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THE PUBLIC RIGHT TO WATER.

THE NEW YORK STATE court of appeals has handed down a decision affecting the rights of beach owners at seaside resorts which ought to be made applicable to all riparian owners on meandered lakes and rivers, the decision being in effect that the public is entitled to walk along the beach at high tide, and that fences, bulk heads and the like that interfere with the public highway must be removed.

No greater wrong is being done to posterity in this country than fencing in the little lakes, and cutting off the free right of way along the river banks, by adjacent property owners. Ambassador Bryce, writing not long ago on what Americans might learn from eight hundred years of English experience, put first to protect the public in its right to approach the water.

The question is up in Oregon in various forms, affecting the right of riparian owners along meandered streams. Every meandered stream should be declared a public highway, not only as to its channel but as to its banks, and every meandered lake should be public not only as to its waters but in the matter of approach and free right of way along its shores.

Just how far the decision of the New York courts will go to influence the public policy with regard to inland waters is not known. But it is something to have the sea beach made public. In the end there will be a movement to preserve all the inland waters to public use as well. The lakes and rivers are the great breathing places of the people, and private monopoly of their beauties will be intolerable. No lake large enough to be meandered should ever be permitted to be fenced in, neither should any meandered stream.

VETOED CURRY BILL.

Gov. Chamberlain Defeated Salary Raise—Chase In Mixup.

Last week, Governor Chamberlain applied the veto to a bill providing for increasing the salary of the clerk of Coos county from \$1,000 to \$1,200. It was introduced by Representative Muncy the first time. An attempt was made to have it passed over the governor's veto. The Oregonian in its report of the action after the veto evidently got confused and credited the measure to Coos county. In its report of it (remember that Curry county is probably correct instead of Coos county), the Oregonian says:

"The bills defeated were Senate Bill 19, Chase, to increase the salary of the Clerk of Coos county from \$1,000 to \$1,200; and House bill 50, McCue, to raise the salary of the treasurer of Clatsop county from \$900 to \$1,200.

"Chase's bill for the increase of the salary of the Clerk of Coos county was declared passed, but the vigilance of some of the Senators who were opposed to the bill detected an error in the count and a correction was called for. The vote was 18 to 10 but the reading clerk announced it 19 to 9 and President Bowerman declared the bill passed over the veto. A number of persons in the room had kept the record, however, and on calling over the list again it was found that the vote was 18 to 10, and a two-thirds vote being necessary, the bill failed."

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Buzz Saws and Presidents.
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He'd show the critter up b'ing and so he went and grabbed the thing
And tried to hold it in his mighty clutch.
The buzz saw didn't mind a bit; it purred within its narrow slit;
The man went out feet foremost through the door.
These facts may sound a little grim—three men each took a part of him—
He'll never grab a buzz saw any more.

With haughty anger, now and then, some little bunch of foolish men Decide to hand the president a bunch
"We'll drive him to the woods," they yell; "we've got the goods, the stuff as well;
He'll plead for mercy when he gets a hunch."
Next week these men in silence go up some back alley full of woe,
Their reputations thirty cents are worth.
And as they sneak they all agree for causing grief and agony
There's something worse than buzz saws on this earth.

The reformer who is so sensitive that he can not bear to be called a fool has no business in politics.

However, that New York man who married a mind reader may not have furnished her with very much reading matter.

If the Chicago man who tore up his money isn't sent to the insane asylum, the judge who turns him free ought to have his thinking examined.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman says "modern woman is simply a part of speech." From what we have heard, she is the greater part, and then some.

An exchange mentions the fact that Omaha has an undertaker whose name is Gentleman. In this case, we hope, it will not be necessary to ask: "What's in a name?"

The Philadelphia Inquirer says "we do not spend our money in a fitting way." Well, most of us have to spend it for something to eat. Know of anything more fitting than that?"

According to the Los Angeles Times, "the czar of Russia sleeps at night in a brilliantly lighted room." Well, that's all right. The man may at times want to know what is biting him.

A Chicago widow, after two years of mourning, declares that her husband has returned to her in the form of a canary bird. There are lots of Coos Bay husbands who are "birds" at present.

Recent discoveries in Crete show that the wasp waist, the corset and elbow sleeves were in fashion there 4,000 years ago. However, the Merry Widow hat is still regarded as something new under the sun.

"What," asked Archie McFadden of Jake Goldie, "is the difference between a man who is cast away on a desert island with nothing to sustain him except a can of condensed milk, and a man who is calling mass meetings to protest against the operation of saloons in his city on Sunday, and demands an ordinance that will close them tightly?"

"That's easy," answered Goldie. "One is surrounded by water, the other would be surrounded by thirst."

"Nope. You haven't got it right." "One has come over the bar and the other would overcome the bar."

"You're getting warm, but that isn't it." "Then what's the difference?" "One wants a can-opener; the other wants a can't-opener." and Archie said he'd take an Apollinaris split for his.

HAY and Grain at HAINES.

MORE SUPREME COURT JUDGES

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\$4,000 per year and creating a state printing board, consisting of the printer, the governor and the secretary of state. This bill is in the face of the state printer's report, showing that during his term of office he has saved the state \$25,000.

Carrying an emergency clause which gives the governor power to appoint two division superintendents, the Miller water code was passed by the Senate by 22 votes, 3 voting no and 5 absent. Assurances have been given Senator F. J. Miller that the House will pass the measure without delay. This is the bill prepared by the Conservation Commission, and is the code so long desired by irrigationists and opposed by corporations.

Beat Cruising Plan.
Representative Beal's timber cruising bill went down to defeat in the Senate by a vote of 19 to 10 on a motion by Bingham indefinitely to postpone. Senator Barrett, of Washington, was the only Senator to raise his voice in defense of the bill. When Senator Bingham moved indefinite postponement after an adverse report from the committee on assessment and taxation, he read a large number of letters from county assessors, all adverse to the bill. He declared that this is one of the most vicious measures that has been introduced in either House at this session and asserted that, in his opinion, it was inspired by ulterior motives. The letters he read were from the Assessors of Columbia, Polk, Douglas, Marion, Josephine, Clatsop, Yamhill, Linn and Washington counties. Bingham said he does not own any timber land, and therefore had no personal interest, but that after investigation he was satisfied the bill should receive no favorable consideration.

Muncy's bill, creating the office of state mining inspector and providing fees for the examination of mines, was defeated in the House.

DELAYED BY STORM.

Steamer Alliance, Due Today, Will Enter Port Tomorrow.

Owing to stormy weather the steamer Alliance, due to arrive here this morning, will not cross the bar before daylight tomorrow. A wireless message received by Agent Skinner this afternoon was to the effect that the trip has been an exceedingly stormy one, but that everyone on board is well and the sea is going down. The vessel according to the message will arrive off Umpqua at six o'clock this evening. There are 67 passengers aboard, 170 tons of freight for Coos Bay and 65 tons for Coquille river. The Alliance will sail again from Portland Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

Plant In Port.
With a fair passenger list and a good sized cargo of general merchandise aboard the steamer M. F. Plant entered the bay about daylight this morning and docked at the local wharf at ten o'clock, after discharging freight at North Bend. She is scheduled to sail from Marshfield tomorrow morning at 8:30.

Following is a list of the passengers aboard the plant:
Theo. Bradley, Mrs. J. Elrod, Mrs. Ashley Cooper and child, Mrs. Duebner, Master Duebner, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. A. G. Aiken, Mrs. N. E. Daggett, Master Daggett, Noris Jensen, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. W. Haines, Mrs. A. Haines, W. Wheeler, Mrs. Wheeler, C. J. Ralid, Sam Nottle, E. Nienstedt, H. L. Rhinehart, R. C. Dillard, B. H. Wiedenmeyer, Jim Creech, John Richeter, and five steers.

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