

EDITORIAL

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Running Shots

Written for The Journal by Fred G. Kent, Or., May 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—My Dear Sir: Our attention has been called to an article appearing in a recent issue of your paper written by Paul Dachselt...

It really makes no difference as to the truth or falsity of a proposed change in taxing land whether its sponsors own any land or not...

Some opponents of the tax amendment say they would favor a limited exemption of, say, \$1,000 for the farmer and some other good time for them to have done something along that line...

Litigation always follows any important legal question that interests the public. That the voters will find a few jobs after the election if some of the measures pass the popular vote without saying "Eureka" is a delusion that ever sat in Oregon turned out some grist for the lawyers.

Washington state finds that only one per cent of the money bank deposits and mortgages are assessed. Instead of the other 99 per cent of the money in Washington let it all go. More bother and productive of more perjury than it is worth.

If the people make a mistake one or more times out of 19 legislative propositions it is not their fault. It is the fault of backing out gracefully. An adjourned legislature cannot do any more, and frequently can do nothing.

What the next dog against Tom Johnson and his city-owned three-cent rate will be is hard to prophesy. As long as the city is in the hands of the federal court injunctions he probably get over the strike difficulty.

Through some error in statement the early city dad's title to the valuable San Francisco kept title to a valuable school site has recently been learned. It is not the city's but the sum of \$2,855,000. Had the city kept title to a square mile of such land and there it would be bringing in an annual income of \$2,855,000.

Down in California they have a Lincoln-Roosevelt league which claims to have 100,000 members. It is controlled by the control of the Republican party. Such an announcement is made every two years in the Golden state, but some way it does not get into the legislature.

Oregon gets scant recognition from the good money in the state. Some states not so sure for the G. O. P. If we sent a divided delegation perhaps Postmaster Miffo would have better success in getting the good money service are required. Don't kick him, anyhow, but get after the senators and representatives.

The saddest man at the Chicago convention will be the junior senator from Oregon. "But unless you have it—Still, what a pull he would have if—Yip, hurrah for T—Say, are you sure the second election term is buried deep?"

Why in it? asked a Republican statesman, "that a man who is a statesman must vote for Governor Chamberlain whenever he runs for anything? It doesn't seem to me good to talk party 'em with George E. in sight."

From the Roseburg Review. Some would-be straddlers make ludicrous attempts at the impossible. They urge the people to vote the "straight" Republican ticket, when half their legislative nominees are pledged to Statement No. 1, while the other half are pledged to support the voters are too wise to be fooled by any such pettifoggery.

From the Medford Tribune. For 50 years the Republican party has been clamoring for popular election of judges. It is now in a position to effect, devised and enacted into law by the Republican party of Oregon, the same thing.

From the Burns Times-Herald. What Harney county needs: More of this blessed rain and less professional politicians. So long as the grain yield is up to the average it makes little difference whether it is long as they are good men and capable.

From the Salem Journal. Was it not foolish, ignorant and unwise at this critical time for old machine Democrats to crowd the party and supporters of Statement No. 1 from the deliberations of the Republican state convention?

From the Burns Times-Herald. Was it a wise step under all the circumstances to play into the hands of the Democrats by driving one large and active factor in the party to the humiliating Bourne and his personal followers?

From the Burns Times-Herald. The man put at the head of the national delegation was mayor of Portland and was there for the purpose of advocating licensed gambling, and that city had a Democratic mayor ever since.

From the Burns Times-Herald. Whatever may be said of Mr. Bourne, he was the choice of Mr. Bourne, the primary and at the election, and Mr. Fulton was not the nominee of the Republican party.

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Small Change

It may at least clear up for the Rose Festival.

Only one more week for Mr. Cake to flop back.

Mr. Cake is 40 years old, but he probably feels 80.

Mr. Portland won't import roses, even if it freezes up.

There is no longer much fear that the Rosebuds will freeze.

Which would readers rather have, stale party claptrap or truth?

Mac committed perjury and old Tom is guilty of even worse things.

Leap year ought to be an especially happy one for the merry widows.

Does Mr. Cake endorse or repudiate the anti-Statement No. 1 platform?

But if nobody goes to hear Emma, how can she harm anybody by her talk?

Many people would like to see the Rosebuds, but think of having to go to Seattle!

Seventeen members of the douma are in jail. And not an American congressman.

In Pennsylvania Bryan got the Guffey and in Minnesota he was given the Minne-ha-ha.

Taft is so big that perhaps it won't be necessary to nominate anybody for vice-president.

A New York minister has inherited \$750,000. Now he will be entitled to a raise of salary.

What a mean mayor—not to consent to the council spending money on a pleasure junket.

Take a needle and thread, a can of ketchup and a hot flatiron, and get a new spring suit.

If the councilmen want to go away awhile at their own expense, nobody will try to hold them.

But would it be safe for women to hold political positions and all of them armed with hair pins?

If the sun wants to shine on this part of the state any this month, it may, so far as we are concerned.

If the weather doesn't warm up next week, it may be that it has no sympathy with Oregon politics.

Perhaps if Chamberlain were elected to the senate, Oregon's two senators would be in a perpetual row.

Mrs. Guinness got what was coming to her all right, only it was too brief. But perhaps it was only a foretaste.

What girl would get married in May when June is right here?—Pendleton Tribune. Let us of em would, and some are doing so.

What do voters think of a Statement No. 1 candidate for senator who supports anti-statement candidates for the legislature?

Admiral Evans says we need more battleships and fewer statesmen. There ought to be many of the latter in congress, at least.

There were three little kittens who look'd all alike, and then they got no pie. Some politicians will get no pie as soon as their hands are seen.

Oregon Sidelights

Another carload of oysters has been planted in Yaquina bay.

Rhododendrons to the million are in their glory around Yaquina bay.

Green aphids has also attacked alfalfa fields in the Walla Walla valley.

The first annual county picnic will be held at Woodburn on June 5.

It has been demonstrated that a good quality of lemons can be raised in Coos county.

A mysterious light was seen Sunday night grating through the heavens over Tygh.

Wires have been strung for the electric railroad between Klamath Falls and Bonanza.

Not over 50 people listened to Judge Lowell in behalf of Cake at Roseburg, says The Review.

It will take 20 cars to transport the combined harvesters which have been sold in Umatilla county this year.

The Medford Tribune says that Chamberlain's audience, there outnumbered those of Fulton and Cake combined.

The Albany Democrat is thus pleasantly optimistic: Portland is now in second place in the state in population and will be in the first and second place in the state in the near future, is the Democrat's guess even when the club was in the cellar.

Newberg Enterprise: Governor George E. Chamberlain spoke to a large crowd of representative citizens on the opening of the fair on Saturday night. That he is held in high appreciation by the people of this place is attested by the large crowd and the hearty applause which greeted him.

The Rainier Review has issued a nicely illustrated anniversary edition, in which it says: From its three annual stores and population of less than 600 three years ago, Rainier now has a population of 10,000. It has a permanent lull in general business, is constantly growing. The six million dollar combined business of over \$200,000 per annum, and when the mill and factories are all running Rainier has a payroll of \$60,000 per month.

The establishment of packing-houses at Portland will mean much for this section as it will open up a new market for the entire southern Oregon country, says the Klamath Falls Herald. Therefore, all the cattle and sheep produced in this section have been sent to the California markets, but when livestock gets packing-houses ready for shipment it will be discovered that the Klamath country will be called upon to produce a big proportion of the supply of hogs, cattle and sheep from its feed yards.

A Part of the Treatment. From the Indianapolis News. "I believe," said Dr. John M. Kitchen, "I was the first physician in northern Indiana to make use of chloroform. I was a young fellow, not much past 21 years old, and in hardy dry on my sheepskin, when a man came into my office to have an aching tooth pulled out."

"I had a small bottle of chloroform, and with the hardihood of youth I made up my mind to use it. He readily went under the influence of the new anesthetic. I pulled manfully and the grindstone came out. I washed the patient did not return to consciousness. I was badly frightened, and hastily seizing a bucket with about two gallons of water I poured it over him. Gasping, he came out from the influence of the chloroform. Then he wanted to know what I meant by giving him such a soaking."

"Mustering all my professional sagacity, I calmly replied: 'That, sir, is a part of the treatment, and he went away, greatly to my relief, entirely satisfied.'"

This Date in History. 1700—Battle of Ramillies. 1783—James Ogle, American orator and patriot, died at Andover, Massachusetts. Born February 5, 1728. 1805—Napoleon crowned himself king of Italy at Milan. 1839—British merchants left Canton, China, because of the opium riots. 1854—French squadron arrived at Cuba under Admiral Duquesne. 1874—National civil rights bill passed by the United States senate. 1877—Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, expelled from France. 1878—James L. Alton, American author, lecturer and advocate of woman suffrage, died. Born December 12, 1820.