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MORE PETITION FRAUDS.

It would not be surprising if attempted blackmail, forgery and other fraud were revealed in the referendum...

The form of blackmail charged—that of soliciting money to suppress petitions—is not even covered by the state's criminal statutes.

The peculiar Oregon law revolted against corruption in the Legislature but apparently they look with complacency upon fraud in direct legislation processes.

Such investigations call for the expenditure of time and money. They are not conducted unless some interest substantially affected by the proposed act is willing to provide the funds.

When a matter of history it may be recalled that the first exposure of forgeries in petitions was made in Portland about four years ago.

The liquor interests employed handwriting experts to investigate the genuineness of signatures on an initiative measure to which they attached a sufficient number of forgeries was discovered to invalidate the petitions; several petition shavers left town in a hurry.

The story of how Joseph T. Ellis sold signed petitions for a paving amendment to interested persons and used the money to circulate new petitions is also a matter of record.

In the referendum on the workingmen's compensation law the last chapter. It is alleged to abound in duplications, fictitious names and incorrect addresses.

Probably the greatest need for correction is in the freedom with which irresponsible solicitors may be employed. Crimes committed in initiating or referring laws are more often than not perpetrated without the knowledge of the solicitor's employers.

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these latter are entirely swept away. The Eastern or Southern manufacturer is thus doubly favored. Not only is the reduction less in proportion to the Democratic policy of a tariff for revenue only would justify, but compensation for even this reduction is given in the shape of cheaper raw material.

The bill is not a fulfillment of the promises of the Baltimore platform. It is not a tariff for revenue only, for it gives protection, which Democracy pronounces unconstitutional.

The Industrial Welfare Commission, a body created by the state, investigated conditions at the plant of the Oregon Packing Company and made certain recommendations, including a minimum wage of \$1 per day.

The Industrial Welfare Commission was created in response to a demand for responsible and disinterested mediation in labor or industrial disputes.

The packing company affair is of serious concern to the community. It appears to indicate that there is to be no official or public arbitration in wage controversies if a certain professional Socialist element can prevent and that one's right to work on terms acceptable to him or her is to be denied by chronic intruders, who do not work at all.

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that broke their power in those quarters. He not only cleared the inland sea of their fleet, but he destroyed their prestige with the Indians, who had been their fiercest allies against the United States.

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the Intransigent, a paper as wild and whooping as any of his previous ones. Rochefort never edited a real newspaper. His sheets were setting forth their political propaganda as nothing else his contemporaries as nothing of the sort could possibly influence Americans.

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SEPARATION CHURCH AND STATE Abatement of Principle Would Here Refer to Church Condition. PORTLAND, July 7.—(To the Editor.)—Besides a narrow sectarian attitude toward Mormonism assumed by one of the ministers at the recent Christian Citizenship Conference, a certain expression by some of the officers and speakers has a decidedly reactionary tone.

The majority of persons in this country, according to the figures gathered by the statisticians, are members of some church or religious organization. These may fairly be presumed to favor a strictly secular government.

Consider to what confusion we might be brought if the Nation were to adopt these two sound and vital principles. If the state is of divine and not human origin, if it is still essentially divine in its nature, if God stands by its head, who then shall speak with authority as to what, under any given circumstances, is God's will?

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NEED OF PORTLAND-OWNED SHIPS. Nature Has Been Laidish but Commerce Rests on Human Endeavor. PORTLAND, July 8.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian July 3, in an article headed "Keep Digging on the Bar," you make use of the following expression, "but as the commerce of the port grows." Now, I would like to point out several facts in this connection.

First—All of our local imports from the Atlantic Coast are transhipped to our wharves at San Francisco or Puget Sound. Our exports to the Atlantic Coast pass seaward through the port of Portland.

Second—All of our Oregon exports to the Atlantic Coast pass seaward through the port of Portland.

Third—The major portion of our local imports from the Orient pass through the port of Portland.

Fourth—The major portion of our local exports to the Orient pass through the port of Portland.

Fifth—Our foreign exports of lumber are all that our millmen desire, as they have to conserve the domestic timber supply.

Nature has formed this Western country in such a manner that one particular point is given an advantage over the other points on the Coast.

Portland is and always has been the center of the West. It is the only city in the West that has a harbor of its own.

Half a billion dollars is paid by the people of the United States annually to foreign shipowners for ocean freights.

It is suggested as ally of Mothers' Pension and New Marriage Act. PORTLAND, Or., July 8.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me to whom one is to apply for the widows' pension or information on same.

ARDENT YOUTH HAS ACHING VOID He Longs for Meeting Place Where He May Find Soul Mate. CAZADERO, Or., July 8.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to ask if that much needed meeting place for people matrimony-minded has ever been established. I am very anxious to find out and if it has, I will certainly show up there at every favorable opportunity.

Half a Century Ago From the Oregonian of July 9, 1863. Lancaster, Pa., July 1.—Signals have been seen and firing heard last night at Columbia, in the direction of Gettysburg, which continued till 3 o'clock this morning. At times the cannonading was rapid and heavy.

Philadelphia, July 3.—Heavy firing is heard in the direction of Carlisle. No doubt an engagement is going on. The fight is probably a hard one.

Rear of Vicksburg, June 26.—Yesterday, under orders from General Grant, the whole line moved to the position for an assault. At 3 o'clock our signal guns near Logan's tent gave the signal. As the steel struck a mine under the parapet of a fort in Micker's front, it exploded, throwing the works high in the air and opening a large fissure.

Some of our citizens, admirers of the Mechanics' band, propose, by subscription, to raise an amount sufficient to furnish them with a neat and serviceable uniform.

Benefit of Mrs. G. B. Waldron.—This popular and attractive article will take our first benefit in Portland this evening.

The third term of the Beth Israel school will be closed this day. The public exercises will be omitted until the close of the next quarter, so that they may be held in the new schoolhouse, which is nearly completed.

Twenty-five Years Ago From the Oregonian of July 9, 1888. Mt. Angel, Or., July 8.—The dedication of the new Benedictine convent at Mt. Angel took place today. Archbishop Gross preached the sermon.

San Francisco, July 8.—Advices from Honolulu today state that Rev. John W. Sellwood, rector of the Episcopal Church at East Portland, Or., and wife arrived from Hawaii a few days ago. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dillingham.

The New Haven News of June 27 says that the reunion of the alumni of Yale College will be held at the city of this city at the head of the table. A 10-year-old son of Dr. J. M. Hill, of New Haven, Conn., bore the right arm and beside his father. Round 78 is able son W. H. Taft, of Cincinnati; J. P. Clark, of New York; J. P. Pigott, of New York; J. P. Pigott, of New York; and John Addison Foster, of Washington.

John Kenworthy, of East Portland, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Portland Hospital.

The new Methodist-Episcopal Church at St. Johns was dedicated yesterday by Rev. Alfred Kummers, pastor of Taylor Street Church.

Colefax, W. T., July 7.—The Whitman County Republican Convention unanimously endorsed John B. Allen, of Walla Walla, for Delegate to Congress.

Nineteen runs to 10—The Willamettes walloped the Portlands in good shape.

A trip over the Portland & Vancouver Railway shows that the company is energetically constructing the road.

Oregon Fashions for Oregon Women. FRESHWATER, Or., July 7.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian several days ago you published an article, or rather an editorial, on "Woman's Dress." It was fine. Isn't there some way it could be published and given to all the women of Oregon? I think it is time the decent women of America quit letting a handful of men and women decide whether they shall go out modestly or indecently clad.

Why don't the decent women of Oregon stand up for dress differentiation and ladylike, so when gentlemen meet one he will not question her social and moral position? AN INTERESTED WOMAN.

Mothers' Pensions. JEFFERSON, Or., July 7.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me to whom one is to apply for the widows' pension or information on same.

Applications for mothers' pensions go in the County Court in counties having less than 100,000 inhabitants. In the latter the Circuit Judge having charge of juvenile court matters has jurisdiction over mothers' pensions.

Helping Those Who Help You Local dealers owe it to themselves to co-operate energetically with manufacturers who use space in local newspapers to advertise the goods the dealers handle.

Whenever a manufacturer tells the dealers in a certain community that he is going to advertise his product in the local newspapers, or whenever that advertising is placed by the local dealer himself, then that dealer should do everything in his power to aid in increasing the sales of the goods in question.

If the manufacturer's advertisement runs independently, the local dealer should make reference to the article in his own advertising.

There should be special window displays and special interior displays.

Clerks should be fully informed, handed copies of the advertisements and told what to do to stimulate the demand for the article involved.

Dealers who are interested in local advertising for National products are invited to write to the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers' Association, World Building, New York.