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THE COAST IS CLEAR.

As the date for the convention of the Oregon legislature draws near, the feeble opposition manifested some time ago to the election of Hon. H. W. Corbett to the United States senate grows less and less apparent. Indeed, it has never been pronounced. It was merely an expression of vague doubt on the part of certain factions for which other leaders appeared to be the choice. Such aspiration is always honorable and therefore not more objectionable in this case than in any other under similar circumstances. But even the leaders of ambitious factions concede that Mr. Corbett is the logical candidate for the honor sought, because he represents the entire party, the whole state and all of the nation.

Mr. Corbett is not a factionist. Nor is he a politician in the sense that he is seeking public responsibility at the risk of public interests in any aspect of the case. In truth, he did not seek the honor for which he is now so enthusiastically named until the pressure of public sentiment ceased him to yield to a general clamor for his reinstatement in the nation's greatest body of legislators, statesmen and diplomats, among whom he has always been a tower of strength. In an official capacity he would be greater still, because his opportunities to put into practice his theories of advanced government and national development would be immeasurably enhanced.

In addition to the general aspect of the case, Oregon is supremely interested in this contest. As the Oregonian aptly put it, the other day, greater Oregon needs greater men at the nation's capital. That need is especially urgent now. We want men of business capacity there: not only men of business capacity, but men of business judgment and business experience. All of these Hon. H. W. Corbett possesses, in addition to which are his personal qualities of dignity, advanced conception of our state's important position in the new century's development, his interest in the promotion of local trade and the element of statesmanship in his treatment of these great matters.

Hon. H. W. Corbett is the great statesman, in individual influence of the Pacific coast today. His colleagues in business, in finance, and in the advancement of the country's interests are among the greatest men of the nation—from President McKinley down.

W. W. Scott is the boss burglar of the last decade in the Northwest. He distinctly remembers that he has looted over 60 residences during his past two years' residence in Portland and he can't quite estimate how many families have suffered loss at his hands, in addition to those mentioned, because he has forgotten the residence numbers. Scott ought to be made a member of the local detective force.

Judging by the character of the financial legislation which the Oregon statutes contain, the state's legislative body is sadly in need of a few modern financiers in the list of its membership.

The United States wants the island of Chiriqui for a coaling station—and it ought to have it. A little thing like that ought not to jar the nation's nerves.

The Oregon supreme court has upheld the street-improvement provision of Portland's new city charter.

LET'S HAVE IT.

The leading business men of Portland continue to insist on the Oriental fair for 1902. The proposition is objected to by a few on the ground that a federal appropriation would be necessary to the success of such a great undertaking and that we need the federal funds for something else. It is believed generally that a national appropriation for the proposed fair should not interfere with federal appropriations for other public purposes, and the likelihood is that it would not.

The Oriental fair would be a grand thing for Oregon, for Washington, and in fact, for the whole country. Properly organized on business plans, it ought not to cost such a stupendous sum of money as those who appear to oppose it are willing to suggest.

Among all the points interested, Portland is supreme. It ought to take the lead. It will, if its business men and leading property owners are given their way about it.

Let's have the fair.

Lord Roberts, whose presence in South Africa has bored the Boers so much during the past several months, and whom the Boers tried so desperately to bore with their smooth-bore battle guns, is en route home for a much-needed rest. The rest he will enjoy is not that with which the Transvaal Republicans endeavored to favor him in their several engagements, but the proposed kindness may be extended to a number of the lord's remaining forces in South Africa before the queen calls them home—for Dewet is still alive and in the hunt for Christmas turkey.

Charles A. Towne, who declined the vice-presidential nomination for the glory of helping to defeat Bryan, has been appointed United States senator in Minnesota. One reassuring feature of this wind-fall for Towne is that he has agreed not to talk much during the present session. But this talk of his purpose not to talk may be all talk, after all.

Should Secretary of State Hay resign because of certain proposed changes in the canal treaty, the country would lose the services of one of the greatest statesmen of the present age.

Judging by the work of the British house of commons, Salisbury and Chamberlain have succeeded in getting themselves disliked in the course of events during the past 11 months.

EDUCATIONAL AND PROPERTY

Qualifications for Voters as Viewed from the Colored Man's Standpoint.

To the Editor: Much has been said and written recently in support of an educational qualification for voters, and some have decided that a property qualification should also be added. In some of the Southern states this policy has been reduced to constitutional law, while in others, in Porto Rico, the Philippines, and now after the results of the first election have been published this unrepentant and undemocratic policy is proposed for the Hawaiian islands.

One peculiar feature of the agitation and adoption of restrictive measures for the voting masses is that proponents of these measures are either educated on the one hand or have assessable property on the other, and it follows that these interests must necessarily be seeking further advantage over those who have neither.

Another peculiar feature is that in the South the people this policy of disfranchisement is to effect and against whom it is directed, belong to one race or at least the same class or division upon racial lines.

Of the reasons that are urged in support of this departure from the principles enunciated in the declaration of independence, viz "That all men are created equal" perhaps the one that these unlettered men "cannot use the ballot intelligently for the best interests of their respective communities" is the most plausible, and it may be added the only sincere reason offered. Other reasons are put forward either by mere politicians to aid them in the retention of power or by persons affected with race prejudices, that they may keep the lesser people under domination and control.

To these last, in fact, may be attributed all this trouble about the race question. They it were who inaugurated the "Ku Klux" and the "Red Shirt" campaigns. They it were also who have fostered race prejudices in the South and elsewhere until the tension between the races has become more pronounced than ever, and now even good people who have always heretofore been adherents of democratic principles are found advocating this child of monarchy as a temporary relief from the necessary consequences of race strife.

But it seems to me that a better plan to adopt to bring about the desired result would be a policy of conciliation on the part of political parties, rather than one of antagonism. Let the democracy of the South disaim the Negro of his distrust by taking him into its confidence, and it would certainly follow that he would not only divide his vote, but would also submit peacefully to the government of those most fitted for it. In fact, he would readily see that it would be for his own interest to do so. There is no valid reason for changing our form of government to an aristocracy. Those who are educated and have property already have sufficient advantage over their less fortunate brethren who have neither, and I would answer those who claim that an illiterate man cannot vote intelligently by asking by what right they would expect our illiterate population, thus disfranchised, to obey the law? How can they be expected to be intelligent enough to understand the spirit and letter of the statutes that requires the most learned to construe, when you decree them not sufficiently intelligent to cast a single ballot?

It is said that an educational qualification would stimulate education, but I have positive information that the governing powers in the Carolinas are already withdrawing funds from the colored schools, under the plea of economy. The truth of the matter is that illiterate people are the most simple, single-minded and honest people to be found in any community, more like unto children, and it must have been of these people he was talking when Christ said "suffer little children to come unto Me, for such is the kingdom of Heaven."

This country can ill afford to take a step backward at this time and invite another horrible conflict like the civil war. Better cultivate the seeds of freedom already planted, even if they were planted a little early, perhaps, before the soil was "properly prepared."

The time to free the slaves was when the means were available to accomplish their freedom. When you start to prepare a people for any reform, whether it be giving them suffrage or freedom from slavery, there at once arises a strong opposition to that very preparation in the people who will be affected either in power or purse by such ultimate reform, and in the South this opposition would be supreme to the end, and the Negro would be forever eliminated from the field of political freedom. To him the declaration would be a dead letter. There would be perhaps an industrial future in this country for him, and a few Negro would perhaps become wealthy and affluent, but the great mass of those people would never rise above a mere vassalage with a race prejudice always at flood tide.

Think again, brethren, is it a good business proposition to connive at the hateful demon of race prejudice by depriving a free people of their God-given right to govern themselves?

Much better grant Bishop Turner's request for an appropriation by congress of a hundred million dollars to help the Negro to return to his native home. FRANK H. WARREN, 116 Griswold street, —Detroit Tribune.

By the new apportionment the state of Washington gets an additional congressman. Oregon does not begrudge its neighbor's gain, but our state may easily hold its end up in congress by sending men of the caliber of Henry W. Corbett to the senate. It is not in number but in the weight of congressmen that a state has influence at Washington. —Pendleton Tribune.

Vast Army of Pickpockets.
Some idea of the enormous extent to which pocket-picking flourishes may be had from the fact that in London alone over 100,000 men, women and children exist on what they can relieve other people of.

Case in Point.
She—Talked a hole through an iron pot? What an absurd expression!
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SHERIFF SALE.
In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah. Plaintiff, vs. Stella B. Sukdorf, Katherine Lucy Trevett, Ernest Delbert, Frederick Jetter and Savings and Loan Society, defendants.

By virtue of an execution, judgment order and decree duly issued out of and under the seal of the above entitled court, in the above entitled cause, to me duly directed and dated the 12th day of November, 1900, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 10th day of November, 1900, in favor of Portland Trust Company of Oregon, plaintiff, and against Stella B. Sukdorf, defendant, for the sum of \$2,995.54, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 10th day of November, 1900, and the further sum of \$150.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 10th day of November, 1900, and the further sum of \$20.00 costs and disbursements and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, situated in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah and state of Oregon, to-wit:

Lots twelve (12) and thirteen (13) in Block two hundred sixty-five (265) of Couch Addition to the city of Portland, according to the duly recorded plat thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment order and decree and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the county court house, in the city of Portland, said county and state, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder, for U. S. gold coin, cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them had on the date of the mortgage herein (the 8th day of April, 1894) or since had, in and to the above described real property, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order, decree, interest, costs and all accruing costs.

Dated Portland, Oregon, November 13, 1900. WILLIAM FRAZIER, Sheriff of Multnomah County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account as administrator of the estate of William Kirk, deceased, in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah, and Monday, the 17th day of December, A. D., 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M., and the court room of said court in Portland, Oregon, have been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Multnomah, Department No. 3.

J. H. Hooper, plaintiff, vs. Mary A. Hooper, defendant.

To Mary A. Hooper, defendant above named:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the 8th day of December, 1900, which is the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, namely: For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for the care and custody of Helen J. Hooper and Edgar W. Hooper, the issue of said marriage, and for such other relief as may be equitable.

This summons is to be published once a week for six successive weeks. First publication is the 27th day of October, 1900, and the last on the 8th day of December, 1900, by order of the Hon. J. B. Cleland, judge of the above entitled court. Made and entered on the 20th day of October, 1900.
W. S. HUFFORD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Multnomah county.

William L. Goff, plaintiff, vs. Lester M. Love, defendant.

To Lester M. Love, the above named defendant.

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the 10th day of December, A. D., 1900, said day being the expiration of six weeks from the 26th day of October, A. D., 1900, the date ordered by the court for the first publication of this notice, and if you fail to so appear and answer the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$330 with interest thereon from January 1, 1873, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and the costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. A. L. Frasier, judge of the above entitled court, made and entered in the 26th day of October, A. D., 1900,
GILTNER & REWALL,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account as executor of the estate of F. H. Ramsey, deceased, in the office of the county clerk of Multnomah county, state of Oregon, and 9:30 o'clock on Monday, the 12th day of November, A. D., 1900, in the court room of said court, has been filed by said court as the time and place for hearing said final account and the settlement thereof.

A. W. LAMBERT,

Executor of the estate of F. H. Ramsey, deceased.

Dated, October 4, 1900.