

## The Gold Hill News

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### A NUMBER OF THINGS

It is unlawful to kill elk in Oregon. A case was decided at Oregon city last week, concerning the killing of an elk last January by E. E. Storet, of Gresham, who was convicted and fined \$300.

A new wood, almost as heavy as iron and capable of sustaining a fine polish, will be used in the construction of a mausoleum for the late emperor of China, Kwang Su. The name of the wood is pagat-pat. It is not found in Ireland, but in the Philippines.

Lynn Purdin of Central Point Globe announce that he will suspend publication of that paper and will remove the plant to Medford in about two weeks, at which time the publication of the Rogue Magazine will occur from its own press. Mr. Purdin having associated himself with Arthur Brown and others in the Rogue Magazine company.

In the eternal fitness of things, Bryan should be the next democratic and Roosevelt the next republican nominee for president. The money element in both parties is afraid of both men, though Roosevelt never hurt it much—except in later years in adopting and preaching the doctrines for which he once bitterly condemned the Nebraskans as dangerous.

The people of the whole northwest seem to be of but one opinion as to where the great exposition should be held to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal. San Francisco is the unanimous choice, and senators and representatives in congress from the northwestern group of states are so advised. New Orleans' claims to the exposition are based wholly on a larger surrounding population and closer proximity to the great eastern centers. That claim is not sound, for Jamestown and Norfolk had still a greater population to draw upon, yet the Jamestown exposition was the most complete failure ever known. San Francisco has already raised millions, and her people are earnestly at work for the exposition. Both for selfish and sentimental reasons, the whole west should back her claim.

The distinction between a booster and a boomer was never more finely defined than by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, who delivered an able and instructive address before the Oregon Development League convention at Salem Tuesday. He said that there is a great difference between the booster and the boomer. The boomer may not have the right article to advertise, and although sincerely enthusiastic his advertising in extravagant language will not produce the results which follow the wise, well planned and conservative publicity and promotion campaigns; the booster is too apt to consider only the immediate effects of his efforts, not caring for any damage that may flow from his misguided energy. The booster builds on proven facts, not only for the present but for the future, and he does not undertake to exploit an article or a situation unless it is worthy.

Four hundred thousand invitations to attend the Oregon good roads convention in Portland have been sent to representative citizens in every county in the state. The convention plans to put into definite shape the practical road-building campaign to follow the passage of the recent amendment giving to counties the right to bond themselves for highway improvements.

February 1 is the date fixed for the inauguration of train service into interior Oregon over the new Hill line up the Deschutes. By then it is expected the line will be in operation to Matolius, 150 miles south of the Columbia river. Grading has already been completed through Madras six miles north of Matolius. Rails are now laid more than thirty miles south of the Columbia.

Portland leads the entire United States in wheat exports for the first ten months of 1910. At the present rate it is not unlikely that the Beaver metropolis will stand first in the country for the entire year. Increased wheat production in the tributary country and additional railroad lines that bring a wider area within the city's reach as a marketing point are adding to Portland's prestige all the time as an export center.

Better take The News.

### IS THE HOME RULE AMENDMENT INVALID

The Home Rule constitutional amendment is invalid, in conflict with the constitution of the United States, and in conflict with the constitution of the state, in that the people have no right irrevocably to delegate the sovereign power of the state to any municipal corporation. It has no more force than so much blank paper. The word "exclusive" used in the text of the law invalidates the law. The city attorney's office will advise the council not to grant any licenses for the sale of liquor under the new law. The old law will stand as before. The repealing clause in the Home Rule law will have no effect.

The above is not merely the opinion of some "prohibition crank." It is an opinion given to the press shortly after election by Deputy City Attorney Benbow of Portland. He had looked up the law in the matter at the request of the members of the city council. Mr. Benbow's stand is that the Home Rule law apparently surrenders finally and irrevocably the police power of the state. The text reads that the municipality shall be granted the "exclusive power to regulate" the liquor traffic. This is a divesting of the state's sovereign police power, which is a thing impossible under the constitution—or under commonsense, for that matter.

With such authority as the deputy city attorney of Portland to sustain their contention that the Home Rule amendment is a legal anomaly amounting to a hodge-podge, why don't the anti-saloon league people attempt to knock the thing out? Especially would it seem that such action should be expected in Jackson county, which went dry by a majority of 258 on November 8th. If the deputy city attorney of Portland is correct in his opinion, and the anti-saloon league is not mistaken in its contentions, every saloon in Jackson county is nothing more or less than an open blind pig, doing business in the fancied security given by an impossible law. Instead of publishing grandiloquent pronouncements, weakly boasting of a "victory" that left the saloon still selling whiskey, why don't the anti-saloon league of Jackson county make a few arrests and put their convictions to the test? The anti-saloon league can take a lesson from the socialists, who work almost, if not quite, as hard the day after election as they did the day before. And one conviction for selling whi-key in Jackson county will do their cause more good than all the platitudes they can publish in the newspapers.

### NORTH DAKOTA NEEDS STATEMENT NO. 1

NORTH DAKOTA has no statement No. 1 provision in her primary law, but a modification of the statement idea made its appearance in that state in the late campaign. Every candidate for the legislature, republican or democrat, was pledged either expressly or by implication, to vote for the senatorial candidates of his party who should be nominated in accordance with the provisions of the primary law.

Now that election is over the people reasonably believe that nothing remains in the matter of choosing senators but for the legislature to meet and confirm their implied selections. But there are papers in North Dakota so blind to the sacred nature of a pre-election promise that they are gravely discussing the advisability of the legislature's electing or not electing one of the men the people have a right to expect will be elected. The Grand Forks Herald, unquestionably the leading paper of the state, raises its voice strongly for the proposition that the legislators-elect can in honor do nothing but to ratify the will of the people. As the North Dakota legislature will be republican by a large majority, there is nothing for it to do but elect the republican senatorial nominees.

North Dakota needs more than a mere pledge that legislative candidates if elected will vote for the nominees of their party for senators. North Dakota needs a statement No. 1, such as Oregon has, which pledges legislators to vote for those senatorial candidates, regardless of party, receiving the highest number of votes at the primaries. The Herald indicates that this need is realized when it says:

There are those who say that our government rests on the political party. We deny it absolutely. The political party is a useful proposition, nothing more. It possesses neither sovereignty nor sanctity. And, when it is used as a means of coercing men against their own sense of right, instead of a beneficent institution it becomes a menace. The government rests, not on the political party, but on the patriotism, intelligence and rugged independence of the voter.

NO CITIZEN of Oregon but who must have taken pride in the magnificent majority given Governor Benson for secretary of state at the late election. It evidenced warm-hearted sympathy on the part of the people of the state for the misfortune of a man who had served them faithfully and well. Mr. Benson came back from California, where he had been for several months attempting to regain his health, and the Portland newspapers proclaimed he was cured of his grievous ailment. Now Mr. Benson has gone to California again, for the same reason that took him away before—a disease which prevents him from fulfilling his official duties.

It is with the utmost respect for Governor Benson's worth as an official, and with as much sympathy as was felt by any who voted for him at the late election, that it is suggested that it would be quite the proper thing for Benson to resign from the office of Governor and to decline to qualify as secretary of state until such time as he is fit in every way to qualify.

Sympathy is an excellent commodity, but it may be overdone. Mr. Benson has no apparent right to a perpetual pension ordinary—or, if he is receiving no salary during his indigence, to the honor of holding an office which he is unable to fill. Sentiment aside and commonsense to the fore, Benson should resign.

### Christmas Hints

- Toilet Cases
- Manicure Sets
- Shaving Sets
- Hand Mirrors
- Safety Razors
- Dolls
- Cut Glass
- Cigar Jars
- Box Perfume
- Cigars
- Pipes
- Latest Books
- Burnt Wood
- Post Card Albums
- Baby Sets
- Hammered Brass
- Hand Bags
- Fountain Pens
- Pictures
- Pocket Knives
- Razors
- Hair Brushes
- Combs
- Desk Sets
- Child's Sets
- Music Rolls
- Bill Books
- Purses
- Cigar Cases

## Big Doll Voting Contest

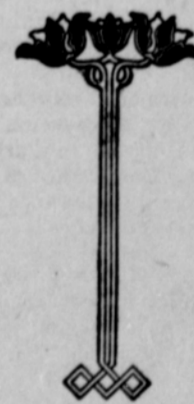
From now until Saturday evening, December 24, I will give with every twenty-five cent cash purchase or for every two bits paid on account, a ticket which will entitle any girl under fifteen to one vote in this contest. The girl having the largest number of these tickets when the contest closes the night before Christmas gets the doll. And such a doll! One of the most beautiful dolls that has ever been shown in any store window in southern Oregon. She is a prize worth working for. All that is necessary for the little girls of Gold Hill and vicinity to enter the contest is to pledge their friends to save the tickets for them, write their names on the tickets and turn them in as votes.

See the Hammered Brass Demonstration at this Store Next Saturday

SAVE YOUR VOTES FOR SOME LITTLE GIRL FRIEND

Jarvis the Druggist  
Gold Hill, Oregon

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