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BREEDS CORRUPTION.

Protection Established Under the name of "Protection," an article by Professor John Bascom of Williams college, is a much needed warning of the great danger threatening our once free institutions.

"This theory of protection, having established itself under the guise of the public welfare and purchased the services of those in power, refuses to be abolished. Constantly present and capable of indefinite extension, it carries corruption everywhere. The state can keep itself pure with such a combination of private gains at its very center.

"The tragedy of free institutions passes into comedy and burlesque when trusts, the natural progeny of protection, so threaten the general safety as to demand some form of restraint. These politicians find themselves between the deep sea and the devil. The direct and obvious remedy they dare not apply. Some form of remedy they must find. These towering trusts have been built up not on firm land, but on a platform floated by cash and power, which the government has been at great pains to provide. Let the air out of these, and they would begin at once to sink. The politician knows this only too well. He trains his guns on some outstanding and secondary point, never on the water line, and wins merit in the eyes of the trust by his very method of attack. The secret of construction and the force of correction show the same corrupt temper. If we wish to bring back the government to its democratic basis we must begin by abolishing privilege. As long as we believe that this would disturb the foundations of prosperity we are not Democrats and shall wander still farther in the obscure ways of corruption."

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JACKSON COUNTY'S S. S. CONVENTION

Was in Session at Medford last Week—A Big Attendance—It was One of the Most Successful Ever Held in the State.

The twelfth annual Sunday School Convention of Jackson county met in the Medford M. E. Church Tuesday and Wednesday. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. T. L. Crandall. Prof. E. E. Washburn of Jacksonville responded for the convention in a most pleasing speech.

Rev. W. B. Moore of Medford, the efficient president, called the convention to order. After about half an hour spent in routine work Rev. Abbott of Ashland addressed the convention on the "Home Department." The discussion that followed showed that the interest awakened by the address was deep.

G. F. Billings of Ashland, the unique Sunday School man of the convention, interested, pleased and gave some exceedingly practical thoughts from the topic "Soap and Matches." A discussion, "Responsibility of Pastors and Churches to the County Sunday School Convention," was opened by Rev. T. L. Crandall.

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ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR HANGMAN'S NOOSE

A Dissipated Wretch Kills His Father-in-law Because He Protected His Own Daughter.

M. V. Leasia, who murdered his father-in-law, F. H. Drews, near Portland, a few days since, was captured Tuesday by Captain of Detectives Tiedey from the Vancouver ferry.

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HENRY JONES IS STILL MISSING.

No Tidings From the Evans Creek Stockman Who Mysteriously Disappeared—Foul Play is Suspected.

As stated in our last issue, Henry Jones, a well-to-do stockman, who not long ago arrived from Siskiyou county, Calif., and invested in a ranch situated on Evans Creek, a few miles from Woodville, mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago, and nothing has been heard from him since, although a vigorous search has been made by relatives and officers of the law.

The last seen of him was at Rotermond's drug store in Grants Pass. He inquired the way to Ben Dimick's farm, situated west of that city, having the intention of looking at some cattle with a view of buying. He is supposed to have started to go there, but he never put in an appearance. Absolutely nothing has been seen or heard of him since.

The annual school election will be held on the third Monday in June. P. H. Delley, County School Superintendent, is sending out notices.

Geo. Fieck has returned from Mexico, Calif., and will spend the summer prospecting on Applegate and in the Siskiyou.

Dr. E. H. Julien, a prominent young physician of Northern California, made our city a visit recently. He was accompanied by L. C. Bolle.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Mrs. John L. Thorndike has gone to Baker City, to join her husband. Hon. E. B. Dufur, a prominent attorney, was in our city Wednesday.

Mr. K. K. Kubel, who has been very sick, is slowly convalescing, we are pleased to learn. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lane, Jr., of Footh Creek were guests of Mrs. W. H. Miller Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Devlin of Applegate, the well-known pioneers, spent Thursday in Jacksonville.

Mr. Frank Adams of Table Rock is being visited by her niece, Miss Nellie Hudson of Mills City, Calif.

Mr. C. P. Briggs, wife of Jacksonville's druggist, has gone to Everett, Wash., on a visit with her parents.

Miss Ollie Huffer of the Jacksonville school has been quite ill and, Mrs. Nettie Thompson filled her place.

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FIRE PATROL WILL BE DOUBLED.

N. E. Britt, of the land department of the Oregon & California Railroad Company, and timber inspector for the railroad in this state, has been engaged the services of fire rangers for the coming season who will protect the company's timber lands from any threatened destruction by forest fires.

While the Government is prompted by the best of motives to withdraw large bodies of land and forests from settlement and sale, among which the conservation of the supply of moose seems one of the most important, still it is an undisputed fact that companies owning large bodies of land are profiting very much thereby.

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P. P. PRIM & SON, ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW, Jacksonville, Oregon. Will practice in all courts of the State. Office in the Court House last door on the right from entrance.

A. C. HOUGH, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Grant's Pass, Oregon. Office over Hair-Riddle Hardware Store.

H. D. NORTON, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, Grant's Pass, Oregon. Office above S. P. D. & Co.'s Store.

Silas J. Day, Notary Public, Real Estate Agent and U. S. Commissioner for Jackson County. Abstracts made to Titles of Lands.

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