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MORE ABOUT THE DELEGATION.

During the time the editor was in Texas there has been more fun in Oregon republican (so-called) politics than a hound pup would have in a basketful of eggs. And strange to say the Oregon delegation are doing the hound pup stunt with the administration.

The first effort was to prove that the Secretary of the Interior had it in for Congressman Hermann when the delegation's choice for the land office at La Grande was set down upon. They got very sassy and said ugly things about Secretary Hitchcock and then President Roosevelt, like the man he is, said: "Gentlemen of Oregon, it was I who turned down your man," and the President in turning down the La Grande nominee, turned down the corrupt political ring that has cursed the pure principles of republicanism in that section of the state and which was sought to be perpetuated. The ring there is a so-called republican ring but it is controlled by a democrat, and President Roosevelt knocked out the ring and at the same time the republican ring's democratic master. These are the facts in the case, and we would like the President to give the delegation another bill in the face for the same state of corrupt political methods exist in more places than La Grande. And here we want it to be distinctly understood—whatever may have appeared to the contrary during our absence—the PLAINEALER will support the President first, last and all the time.

At the present time the delegation hardly knows "where it is at." The members do not know whether to pose as martyrs to the cause of Oregon ring politics or to act like old maids down with the dumps and anxious for Roosevelt to chuck them under the chin, when they will be all smiles again. But in the meantime that mean old man Simons at Portland, is defending the President's action, and many who have been turned down by the Oregon delegation are now paying court to the erstwhile de-throned senator. If affairs continue for the next month as they have in the past, it will be Simons who will be the dispenser of goodies at the picnic. The talk of the Oregon Adullamites that they can turn the Oregon delegation against Roosevelt in the next National republican convention is nothing more than an hallucination of imagination, for the rank and file of the republican party in Oregon will die with Roosevelt, in the ditch, whatever the generals supposed to be in command may do.

THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The editor attended the National Irrigation Congress held at Ogden, last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Twenty-six States and territories were represented by delegates. The Convention was called to order by U. S. Senator Clarke, of Montana. The Governor, of Utah gave the delegates in attendance a warm welcome, and the Mayor of Ogden told the delegates that the police force was all powerful and under strict orders to enforce a law, but that in him was invested full pardoning power and full pardon was granted before-hand to all the delegates who violated law.

The addresses of welcome were responded to by President Clarke after which the singing of a prize ode to irrigation, written by Mrs. Gilbert McClurg, of Colorado Springs, and sung by the Tabernacle choir of over two hundred voices was rendered in a grand and effective manner.

The President of the United States signally honored the National Irrigation congress by a special message, pronouncing its works and aims as of vital concern to the Nation. Members of President Roosevelt's cabinet also endorsed the congress and a special message was read to the delegates in convention assembled, from Hon. E. A. Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior; and the cabinet was personally represented by Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, who addressed the convention on questions of agriculture, of horticulture and forestry of the semi-arid region.

Mexico was represented by Lieutenant Colonel of Engineers, Don Ignacio Altamira, of the Washington

Embassy, and a special representative from France helped to give the congress international repute. Prominent in the program was a discussion of the National Irrigation law and its application, by Mr. Frederick H. Newell, Chief of Government Irrigation Surveys, and addresses were delivered in this section of the program, in which Mr. Newell acted as Chairman, on various irrigation work planned and considered as feasible for immediate building, by the Federal Government, under the Reclamation law.

One of the mottoes of the Congress is that "Colonization is Progress," and it has been epigrammatically expressed, "Let us make an inland Empire in America through irrigation and intensive cultivation of the soil, for land without population is a wilderness, population without land is a mob."

Commander Frederick Booth-Tucker, the National Leader of the Salvation Army, came from New York to attend the congress and to speak on "Colonization," of which he has had valuable, practical experience. On the opening night the citizens of Ogden tendered the delegates a reception, smoker, ball and a general hot time in a large auditorium building. The hospitality was lavish and boundless and after 2000 bottles of champagne had turned in many cases into real pain; fifty barrels of beer, about 10,000 fine cigars and the most delicious and bountiful spread ever set before a national convention had been disposed of the delegates were prepared to vote Ogden the first city in America.

The Texas delegation from El Paso brought with them in two special cars the famous El Paso Mexican band. The editor was a guest of the Texas delegation from Pueblo to Ogden and loaned the El Paso boys his dog, which was dressed up in regalia and was their mascot to secure the meeting of the National Irrigation Convention at El Paso in 1904. From time to time the editor will give articles on the subject of national irrigation, for what the protective tariff is to the American manufacturer national irrigation will in the future be the protection afforded to the agriculturist in every state west of the Mississippi river. Irrigation is to be the grand work of the republican party of the twentieth century.

THE LAND DRAFTS.

The Oregonian of last Friday's date has a Washington communication on the land question. In an interview Land Commissioner Richards says: "The lieu land law ought to be remedied on an equitable basis. Indeed, I am almost in favor of its complete repeal, but that would hardly be fair. The law should be so amended as to restrict lieu selections to lands of equal area, and of approximately equal value to those given back to the Government in forest reserves. The law was ostensibly framed for the benefit of bona fide settlers, but a study of the map of forest reserves established in the past four or five years leads to the conclusion that they were created primarily in the interest of land-grant railroads and wagon road companies.

"I have not a doubt," said he today after reading the recent arraignment of Senator Fulton, "that many speculative entries have been made in Oregon, in localities referred to by the Senator. But I do not hesitate to say that no man, in Oregon or any other state, secured from this office any advance information which would enable him to tell what lands we proposed withdrawing. This is one thing we have carefully guarded. There may be leaks in the Interior Department or elsewhere. I don't undertake to speak for other offices, but there are no leaks here.

Regarding the trouble between Senator Fulton and the land office, the correspondent says: "No one in Washington stands ready to deny the general charge made by Senator Fulton, in the Oregonian of September 12, that some officials, or officials of the Interior Department have been giving out advance information to land speculators in Oregon and other states which has enabled them to settle upon thousands of acres of public lands which were soon thereafter embodied in great temporary withdrawals made for forest reserve purposes. Unless the Senator makes his charges specific, names the men who have made speculative entries, designates the land that has been so entered, or points out the leaks through which speculators have obtained advance information, his allegations will not be given serious consideration by the Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Hitchcock is away from Washington, but were he here he would not reply to the general statement of the Oregon Senator. His subordinates likewise decline to make reply, and say no denial will be entered until specific instances of fraudulent entry, or the improper exposure of departmental secrets, are stated."

Quarterly Inspection of Company D, O. N. G. will be held at the Armory, at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, Sept. 29.

DIED OF EXPOSURE. BODY OF HARMON SNYDER FOUND.

DECEASED WANDERED AWAY FROM CABIN IN A DRUNKEN CONDITION.

Our readers have been kept posted from time to time on the mystery of the supposed murder or suicide of Harmon Snyder, and to bring the matter to a focus the Honorable County Court of Douglas county very wisely offered a reward of \$150 for evidence leading to a charge of murder or for the finding of the body, which notice was published in this paper.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, T. G. Hammersley was hunting on the mountain south of Perdue and when at a point three quarters of a mile from Bagshaw's cabin on Stout creek, he found a human body in the bed of the creek. The body had on an undershirt and a pair of shoes. Mr. Hammersley promptly notified the officials at Roseburg and on Saturday, Sept. 19, Justice Buchanan empaneled a jury and went to the place where the body of Snyder was found. The jury, after exhaustive enquiry, rendered the following

VERDICT.

We the coroners jury empaneled in the case of Harmon Snyder deceased, find that the remains of a human body found by T. G. Hammersley on Stout Creek, Douglas County, Oregon, on the 16th of Sept. 1903, are the remains of Harmon Snyder, aged about 49, of Roseburg, Oregon, that said Harmon Snyder died about the 10th

Suicide by Hanging.
On Sunday morning at the foot of Camas Mountain, three miles from Olalla, some movers who were going to Coos Bay, found the body of a man hanging to a tree by a rope and his toes just touching the ground. He was an old man and evidently hard up in mind, body and pocket. Justice Buchanan was notified and he empaneled a jury who returned the following verdict:

"We the coroner's jury empaneled in this case find that we have not been able to secure sufficient evidence to identify the body. That the deceased came to his death near Olalla, in Douglas County, Oregon, on the 20th day of September, 1903, from strangulation by hanging. We find that it is plainly a case of suicide. Dated at O'alla, Oregon, this 20th day of Sept. 1903.

R. A. GILES
E. A. WELLS
H. Z. IRELAND
OTTO KENTON
J. A. PYRON
A. IRELAND.
That the case was premeditated suicide with a view of putting an end to intolerable pain there can be no doubt.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To Father M. J. Warde, Beloit, Wis.
I have the honor to inform you that your recent attack on the International Typographical Union and sanctioned by the administration of the arch diocese is unnecessary and will result in failure.
I will not be personal in reply but simply attach principle. As a man, I have love for all. I am not a member of said union, nor a catholic, yet were I both, I would communicate to you the information that you could take your absolutions and your other make believes and stick them in your hat.
The Mother church, so called, may boss some affairs in Europe, but it

MURDER IS SUSPECTED. DR. E. F. DIMMICK, OF OAKLAND, IS DEAD.

HIS WIFE AND TWO COMPANIONS ARE NOW IN JAIL.

OAKLAND, Sept. 19.—Dr. Edwin F. Dimmick was found in the throes of death in a lonely canyon of the Contra Costa hills last night. Thursday he threatened the lives of his wife and Edward Troy, coming at them with an ax. Today he is dead, and unless the circumstances that surround his demise are more clearly explained Sheriff Veale will hold the whole camping party of which he was a member under arrest. Obviously the whole story has not been told.

This was a camping party from Oakland, composed of Dr Dimmick, Mrs. Dimmick, Edward Troy and a man named Bishop. Their explanation is that Dimmick turned violently insane yesterday, and in the evening fled from the party and was lost in the hills. The fact that his insanity, if there was nothing more, should have proved so quickly fatal, appears to Sheriff Veale in need of a clearer explanation than has yet been given. Pending that explanation, the surviving campers will stay in jail at Martinez.

D. S. Mulholland found Dimmick's body in a lonely canyon far out in the stretch between the Fish ranch and Lafayette. It was lying in the bed of a creek on the Carroll ranch. Coroner Curry took charge of the body and notified Sheriff Veale that the circumstances surrounding the death appeared suspicious.

When first seen by Mulholland, Dimmick was walking slowly and in a crouching position along the ridge of a low hill back of the Carroll house. He was holding his hands to his stomach and was evidently in great pain. Presently he threw his hands into the air, and falling backward, started to roll down the side of the hill. At the edge of the cliff which overhangs a canyon, he recovered himself and stood erect for a moment only to fall over again to the bottom of the gully.

Mulholland rushed to his assistance and found him lying face down in the sand. His hands were pressed against his abdomen.

Making Dimmick's position more comfortable, he hastened to summon a physician. When he returned about half an hour later Dimmick was dead.

Several explanations are offered. There is a story of a fight between Dimmick and Troy, in which the former attacked the latter with an ax. It is known that Dimmick was jealous of Troy. Owing to the social and professional prominence of Dimmick, the affair has caused a sensation here.

The political crisis is still the sole topic of discussion in the United Kingdom. Premier Balfour is expected to have an audience with King Edward of Balmoral today, when doubtless he will present the nominations for the Cabinet vacancies. The exact nature of these appointments still continues matter of varied surmises.
We notice that the Eugene Guard is still kicking and kicking and astuting and astuting on the little campaign picture in which President Roosevelt and Ringer Hermann have such broad expressive smiles. The Guard did not have gumption enough to get up a "republican harmony" love feast and that is what the Guard continues to kick itself for.

The fact that the last census shows a decrease of population in a number of northern states generally regarded as prosperous, and an increase of population in some of the southern states, has a significance politically as well as industrially and commercially. Congressional representation is based upon population. If northern states lose in such representation and southern states gain correspondingly the section equilibrium in congress may ultimately be affected. Examples of loss in population in the last decade are shown in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Colorado. Some of the eastern states gained but little and in many sections of the eastern states there was a considerable percentage loss. On the other hand large gains are credited to southern states, notably Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Texas. The great development of cotton manufacturing in the southern states in recent years has been potential in attracting population, the influence is liable to continue in greater ratio. The South and particularly Texas has always been known for "that beastly democratic major-jority," but in this process of shift and change election returns are very apt to show a change also.

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day of June, 1903, on Stout Creek, Douglas County, Oregon, from being lost and wandering in the mountains, his death being caused by exposure and exhaustion. Dated at Perdue, Oregon, Sept. 19, 1903.

can never get its meddlesome shout in this "land of the free and home of the brave." Bear in mind Father, that laws founded on Mother Nature have strong arms. Send your bans over to Europe where the powers that be are ordained by Pope, King or Emperor and their subjects are in a measure their slaves.

Remember also Father Warde, that in 1776 some of our sensible forefathers retired the gods from politics and declared that the right to govern consists in the consent of the governed. In reading those powerful and most grand documents ever received in the minds of a body of men the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States, we find that the only rightful authority in religion is conscience; said grand documents are human and ordained of liberty—the grandest work ever spoken by men or gods.

In fine, father, the members of said Union have a greater cause and power and show more intelligence than have a set of men who show no better sense than to sacrifice their natural rights for the sake of their artificial church.
JAMES INMAN.
Looking Glass, Ore., Sept. 21, 1903.

Good Housekeeping, always full from cover to cover of the best of good things, seems to be better than ever in the October number, and will repay perusal. The leading article of the month is by Chas. F. Lummis, under the title "California Girls." Many others of equal interest also appear.

A remarkable case, in which a woman has been made to speak after inability to utter a word for three years, is that of Miss Emma Lewis, says a dispatch from Utica, N. Y. She is 50 years old, and lost the use of the vocal cords through paralysis. A local physician has restored their use through electrical application of varying power to the throat. She has now regained her full powers of speech.

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The Woodburn Independent is quite correct in the statement that President Roosevelt can proceed no further against trusts than the law allows. The President is but an executive officer. If he people want a radical anti-trust law they should elect only those who would respect their wishes and do their bidding, and rest assured that President Roosevelt would place no obstacle in the way. It is particularly noticeable that Democratic Congressmen have not been eager to propose measures antagonistic to trusts, and on more than one occasion have blocked progress in this respect. Ex-President Grover Cleveland, one of the most prominent Democratic leaders and mentioned as a candidate for President again, is the pet of Wall Street and the choice of trust promoters. He has posed as anti-trust merely in his free trade attitude, but this is wanted by Coal Baron Baer, and such men as Pierpont Morgan would welcome such a condition, knowing well that trusts would still thrive. It would be well for Democrats to look to their own house and not censure a Republican executive whose hands have been tied to a great extent by the course pursued by Democratic representatives. Hearst, it is true, for political aggrandizement, has fought the trusts, but he is only one Democrat and will never get the Presidential nomination at the hands of his party.

Oil that runs out of the ground like water from a boiling spring has been found in the island of San Domingo. St. Louis people have purchased the right to develop the find. The wells or springs are about five miles from the coast and 500 feet above the sea level. The oil shows a paraffin base and is much lighter than Texas oil. Analysis shows 43 per cent of kerosene and 40 per cent of naphtha and lubricating oil of good quality. If there is profit in the working there will be a new style of revolution in San Domingo—an industrial revolution.

Farland, John Reeves; Albany, C. W. Rogue; Lebanon, D. C. McFarland; Tangent and Brownsville, W. A. Oden; Harrisburg, A. J. Starmer; Junction City, P. D. Gardner. Roseburg district, E. G. Fitch, P. E.; Roseburg, H. C. Allen; Oakland, E. G. Fitch; Coquille and Bandon, R. A. Reagan; Myrtle Point, W. H. Wages; Myrtle Creek, J. C. Cook; Grants Pass, W. F. Goulder; Medford, H. C. Brown; Klamath Falls, to be supplied; North Umpqua, G. W. Householder; Astland, H. G. Rosser; missionary secretary, W. B. Smith; transferred to Los Angeles conference, M. G. Darby.

To Plainealer Patrons.
The PLAINEALER received so many complaints regarding positions in advertisements that we were compelled to go back to the old form. We like the five column, eight page paper better than the present form, but it is the part of wisdom to see affairs in the same light as our advertisers see them, hence the change to the old form.

Columbia Conference.
The thirty-eight session of the Columbia Conference, M. E. Church, South closed this morning and the preachers are leaving on today's trains for their respective places of labor throughout the Conference.
Roseburg has impressed herself favorably upon all the members of the Conference by their wide open hospitality and genial courtesy to every attending Resolution of thanks were unanimously adopted by the body.
On Sunday at the Opera House, Bishop H. C. Morrison gave a most eloquent and logical sermon on Future Retribution.

Reduced Summer Excursion Rates.
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