

So let the way wind up the hill or down... Through rough or smooth the journey will be joy!

PROHIBITION A SCARECROW.

The East Oregonian believes now just as it has always believed, that every community, every voting precinct should choose its own surroundings.

If Athena does not wish prohibition, or if Weston does not want to close the town, those precincts should be the only ones concerned in the matter.

A law not backed up by strong public sentiment cannot be enforced, and public sentiment in favor of prohibition in Umatilla county as a whole, is not strong enough to make prohibition effective, if it should carry.

The precincts should be left to manage this matter until such time as the majority of the precincts in the county are converted to the prohibition idea.

While there is not the least danger of Umatilla county carrying for prohibition, yet a great many business men are alarmed, needlessly.

A vote for the local option law did not mean a vote for prohibition. It requires long educational processes to change entire communities, and when the prohibition vote is counted on November 9, it will be found to exceed by very little, if any, the prohibition vote of last June.

The total vote of the county last June was 4322. Does anybody believe that public sentiment in the county has changed so much as to make a prohibition victory possible in the county at this time?

STATISTICS WANTED.

That the government is more than willing to study the problem of irrigation in all the different phases, and to make every possible investigation that will lead to the reclamation of the arid lands of the West, is shown in the statement of John T. Whistler, government engineer in charge of the work in Oregon.

Give the name of the farmer, location of his land, whether bottom or upland, how many acres producing under winter flooding, how much water is applied to the land during the flooding period, when and how long is the flooding period, character of the land before reclamation, what are the products, value per acre, cost per acre of raising crops, average yield of alfalfa for a period of five or ten years under winter irrigation and the average price of alfalfa for same period.

The government is anxious to get reliable statistics of this kind. If the farmers will co-operate with the irrigation associations, in the collecting of the right kind of statistics, it may influence the government to give the subject of winter irrigation consideration, in passing finally upon the feasibility of the Echo project.

NATURE IS CHANGED.

They say the shape of the head, the size of its bump, the curve of the forehead, the contour of the face, the thickness of the neck, the form of the eye, the length and shape of the nose and the peculiar pursing of the lips, all indicate the character and the genius of the man.

These rules of phrenology and psychology have been scattered as wisps of straw in an October gale, by the arts of deception and the studios wiles of the professional fakir.

"Art has changed the stamp of nature." It is no longer possible to rely on the findings of the phrenologist. Men, in their mad feign to get rich, to earn a living without work, to wear diamonds and ride in palace cars without effort, have performed all kinds of phrenological and psychological wonders.

Men with flat foreheads, receding chins and pug noses are holding some of the best positions in the world, while splendid specimens of physical and mental perfection with full foreheads and kindly bearing are

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Japan carries her personal cleanliness into every corner she traverses. The same rigid rules of health are observed in the Japanese boarding cars on the O. R. & N., that have kept the emergency hospitals and crowded camps of the Mikado's armies in Manchuria peculiarly free from fever and disease, and which have resulted in the speedy recovery of the greatest proportion of wounded soldiers of any war in modern times.

In his work on the American railroad track, the Japanese bathes regularly every night, changes off his working clothes for dry, clean clothing on coming from his work, eats in moderation and eats regularly, takes exercise, but never medicine. The result is that a sick Japanese is as rare as a sick lion.

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So far, there is no certainty about any one going from this county. Some of those who are now in the East may be there, but the city and county should see that accredited delegates are sent with instructions to urge government irrigation, both in private conferences with government engineers, and in open congress.

Athena is to be complimented on the organization of a commercial club. There is work for a commercial association of some kind in every town and hamlet, where there is need of a leading and guiding public force in the affairs of the community.

There must be some authorized body to take the lead. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and in the smallest town, there is always something for a public spirited body to do.

On January 1, 1897, in the closing days of the Cleveland administration, the wholesale cost of the breadstuffs consumed by an average American in a year was \$11.73. On September 1, 1904, it was \$18.47—an increase of 57.74, or over 57 per cent. Of course the customer himself has had to pay a great deal more. But this increase in wholesale prices alone amounts to an additional \$37.70 to the living expenses of a family of five on a single necessary item.

The average wage-earner have very many rolls of \$37.70 each to throw at the birds, or the Milling Trust? Either the "full dinner pail" contains two thin slices of bread now to every three thick ones it contained in Cleveland's time, or it is costing the owner more than half as much again to keep it full as it cost then. How many workmen are receiving that much more wages?

The whiskey peddlers who are writing the anti-prohibition rot editorials for the Morning Tribune can't dictate nor suggest any part of the policy of the East Oregonian now or at any other time. The Tribune has lost all the respect of even the whiskey men, because they now know they can handle its policy, dictate its every utterance, buy it from top to bottom, and from the devil to the editor with a pittance of corruption fund.

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Palouse Project Assured.

Prospects for the speedy construction of the Palouse irrigation project by the government at a cost of \$5,500,000 are better than ever. Three engineers who drove over the country last week have sent their report directly to Washington, D. C.

The engineers who took the five days' drive from Pasco up into the Council Bluffs country are H. N. Savage, supervising engineer from Salt Lake; John H. Quinton, consulting engineer from Los Angeles; and T. N. Noble, district engineer of Washington.

The engineers say that for the purpose of more definitely determining the cost of construction a diamond drill boring outfit had been ordered to determine the nature of the material through which excavations must be made, to determine the cost of construction of the dam—Walla Walla Statesman.

Idaho Artesian Water.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gibson of this city are feeling very fortunate just now and have good cause to do so as they now have three flowing artesian wells on the desert land tract taken up by Mrs. Gibson, which is located on "Alkali" between Little and Big Willow creeks about 25 miles from Payette.

In the first well put down an inch of artesian water was struck at a depth of 101 feet, in the second four inches were struck at a depth of 28 feet and in the third 15 inches were struck at a depth of 73 feet.

The casing of the third well is four inches above the surface of the ground and the water rises to a height of 12 inches above the casing. There is 80 acres in the tract of land and the striking of this artesian water for irrigation purposes will add greatly to its value.—Payette Independent.

Between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock on November 2 Judge Moran issued citizenship papers to 72 applicants at Wallace, Idaho.

Out of the large number presenting themselves only one was refused. Of 73 admitted to citizenship 27 were born in Sweden and Norway, seven in Canada, eight in Ireland, seven in Finland, six in Germany, six in England, four in Austria, three in Wales, two in Scotland and one each in Italy, Switzerland and Denmark.

Monroe Miller, a well known farmer near Albany, has disappeared after raising \$2500 by mortgage and note. He leaves a wife and three grown children. It is believed he has left the country voluntarily.

Charles H. Stockton has resigned as fire chief of Astoria and will move to Portland. He has been continually a member of the fire department of that city for 27 years.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

A. H. Smith had a hand badly mangled November 1, in a circular saw at Eugene.

Portland's fire chief estimates next year's expenditures of the department at \$274,890.

Repairs that will cost \$178,000 are being made on the gunboat Vicksburg at Mare Island.

Mrs. Rose Hoyt has been elected president of the Portland city federation of women's clubs.

Bert H. Swan, turnkey of the penitentiary at San Quentin, Cal., accidentally shot and killed himself with a rifle.

E. F. Hall died November 2, at Woodburn, Ore., aged 72. He came to Oregon in 1845, being in the party lost in Meek's cutoff.

There has not been a political meeting of any denomination in Clatsop county this fall, and no party has maintained a headquarters.

All of the 299 guests at a recent celebration in Presentation, Convent, San Francisco, were poisoned more or less seriously by ice cream.

The Pacific States Telephone Company is expanding and absorbing. It lately took charge of the toll lines from Vancouver, Idaho to Whitebird and Harper.

Otis M. Storer of Redding, Cal., November 1, fell from a high trestle and was killed. His fiancée, Miss Grace Hunter, of September 24, was killed by a falling fir tree.

A. D. Barker on November 1 began his 24th year as baggage man for the Southern Pacific railway company at Astoria. He has been on the job since November 1, 1871.

Tom Honesscutt, near Independence, Oregon, while putting away a shotgun on November 1, accidentally discharged the weapon, and the bullet body below the heart, killing him instantly.

The Savage Brothers, of Merlin, Ore., will furnish 5,000 pine cones for decorating the forestry building at the 4th and Clark exposition. They are gathering them this fall and winter.

The coroner's jury at Tacoma exonerated Elmer J. Carlson for shooting and killing his father October 31, in his own and his mother's defense. Carlson is night chief operator for the Western Union.

An unknown man fell from the tracks of a Southern Pacific train near Canyonville, Ore., November 2, and was killed. Documents were found on his person proving him to have been a Spanish-American war veteran.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys.

Of course, this represents only a fractional part of what Alfred Austin really earns; still it is all he gets for being poet laureate to the English speaking race. This salary, although it was increased to its present munificent proportions when Lord Tennyson died.

Some time before his death it was decided to increase his salary to that amount, but the government did not decide until after his death. Thus the present poet laureate came in for the raise intended for Lord Tennyson.

Even this small sum is more than the official salary of the Bishop of Winchester, in his capacity of minister to the chapel royal. He receives \$35 per annum. It is an office which requires his presence at Windsor several times each year and the total amount to five times the amount of his salary.

The vice consuls of the second class towns in Russia are also badly paid. Their salaries vary from \$25 to \$130, but two-thirds of them get \$25.

GENERAL NEWS. Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister to the United States, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

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