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THE WEATHER

Western Oregon and Washington—Showers.

Eastern Oregon and Washington—Fair.

THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

There is one feature of the referendum that will make itself felt in time to come, and that is, that a law coming up from the people direct and unanimously, is a mandate that may not be dealt with even by a supreme court with any grace whatever, since the people are behind the court and the constitutions of the states and nation. Only an invasion of the federal constitution by the terms of a state enactment may serve as warrant for judicial denial or barrier.

All this is yet to be threshed out; the referendum principle is too new to justify positive assurance of its organic invincibility, but it is inevitable all the same, and the sooner it is cleared of all doubt, the better. The people are restive under assumed or unwarranted criticism of their deliberate acts and, as the power they possess becomes more conspicuously realized, the sharper will be the popular anger against such interference.

The inference, given out at the fisheries mass meeting in this city on Friday night last, that the gill-netters' bill for the stopping of salmon fishing at tide-water limit, may not be enforceable owing to any cause whatever, is a case in point; and will serve the uses of argument. If that bill is enacted at the June polls by a major vote of the Oregon electorate it will be the primal, legal expression of the people, and the people are the law; they must amend, qualify, recall, veto and repeal their own acts; otherwise the essence of the referendum is destroyed utterly.

No institution of the people shares any responsibility with the people in the framing, enacting and perpetuating of their own edicts; no court, no commission, nothing lesser than the organic whole, may enter denial, protest or bar, within the jurisdiction the people stand for; all else, in that purview, are creatures and creations of the people, who remain unquestioned until they shall have transgressed the higher law of a more commanding organism.

IF!

If, when the Republican national convention shall have assembled at Chicago in June next, and organized, and the great play of human interests begins to move in manifold and forceful measure; when the profound ambitions and inspirations of the hour gradually unfold and assert themselves; when plot and counterplot, design, scheme, game and chance, are shifting to and fro, building, wrecking, barring, fructifying, under the opportune and inopportune influences set on foot by hundreds of men with hundreds of diverse ends; when defeat and disappointment, attack, and return-assault have engendered the sum of bitterness that must play against the larger and nobler instincts and operations of the day; when every human passion and grace and foible is in inextricable action and wrought to fiercest and finest expression; when all is turmoil and strife interwoven with the heroic and manifold exigencies of the time—and place, there shall occur one of those psychological pauses; a lingering silence surcharged with the contending elements of real joy and real pain, and the moment is given over absolutely to what of new import may impend: What, if, at that supreme moment, the name of Theodore Roosevelt is injected into the barren, yet receptive instant, from the tongue and voice of some strategic master who realize the crisis and makes

magnificent use of it, WHAT THEN?

LIGHTING NIGHT CHANNELS.

Some clever genius in the East has evolved a splendid scheme for lighting river and harbor channels by electricity at night, thus dispensing with all need of pilots on vessels that operate in such waters, and making it feasible for ocean liners to enter any port so equipped. The lines of light are laid on the exact and approved courses given by the Government and are attached to a continuous cable, the powerful and submerged lamps reflecting their rays up through the waters, making a clean, safe route for classes and sizes of vessels that can operate in the depths so lighted. The system can be applied for any distances, by the use of auxiliary power plants at intervals along the river or bay-side, and over the bars at harbor entrances; and is altogether one of the latest and most wonderful applications of the electric principle.

It is such things as this that make the world move; that measure the daily progress of the modern, and makes for the glory of mankind, and incidentally, for the American people.

AT THE CHURCHES

First Lutheran.

Morning service in Swedish at 10:45; evening service with holy communion in English at 7:30. The Luther League Circle meets for devotional exercises at 6:30 p. m. The "Passion Week" will be observed as a week of prayer by this church. Service every evening except Saturday at 7:30. The evening service on "Good Friday" is held in the German Luther Church. The services on Monday and Wednesday evenings are in the Swedish language. A cordial invitation to attend the above services is extended to all.

First Methodist.

Sermon themes as follows: Morning, "Waiting on the Lord"; evening, "The Judge on the Bench Indicted by the Prisoner at the Bar." Good music and singing led by a chorus choir at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Rarick, minister.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. Albert Carlsen, superintendent. The choir will sing at the evening service. O. T. Field, pastor.

Christian Science.

Service in I. O. O. F. building, rooms 5 and 6, Tenth and Commercial streets at 10 a. m. Subject, "All Sin, Disease and Death Real?" All are invited. Sunday school, 11:30. Reading room same address, hours 12 to 5 daily, except Sunday.

Presbyterian.

Palm Sunday. Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "The Messiah." Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30, "Who Crucified Him?" Quartet at morning service. Male chorus at night. All are invited. W. m. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Baptist.

Sunday school, 10 a. m. and B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Christian Church." Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Can I Know God?" Everybody invited. Conrad L. Owen, pastor.

CUSTOM HOUSE, ASTORIA.

Oregon, Collector's Office, April 9, 1908. Supplies for Revenue Vessels.—Sealed proposals for supplying rations, and coal to vessels of the Revenue Cutter Service, regularly stationed, or temporarily, at Astoria, Oregon, and delivered on board said vessels at that place at such times and in such quantities as may be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, April 28, 1908, at which time and place they will be publicly opened. Blank forms of proposals for coal, and rations, showing conditions as to coal, and component parts of rations with specifications, may be had upon application to this office; proposals must be submitted on these forms. Separate bids will also be received at the same time and place for lubricating and illuminating oils. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive defects if it is deemed for the interests of the government to do so, and no contract will be put in force until Congress shall have made an appropriation for the purpose.

F. L. PARKER, Acting Collector.

A GREAT PLAY IS PRESENTED

MESSRS. DONALD AND BELL GIVE AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION OF "GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST AT THE STAR THEATRE.

Much was said in advance of its presentation of the play now running at the Star—and at that, not enough. Since its first production by Mr. Belasco in New York over two years ago, columns of newspaper space and pages of magazine article have freely boasted of its merits, and it was with some satisfaction that an Astorian reporter witnessed its portrayal by the Donald-Bell Company Thursday night (and again last night, for that matter). The story tells of a young girl (Miss Phillips), whose father has died and left her in charge of his saloon, a rendezvous for prospectors, ranchmen, gamblers, cowboys; etc., in the heart of the Colorado mountains back in the days of '49. The sheriff of the county (Mr. Bell) is in love with her, and seems favorably received till the advent of a notorious road agent (Mr. Donald), who, unknown to both the sheriff and the Wells-Fargo detective (Mr. McCowell), visits the saloon and after a scene with the girl, is invited to visit her at her cabin late that night. In the meantime, the detective, a cowboy (R. Rutles) and the sheriff have gone out into the hills on a still hunt for their man. The second act opens in her cabin on the hill—the road agent calls, and after one of the prettiest love-scenes imaginable, starts to leave, but is driven back by the storm which has come up unannounced by them. She tells him he must stay all night; he takes her bed behind some counters, and she curls up to sleep on a pile of rugs in front of the blazing fire. Here the first interruption comes in the entrance of the sheriff, the detective, the cowboy and the bartender at her saloon (Mr. Tyrrell), not however, till she has hidden him in her room. His presence is disclosed to the bartender by the discovery of a cigar stump which the road agent has dropped, but he (the bartender), says nothing, being himself in love with her. Before they leave, they disclose to her the true character of the man, and leave her to go out once more on their man-hunt. She calls him out, upbraids him for having deceived her, and in one of her strongest scenes, sends him out on the hills to meet the death she knows he cannot escape. He leaves—there is a brief pause—a shot—a groan, and he staggers in the doorway, and drops, shot from the distance by the sheriff. Seeing him wounded, all her love for the man, and her forgetfulness for his character, forces to the front, and as the sheriff knocks for admittance, she carries him above the doorway into an old clothes loft, then admits the sheriff, convinces him his man is not there, and he turns to leave. He stops at the door, directly under the hidden man, his hand extended, to say good-bye, she is just about to grasp it, when

a drop of blood strikes him upturned palm, disclosing the hiding man above. He is brought down, and in one of the best scenes ever enacted here, the girl offers to play him a game of poker, three hands, to see whether she gets the road agent, or the sheriff gets him—and her. Through the long game, a pin could be heard to drop, so wrapped up was the audience in the scene. The first hand, they each held two pairs of aces, and she wins on a pair of queens against his pair of jacks. The second hand falls to him, holding a pair of sevens to her pair of deuces. The third hand is dealt, he looks at his hand, and finds he holds a diamond flush. With a gasp she falls forward, feigning faintness, calls for water, he turns a fraction of a minute to get it, when she throws her cards to the floor, extracts a prepared hand from her stocking, and wins the game by three tens and a pair of queens—cheating deliberately for her lover's life.

The third act, one week later, takes us against the saloon. The sheriff has kept his secret, and that very morning has started the road agent out of the country. But he failed to count on the Wells-Fargo detective—who follows the escaping man, brings him back handcuffed, to hang. The girls appears, and the gang decide to let her and him have a moment alone. They do so, and return to find her praying for him. The scene touches the hearts of all but the sheriff—who cannot interfere, as he was captured outside his county. She prepares to leave, to go to a new life with the now reformed road agent, takes leave of them all, turns to the sheriff, who responds only in a silent toast with the glass of whisky he holds. The curtain falls with the liquor running from the slowly upturned glass—the man and the girl united at last. "The Girl" is Ann Phillips and was the best thing she has done yet; Mr. Donald not only played, but looked the "knight of the black mask" to perfection; as Luke Short, the sheriff, Mr. Bell proved that in heavy acting, as in comedy, he is thoroughly at home. Mr. Donald and Mr. Bell had the best parts, but seldom is a play seen where all the smaller parts are responsible ones. Mr. Tyrrell, Mr. R. Butler and Mr. McCowell all there seemed to be built for the characters they delineated. Mr. C. Butler did an excellent Chinese comedy part; Pearl McCowell played the love-sick widow in her usual good manner; and Miss Davenport handled the small part of the Indian girl perfectly—having an excellent make-up.

All in all, it was not only the best play yet given by this talented company, but one of the very best dramatic performances ever given in Astoria, and is worthy the patronage of anyone who can appreciate a work of decided worth.

COFFEE

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Before the People

Cards of Candidates in the Coming Campaign.

VOTE FOR



Judge W. E. Burke

Republican Candidate for Representative, Primaries April 17, 1908.

JUDGE WILLIAM E. BURKE SEASIDE, OREGON

Candidate for Representative at the Republican Primaries, April 17th.

PLATFORM.

I favor the retention of C. W. Fulton in the United States Senate, but will obey the instructions given by the people of Oregon next June, on the following bill:

"That we, the people of the State of Oregon, hereby instruct our Representatives and Senators in our Legislative Assembly as such officers, to vote for and elect the candidates for United States Senator from this State who receive the highest number of votes at our general elections."

In addition will favor the enactment of the following measures:

- 1—Four-year term for county officers.
- 2—Collection of taxes by the County Treasurer.
- 3—Divide Fifth Judicial District by joining the Counties of Clatsop and Columbia.
- 4—A prosecuting attorney for each county.
- 5—Safeguard deposits in banks.
- 6—Pure food law, and regulation of weights and measures.
- 7—Preserve natural resources of State including water powers and limit franchises to twenty-five years.
- 8—Better protection for salmon.
- 9—Voter not to be required to register except as he changes his place of residence.
- 10—Continuation of Roosevelt Policy. Port of Astoria, Sea Wall and Deepening of Columbia River Bar.

To The People.

In submitting my name to the electors of the Fifth Judicial District for their consideration for the office of District Attorney of said District, I desire to say that if I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, honestly, vigorously and impartially perform all the official duties pertaining to said office, without fear or favor, endeavoring always to accord to every individual, irrespective of party, politics or personalities, a square deal under the law, keeping always uppermost in my mind the interests of the tax payers of said District and State.

E. B. TONGUE.

Vote for

CLYDE B. AITCHISON

Candidate for Republican Nomination for Railroad Commissioner.

For Congress,

T. T. GEER

Candidate for Republican Congressional Nomination in the Second District. Liberal Appropriations for Waterways, Equal Opportunities for Privileges for Labor and Capital, an Governmental Control of Corporations.

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Geo. S. Shepard

Republican Candidate For Representative in Congress.

A Champion of the Columbia River Bar Improvement, and in Favor of Postal Saving Bank. Primary Election, April 17th.

VOTE FOR



JOHN C. McCUE

Republican Candidate for Re-election For Representative.

Primary Election, April 17th.

Vote for



JAMES J. ROBINSON

Republican Candidate for Representative to the Legislature.

Primary Election April 17, 1908

VOTE FOR



C. A. Leinenweber

For Republican nominee for Representative to the Legislature.

Primary election April 17, 1908.

VOTE FOR



J. A. GILBAUGH

At Primary Election April 17, for Republican Nomination for COUNTY CORNER

VOTE FOR

James W. Welch

Republican Candidate for Representative. Primaries April 17, 1908.

Send the Morning Astorian to your friends in the East.