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AN ILLICIT PARTNERSHIP

WHAT is the social status when the property controlled by a Portland councilman is rented for a bawdy house? What is the governmental status when there is revenue for Portland councilmen from commercialized vice and when a police commissioner defends in the police court criminals whom the police are trying to prosecute?

AN OPTIMIST PRESIDENT

DOES President Taft read the newspapers, or is he served with expurgated editions from which all has been blotted or cut out which might disturb the serenity of his view on the beat of all possible worlds?

"I have every reason," said he, "to be satisfied with political conditions." He refers to what he calls the "trend of the tide toward the Republican party, its platform and its candidates." Since Governor Wilson and Mr. Bryan are equally well pleased, only substituting Democrat for Republican in the trend of the tide, and make no secret of it, there is only left the Progressive Colonel—and he also says he is well satisfied, being sure to win.

ONE HIGH SCHOOL

FROM Oregon to New Hampshire is a far cry. Yet, in the story told in a recent bulletin of the United States bureau of education of the high school of Colebrook, New Hampshire, and its developments, there is much that should reach us.

THE YAQUINA BAR

THE sad accident to the new boat, The Pilgrim, in attempting to cross in over the Yaquina bar, which cost the lives of the five men and boys on board, must have strongly appealed for sympathy to the hundreds of visitors who, during many summers, have watched from the long rollers of the Pacific breaking in foam on the bar below.

not only this but all other like entrances along our coast. There is a road of safety, but it must be invariably followed, even if the sun be shining, the winds light, and no danger be in sight.

TO KILL COMPETITION

THE railroad-owned Bailey Gatzert has been put on the run between Portland and The Dalles on the schedule of the Open River-owned steamer Teal. There is evident purpose by the railroad to kill off the Open River line, if possible. It was yesterday that the Open River company was in the throes of dissolution on account of lack of patronage.

IS THE FARMER "PASSING"?

THE writer of an article in the Atlantic Monthly for October says that under the new conditions of a rural life the farmer is "passing." He grounds his opinion on several facts. The first is that under pressure to increase the products of the land to meet the increase of population, and the rise of prices therein involved, intensive cultivation is universally demanded.

WELCOME THE W. C. T. U.

FROM the 15th to the 26th of this present month Portland will entertain the national convention of the W. C. T. U. These ladies, who will have been gathered up from every state in the union to make the long journey to the Pacific coast, are representatives of a woman's movement which for nearly thirty years has been constant to impress set on it by its honored founder, Frances Willard.

ment of the individual by or girl to be had from competent instruction in agriculture and in domestic science as from instruction in Latin and the higher mathematics.

A BILL TO BEAT

ON this page Mr. Frank McCune defends the initiative measure which purports to fix the "percentage" that freight rates on less than carload lots shall bear to carloads and to do other things. There seems little need for reply. Mr. McCune is the author of the proposed law. He is its champion.

WHAT IS CRIMINOLOGY?

CRIMINOLOGY is a new science, the outcome of a new attitude of society towards crime and criminals. It had its origin in the discovery of the possible unlikely to each other of acts called by the same name in codes of law and also of persons who were alike only in the fact that unlawful acts which they had committed bore the same generic title.

Why He Will Vote for Competition.

Portland, Oct. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—Regarding the candidacy of Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., to succeed himself in the United States Senate, I wish to say that it looks to me like an egregious error on the part of our senator to go behind the returns of the primaries in Oregon and claim by his action that he should have been nominated. The fact that Mr. Selling regarded the fact that he was elected by the Republican vote was clearly cast for his opponent. The senator is an undoubted champion of our "Oregon system," so called, and the primary law in the state. Then why should he refuse to abide by the result of the primary election? This would be to seem a direct inconsistency of the Roosevelt theory that so long as the law operated in his behalf it is all right, but when it failed to work for "Me," it is all wrong.

men's Christian Temperance Union. It enters the school room, and has for many years insisted on having taught there the destructive and depraving effect of alcohol on every side of a man, physical, intellectual, moral. It collects the children in leagues of young abstainers and secures the organized influence of friend on friend, to hold them straight when a clean start and a habit of healthy and pure living means so much.

SMALL CHANGES

Bryan and Wilson are evidently still harmonious. "Infamy" is still a favorite word of the Colonels. It can never be undone, but it needn't be done again. Five candidates for United States senator are rather more than enough. Some men can hear a low small call to office, and imagine it a loud, large call. It is not an easy job, but the people are getting better men, as a rule, for office. Roosevelt's idea is a benevolent despotism, says Taft. And some doubt as to the adjective. In many places the campaign is just being opened, or "launched." Just as well now as earlier. Judging from the price of poultry, men of people must have taken the oft-repeated advice to raise chickens. "Cleaning up" is a conspicuous case of the use of talk as compared with the difficulty of successful work. The state railroad commission has begun good, important sub-joint investigation of express charges in Oregon.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. But writers who desire to have the same published, he should so state.)

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SEVEN FAMOUS BIBLES

William Tyndale, a noted biblical translator and martyr, was born in England, and having become attached to the doctrines of the Reformation in the early years of the sixteenth century, he devoted himself to the study of the Scriptures. The open avowal of his sentiments and his disputes with church dignitaries excited much opposition. He began to preach in London about October, 1523, where he made many friends among the laity, but none among ecclesiastics. He was financially and otherwise encouraged into the translation of the Scriptures by his friend and patron, Sir Humphrey Monmouth. Unable to do so in England, he set out for the continent, and appears to have visited Hamburg and Wittenberg, but the place where he translated the New Testament, although conjectured to have been Wittenberg, cannot be named with certainty. It is, however, certain that the printing of the Bible in the most important part of Cologne in the summer of 1525 and completed at Worms.

Direct Tax or State Bonds.

Oregon City, Oct. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—The state bonds in discussing the state aid bills in The Journal of the third inst., will work out pretty well in big business, where large sums of money are being handled in doing business, but when it comes to levying a one mill tax on all the taxpayers of the state, it is a wholly different thing, and the effects are entirely different. Every body can manage to spare a one mill tax each year out of his earnings to build roads with, but in this case, every dollar of direct tax that dollar out on interest for 30 years. Some may have to economize a little in order to spare this money, they may not be able to buy such a fine suit, or such a fine buggy, or quite such a costly car, but if they did not pay it, the money would simply be put out on interest, but would simply be used for luxuries and for making improvements, and they would be earning in debt, deeper and deeper every year, having some one else to build their roads for them, and at the time the first bond becomes due, Multnomah county would be required to raise more every year to pay her interest and sinking fund, than the whole state would have to raise with a direct tax. GEORGE HICINBOTHAM

The Old Way.

Portland, Oct. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—An article in this morning's Oregonian (October 7) under the title of "Lucky Dog," is remarkable only as a demonstration of the mental strength of the ordinary Republican. Those exercising franchise privilege are supposed to acquaint themselves with the issues for which they are to contend, and support those they select; but as far back as in the '70s the Republican whip has snapped the reins and driven them into line—often by coercion of the poor employe with an implied threat of discharge unless he voted according to the dictates of his master. G. C. N.

Who Has This Magazine?

Redmond, Or., Oct. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, I ask the editor of your letter column in locating a Sunday magazine of 1905. The magazine of identification as to which number is an article on "The Lost Blue Bucket Mine," contributed by a Salem, Or., man, is unknown to me. It will be greatly appreciated if any reader of The Journal possessing the right number of said magazine will communicate its name unknown to me. J. W. SHIVELY. Boy of 14 shot a companion, but only wounded him badly. He was shot with a .12 with the same gun, and killed the little girl. O what a nice shooting for a half grown boy a gun is!

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. The first electric sign in Woodburn made its appearance last week. It lured toward a June 20th. The Silverton high school now offers Latin, English and German courses. The enrollment of 100 students is expected. Independence Enterprise: Sloper Bros. have secured the contract of drilling the well at Monmouth for the city water system. Oregon City Courier: The excavation for the new Carnegie public library is well along. It is expected to be finished and opened for the public in three months. Independence Monitor: A party found 30 acres of government land surrounded by good farms near the Nevada place on the Peedee a short time ago and has just completed filing on the tract for a homestead. Forest Grove News-Times: John Ranes of Gales Creek has a large stump pulled, which he bought in Iowa. The stump is six inches in diameter and a half stump three feet across. It works by horse power. Lents Herald: Nicholas Falter, a Lents resident, who has been engaged in the culture of mushrooms on a small scale, brought a single mushroom to this office this morning and a half pound and measured 27 inches in circumference. Hillsboro Independent: The new street flusher throws a stream with such force that debris is washed into the gutter on either side. Pressure from the mains compresses air in the tank as the water is drawn from the hydrant and this supplies the force. Dallas Itemizer: Thirty-five years ago Mrs. Sol Blessing bought her husband a cigar for a birthday present. Looking through an old trunk last Thursday she found one and a half away and intact, and Sol celebrated his sixty-third anniversary by smoking it.

Always in Good Humor

HE HAD THE LAST WORD. From the Boston Transcript. A lecturer was annoyed by a man in the audience who insisted on rising and asking questions. "Sit down, you ass!" said a second man, jumping up. "Sit down, you too," cried a third man; "you are both asses." "There seem to be plenty of asses about tonight," put in the lecturer calmly; "but for heaven's sake let us hear one at a time." "Well, you go on, then," said the first man, resuming his seat.

FINANCIAL

Exchange. "I don't know whether it is a good thing to encourage women to go into politics or not," said the man with the furrowed brow. "Surely you do not doubt their capability?" "Not in the least. But think of the appalling sums that will change hands if they get to betting hats on elections." TRAPPED. From Birmingham Age-Herald. His conscience hurt. And he was sad; He never would flirt Again, said! The reason why? "Oh, can't you guess? With scouful sighs The maid said "Yes."

RESULTS

Exchange. "Advertising is a great thing," said the Cheerful Idiot, as he laid down the paper. "How do you figure that out?" asked the Old Fogey. "How a man who advertised for a boy on Monday," replied the Cheerful Idiot, "and on Tuesday his wife presented him with one." Chicago Record-Herald. "You're going to the smoker tonight, aren't you?" "Nope." "Why, the boys are expecting you?" "Yes, I intended to be present, but you see, we have the recall system in our family, and my wife has just exercised it."

Pointed Paragraphs

The wedding ring is an exclusive article. There is little doubt that the young die good. Most people would rather take advice from strangers. A fool and her money frequently marry into the nobility. The straight and narrow path doesn't look good to the rounder. Blessings often come disguised, but the wolf at your door never does. The more justice some people get the less they are inclined to boast of it. A high-priced box at the opera seems less expensive to some people than the cheapest church pew. A woman is never willing to admit that she was in the wrong until after the man has apologized. When Dame Fortune knocks at a man's door he always "rubbers" to see if the neighbors are looking. And it might be well to take a course in physical training before you start out to show a man the error of his ways.

Warning to the Voters of Oregon

The proposed amendment to the state constitution which will appear on the official ballot in November as "No. 308-9," if it carries, will take away from the people the taxation matters and return to the legislature and predator and private interests the power to "regulate" and "arrange" taxation measures. The inference being that the people are not intellectually competent to pass upon such things as the polls. Every voter who believes the people should rule and who believes "unequal taxation" is robbery—and who further believes that the people at the ballot box should have the right to pass upon legislative measures before they become effective, should vote No. 309 "No," and thus prevent the amendment from becoming the "law of Oregon." C. S. JACKSON. Portland, Sept. 10, 1912.