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A WEBFOOT NIGHTMARE.

Salem has a season of the grotesque. Poster politicians are engaging in a tournament of contraries.

The man who more than all carried the state for McKinley is being bitterly opposed, affectedly because of a murky doubt of his soundness on the money question, and the assailants are planning day and night to award free silver's most valiant Oregon champion with the speakership of the lower house.

Strenuous efforts have been made in the interests of economical legislation to withhold the organization until the genial "prince of prodigality" can dictate the management of law making.

Populists harangue about millionaires, corporations and national banks in palatial headquarters, the expense of maintaining which is borne by these moneyed interests.

The man who less than a year ago was "in his dotage" is now in the prime of his intellectual life.

The famous advice, "Attend to your own business," once boorish and disloyal, is now cultured and patriotic.

Expensive legislative unnecessaries are to be abolished by being continued.

A respect for law is to be inculcated by an exhibition of lawlessness on the the part of lawmakers.

Corruption is the maintaining of honor.

Submission to a minority is an evidence of the spirit of democracy.

No wonder Kansas went populist a second time. Such a circus merits a return engagement, but the admission price is high, very high.

THE situation as regards the legislative session is not only unfortunate—it is serious. The senatorial contest, the question of the speakership and particular matters of legislation are dragged in as explanations of the extraordinary condition that confronts the citizens of Oregon. The concern of the people goes beyond present causes. The real issue is a grave one, and is this: Have twenty-nine men, out of ninety entrusted by the people with the responsibilities of law making, the legal power to destroy popular government. It matters not what excuses are given by those who deliberately absent themselves for their extraordinary conduct. Honest men may differ as to the merits of the real results they wish to obtain, but no honest, intelligent, patriotic citizen can endorse the means they employ. They are morally wrong, and the question now to be decided is, shall the constitution be so construed as to make their actions legally proper? They are legally right if the members who have taken the oath of office and who are ready to proceed with business have not the legal power to do so. If they are legally right, the constitution of Oregon does not guarantee to the people of the state the right to rule themselves. Twenty-nine men can at any time prevent the organization of the legislature. What happens this year may be repeated continually. Now is the time to settle this matter. The permanent organization is certainly constitutional. The members who participate in that organization should make no concessions to those who act as obstructionists that will tend to approve their course. The fundamental principles of our government must be upheld at all hazards. Legislation is needed, badly needed, and the thirty-one members have been ever ready to make personal and political sacrifices in order that the work can proceed. But minority dictations, attempted to be pushed by such dangerous methods, must be resented and repelled thoroughly. Responsibility for the condition of affairs that now exists does not lie with the members who helped to organize the house. They have done all they honestly could do, and they should, and doubtless will, firmly maintain their present position. They are right and the people are with them.—Statesman.

THE Oregonian is certainly in an unenviable position. It stands self-condemned. Every word of denunciation it has ever uttered against Johnathan Bourne and his political methods and against populism convicts the Oregonian now. The Oregonian's present straits further expose the regrettable fact that Oregon's leading newspaper is as dishonest and unscrupulous as it is ably edited.

IT is not a mawkish sentimentality that inspires the demand for Senator Mitchell's re-election; it is practicality. The thinking farmers of Oregon will understand that lessening the cost of transportation of their farm products adds to their prices. They understand the benefits inuring to them from the improvement of our rivers and harbors. They know that Mr. Mitchell has been a valuable servant of the state, especially in these matters. They know that the proposed Nicaragua canal means to them a nearer market and higher prices and that in Senator Mitchell the canal has a diligent and efficient advocate. They are not blind to the fact that the great railroad lines are naturally opposed to the construction of the canal and that these corporations are financially interested in accomplishing Mr. Mitchell's defeat.

Short Weight Butter Rolls.

The latest press bulletin issued from the experiment station contains an article on "Short Weight Butter Rolls," from the pen of F. L. Kent, the station dairyman, which is here given in full:

"Some means should be devised to check the practice among dairymen and creamerymen of putting on the market a package of butter claimed to weigh two pounds, but which really weighs from one to three, and sometimes four, ounces less. Of course it is but natural that we should want to lay the blame in this matter on some one else than on ourselves. Really the California dairy supply men are in a measure responsible for the practice, for nearly all the butter moulds used in Oregon are of California manufacture. There was a time in California when practically all the so-called two-pound rolls actually weighed only one and three-fourths pounds. The early Oregon creameries bought these short weight moulds, and thus the practice came into use in this state. The short weight roll, however, is gradually disappearing from the California markets, owing to the efforts of the California Dairy Association, and the dissatisfaction expressed by consumers.

"Some of the Oregon creameries are discussing the advisability of having a law passed regulating the size of the package to be used in marketing all butter which is not sold by the pound, i. e., when butter is sold by the roll, as is the custom in the Portland markets, the rolls shall contain a certain number of cubic inches, which shall be equal to the number of cubic inches of solid butter required to weigh two pounds. Careful weighings and measurements at the station have shown that 28 cubic inches of butter from the ordinary two-pound mould will weigh one pound.

"While such a law, if passed, would doubtless do much toward remedying the evil, there is some question as to the legality of such a measure. There is another way out of the difficulty, however, and that is for every consumer who buys these short weight rolls to make a protest to the dealer against the shortage. Commission men say that people who buy butter seldom inquire whether the rolls are full two pounds in weight. As long as consumers are indifferent about the matter, the majority of creamerymen are not going to furnish full-weight rolls.

"Consumers, the season will soon be at hand when there will be an abundance of good butter in the market. Insist on your dealer furnishing you with full weight rolls, and he, in turn, will demand the same of the creamerymen from whom he gets his supply. By a united effort on the part of consumers this dishonest practice can easily be brought to an end.

Refuse Their Salaries.

Lincoln county will again enjoy the luxury of a law suit, says the leader, the clerk and sheriff refusing the salaries set for them by the county court at its December, 1896, term, and the matter is to be tested in a suit brought by the sheriff for the same salary that the sheriff of Benton county receives.

The action is a mandamus case brought against Lincoln county, J. O. Stearns, county judge, C. H. Williams and F. A. Godwin, commissioners, and the writ directs the defendants to appear before Judge Fullerton, at Toledo, on January 25th, 1897, and show cause, if any there be, why they do not audit and allow the claims of the plaintiff in the same amount that the same officer in Benton county receives.

The only law in reference to the salaries of the clerk and sheriff is in the law of 1893 creating Lincoln county. In section 8 of that act, it is provided that "the sheriff and county clerk of said county shall receive the same fees as now allowed by law to the sheriff and clerk of Benton county." In 1893, after the law creating Lincoln county had been enacted, the legislature enacted a law abolishing the fee system and placed the clerks and sheriffs on salaries, but failed to provide any salary for the clerk or sheriff of Lincoln county. The legislature in 1895 again regulated the salaries of the varicus clerks and sheriffs of the state except those of Lincoln county, and no salaries were named for them. The supreme court has decided that the clerk and sheriff of Lincoln county were under the salary law and not under fees, and in the absence of any named, the officers interpret their salaries to be the same as the salaries of the same officers in Benton county, inasmuch as the law says their fees were to be the same.

Service of the papers was made yesterday, and the case will be heard in court next week. Weatherford & Wyatt, of Albany, and Judge W. S. Hufford, of Corvallis, are attorneys for plaintiffs in the action. Judge J. R. Bryson was also one of the attorneys, but was compelled to retire from the case by reason of his dangerous illness.

State Teachers' Reading Circle.

By a unanimous vote at the last meeting of the Department of the Superintendents at the State Teachers' Association, the management of the Teachers' Reading Circle for the state of Oregon was placed in the care of the president of the State University, and President Chapman, of that institution, is now sending out invitations to the teachers of the state to become members.

"It is not desired," he says, "that any one should join who does not feel the need for earnest professional improvement and hard work. If you feel the need for steady advancement in your work and wish to progress, you are invited to join the State Reading Circle. The Circle can be made a success and a credit to the profession in Oregon if every teacher will co-operate in the effort. This co-operation involves two things; each teacher should join the circle and should also read the books selected diligently. Merely joining the Circle and paying the yearly fee, which is fifty cents, will not do the teacher or the Circle any good. Every member must work.

"Teachers may join the reading circle in either of two ways:

"1. Give your name and the fee, which is fifty cents, to your county superintendent. He will forward them to the University. Then send to Portland, American Book Co., 219 Yamhill St., for either or both the books which the circle is to read. The sets of questions will be forwarded to you monthly.

"2. Send your name and the fee (fifty cents) directly to the University of Oregon, marking the letter "Reading Circle." This will also make you a member of the circle and entitle you to the sets of questions.

Regular exercises and examinations in the work of the Reading Circle will be held at the annual county institutes where arrangements can be made for them.

"County superintendents are ex officio officers and agents of the Reading Circle. They are urgently requested to push the work in their respective counties, to keep it before their teachers in all legitimate ways, and to give due notice to the University of all local institutes and teachers' meetings, so that literature referring to the Reading Circle can be supplied to all teachers.

"The state superintendent, Hon. G. M. Irwin, has promised to award a special certificate of merit to all teachers completing the full work of the Reading Circle satisfactorily."

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Sealed Bids Wanted.

U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Oreg., Dec. 22, 1896: Sealed proposals for removing obstructions from Alsea river, Oregon, will be received here until 2 p. m., Jan. 22, 1897, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application.

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Alsea Jottings.

W. Vidito made a trip to Portland some time back.

George Sebrell came over from Corvallis a few days ago.

Mr. T. J. Childs made a trip last week to the county seat on business.

Mr. Webster left last week for Corvalls, with a load of fine salmon for the market.

The young people had a very pleasant time at a gathering a short time ago at Finley Fullerton's.

We had quite a little excitement over some school matters a short time ago, but all is quiet once more.

Dick Zahn and George Surges made a trip outside last week, Dick going to Corvallis and George to Salem.

There has not been much news lately and we what little there was froze up before we could write it. Now we are thawed out and we are glad of it. You will hear from us once more.

This is a hard time for cattle, horses and sheep. Quite a number of horses have died of staggers. Starvation is more the trouble with sheep and cattle, the bad weather killing the grass.

Will Tharp and J. C. Phillips left our beautiful little valley for east of the mountains where Will expects to do blacksmithing and John thinks of cutting cordwood and making railroad ties. We join their friends in wishing them well.

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Summons.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Benton county, Seth W. Taylor, plaintiff, vs. Sarah A. Taylor, defendant, suit for divorce.

To Sarah A. Taylor, defendant, in the above entitled suit:

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 first day of the next regular term of said court which will be held on the twelfth day of April A. D., 1897, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in said complaint which is for a decree dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and the defendant, and for costs and disbursements of this suit. This summons is served by publication in the Corvallis GAZETTE. By order of J. C. Fullerton, judge of said court, bearing date the 10th day of November A. D., 1896.

JOHN KELSAY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at the county courthouse, Corvallis, Oregon, beginning at one o'clock, Wednesday, February 10, 1897. Teachers eligible to state certificates, state diplomas, must present recommendations and make applications at the same time. Applicants not present at the opening will not be permitted to take the examination.

GEO. W. DENMAN,
County School Superintendent.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Corvallis postoffice, unclaimed Jan. 29, 1897:

Mrs David Baker, W D Hedrick, Wm R Lovejoy, S Nelson, Miss Grace Smith, Frank Taylor, Miss Mattie Vanbebber, Mrs P H Vincent, J W Wright, Clara Williams, Mrs J M Young.

ROBT. JOHNSON, P. M.

CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS.

At an adjourned term of the circuit court held last Friday and Saturday, business was disposed of as follows:

T. Whitehorn vs. N. Batson, et al, sale of property under foreclosure, confirmed.

W. Z. Moss vs. J. L. Hoffman, sale confirmed.

Anna Howard vs. Robert Howard, suit for divorce dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

J. R. Bryson vs. Arthur St. Clair, sale confirmed.

The sale of real property to G. G. Newton by Peter Rickard, referee, for $510, confirmed and referee ordered to execute deed.

G. B. Smith vs. Mary Smith, suit for divorce, defendant's attorney filed demurrer that facts alleged by plaintiff did not constitute sufficient grounds for cause of action. The demurrer was overruled and the defendant refusing to further answer, the case was referred to A. L. McFadden to take testimony and report his findings of law and fact.

B. R. Job vs. Niagara Mill Co., final account of M. M. Davis, receiver, filed and approved. An order was entered discharging the receiver and exonerating his bondsmen from liability.

Assigument of Hamilton, Job & Co., assignee discharged and bondsmen released from liability.

F. M. Johnson, assignee, vs. B. R. Job, sale to W. S. McFadden of block 33, in Job's Addition, for $850, confirmed, conditional upon return of receipts for claims of other shareholders in the property.

John Connor vs. J. W. Rayburn, sale confirmed.

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