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WEAK PLACES IN OREGON SYSTEM.

Theodore Roosevelt hit the nail on the head the other night in his address at Chicago when he said that it was not the system entirely—having reference to the Oregon system of initiative and referendum and the many good words that enthusiasts are saying for it—but that it is the men who put the system into practice.

A weak system of taxation may be put into execution so that all are given the same chance in the business world, but it matters not how good the system if the people are all trying to beat it—or the great majority—a large proportion will be able to beat it partially and a few escape all the burdens which it is supposed to impose.

The outcome of the whole discussion then, when sifted down, means that we should raise men and not crooks and dodgers, and if we have dodgers teach them better and if we have those who persist in being crooks give them the alternative of reforming or accepting a punishment fitting the crime.

It is true that one must catch his hare before he skins it, and that there will always be men who can escape and will escape part of the burden it is their duty to bear, but that does not alter conditions. The Oregon system is a good one if the people will unite in its support, but a dishonest man or men can search out a method of dodging duty even under it.

WAGE ADVANCEMENT AT MILLS.

The announcement made in this morning's Enterprise that the paper mills have posted bulletins giving notice of an advance in wages will be received with pleasure by many. The advance, by a conservative estimate, will mean the payment of \$75,000 a year more wages to employees without an increase in hours. It means that men who have been receiving \$1.75 a day will now receive \$2, and in like proportion in many other departments.

The action taken by the owners and officials is in the face of the fact that as matters terminated at Salem it would be impossible to force the mills to do anything in that line within the next two years were the mill operatives inclined to be stubborn. But in the face of the fact that there was no possibility of forcing their hand in that time the advance has been voluntarily made, and the employees will begin to receive the benefits March 1.

This condition is to obtain in all three mills and further plans are said to be under consideration, to be put into effect as those in charge see that the time is ripe and the company's officials can find the time to work them out.

HOBBLE AND HAREM SKIRTS.

While there is so much discussion about the hobble skirt and the harem skirt what's the matter with discussing the use of two yards of materials for women's gowns where one would do? There are sections in the world where women are not bundled with so many yards of stuff as here, and there is as much virtue as one can find here. It is not the yards of stuff a woman wears that adds to her virtue, but the dignity and grace with which she wears it. And with so many others who need the wasted goods for new dresses, and those burdened with the additional yards suffering where they might save self and make others happy, why have we not a good subject for the study of those who wish to do good? Reform in dress would mean great good the world over. Can it be possible the hobble and the harem skirt have a mission in calling attention to other evils beside themselves?

EXTRA SESSION PROBABLE.

Claim Made That Appropriation Bills Likely to Fail.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(Spl.)—It seems impossible for the President to escape calling a special session of Congress. It looks now as if the appropriation bills will fail, making such a move imperative. Reciprocity is blamed with the condition.

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Then Pa was in the prime of life; We twins were twelve, you know.

NEW BRIDGE PLANNED TO SPAN CLACKAMAS

The Southern Pacific is planning for very important improvements in its railway line at Parkplace, and among plans for the improvement of its road-bed is the cutting off of a sharp curve, necessitating the erection of a new bridge that will cover three times the ground of the present structure, and will cost a large sum of money at the same time making that point on its line safer for the traveling public and increasing the speed at which the river may be crossed and cutting down the time into Oregon City.

The engineers say that the improvements are to be begun at once—the survey has been made two or three times before—but it is said the company is now ready to make the improvement and that work will be commenced very shortly.

The crossing of the Clackamas at this point has always been considered dangerous, and great care has been taken to slow down its trains when approaching the river, and the bridge has been in such shape that the high waters made great care necessary. Part of the new plans contemplate reducing the expense of up-keep and the elimination of all possible danger at this point.

The improvement will be quite extensive, require the expenditure of considerable money and give employment to a goodly number of men. Local men can likely find employment in connection with the improvement. It is said the work will be commenced with a view to completing it before the bad weather of the next winter sets in. Grading will be done in time to permit the ground to settle during the dry season so that there may be no trouble or danger next winter.

CHOLERA AT HONOLULU.

San Francisco Won't Receive Vessels Without Proper Papers.
HONOLULU, Feb. 27.—(Spl.)—Four more deaths from cholera have occurred in the islands, at the quarantine station. This makes a total of six deaths. San Francisco has notified shipping that it must have quarantine papers or be subject to quarantine at that port.

JAPANESE TREATY RATIFIED.

Senate Took But Two Hours to Put it Through.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(Spl.)—The Senate ratified the Japanese treaty tonight after an executive session of two hours' duration. The western senators did not fight the treaty but they did express their solicitude lest it let down the bars.

ARRESTED FOR BRIBERY.

Late Chief of Police of Seattle is Caught in the Toils.
SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—(Spl.)—Chief Wapenstien, recently deposed, was arrested today on the charge of bribery. Two saloon men who had paid for protection are said to have told all. He furnished \$25,000 in bail and was released.

RAILWAYS MAY NOT Raise Freight Rates, the Order of Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(Spl.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided against the railroads in their proposed advance of freight rates. Both "Eastern" and "Western" cases have been decided against the roads.

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REAL ESTATE

Welgand, tract J, Clackamas River; J. R. Seaver, administrator, to W. E. and Emma Johnson, lots 15 and 16, block 7, Gladstone; \$120.
Henry Winkel, et al to John Rinkus, lots 9 and 10, block 5, Sunset City; \$1000.
D. K. Bill to John W. Loder, 40 acres, section 16, township 3 south, range 4 east; \$1.
John W. and Grace E. Loder to D. K. Bill, north half lot A, tract 57, 29 foot strip through southwesterly half of lot A, Willamette Tracts, and lots 7 and 8, block 23, Gladstone; \$1.
The following transfers of real estate were filed Saturday in the office of County Recorder Williams:
A. and Oleana Gunderson to Ned Nelson, northwest quarter of southeast quarter, section 15, township 2 south, range 4 east, 40 acres; \$2900.
Jos. B. Hillyard to Ned and Victoria A. Nelson, west half of northwest quarter of northeast quarter, section 3, township 2 south, range 4 east, 20 acres; \$1450.
Jos. B. Hillyard to John H. and Glenora L. Nelson, east half of north-

FORTIFIED CANAL IS THE DECISION

HOUSE VOTES TWO TO ONE TO SPEND ABOUT \$12,000,000 TO FORTIFY CANAL.
As Senate is in Favor Two to One Belief is That Action of House Settles Proposition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(Spl.)—

We are to have a fortified canal and the House at 10 o'clock tonight voted three million dollars to begin the work. It was a long debate but the vote was about two to one. It is estimated the total cost will be \$12,000,000.
As the Senate is said to be two to one in favor of the fortifications it is thought the action of the House practically settles the question.

There were many efforts to defeat the project by parliamentary tactics, but despite these the vote carried. Democrats voted for the measure in some instances and there were Republicans who were against it. But it was a Republican measure as a proposition and it was generally so considered.

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PATRIOTIC BANQUET AT MOUNT PLEASANT

A VERY LARGE ATTENDANCE— TABLES AND HALL DECORATED IN APPROPRIATE MANNER.

The Patriotic banquet and entertainment given by the Mount Pleasant Club at the assembly hall of the school house at that place Wednesday evening was one of the most enjoyable and successful affairs ever given by this organization, and was attended by about 250 people, who enjoyed the banquet that will not soon be forgotten. The tables, which were prettily decorated with daffodils and ferns, were laden with all that the market could afford, and much praise was given those who had charge in preparing the same. The banquet was served from 6 to 8 o'clock. The rooms were appropriately decorated for the occasion with festoons of bunting, evergreens, Oregon grape and American flags were used in profusion. To complete these artistic decorations a likeness of George Washington was draped in the American flags.

Following the banquet a programme consisting of the numbers was given, every number responding to an encore: "How to Be a Hero," Douglass King and Arnold Palmer; recitation, "Robert's Resolution," Louis Forward; chorus from the seventh, eighth and ninth grades of the Mount Pleasant school under the direction of Prof. Stevens; vocal selection, Mrs. Worley; recitation, "George Washington's Hatchet," Leona Kellogg, who was dressed in Martha Washington costume; chorus, pupils of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades; duet, Rosalie and Arnold Palmer, accompanied by Miss Lillian Palmer; solo, Mrs. Worley.

The proceeds of the affair will go towards the sidewalk fund, a sidewalk to be constructed along the Holmes road and the other along the Kellogg road, and the committees having charge of the affair will proceed at once to have the work completed, as a neat sum was the result of the banquet and entertainment last night.

SELECT NEW BOOK.

County School Superintendent Gary to Act on Committee.
State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. R. Alderman has appointed Dr. H. D. Sheldon, head of the department of education of the University of Oregon, and T. J. Gary, county school superintendent of Clackamas county, as a committee to act in conjunction in the selection of a book on psychology to take the place of Buel, and a book on theory and practical teaching to take the place of White's Art of Teaching.

These new books will not be taken up until December, 1911. The questions for the June examinations will not be taken from the new books, but those now in use, but the questions for the examinations following will be taken from the new books.

PRIMARY READING BY AN AUTHORITY

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and cover all but the first line with a slip of paper. I then say, "study and when you know it, look up." Each child studies and when they know it they look up I call on someone and he

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name it is afraid and so it says a, but when the little fairy vowel e comes and stands near it, it isn't afraid any more, and it says its name a, as a in hate.

I tell them the same story about two vowels coming together, the first one says its name and the second keeps quiet, as a in boat, o says its name and a keeps quiet; I also have them make as many words as they can from at as cat, that, rat, calling it the "at" family; cold, sold, fold, from the "old" family; plant, chant from the "ant" family, etc.

Soon they become very efficient in sounding and can, at the end of the first year, sound words of the length of dictionary, butterfly and duffal. With the exceptions of phonograms such as ch, saying ch the same as the steam-engine, sh-to be quiet, the only rules I teach are that x has the same sound as ks, and c the same as k.

Words that cannot be sounded I teach by the word method, all others in sounding I allow no concert work as there are always some slow pupils who would back-slide; these I soon discover and give individual help. The second year I begin by finding out their weaknesses. These may be in pronouncing words, in the expression, or in the meaning of words, phrases and sentences.

When I have found wherein their weakness lies, I begin by taking the greatest one and stay with it until they have overcome it, then the others and so on. I assign very short lessons but each child must be able to read it accurately, distinctly and with expression before we leave it.

In recitation, throughout the second year, they look on their books and read, but in the third, they read and look off the book as much as possible.



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