr. U'Ren visited McMinnville Saturday for the purpose of suggesting the use of initiative legislation rather than the referendum in the treatment of the case, but he found the Yamhill people determined to refer the bill to the people at once. Sentiment among the organizers of the referendum movement at this time is not only against the appropriations for the three minor Normal Schools of the State aggregating \$130,000, but serious objections are made to several items that have been appropriated for the State University and the State Agricultural College.

"The Yamhill people," stated Mr. U'Ren, "are determined to invoke the referendum on the appropriation bill, not only to cut off this particular extravagance, but also as a matter of principle to strike a death blow to the log-rolling practices of the state school combination holding that the Agricultural College and the University delegations are as guilty and dangerous as the normal school representatives."

The earliest date on which first killing frost occurred in autumn, October 13. Average date on which first killing frost occurred in autumn, November 15. Average date on which last killing frost occurred in Spring, March 17th.

The latest date on which last killing frost occurred in Spring, May 9th.

PRECIPITATION. Average for the month, 5.19 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 18.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 12.76 inches in 1872. The least monthly precipitation was 0.63 inches in 1885.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 2.0 inches on 5th, 1894, 11th, 1887 and 11th, 1903.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER.

Average number of clear days, 5. Partly cloudy days, 19. Cloudy days, 16.

WIND.

The prevailing winds have been from the South. The average hourly velocity of the wind is 7 miles per hour.

The highest velocity of the wind was 55 miles from the South, on March 25th, 1897.

Attacked by A Mob.

and beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25 cents at Howell & Jones drug store.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral advertisement with illustration of a man coughing and text describing its benefits for coughs and throat issues.

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