

THE PRIMARY LAW.

It is too often the habit of reformers to be impractical. Many a theory that is pretty on paper fails to work out in practice.

There are those who will be badly fooled if the primary law proves to be an unmixed blessing. There are those who do not hope for it to be a blessing at all.

It provides for two elections instead of one, and thereby raises up a new expense that somebody has to pay.

LET THE REBATE STAND.

The three per cent rebate should not be abolished, as is proposed by a new tax law the Development League will offer voters through the initiative at the next election.

THAT DOWRY.

The fool killer ought to be sent to Baker City at once. Alice Roosevelt, if she knew the facts, would probably second the motion.

—For the Christmas and New Year's holidays the following rates are authorized between all points on the C. & E. One fare for the round trip, minimum, 25 cents.

Get your boy a 22 Stevens at Hodes gun store.

—Clara Gatch and family spent Christmas at the Gatch home in this city. They left for Salem this morning.

—There will be public installation of all the Masonic orders Wednesday evening, January 27th. All members are requested to be present at 7:30 sharp.

—Bob Fitzsimmons got licked in a prize fight the other day, but his wife has since left him, and this is not so bad with Robert after all.

—Miss Frances Belknap and Bill Mattley left today for a few days' visit with Miss Margaret Heron, at Irish Bend.

—Ed. Aldrich, an O. A. C. graduate of three or four years ago, is a reporter on the Pendleton Tribune. Lionel Johnson, another graduate of about the same time, is similarly employed on the Portland Telegram.

—Mayor Johnson arrived Saturday from a six weeks' trip in his capacity as United States bank examiner. Most of his time was spent in Montana. He leaves for another trip in a couple of weeks.

—The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church is to give a clam chowder social in the parlors of the church from 5 to 10 p. m., Friday. The public is invited.

—Twenty-five thousand Russian soldiers in Manchuria have mutinied and the commander-in-chief wires that he is powerless to stop their excesses or subdue them.

—There are many new advertisements in this issue. Take a look at them. They contain announcements of reductions in prices, and also other interesting statements that are worth your while. Read them all.

—The arriving time at Philomath of the Corvallis-Philomath stage line is 10:30 a. m. The leaving time from Philomath for Corvallis and Albany, is five o'clock in the evening. The new line which began operation last week gives Alsea a much better mail service.

—Paper of seven-column size is not available for this issue of the Times. Effort was made to get a supply in Albany, but it was not to be had.

—There was a tree, a Santa Claus and appropriate Xmas exercises at the Methodist church last night. The program was: Prayer, R. v. F. music; instrumental solo, Frank White; recitation, Edwin Everett; exercises, six little girls; recitation, Mabel Farmer; violin duet, Marion Chappell, Winnifred Gates; recitation, Alecia Fischer; Christmas acoustic; guitar solo, Mrs. Grace Hall; recitation, Ethel Waters, vocal solo, Miss Beal, of Portland; recitation, Namia Fitzmaurice; vocal solo, Mildred Starr, pantomime, Gertrude Smith.

—A four-year-old at the home of L. E. Brown on Soap Creek swallowed carbolic acid yesterday. The mother quickly telephoned a local physician, and was told to administer a spoonful of alcohol or whisky without delay. Directions were hastily followed and as nothing further has been heard of the case it is supposed the remedy was successfully applied.

—Clarence Hyland is supposed to have parted with Corvallis for good. While he languished in the city bastille the other day, he proposed to Chief Lane that if given his liberty he would leave the town and never return. It was a plan that commended itself to the chief.

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—College re-opens next Wednesday.

—Mrs. R. J. Moses is visiting her sister at Jefferson this week.

—A. J. and H. L. Hall were business visitors in Stayton today.

—W. S. Linville and daughter left Sunday for Carlton, for a visit with relatives.

—Clark Belknap who is attending college in Salem, is spending the holiday vacation at home.

—Miss Daisy Brown of Albany was the guest of Corvallis friends from Sunday until today.

—A. K. Russ is confined at home today with an attack of tonsillitis.

—Miss Lulu Wagner left Friday for a visit with her aunt near Tacoma.

—Oscar Long of Willamette University is spending the holidays with his father in Corvallis.

—Miss Lura Flett arrived from Portland Saturday to spend the holidays with Corvallis friends.

—Miss Ethel Alexander left for Ridgefield, Wash., Friday, to visit her sister, Mrs. Rufus Cate.

—Miss Ella Austin arrived from Airline Sunday, for a holiday visit at the A. J. Johnson home.

—Herman Tartar, deputy State Food Commissioner, was up from Portland to spend Christmas at home. He returned to the city this morning.

—Mrs. Joseph Garrow has arrived from Salem and is visiting Corvallis relatives.

—Jack Dawson had a finger severely cut on a broken bottle, Monday. The services of a physician were required in tying up the arteries to stop the flow of blood.

—What is usually the editorial page, Nolan & Son are editing this issue. As editors they are very successful. Note what they have to say. Matter usually in the space they occupy is on the first and fourth pages.

—The Christmas exercises by the bible school of the Presbyterian church Saturday evening were much enjoyed. The tree illuminated with colored electric lights is said to have been the most beautiful Christmas tree ever seen in Corvallis.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Corvallis, Oregon.

MAKES LOANS on approved security, and especially on wheat, oats, flour, wool, baled hay, chittim bark, and all other classes of produce, upon the receipt thereof stored in mills and public warehouses, or upon chattel mortgages and also upon other classes of good security.

DRAFTS BOUGHT AND SOLD upon the principal financial centers of the United States and foreign countries thus transferring money to all parts of the civilized world.

A CONSERVATIVE general business transacted in all lines of banking.

Thatcher & Johnson have received a car of oil meal.

Regular market prices paid for butter and eggs, at Taylor's store, Hoffman's addition.

Steamer Pomona for Portland and Way Points. Leaves Corvallis Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m. Albany 7 a. m. Fare to Portland \$1.75; round trip \$3.00. H. A. Hoffman, Agent.

Companions to "Way Down East," and "The old Homestead" is the comments of the press on "The Missouri Girl,"—certainly a high form of praise.

Largest line of matting in the city at Blackledge's.

Street hats at cost. See Mrs. Maxfield.

Bazaar. Bazaar. Bazaar.

Dolls at cost at Hodes gun store.

Bids for Wood.

Bids for furnishing the Oregon Agricultural College with wood for the College year of 1906 and 1907 will be received at the office of the Clerk and Purchasing Agent up to and including Saturday December 30, 1905. Call for specifications at the College Office.

HOME-SEEKERS. If you are looking for some real good bargains in Stock, Grain, Fruit and Poultry Ranches, write for our special list, or come and see us. We take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish, also showing you over the country. AMBLER & WATTERS Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Corvallis and Philomath, Oregon.

YES YOU CAN. Learn shorthand if you study the right system, and it will not take you long either. How long? Only three to four months, if you JOIN THE SPECIAL CLASS Which will commence Jan 2, 1906, and be able to write from 100 to 150 words a minute by April 30th. Some will be able to take lectures and sermons. Electric Shorthand is very easy to learn, none easier to read and none so rapid. Yes, 2 to 3 recitations a day beginning JANUARY 2, 1906 And when you are competent we will assist you to a good position. Corvallis Business College I. E. Richardson, President

M. M. LONG'S Bicycle & Sporting Goods Store. We aim to keep ahead of the game—have anything from a trop to a goose load. Something new on every freight. No old stock, everything fresh. Guns and Bicycles for Rent. A full line of sewing machine supplies, foot balls, basket balls, boxing gloves, punching bags, gymnasium suits, hunting coats and vests, belts, gun cases, duck decoys, duck and goose calls, pocket electric flash lights, knives, razors, etc. We can fix anything that is fixable in our repair shop. 2 doors south post office. Phone 324.

Now is Your Chance. During the month of December will offer all of our Talking and Columbia Graphophones at 25 per cent discount REMEMBER—for one month only. We have also added to our stock The Victor and Edison Talking Machines. We also carry a good assortment of records as follows: Victor Records, Zonophone Records, Columbia Records, American Records, Edison Records. The same old firm in the same old place. Graham & Wells

No Prizes go with our Chase & Sanborn High Grade COFFEE. In fact nothing goes with our coffee but cream, sugar and SATISFACTION. P. M. ZIEROLF. Sole agent for Chase & Sanborn High Grade COFFEE

E. B. Horning, The Grocer. We are not inclined to spend much time in writing advertisements—we prefer to let our goods and customers speak for themselves. OUR TRADE IS GROWING FAST. WE WANT YOUR TRADE. WILL ASSURE SATISFACTION. E. B. Horning.

Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed the administrator of the estate of Pamela Winkie, deceased, by the county court, of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, and has qualified as such administrator. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned at his residence in Willamette precinct, said county, within six months from the date hereof. Dated Dec. 12, 1905. JOHN WEITAKER, Administrator of the estate of Pamela Winkie, deceased.

Notice. Matter of Guardianship Estate of Herman Mason, an Insane Person. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned guardian of the estate of Herman Mason, has filed in the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon, his final account as such guardian of said estate, and that Friday the 30th day of January, 1906, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. has been duly appointed by said court as the time for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in said estate by having objections to said account may appear and file his objections or exceptions in writing to said account and contest the same. U. S. GLEASON, Administrator of the estate of Herman Mason, deceased.

Notice to Creditors. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, In the Matter of the Estate of MELBA E. GLEASON, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the final account of the undersigned administrator of the estate of Melba E. Gleason, deceased, has been rendered to said court for settlement, and that Wednesday the 30 day of January, 1906, at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m. has been duly appointed by said court as the time for hearing objections thereto and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in said estate by having objections to said account may appear and file his objections or exceptions in writing to said account and contest the same. U. S. GLEASON, Administrator of the estate of Melba E. Gleason, deceased.

Notice to Creditors. In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM J. KELLY, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said William J. Kelly, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of William J. Kelly, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at his residence in Monroe, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon. Dated November 3, 1905. M. WILHELM, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Wm. J. Kelly, deceased.

Notice to Creditors. In the Matter of the Estate of C. M. SMITH, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of C. M. Smith, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of C. M. Smith, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at her residence three miles northwest of Corvallis, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon. Dated, November 3, 1905. LUCY A. SMITH, Executrix of the last will and testament of C. M. Smith, deceased.

R. D. Burgess PHYSICIAN & SURGEON. Office over Blackledges furniture store. Hours 10 to 12, 3 to 5. Phone, office 216; Res 454. Corvallis, Oregon.

H. S. PERNOT, Physician & Surgeon. Office over postoffice. Residence Cor. Fifth and Jefferson streets. Hours 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 4 p. m. Orders may be left at Graham & Wells' drug store.

B. A. CATHEY PHYSICIAN & SURGEON. Office, room 14, Bank Bldg. Hours: 10 to 12 and 2 to 4. Phone, office 83. Residence 351. Corvallis, Oregon.

J. FRED YATES ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. First Nat'l Bank Building, Only Set Abstract Books in Benton County

E. R. Bryson, Attorney-At-Law. G. R. FARRA, Physician & Surgeon. Office up stairs in Barnett Brickidence on the corner of Madison Seventh st. Phone 211. Philomath, Oregon.

C. H. Newth, Physician and Surgeon. Philomath, Oregon.