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PREVENTING POOR LEGISLATION

OREGON may learn from Wisconsin an effective manner for preventing crude and half-baked legislation, which is one of the serious evils that handicaps good government. The remedy which Wisconsin has applied as a corrective palliative is an official body of men whom every proposer of legislation submits his bills. This body drafts the new statute in such language as to render obscurity, misunderstanding and consequent litigation humanly impossible. It is called the reference department of the legislature and is a scientifically organized bureau, whose services are at the command of the law makers in drafting bills that they intend to introduce and to urge for enactment into the laws.

Many of the laws that have been enacted in Oregon have been ill-considered and expressed in ambiguous language.

The original law creating the Port of Coos Bay was one of this character that affords an object lesson that should prove a warning.

Such laws breed trouble from the inability of citizens or administrators to feel sure as to their purport and scope, or because some interest or individual affected may wish to contest it and throw heavy burdens of needless litigation on the courts.

The consequence is loss and delay to the community, failure to secure needed litigation and undesired censure for the judiciary.

Such a bureau as suggested would prove helpful to the legislators and valuable to the state.

It puts men of constructive capacity at the task of shaping and wording legislative measures.

It reduces to a minimum the liability to failure on the part of legislators to secure the results they seek for the public benefit.

Set upon this state, with proper adjustment to local requirements, it should help toward obtaining intelligently conceived and clearly expressed laws.

GRIT.

GRIT IS getting the Brain and Heart and Soul of a man fused for a concerted, white-hot attack on failure.

Grit is what grasps at the raw edge of Victory and chews it to the point of easy digestion.

Grit wins—it gets there! Grit started the action of the world—and has moved things ever since.

Grit lost—all is lost. Grit is what keeps us from becoming beggars—helps to shake hands heartily with Progress.

Grit is the maker of Masters that master all things. Grit drives the stakes that point the path.

Grit is what keeps a fighting man from going "stale." Grit "brings home the bacon."

Grit makes the way for the worker and doer. Grit is the pivot on which the aims and goals and hopes of fighters hang steadily unto success.

No sweat, no sweat—no Grit, no glory. So—get Grit —G. M. Adams.

YOUR OWN TROUBLES.

One of the great lessons of life is to learn to consume our own smoke—that is, not to inflict on outsiders our personal sorrows and petty morbidness, not to keep thinking of ourselves as exceptional cases. Other people have troubles as well as ourselves.

WENDLING AN AUTHOR.

George X. Wendling, poet, lumberman, thinker, keen business man and prince of all good fellows, has written a book. Moreover, it is a book of poems. To be sure, it is only a very little one, containing only two, but the two are considerably more than worth reading. One is but a single stanza in length, and is addressed to his daughter, to whom the book is dedicated. The other is an ode to Mt. Shasta, and the Klamath country. People do not ordinarily look upon captains of industry as likely to possess distinguished literary gifts, but Mr. Wendling has demonstrated that business and literature are not inimical.—Eugene Register.

INTRODUCE BILL FOR OREGON NATIONAL PARK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A bill for the establishment of a national park to include the Oregon caves, was introduced by Senator Bourne. The bill sets aside township 40, range 6 west in the forest reserve in the southern part of Josephine county. The proposed national reservation, including the caves, comprises less than one section.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

It's like taking a blind man to the fireworks of a deaf man to a concert to try to get the right idea into the wrong head. And yet, the knowledge that the blind have been made to see and the deaf to hear keeps us everlastingly at it.—Arnheims.

Hard luck never gets off the trail of a blockhead.

A woman loves pretty clothes—if they belong to her.

Something is always happening to break the monotony.

Oh, how shall wisdom seem precise To him who humbly heeds it When everybody gives advice And no one thinks he needs it? —W. N. Ekblad.

It takes more than a soft answer to turn away the book agent.

We are entitled to our rights, but only a few of us get them.

There's a longing to be lauded when they gather at the grave, And the lodge is getting restless overhead. But to laud me while I'm living is the only way I crave, For my hearing's simply rotten when I'm dead. —B. R. Keller.

The world has no time for a visionary man—until after he makes good.

The only way to avoid trouble in this world is to avoid being born.

TAKEN AT HIS WORD.

He said, "I've never kissed a maid—I simply couldn't brook it." And those who heard him talking said, "By Jove! old chap, you look it!" —Geo. Goodrum.

A mother is always surprised to learn that her daughters are as old as they are.

Take a few minutes off to think it over and you will be surprised at the amount of time you devote to foolishness.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

Ed Hansen, formerly engineer on the tug Gleaner, of Gardiner, is now first assistant engineer on the tug Wallulla at Astoria. Mr. Hansen is a brother of Jens Hansen of Marshfield and for several months has been assisting in the management of the ranch of a relative near Astoria.

The Florence West says: "The steamer San Gabriel owned by the Gardiner Mill Co., went ashore at the mouth of the Umpqua Wednesday evening while trying to enter that stream, but was fortunate enough to get off at high tide with little or no damage. The Umpqua life saving crew and tug Gleaner went to the assistance of the vessel but their help was not needed very long."

NORTH BEND NEWS.

Captain G. J. Richardson returned this week from a trip to San Francisco. He came up on the Finland and reports that the vessel was seventy-two hours between San Francisco and Bandon, having encountered very rough weather. The option which his son, James and another party had on the Anvil has expired.

The North Bend Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society have postponed their meeting from tomorrow until the following Thursday, January 16, when Mrs. H. O'Mara will be the hostess.

C. A. Nollner of North Bend is quite ill at his home with the grippe.

RIBS AS WATCH CHARM.

Salem Man Keeps Novel Memento of Operation. SALEM, Jan. 8.—Joe Benedict has a watch charm which he values highly, although it is made of nothing but bone. Some time ago he submitted to a surgical operation and Dr. W. Carlton Smith removed two inches from two of Benedict's ribs. After he was able to be around again Benedict dropped into the physician's office and asked if he recognized the pieces of bone, which rightly polished and trimmed were dangling at the end of Benedict's watch chain.

IS VICTIM OF THIEF.

Silas Christofferson Has Raft Stolen at San Francisco.

The following from a San Francisco paper will be of interest to the many Coos Bay friends of Silas Christofferson, who made a number of flights here last fall under the auspices of the Coos Bay Times: "Silas Christofferson, 1417 Van Ness avenue, the aviator, reported to the police yesterday that a thief had stolen from Harbor View a raft valued at \$100. The raft was used by him as a platform on which to work on his aeroplane. He also reported that a thief had broken into a small shack which he used as a workshop. Some valuable tools were stolen from the shack."

FEAR TROUBLE WITH I. W. W.

Rumors That Local Branch of Organization May Stir up Friction.

Intimations of trouble between the I. W. W. and the local logging camps are being given but it is hoped that it will not reach the stage of serious labor trouble here. In addition to the logging camps, it is intimated that the trouble would probably be extended to the railroad construction camps, should it start.

The I. W. W. recently organized a branch here. Most of the members are said to be recent arrivals and so far, it is claimed, that comparatively few of the older men in the local camps have affiliated with the organization.

Some of the loggers are incensed because some Marshfield business houses subscribed to a fund to aid the I. W. W. members, who came here recently from the Copenhagen camp. It is claimed that seventeen business men or firms on the Bay subscribed to this fund, which the loggers say was not deserved.

It is stated that some of the I. W. W.'s claim that some of their members have been discharged from the logging camps because they were affiliated with the organization.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HOTEL COOS—D. J. Rice, Daniels Creek; W. W. Gage, Coquille; L. Gilbert, Salt Lake.

BLANCO HOTEL—J. D. Thorpe and family, Gardiner; A. H. Lame, Eureka; A. L. Lamb, Portland, Ore.; J. T. Lindberg, Minneapolis, Minn.; Geo. J. Bramm, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. A. Perse, Denver; G. J. Armstrong, Bandon; C. M. Magnusen, Los Angeles; Tom Waters, City; Howard Evans Buckley, Wash.

LLOYD HOTEL—J. L. Reynolds, Gold Beach; Roy Morgan and wife, Marshfield.

THE CHANDLER—W. E. Best, Bandon; J. E. Norton, Coquille; Albert Abraham, Roseburg; Graye Bosen, Eugene; W. G. Egleston, Oakland; R. J. Dorland, San Francisco; H. B. Donahy, Portland; Henry G. Pioeger, Myrtle Point.

TUESDAY HOTEL ARRIVALS

HOTEL COOS—Mabel Leslie, Seattle; Peter Scott, City; Jess Smith, Coos River; Minnie Brandt, Coquille; Robert Marsden, Liverpool; Henry Merryhiva, Portland; C. A. Dieke, Coaledo; E. R. Hodson, Coos River; Carl Anderson, Coos River; Al Smith, Coos River; Ben Smith, Coos River; Mrs. W. A. Gage, Allegany; Miss Jack, Gardiner; C. Franklin, Portland.

BLANCO HOTEL—G. Gilbertson, Kentwell; H. Miners, Kentwell; Jas. H. Snyder and wife, Bandon; A. L. Lauch, Portland; Tom Waters, City; J. W. Devoe and wife, Allegany.

LLOYD HOTEL—C. Christen, Oakland, Cal; Jack Johnson, Bandon; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Norway, Ore.; J. Bulton, Myrtle Point; Steve Dempsey, South Inlet; Henry Vilbo, South Inlet.

THE CHANDLER—E. C. Cortelvo, San Francisco; Milo Pierson, Lakeside; D. M. Averill, Bandon; Leo, J. Cary, Coquille; Ira Johnson, Coquille; H. B. Hall Portland; F. E. Harris Portland.

AMONG THE SICK.

Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart has been very ill at her home in Bangor the last few days.

Mrs. Perry Dodson, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Mercy hospital yesterday, is reported to be getting along nicely today, much to the gratification of her many friends.

Miss Alma Ekblad of Marshfield is improving nicely at the Mercy hospital. She recently underwent an operation there for appendicitis.

Miss Lucy Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powers, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has been suffering from a severe attack of la grippe. This has delayed her removal home from the hospital. She is now getting along nicely, much to the gratification of her many friends.

Mrs. S. Lando is confined to her home by an attack of la grippe.

Miss Eugenia Schilling is reported to be rapidly recuperating from her recent illness at Myrtle Point.

Mrs. Ed Busby is reported quite sick at their home in the Nasburg apartments.

DODGE BUYS SCHOONER LINE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—Negotiations were combined by telegraph, which will result in the absorption of the Olson & Mahony line of steam schooners operating between here and San Francisco by the E. J. Dodge Company. The Dodge Company will amalgamate the two fleets hitherto operated separately between the two points.

GIVE INDIAN HIS FREEDOM

Former Commissioner Valentine Urges Government to Give Up Wardship.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—That the American Indian should be released as soon as possible from the paternal care of the United States government, now his guardian in virtually everything he does, was the opinion expressed in the annual report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs submitted to Secretary of the Interior Fisher by Robert G. Valentine, until recently commissioner.

The then commissioner voiced the hope that the day might be near "when the United States will finally have lifted its hands from Indian affairs, and all Indians in all respects will stand on an equal footing with all their fellow Americans."

"With all the expedition compatible with the Indians' welfare," he added, "they should be made subject to the laws of their states and be taught to look upon their local government instead of the national government. My conviction is that no possible obstacle should be placed in the way of the transformation of Indian affairs administered by the United States into the affairs of normal citizens under the ordinary jurisdiction of the states."

"I do not suggest further authority for enlarged federal jurisdiction over minor offenses on reservations. Important questions of marriage and divorce illustrate difficult points, of which the only proper solution appears to be education of Indians, whether or not they are citizens, to comply with the laws of their states."

Progress during the year in teaching the Indian to be sober and industrious, in educating him to be a better farmer and mechanic and in imparting health principles, both as they apply individually and in the home, was reported.

"Every Indian, like every white man," declared the commissioner, "is best fitted for some one thing. We are trying to find that thing. One of the newest activities is to make every effort, both in the schools and among the adults on the reservations, in the direction of vocational guidance."

The campaign for good health and physical efficiency among the Indians continued with increased momentum, the need for this work being shown by the fact that the death rate among Indians is 60 per cent greater than that among other classes of people in the registration area of the United States, while the mortality from tuberculosis is three and a half times as great.

The war against the sale of liquor to Indians was "waged with continuous vigor and successful results," the report added, "and the fight against gambling is beginning to bear fruit." Mr. Valentine pointed to the fact that two convictions were secured for the sale of liquor to Indians in Washington, "under the dome of our Capitol,"

showing, he said, that the "Indian though hundreds of miles distant from his home, has not lost his lust for firewater, and that the laws as now in force are applicable anywhere."

The home condition of the Indians is one of the most unsatisfactory features of the Indian problem, said the commissioner, for which reason special attention is being given to the instruction of Indian girls. The character and efficiency of the training given to them must be improved, he said, because it is realized that for the girls more than for the boys the instruction should be of an intensive form. Girls can be kept in school only for a few years after they have developed into womanhood, it was stated.

The greatest investment the Indian service has, continues the report, is in the so-called returned students who have been away at the larger schools and have returned to live at or near their home reservation. There are about 35,000 of these Indians who represent an economic investment, it is estimated, of about \$50,000,000. These students frequently are considered merely trouble makers by the superintendents of the reservations, declares the commissioner. The superintendents forget entirely, he adds, that this class of Indians protest against the order of things as they find it when they return to their reservation because "they have seen better things, but have not quite found their own way to them."

The property interests of the Indians constitute one of the greatest estates ever held in trust by any organization, governmental or private, the report states. Including the lands, forests, water powers, minerals and funds held in tribal or individual ownership the principal held by the government for the Indians amounts to \$750,000,000; and the interest and annual rentals produce a total of \$12,000,000.

STATE'S SCALP BOUNTY FUND IS ALL USED UP.

SALEM, Jan. 8.—Secretary of State Olcott is sending out notices to the county clerks of the state informing them that the amount appropriated by the last legislature to cover its one-half of the amount paid out during the last biennial period by the counties for bounties is not sufficient to meet the claims. He asks that they make early reports of the amounts paid out so that the deficit for the state's share can be put up to the legislature. He also asks for a statement of all claims for support of non-resident poor so these may be put up to the legislature.

MARSHAL OF FLORENCE ACCUSED OF BRIBERY.

EUGENE, Jan. 8.—C. E. Ferro, marshal of Florence, at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, will appear in the local court in a few days to answer to the charge of accepting a bribe. He is charged with receiving \$10 from one A. C. Sherman to protect the latter from arrest and from other police interference at his place of business in Florence.

Sherman was arrested last summer on a charge of violating the local option law. He was acquitted at the trial held in the circuit court. Ferro pleaded not guilty in the justice court yesterday and furnished \$300 cash ball to appear at the examination on January 18.

BRIDAL COUPLE WALK IN SNOW

Fire Forces Them Out of Cabin at Dead of Night.

ROSEBURG, Jan. 8.—Out of their home in the dead of winter, five days after their marriage, was the harrowing experience of Mr. and Mrs. William Warner who lived on a homestead about 30 miles east of this city. They were wedded Christmas day immediately began housekeeping in the home which the groom erected and furnished at a cost of \$800. On the night of December 30, according to word reaching city yesterday, the home was burned to the ground.

Wrapped in blankets, the thing saved from the flames, newly weds walked barefoot through the snow to the home of the nearest neighbor, three miles away, where both are now being nursed as a result of the exposure. Neighbors started a subscription to help the couple get a new start. The home of the former home contains the remains of Mr. Warner's wife.

RE-ELECT KNUTE NELSON

Minnesota Legislature Will Re-Elect Him to U. S. Senate.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 8.—Thirty-eighth Minnesota legislature which will be called upon to elect a United States senator and take action on many matters of State importance, was opened at the capitol here yesterday. Knute Nelson, who was re-elected United States senator a matter of course, having received the popular indorsement at the member election. Measures proposed for women suffrage, a county law, a distance tariff law and a nage tax on iron ore will be brought before the lawmakers. Movement will be made to restrict death penalty, abolished in Minnesota two years ago. Other bills to be introduced are a "blue sky" law to prevent the sale of worthless securities, extension of special state aid to agricultural high schools, etc. of the reclamation system, a seed law, various changes in the form of taxation and measures for the reform of court procedure.

POSTOFFICE ROBBER IS STILL BUSY IN JACKSON

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 8.—Postoffice at Talent was robbed day night and a few dollars in cash and stamps secured. The postoffice at Eagle Point was entered once last week, but nothing secured. Postmaster suppressed the fact, forced by inspectors to admit robberies are supposed to be work of the same man who robbed the Medford postoffice early Saturday morning.

STATE TAX THIS YEAR IS ONLY 1-3 OF LAST YEAR

SALEM, Jan. 8.—The state of tax commissioners met and decided on a levy for the state taxes of approximately 1 1-10 mills, which raise approximately \$1,000,000, is about one-third of the levy for year, when \$3,000,000 of the taxes were raised.

Try The Times' Want Ads.

The Easy Riding Rambler, Fox Flyer Bicycles. Manufactured by the Pope Manufacturing Co. Guaranteed by us. A complete line of Bicycle Supplies and Repair Parts. Harley Davidson Motorcycles—the best in the world. "Cost More, But Worth It" Call and look us over at our new store—Next to Grand Theater. "The Gunnery"