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A REGISTRATION LAW.

Oregon badly needs a registration law. In the interests of pure elections the next legislature should pass such a law. There is no partisan tinge to the need or demand. It is a matter of justice and justice only. The law should apply to country precincts as well as to cities and villages and no man should vote at state or national elections whose name is not on the precinct register in the precinct where he desires to cast his ballot. It is to be hoped that the next legislature will have a registration bill offered. If it is offered, it should pass. If it is defeated those who have voted against it can have several years to explain their action.

AN AGE OF TOLERANCE?

Human nature is human nature. The prejudice and spleen exhibited by one part of mankind towards the other part. This prejudice is the great barrier to progress, individually, or as well as nationally. A new idea which has anything revolutionary to present customs, at first meets with ridicule which is inspired with envy—is not tolerated, is defined as based upon theory and therefore faulty and must be put down. A striking instance of this was given history when the philosophers told the world that the earth was spherical in shape. Learned men denounced the idea. Priests called the new doctrine ungodly and fought it as hard as some of our divines did the bimetallic standard in the year 1896. But after a time it was proven to the satisfaction of all that the earth was not flat and that so-called "science" had brought to the world another jewel of knowledge. It seems strange that humanity should be so bitter over difference of opinion in this age of reason but that it goes to extremes goes without saying. A decent toleration of opinion should exist. No great moral or national reform was ever accomplished without agitation and discussion and it has been the lack of toleration on the one side, and the apathy of European peoples to strike for the right of free speech and a free press, that makes life for a commoner east of the Atlantic little better than servitude. But the worm will turn over there some day and then look out for lively scrimmages. The age of intolerance will soon be a matter of history.

THAT ILLITERACY.

As the Oregonian has been unkind enough to assert that a greater per cent of illiteracy prevails in the sections which gave majorities for Mr. Bryan, it is worth while to call the venerable editor's attention to the fact that nearly all the Indians who voted, were for McKinley. There is food for reflection in this extract from the Chicago Record, showing that illiteracy supreme went for McKinley and one can draw his own conclusions as to how those not quite so illiterate as poor Lo exercised their voting privilege.

THE EXTRACT.

"The agents reported, too, that it would be unwise to attempt to persuade them, because they would be apt to go the other way if they thought any one, particularly a representative of the government, was attempting to coerce them. A century of negotiation has taught them that they can make Uncle Sam pay for whatever they have that he wants, and if the agents had suggested that the government would like them to vote one way or the other they would have demanded a journey to Washington, a powwow with the great father and an increased allowance of rations and annuities. Therefore no one in authority dared attempt to use any influence. But arrangements were made to have them plentifully supplied with literature and pictures, with which they were greatly pleased. They took a decided interest in the discussion, and on the theory derived from their own experience that gold is worth more than silver they became gold bugs, and voted for

McKinley. When the result was learned at some of the agencies the Indians whooped it up with bonfires, war dances, dog feasts and all the other traditional demonstrations of triumph." The extract is from the pen of W. E. Curtis and is authoritative. From it is derived the rightful inference that no attempt was made by agents to have them vote for Bryan and that the assaults of pictures were for McKinley's benefit. Is it any wonder that the Oregonian is feeding the democratic administration on flattery and prating about intelligence?

"GREAT GRAND" LARCENY.

It will be remembered that "Honest" John Bardsley, several years ago, stole over one million dollars from the city of Philadelphia. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. Now he has served five years and he has been pardoned. The man who steals a sack of flour, a pair of shoes, or a little something to sustain life, goes to the felon's cell and stays out his allotted sentence and comes forth despoiled, while social ostracism meets him everywhere. "Honest" John will have access to the homes of the Wanamakers, the Quays etc., without stint. Penoyer has been censured for pardoning a poor thief. Pennsylvania's governor receives silence from the great daily papers and "Honest" John is a martyr. To the "uneducated," "guileless" and "unsophisticated," who have recently received such great onslaughts from our gentlemanly metropolitan journals, it appears that the Pennsylvania governor has placed a premium upon "great-grand larceny," while the "poor thief" must be stretched with a piece of hemp. The Judicial mind of that governor must be akin to that of Imperial Scott of the Portland Bank journal who sees crime in poverty and virtue in affluence only.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Who will be the first U. S. Senator from Cuba? And who will get the post office at Havana?

The first congressional district sent for Bryan. How does it feel to live in an anarchistic district?

Texas will have given W. J. Bryan 175,000 of a majority over McKinley by the time all votes are in and certified to.

Turkey has been decapitated by Uncle Sam, but not on account of the Armenian outrages. It is all because of Thanksgiving day.

Banks are failing throughout the east since election. Confidence does not seem to do much towards keeping up institutions of this kind. There must be requisite capital or they must go to the wall.

Tax payers of Oregon are in hopes the next legislature will let them down easy. The last session was severe on property interests and if the coming legislative body follows in its tracks it will be rather expensive.

Portland is shipping a larger proportion of the Northwest grain crop than ever. This but substantiates the fact that Portland is the port of the Northwest—and—railroad or no railroad to Astoria—it will always be the great jobbing center of the Pacific Northwest.

Edward Atkinson still keeps up his half-witted crusade against "half-wits." Edward thinks epithets are arguments. "Another stage of degeneration in Edward's mentality will cause him to believe that a good sound string of "cuss words" will help out the gold monometallic cause.

Frances Willard is making a great many ridiculous assertions about the White House bill of fare and menu after Mr. and Mrs. McKinley become host and hostess. She says there will be no liquor on the premises. Frances says a great many things these days that are strange and unaccountable.

The New York World still keeps up its force by asking Mr. McKinley about the trusts. The World's Politzer is worrying about the trusts and Mr. McKinley has a right to worry still less about Mr. Politzer's thrusts. They helped to elect Mr. McKinley and won't hurt him even after his inauguration.

The Torren's system of land records has been declared unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court. The system was of peculiar benefit to the poorer and smaller land holders, hence the court must nullify. Every reform that is en-

acted into law which gives benefit to the "degenerate," "uneducated," "ignorant" farmer, in some way becomes "unconstitutional." If this goes on some desperado will steal the constitution and we'll have a new one.

If Spain could only secure the services of M. A. Hanna for a few weeks he would have the island in a state of subjection. It wouldn't take Mark long to buy up every insurgent on the island.

If the United States do not soon take a hand in the Cuban affairs it will at least be ten years before the Cubans will gain their liberty and kill one another off. Uncle Sam should step in and set Cuba free by hook or crook and then inside of two years there would be no more than ten men on the island. The rest will have been utilized in fertilizing the soil in the settling of internal insurrection. We could then enforce the Monroe Doctrine, lay claim to the sugar plantations and provide more offices for our politicians.

SENATOR J. H. MITCHELL would not declare himself last Saturday night at the Hirsch banquet. John H. has the more friends for not falling into the pitfall set for him by the Portland banking fraternity. The only politic thing for J. H. to do is to take election if he get it and stay at home if he be defeated. After having made so many public declarations as a bimetalist and then having supported McKinley in the recent campaign, the public would not know how long he would stay by a public statement if he should make one.

Judge M. L. Pipes is now an "honest saint." Last spring he trained with Multnomah "republicans" and made a try on the democratic free silver ticket to succeed W. T. Hume. Then the good people of Portland had the strange sight of a man on an "anarchistic" platform—a "dishonest" platform—going about and telling them that he wanted to honestly run the District Attorney's office. When the presidential nominations were made he "flipped." Was it because he thought the democratic administration had been so bad that the name "democrat" was bound to be defeated?

This congressional district went nearly 5000 for Bryan. The republicans probably polled their best possible vote this year, on the presidential election, and two years hence with a fair field it will be a fight to the finish. The saddest thing of the whole affair is that the farmers of this district won't be able to borrow any money—it will all go to the second district, which went for McKinley. The vote for Bryan was over 26000, some 7000 in excess of the Vanderburg vote last June. While Bryan's vote was but less than one thousand of the total Vanderburg and Meyer's vote of June last, the republicans made the unprecedented gain of over 5000. This looks rather strange as what was considered a full vote was polled last June.

CONGRESS will convene in December and there is much conjecture as to just what will be done by that body before Cleveland goes out of power. Possibly under a period of better times the Wilson Bill will provide sufficient revenue for governmental expenditures and if it will, the rates on the bill will not be much increased by the McKinley congress. There are many who think a revenue bill will be passed this winter but as Cleveland would veto any measure which smacked of protection, nothing may be done. There is one thing certain. If the coming congress will do nothing to relieve the pressure, it might as well go home after having the first roll call.

THE annual force of Thanksgiving proclamations has been accomplished. In all the world there is perhaps no greater travesty on the relations of the poor and needy to the rich and affluent. Governors who do not know the feeling of hunger—who must work up an appetite—vie with each other in bidding the people be thankful while their constituency in part are living in the Thanksgiving days of the past. Many are out of work and out of provision—but they can hug this fact to their bosoms—while the national honor has been saved.

THE EDITOR of the Hatchet seems to be spilling for a quarrel with his fellow republicans. In this week's issue he takes a whirl at Dr

Wood, the chairman of the Central Committee, in which he calls that prominent republican an "unhappy accident of last June's convention." Perhaps those little slips which the chairman forced Mr. Craig to burn, long about last June, have much to do with the dissension between the two politicians. 'Twas unkind for to force the young man to ride in the chilly night over Washington county roads to undo betrayal.

THE ARGUS is wondering whether or not the next legislature will—Enact a Registration Law; Cut Down Appropriations; Cut Down Official Salaries; Elect J. H. Mitchell Senator; Reduce Taxation; Remember its pledges

Will it be the same old legislature that has for years met and adjourned and been designated "the worst we have ever had." Let all tax payers hope it will be an innovation in the way of legislatures and earn the money it will cost the people.

THE active movements in the United States Navy Yard have led many to anticipate war. No one need in the least be alarmed as the possibility of war is as remote as can be. In this age wealth dominates the spirit of governmental action and it is only when a power is about to lose some valuable revenue producing territory by revolution that the war dogs are turned loose. The U. S. will have to war unless something extraordinary turns up. The wealth of the country will not allow it.

THERE is more in tariff legislation than the simple idea of incidental revenue and protection. A high protective tariff is protective of trusts and monopolies and is the most iniquitous of class legislation. But the people have voted for a high tariff and they should get what they want. It matters not whether the platform on which Mr. McKinley was elected was a high tariff platform or not, the people voted for a high tariff—the old republican tariff—and they should have it.

THE necessity for good roads in Washington county is a growing one and should receive more attention than it does. The country roads in this section, are, in the winter, almost impassable for heavy loads. As the largest of our local county tax is payable to the keeping up of our road system it would appear that more interest should be manifested by tax payers in this important proposition.

THE California airship is a success provided it can be safely landed. The Oregonian will be very envious should pranky voluptuous California claim the honor of building the first airship to successfully plover the atmosphere. California's people really average with any in the union and as for that, it can truthfully be said that in science they can give the Oregonians' field points in all things.

If the United States expects a greater general prosperity the huge farms in every state must be cut up into smaller ones so there will be large ownership, numerically. France is a nation of small home holders and nowhere is there such general prosperity amongst the nations' husbandmen. Great farmers mean too much hiring and too little independence for the laborers.

WITH what urbanity are our great city papers telling the farmer elements of their dishonesty in voting for Mr. Bryan! The next thing we shall know our city contemporaries will be telling the farmers when to thresh pop corn and how to husk pumpkins.

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Notice for Final Settlement. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of W. A. Porter, deceased, in the County court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, and that said Court has appointed Monday, Dec. 21, 1896, at the hour of 10 a. m., as the time for hearing objections to such final account and for the settlement thereof.

JOHN M. WALL, Administrator of the estate of W. A. Porter, deceased. Dated at Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, this 19th day of Nov., 1896.

Notice of Final Settlement. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Richard Malone, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, and said Court has appointed Monday, the 21st day of December, 1896, at the court house in Hillsboro, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and place for hearing objections to such final account and the final settlement of said estate.

W. H. WEIRING, Administrator of the estate of Richard Malone, deceased. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 19th day of November, 1896.

Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Nov. 5, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington county, at Hillsboro, Oregon, on December 16, 1896, viz: H. E. No. 846 for the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 sec 18 T 28 R 2 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Alexander Sutton, Henry Milton Gregg, Newton Worrer and William Raynard, all of Laurel, Ore. 34-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Oct. 19, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Ore. on City Ore., on December 15, 1896, viz: George Reichwein, H. E. No. 1286 for the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 and W 1/2 of S 1 1/2 of Sec 13 T 43 R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prevent continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Thomas Pettijohn and Charles Eichman of Vancouver; G. H. Welch, of Mountaineer, and Geo. F. W. Reichwein of Portland, Ore. 32-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on Dec. 4, 1896, viz: Thomas Keely, H. E. No. 792 for the S E 1/4 of Lots 9 10 15 and 16 of Sec 3 T 38 R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Peter J. Land, Robert P. Simpson, Henry Hulter, John Oliver, all of Buxton Oregon. 31-6 ROBT. A. MILLER, Register.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on Dec. 21, 1896, viz: Henry Thumann, Jr., H. E. No. 960 for the S W 1/4 of Sec 14 T 18 R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Benjamin C. Dornon, Charles L. Dennis, Earl Hall and Thomas Sain, all of Dilliey, Oregon. 34-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Oct. 27, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington county at Hillsboro, Oregon, on November 21, 1896, viz: Elbridge Cheney, H. E. No. 1190 for the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec 15 T 2 N R 4 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William M. Watrous, John White, Romeo S. Bullock, all of Manning, Oregon. Albert W. Mills, of Forest Grove. 30-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Oct. 19, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Tillamook county at Tillamook, Oregon, on Dec. 12, 1896, viz: Louis A. Olsen, H. E. No. 791 for the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 Sec. 18 and S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec. 19 T 18 R 7 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Fred Skomp, Charles Bester, Clerk Ledford and William Ryan, all of Tillamook, Oregon. 32-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Oct. 27, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, under Sec 2205 R 8 and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington County at Hillsboro Oregon on Dec. 12, 1896 viz: William Geller, H. E. No. 3792 for the S E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec 1 T 2 N R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Matthew Ringersberger, Gotfried Reisenhan, S. Paisley and G. H. Hidding, all of Buxton, Oregon. 32-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington County at Hillsboro Oregon on Dec. 12, 1896 viz: Edward Hughes, H. E. No. 7655 for the S E 1/4 of Sec 11 T 2 N R 5 W.