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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. Somebody, of course, had to be degenial J. A. McGlashan, the Willamette grocer. The closeness of the vote for chief speaks for the popularity of the two candidates and, typical of the Oregon City fireman, the defeated candidate will continue to be none the less an active member of the fire department than he was before Monday's election.

E. L. McFarland's election as assistant chief without an opposing ing of that young man among his management of the vast estate, Mrs. lives by denouncing Dr. Osler, says propriations for the three minor Normal candidate tells of the popular standfellow firemen. In the absence of Stanford has devoted her every care the Chief from a fire, it may be de- and much of her wealth to the suppended upon that the work of the port and growth of the big univerdepartment will be capably and intelligently directed by Mr. McFar- an only son.

Three young men were selected

to the city.

### PAYS HIS OWN FARE.

Few men occupying public places nowadays are found who decline to the now limited supply lasts. accept all courtesies proffered by transportation and other corporature of cold cash. But there is in Oregon City such a man who explains his position by stating that so long as he has the funds with which to buy transportation, he will never accept aspass from any railroad or other transportation company. That man is Rudolph Koerner, a member of the city council, who by his conservative policy in the management of municipal affairs, has won for himself the credit of being the "watch-dog of the city's exchequ-

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.

Mr. Koerner is a faithful member of the City Council in the deliberations of which he is an active parmen of Mr. Koerner's unassuming and conservative type in the management of public affairs the need of grand jury investigations would be largely dispensed with.

## 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 bi-ennial 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

To refer the appropriation bill in question by referendum petition would tie up the various appropria-tions 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 of divorce, and the regulation of on March 2d, 1896. complained of can be directly reach-

Oregon City Enterprise ed by initiative petition. If the op- separations. All should be thorponents of the bill wish to cut off oughly considered, keeping in mind Will Vote On Bill CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL the state support from so many the unquestionable fact that Misa bill covering the subject can be spread, insidious social danger.

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 management of each of the management of each of the dances provided attractive music and in every way provided for the entertainment of their guests.

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. By providing cloakroom accommodations with lady and gentelmen attendants, the Cataracts also thoroughly provided for the comfort of their guests and avoided against the exhibition of hypotheses the usual confusion that attends within the city limits, or the disfeated, and in this instance it was large parties and reflected much credit on their manner of conducting the affair.

for fire commissioners, their election a seed store but in the last two the grosser result of his belief, and to strike a death blow to the log-rolling as in the case of Mr. McFarland months we have distributed among asphyxiate those who have lost the practices of the state school combination being without a contest. They are: the good people of Clackamas Counimpetus given them by the great and the University delegations are as Pat Finucane, from the Cataracts; ty several hundred packages of Cue. But it is a sad fact that hu-Henry P. Roos of the Fountains and garden seeds. These seeds are sent man souls and bodies are not to be school representatives." Henry P. Roos of the Fountains and garden seeds. These seeds are some C. W. Pope, of the Columbia Hook to the Enterprise annually from Washington, D. C., and their discontained by laws set down in figures. Men dwadle away forty years With its newly elected corps of tribution has never been conditioned and then start ahead, driven by officers, the fire department continues in good hands. It is a credit this paper or the payment of a year's the spirit, and for forty more move back subscription. The seeds cost the land marks of our existence. us nothing and we are pleased to Others bellow through youth and present them to readers of the En-strive through young manhood, only terprise or others who may call, all to halt, falter, and go to sleep long

tions, especially when a declination Oregon City fire department Mon- aside from it unquestioningly at

### DIVORCE IN MISSOURI.

Several bills have been introduced in the legislature to limit the unsubject is essential to the public that every man near sixty is a fool. 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. A short time ago the President sent to Congress a message on the subject, pointing out the necessity of gathering divorce statistics in all the states, and referring to the vorce laws are dangerously lax and indifferently administered in some of the states, resulting in a diminnext thirty-four years at the same ratio, would be 3,000,000. That fight and drop exhausted, than to at Howell & Jones drug store. means broken homes for 6,000,000 worry along, hiding in the corners men and women, and for not less than 12,000,000 children, this deep with dangers. 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 U. S. Department of Agriculture Issues which are in conflict with each other with morality and with common

ed the marriage relation. But its Oregon. They are issued to show the conloose and antiquated laws on divorce ditions that have prevalled during the are almost an invitation to licenti- month in question for the above period ous views on matrimony, and they of years, but must not be construed as a are undeniably a light estimate of forecast of the weather conditions for its responsibilities. The statute of the coming month. this state on common law marriages dates from the English law of 1607. That English law was changed in England in 1753, but still holds its grees. place in the statutes of Missouri in 1905. The various bills on divorce with an average of 54 degrees. pending in the legislature contain important reform ideas. They touch with an average of 40 degrees. on advertising to procure divorces; marriage contracts until one year

normal schools and re-organize the souri is one of the backward states normal school situation in the state, in contending against this wide- later?

of immediate and careful revision the members of this committee have any of the divorce laws to the correction House and the Senate? of this great evil." The Democrat- A candid answer of the above quesic platform contains this passage: tions would be greatly appreciated by "We favor the revision of the di- the public." vorce laws of Missouri, with a view to the repression of prevailing tive regislation proposed by initiative abuses and the maintenance of the petition is a better means of treating sanctity of the marriage contract." In fulfillment of these promises the present legislature ought to pass whatever it approves in the bills movement that was started at the Mcnow pending. It is an issue on 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 be safely or consistently postponed business, and this could be done if the for two years more.-St. Louis appropriation bill were not referred at Globe-Democrat.

DR. OSLER AND HIS THEORY.

menace. There should be a law way. We live happily, and gradually the hold-up of the appropriations con-In the death, presumably from and stops. "Well, well. Who would bill that aggregate nearly \$150,000. Stanford, the cause of education of dear sir, do you know you illustrate the Pacific Coast, particularly Stan-ford University, loses a staunch be chloroformed when he reaches ceeding her husband, the late Sen- we are by the ears, and the old men the Argonaut.

If men were like billiard-balls, and their gyrations, and angles of sity that was founded in memory of an only son. incidence, and impact, and resilency, could be accurately and mathe"The Yamhili people," The Enterprise is not conducting Dr. Osler's. We might even accept gance, but also as a matter of principle of whom are welcome so long as before Dr. Osler's limit is reached, We are creatures of fancy, of spirit, of airy passions. We fix our eyes on "Mac" was elected chief of the the goal of the theorist and turn 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. questioned evils of divorce made But he should not examine his own easy. A revision of the laws on this mind and then shout to the world

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 kinetscope which we can slow up sometimes to see the continuous "wide-spread conviction that the di- 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 and beaten, in a labor rlot, until covered

WEATHER FOR MARCH.

## Some Statistics.

The following data covering a period of 33 years, have been compiled from the Missouri has not purposely assail- Weather Bureau records at Portland,

Month, March for 33 years. TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal temperature, 47 de-The warmest month was that of 1889,

The coldest month was that of 1897

The highest temperature was 79 de grees on March 29th, 1886. The lowest temperature was 20 degrees

"Thirteenth-How many of the Senators and Representatives composing the Both the late state platforms in ways and means committee of the late Missouri call for divorce reforms, session of the Legislature were from the The Republican platform declare:
"The prevalence of divorce from the sacred bonds of matrimony in this school counties? Will Senator Kuykendall or Representative Mills please explain how so many from these Normal School counties came to be selected for state we deplore, and we are in favor that committee? Did the selection of thing to do with the organization of the

Bound To Employ Referendum. "While I am satisfied that constructhe normal school question than is the

"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 let-A man with a theory is a public ters from different sections of the state and each represents the sentiment in that respective locality to be pronounced charge of opinions upon the high- much in earnest he wrote that even if adjust ourselves to our neighbors. tained in the bill should cost the state Then a man comes swinging along the referendum is aimed at items in the

poison, at Honolulu, of Mrs. Jane have thought it! How curious! My Mr. U'Ren visited McMinnville Saturday for the purpose of suggesting the use of initiative legislation rather the referendum in the treatment of the case, but he found the Yamhill people friend and a liberal providor. Suc- the age of sixty?" And straightway determined to refer the bill to the people at once. Sentiment among the originators of the referendum movement ator Stanford on his death, in the have got up and are shortening their at this time is not only against the ap-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

> "The Yamhili people," stated Mr. matically determined, we should, of U'Ren, "are determined to invoke the course, be grateful for theories like referendum on the appropriation bill, not

> > 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 ar nch or more, 18.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 12.76 inches in 1873.

The least monthly precipitation was The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 hours (record extend-

ing to winter of 1884-85 only) was 2.0 inches on 5th, 1894, 11th, 1887 and 11th, CLOUDS AND WEATHER. Average number of clear days, 5. Partly cloudy days, 10.

Cloudy days, 16.

WIND. The prevailing winds have ben 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,

ishing regard for the sanctity of the what but a moment ago we were en- with sores, a Chicago street car conducmarriage relation." Between 1869 joying. Cosequently, to the great tor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and ticipant in outlining and conduct- and 1901 the number of divorces world that does and thinks none too was soon sound and well. "I use it in my ing the city's policies. With more granted in the United States was much, it is a short life and a hot family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekon-700,000, and the number for the one in preference to a long one and sha. Mich., and find it perfect." Simply a cold one. Better to struggle and great for cuts and burns. Only 25 cents

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