

DIXON DECLARES HIS PLATFORM.

George W. Dixon, editor of the Canby Tribune, has announced himself a candidate for Representative on the Republican ticket. Mr. Dixon makes the following pledges:

- 1. If I am nominated and elected, I will support the people's choice for United States Senator. Let the people elect their U. S. Senators and thus eliminate graft and bribery in our legislature. There is no true republican form of government that is not a government of the people, by the people and for the people.
2. Equality in taxation. Require that the manufacturer shall pay his just share of taxes the same as the farmer and producer. I was the first man in Oregon to discover and expose the attempt now being made to exempt all personal property from taxation and saddle the burden of taxation wholly upon the land, thus requiring the farmer to pay double his present taxes. I am still fighting the measure through the newspapers of the State.
3. A depositors' guarantee law, guaranteeing depositors against loss of their money in insolvent banks. During the past 12 months over 40 millions of the people's money deposited in banks have been squandered by dishonest bankers. The banks demand security before letting money out of the bank, and I shall demand security for the people before putting their money into the banks. If nominated and elected, I shall introduce this bill in the Legislature and fight for its passage. During the campaign I shall explain this proposed law and how it will operate to secure the people, and greatly benefit the banks by restoring confidence and putting into circulation money that is now hoarded away.
4. I shall advocate better roads and public highways, and a more liberal policy toward our public schools and educational institutions.
5. Rigid economy in the expenditure of public money, which is the people's money.
I have no past political record, but I believe a young man can have no higher ambition than to serve his State honorably and well, and if the people will stand back of me I promise that my every act shall be for the advancement of their interests, as opposed to the interests of the corporations and the money power.
GEORGE W. DIXON



THE LENTEN SEASON

(By Rev. T. F. Bowen.)

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday, the first day in Lent, and for the next six weeks, of the more than four hundred million Christian people in the world a large majority will with more or less devotion keep the Lent fast. Some will abstain from popular amusements and entertainments, some will abstain from luxuries in the way of food, nearly all will attend more frequently on the public services of the church and give more time to spiritual things than they are used to do. In various ways and with different degrees of faithfulness Lent will be observed.

What does it all mean? What is Lent? The question is asked many times each spring and many answers are given.

Some say it is simply "a survival of medieval superstition." Some say that "church people are taking a rest from social activities, all of which will be resumed with renewed energy after Easter." Others will give it up, and look on, puzzled at the strange idea which year by year dominates so many minds.

Again, then, what does it mean, what is Lent, how and when did it originate? To find the answer we must go back nearly 1800 years in the history of the churches. The earliest reference to the Lenten fast is found in the writings of the church father, Irenaeus. Irenaeus was born in A. D. 130 and was Bishop of Lyons in Gaul, modern France. There was during the time of Irenaeus a controversy concerning the proper time for observing Easter. Irenaeus, in a letter to another Bishop, refers to the controversy, and incidentally to the fast which was kept before Easter. His words are: "Some think they should fast one day, others two, others yet more, and this variety in its observance has not originated in our time, but long before in the days of our ancestors."

Now, when we remember that Irenaeus was born within forty years after the death of the last of the Apostles, that he had been instructed by Polycarp, who was a companion and pupil of the Apostle St. John, and when we remember that Irenaeus speaks of the fast before Easter as long established, it is obvious that the fast must have originated soon after the days of the Apostles; if not while they lived.

At first the length of the fast was 40 hours, but the time was gradually increased until, in the fourth century, we find it lasting 40 days. The present mode, by which it begins on Ash Wednesday dates from the close of the sixth century.

The primitive purpose of the Lenten fast was the commemoration of the sorrows, death and burial of the Saviour, the 40 hours corresponding to the time that elapsed between the suffering death of Christ and His resurrection. But as time went on another feature came in, and Lent was made a season of spiritual discipline for sins committed appeared before the Bishops "clothed with sack cloth, with bare feet and eyes turned to the ground." The Bishops and clergy recited the penitential psalms and suitable prayers, then rising, the Bishops threw ashes over the penitents as a sign of their mortality. Hence the origin of the Ash Wednesday.

The modern purpose of Lent is to provide a season of special prayer and penitence, a time of self-discipline of examining one's spiritual standing. Does not every man need some such provision? The purpose of this life is to educate the soul in a righteousness that will make it meet for entering on the future life. Does not every man need a time at which to stop and enquire what progress he is making in righteousness?

The Lenten season provides such a time, at which to ask one's self—for what am I living? Is it for the present or the future? For sin or for righteousness? For self or for God? Am I living to eat and drink, and dress, to buy and sell, and get gain? Or is there, back of all these things, a better and higher motive—God and righteousness?

Now this is the question the church desires every soul to face during the Lenten season; to face it manfully, to face it honestly, and to profit by facing it. This is the purpose of Lent.

This being so, those customs which have prevailed in the church in all ages find an adequate explanation. Prayer, abstinence, alms-giving, self-denial, multiplied religious services, all find a place, because they help to bring the soul into that state in which it is able to search for itself.

In the observance of Lent it will be as in the observance of other means of Grace. Some will use it faithfully, by a consistent use of its time honored customs. Others will "make light of it." And here as elsewhere "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap."

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COUNTY DEATHS

Mrs. Eliza Kernes. Mrs. Eliza Kernes died Wednesday at her home on First and Center streets, after an illness of three months. The funeral took place today from the First Baptist Church, Rev. John M. Linden, officiating, and the interment was in Mountain View cemetery, where the body was laid to rest by the side of deceased's husband, Jacob Kernes, who died here 14 years ago.

Mrs. Kernes was born in Harding County, O., in 1858, coming to Oregon in 1870, and has since resided in the Willamette Valley. She had been a resident of Oregon City for several years, and is survived by six children: Mrs. Sarah Woodward, James and George Kernes of Oregon City; Mrs. Ella Fields, of Pullman, Wash.; Thomas Kernes, of Kelso, Wash.; and Mrs. Clara Niebecker, of Napa, Cal. She also leaves two brothers, Warren Moore, of Manchester, Ia., and George Moore, of Marysville, Mo., and three sisters, Mrs. Sophia Hoskins, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Sarah Wickham and Mrs. Mary Charles, of Oregon City.

Mrs. E. D. Kelly. Mrs. Lucy Watrous Kelly, wife of E. D. Kelly, died at the home of her son-in-law, Chief of Police Charles E. Burns, at 6:15 o'clock Wednesday night. She had been in feeble health for some time, and an attack of la grippe hastened her death. She was born April 7, 1831, in Livingston County, N. Y., and was married to Mr. Kelly in 1852, at Grand Blanc, Mich. They crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853, and in 1856 returned by way of the Isthmus, again crossing west to California across the plains in 1859, and from there came to Oregon, where they have since resided. Mrs. Kelly is survived by a husband and three children, Charles W. Kelly, and Mrs. Maggie Burns, of Oregon City, and John W. Kelly, of Portland. Seven grand children and two great grand children also survive her.

Walter D. Curran. Walter D. Curran died Tuesday morning at his home in Ely, after an illness of about four months. Death was due to liver trouble. He was aged 40 years, 11 months, 11 days, and was born in Ohio, coming to Oregon in 1891. He is survived by three daughters, Josephine, aged 16 years, Frankie, aged 13 years, and Adeline, aged 8 years. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Mountain View church, under the auspices of Willamette Falls Camp, Women of the World, and Court Roblin Hood, Foresters of America, of which lodge deceased was a member. Rev. J. M. Linden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was the officiating clergyman. The interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. V. R. Fournier. Mrs. V. R. Fournier, wife of A. Fournier, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at her home in Oswego, of typhoid fever, at the age of 45 years.

Mrs. Fournier was born in Madison, Wis., and was married at Tecumseh, Neb., in 1875, and came to Oregon a year later. Besides her husband, three sons, George H., Riley and Alvie, and four daughters, Mrs. Clara Stanford of Seattle and Misses Maggie, Esther and Alice Fournier, survive her. Her funeral was held at Oswego cemetery Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. W. B. Moore officiating.

Delcie Rose. Miss Delcie Rose, aged 16 years, died Friday at her home in Jennings Lodge. Death was due to pneumonia and her illness was of short duration. The funeral took place Sunday. Services were held at the residence and the remains were interred in Clackamas cemetery.

HERZIG WINS A HOME.

Fred Herzig has procured a helpmate for life through a "Want Ad." and five healthy children have been thrown into the bargain. She lives at Oregon City, where she has a good home on Adams street, and with her and the children goes the home. Her name is Mrs. Maggie Hoskins. That she is his affinity, says Herzig, is undoubtedly a fact. Moreover, he picked her out of six applicants, because she got in on the ground floor and answered the "ad." first. "She do things quick," said Herzig, "and so I will marry her."

Moreover, Herzig is deeply grateful to the Telegram for assisting him in his quest of a woman to be his wife. He asserts that while acting as a matrimonial bureau may not be the specialty of the paper, in that field it has professed matrimonial agencies racing for seats in the rear. Taking his own assertions at their face value, the facts in the case appear to be as follows:

Herzig is a carpenter, who has for some time lived at Washougal, Wash., weeks ago he came to Portland and inserted the following advertisement in the Telegram:

WANTED—A woman with a home in city or town. Within a day or two he received six answers. One was from Mrs. Hoskins, at Oregon City. He liked her letter because she wrote first and her language sounded like that of an affinity.

He wrote Mrs. Hoskins at Oregon City and discovered that she was the real thing. He kept up a correspondence with her for two weeks, and then went to Oregon City, where he courted her a month. "Now," he said proudly, "I get me a license at Oregon City tomorrow, and Sunday she become Mrs. Herzig. I take her and de five kiddies and de home all at vunce. Und I make her vun d-n good husband, too."

Measuring Hay in Stacks.

To find the number of tons in long square stacks, multiply the length in yards, and that by half the altitude in yards. Then divide that by fifteen. For circular stacks, multiply the square of the circumference of the stack in yards by four times the altitude in yards and divide by two. The quotient will be the number of cubic yards. Divide by fifteen for the number of tons.

CLACKAMAS DEMOCRATS HOLD BIENNIAL FEAST

UNTERRIFIED STAND FOR BRYAN, THE PEERLESS, AND FOR STATEMENT NO. 1.

Democrats of Clackamas County were given the keys of the city Thursday and during the day and night they were given full sway. To the number of 200 they came to the city from outlying districts, and Thursday night held their biennial banquet in Wilamette Hall.

In the afternoon the county convention took place in Woodmen of the World Hall, with Chairman J. J. Cooke, of the county central committee, presiding. H. G. Starkweather was secretary of the meeting. Several rousing speeches were made, and a resolution was unanimously endorsed favoring the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for President of the United States, and Statement No. 1. The delegates to the state convention were instructed to support the statement and to use their efforts to send a Bryan delegation to the Democratic national convention. Mr. Cooke was re-elected chairman of the county central committee, in a race against W. B. Stafford, and O. D. Eby was elected secretary. The following delegates to the state convention were chosen: A. D. Gribble, Thomas L. Turner, W. O. Vaughan, Harvey G. Starkweather, L. H. Kirechem, Alfred L. Beale, Louis Funk, John Gaffney, J. E. Hedges and O. D. Eby.

Two hundred Democrats surrounded the banquet tables Thursday night. The menu was discussed for more than an hour, and then the toastmaster, Dr. W. E. Carl, announced that the first toast would be "Democracy," and that all other toasts would be the same. There was a slight sprinkling of Republicans present to watch their democratic brethren. The prevailing sentiment of the speakers was all for Statement No. 1 and Bryan, the Peerless, and the speeches of Governor Chamberlain, W. B. Dillard, of Columbia County; Frederick V. Holman, Colonel Robert A. Miller, Judge Foley and Mr. Hanson, of Portland, all aroused much interest. Mr. Dillard's subject was "The Donkey and the Elephant," and he said that when the elephant goes astray the donkey must straighten him up. Pleasing music from Portland was an attractive feature of the affair.

Every civil service reformer in the United States ought at once to write a protest to his member of Congress and his Senator against the purpose of Congress to ignore civil service methods in organizing the Census Bureau. The President has protested most earnestly, and the people should uphold his hands. Don't be deceived, either, by the specious assertion that no clerk will be admitted who does not pass an examination. This was true of the last census and yet, as the President has said, the examinations were a mere sham to hide a gross perpetuation of the spoils system.

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MILWAUKIE NEWS. A leap year ball was given recently at the band hall, under the auspices of the Linden Circle, Ladies of Woodcraft, which was a great success both socially and financially. A Mothers' Club has been organized in Milwaukie for the general improvement of school affairs. It promises to bear much good-fruit and will be watched with interest by all the mothers in this district. The officers are: Mrs. Margaret Roberts, president; Mrs. James Reid, vice-president; Mrs. George Wessinger, secretary; Miss Stella Niles, treasurer. Meetings are held every other Friday. Chester McLaughlin is confined to his home with the mumps.