

# THE BISHOP TOAD

POPULAR WATER REMEDY

In Legendary as Well as in Superstitious Lore the Unearthed and Mysterious Creature Plays No Small Part—The Belief in Toad Stones.

The unfortunate toad has from time immemorial been an object of distrust and aversion, especially among the common people. A pleasing tale runs that a gentleman, walking along a country lane, came suddenly upon a village boy laboring the crushed body of a toad with a heavy stick and exclaiming at each blow, "I'll turn 'e to a toad!" whereat the indignant newcomer, seizing the miscreant by his collar, vigorously applied a cane to his legs, remarking, "I'll turn you to a toad!" The popular hatred of the toad is of such antiquity that it is still so general as to seem ineradicable. That the creature is not dangerously poisonous it is hopeless to attempt to convince the ordinary mind. Doubtless this belief has its origin in the arid secretion which the toad has the power of emitting when disturbed or annoyed unduly and which will cause a dog that has incautiously licked up a toad to foam at the mouth. Again, the uncouth appearance of the creature has had much to do with the feeling of repulsion with which it has always been regarded. "Squat like a toad" is the phrase which Milton describes the evil one as saying to the star of Eve, as Superstition, in truth, has laid a firm hold on the toad's misshapen figure. The belief, not only in the existence of "toad stones," but in their efficacy as sovereign remedies for certain ills, which is still common in parts of the country, is of very ancient date. "There is to be found in the heads of old and great toads," says Fenton, writing in 1569, "a stone they call bax, or stealen, which being used as rings, gives forwarding of venom." In the Londonborough collection is a silver ring of the fifteenth century in which one of these toad stones is set. If there are any harmless nostrums, possibly they will be permitted the use of the malle. But it has been discovered that many tonics, biters, cold cures, compounds for women, and such like medicines, contain a large per cent. of "alcoholic food," anywhere from 19 to 41 per centum. People who drink these medicines are really indulging in intoxicating stimulants.

A CAREFUL PERUSAL of the meager reports on the examination of drugs issued in connection with food and health statistics leads to the belief that from 50 to 75 per cent of the medicines dispensed by the druggists are either willfully adulterated or of inferior quality. This adulteration also extends to the cheaper candies, and is not always of a harmless sort, as is shown by the fact that 60 students at the state normal school at Carlisle, Penn., were taken ill the other day from eating candy. Until human nature changes, rigid national, state and city inspection is the only remedy against such adulterations.

THE OREGONIAN supported the direct primary law, and for that reason is gratified at its overwhelming success at the polls. This law, as all laws can not do the work of reform unless it is utilized to its full capacity by the voters; and, what is more, it cannot, nor can any other law, put power into the hands of the weak or destroy the advantage of the strong. Diligent politicians will still be at the mercy of the hard worker and deep thinker. And as no one can say what the law will be its ultimate, no one can say whether its enactment is wise or not. It is an experiment, and all experiments in politics and society are uncertain.

WARFARE in Manchuria is the Turk's opportunity in Armenia. According to late reports a horde of blood-thirsty Kurds have burned 43 villages and slaughtered their inhabitants. Unless Europe interferes the carnage will in all probability continue until there are no more Armenians within reach of a Mohammedan scimitar. Possibility of such interference is dimmed almost to extinction by the attention now centered upon Asia. What is transpiring there furnishes the only available excuse for permitting the Armenians to wail in the blood of his butchered family. But it does seem strange that such awful things will be permitted in what is called a civilized world. The Turk should be wiped off the face of the earth. He is a fend and too brutal, too called human.

We are in receipt of a handsomely illustrated booklet, 96 pages, entitled "Oregon," descriptive of the wonderful resources and industries of our state and the inducements it offers to settlers and investors. Several pages are devoted to the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, to be held at Portland in 1905 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon country by Captains Lewis and Clark, commanding a government expedition which had been commissioned by President Jefferson. Jackson county receives considerable mention in it. Many hundred thousand copies will be distributed. The booklet can be procured free of charge by addressing Henry E. Reed, secretary Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Stearns Building, Portland.

It is said that within the last month more than 2500 clerks have been discharged by New York banks and brokerage houses, for the reason that there was nothing for them to do. In spite of the low price of oil, the oil market is a speculative one, and the outside public cannot be induced to take hold, the professional hardy find it profitable or amusing to gamble with each other. Brokers in speculation cannot make money unless the general public is buying freely, and just now it is not buying at all. The public will speculate only when prices are high and the market advancing. For nearly a year, now, prices have been low and constantly tending downward. The demand for domestic manufactures has also fallen off, and the manufacturers are forcing their goods on the European market. It may not end in a panic, but the situation is not reassuring.

THE ONLY ONE. "Charles," said Passy coyly, speaking of her fiancé, "is quite individual. He is different from other men." "Of course; he's willing to be engaged to you," replied Miss Sharp-Exchange.

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THE FOLLOWING is a list of applicants for admission to the bar which was examined by the Supreme Court June 7th: Lonna L. Parker, Andrew J. Derby, Mortimer D. Latourrette, Henry N. Windsor, Ernest Brand, Jr., B. E. Youmans, George C. Hutton, Francis M. Scoble, George J. Perkins, Edward H. Joehnk, Frank Stewart, L. E. Crouch, Charles T. Bonney, R. W. Marsters, Ira L. Thompson, Albert N. Orcutt, Andrew G. Gronson.

# LATEST RETURNS FROM THE ELECTION.

REPUBLICAN—COUNTY OFFICERS DIFFERENT.

THE PROPOSITION to prevent dogs from running at large was defeated by nearly 1,800 votes.

District Attorney Reames' official majority is 51-3 in Jackson and 48 in Josephine.

John S. Orth's official majority for county clerk is 92.

Carl T. Jones, candidate for surveyor, received the biggest majority cast at the recent election. J. M. Rader, P. H. Daily, Robt. R. Dwyer, W. I. Vawter, D. H. Miller, Geo. Brown and Dr. Cameron also have large majorities.

Judge Hanna runs away behind his ticket in every county in the first judicial district; but the Republican majority in the district, already large, has been run up several hundred this year and he is re-elected, with plenty of votes to spare. The dual candidacy of Neil and Dufur also assisted him materially. Had either of them been on the Democratic ticket alone Hanna would certainly have been defeated. The result carries no vindication for him, notwithstanding the fact that the odds were decidedly in his favor in every possible way.

Josephine county gives majorities for the entire Republican ticket, with three exceptions—Reames, District Attorney, 48 majority; Smith, Dem., representative, 48, and Taylor, Dem., treasurer, 418. Hermann has 150 majority; Moore, 200; Bailey, 200; O'Day, 245; Bailey, 446; Berry, 21; Douglas, 215; Rasmussen, 10. Circuit Judges—Benson, Rep., 506; Dufur, Dem., 200; Hanna, Rep., 348; Neil, Dem., 269. Joint senator, Lake, Klamath, Crook and Grant Representatives—Booth, 327; Laycock, 390. Joint representatives, Lake, Klamath, Crook and Grant—Griffith, 233; Shook, 380; Steiner, 526; Taylor, 198. District Attorney for Lake and Klamath Counties—E. M. Brattain, Rep., 370; W. J. Moore, Dem., 316.

Klamath county give Hermann 654, Veatch 353, Moore 591, O'Day 394, Bailey 508, Douglas 320. Circuit Judges, Benson 690, Hanna 542, Dufur 237, Neil 318. District Attorney, Brattain, Rep., 414; Moore, Dem., 550. Senator, Laycock 327, Booth 400; Representative, Steiner, Rep., 408; Shook, R. p., 441; Griffith, Dem., 548; Taylor, Dem., 325. The Republicans elect: Sheriff, treasurer, school superintendent, coroner, surveyor. The Democrats, assessor, commissioner and clerk. Laws passed and carried by a small vote. A big vote was cast for direct primaries.

In the Second District practically complete returns indicate that J. N. Williamson has been re-elected by a plurality of 13,000 votes. In the First District Binger Hermann will have more than 7000 votes.

Two years ago R. S. Bean was elected Supreme Judge by 17,146. This year practically complete returns indicate that the plurality of F. A. Moore over his Democratic opponent for Supreme Judge, Thomas O'Day, will be 23,000.

Incomplete returns make it certain that the local option law has carried by a fair majority. The 3000 votes for prohibition county cast against the measure have been overcome and the law has that many votes to spare. It is believed complete returns will greatly enlarge this majority.

The direct primary nominating law has swept the state by more than 20,000 majority. Little opposition to the measure was manifested at the polls.

Two of the surprises of the election was the defeat of B. L. Eddy, of Third Judicial District. His Democratic opponent, William Galloway, of Yamhill, was elected by a plurality of 100, and the venerable Judge Boies defeated Judge O'Day in Douglas county. In Multnomah county, Nottingham, Independent, beats Courtney, Republican, for state senator by a small majority.

# OFFICIAL RETURNS OF JACKSON COUNTY.

FOR CONGRESS.

H. Gould, Pro..... 148  
H. H. Hays, Dem..... 1738  
B. F. Ramp, Soc..... 220  
R. M. Veatch, Dem..... 1372

HERMANN'S PLURALITY..... 396  
JUSTICE SUPREME COURT.

C. J. Bright, Pro..... 153  
C. C. Mikkelsen, Soc..... 258  
P. A. Moore, Rep..... 1808  
Thos. O'Day, Dem..... 1321

MOORE'S PLURALITY..... 487  
DAILY AND FOOD COM.

J. W. Daily, Rep..... 1555  
Ira W. Berry, Pro..... 109  
S. M. Douglas, Dem..... 1135  
N. Rasmussen, Soc..... 226  
Bailey's Plurality..... 423

CIRCUIT JUDGE.

H. L. Benson, Rep..... 1728  
H. K. Hanna, Rep..... 1563  
E. H. Dufur, Dem..... 1481  
J. R. Neil, Dem..... 1446

REAMES' PLURALITY..... 247  
Hanna's Plurality..... 82

DISTRICT ATTY.

E. P. Hammond, Soc..... 180  
Gus Nunnery, Rep..... 1738  
A. E. Reames, Dem..... 1550

REPRESENTATIVE.

W. O. Bridges, Dem..... 1221  
W. I. Vawter, Rep..... 1930  
D. M. Brower, Soc..... 282  
B. B. Paul, Pro..... 124

REPRESENTATIVES.

H. S. Evans, Dem..... 1483  
J. J. Hoock, Dem..... 1275  
J. E. Jackson, Dem..... 1738  
H. Von der Helten, Rep..... 1651  
M. D. Wilson, Pro..... 127

R. C. Meeser, Soc..... 222  
J. A. Thomas, Soc..... 218

JACKSON'S PLURALITY..... 256  
Von der Helten's Plurality..... 126

COUNTY JUDGE.

Geo. W. Dunn, Rep..... 1823  
Charles Prim, Dem..... 1523  
S. H. Holt, Soc..... 207

DUNN'S PLURALITY..... 300

SHERIFF.

Joseph M. Rader, Dem..... 2002  
J. E. Taylor, Dem..... 1410  
H. Richardson, Soc..... 192

RADER'S PLURALITY..... 592

CLERK.

Geo. L. Davis, Rep..... 1615  
John S. Orth, Dem..... 1410  
M. Votaw, Pro..... 105  
J. D. Williams, Soc..... 194

ORTH'S PLURALITY..... 92

RECORDER.

C. A. Diekman, Rep..... 1512  
R. B. Dow, Dem..... 1796  
C. W. Gorow, Soc..... 241

DOW'S PLURALITY..... 283

TREASURER.

D. H. Miller, Dem..... 1696  
Ivan Humason, Rep..... 1422  
J. T. Eads, Pro..... 130  
M. L. Harly, Soc..... 219

MILLER'S PLURALITY..... 274

ASSESSOR.

Peter Applegate, Soc..... 1587  
Fred Furry, Dem..... 1560  
G. W. Howard, Soc..... 235  
A. L. Kitchin, Pro..... 129

APPLEGATE'S PLURALITY..... 27

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

P. H. Daily, Rep..... 1808  
G. H. Samuels, Dem..... 1385  
L. L. Reames, Dem..... 202

DAILY'S PLURALITY..... 423

COMMISSIONER.

Geo. Brown, Rep..... 1781  
W. L. McClain, Dem..... 1277  
M. Calhoun, Soc..... 295  
J. L. Downing, Pro..... 145

BROWN'S PLURALITY..... 504

SURVEYOR.

Carl T. Jones, Rep..... 1978  
F. M. Roundtree, Dem..... 1210  
R. W. Kennedy, Soc..... 268

JONES' PLURALITY..... 708

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