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## Public Indifference

The exceedingly light vote at the recent Oregon primaries show the absolute indifference people have in the affairs of government. A very small per cent of those who were registered went to the polls. Perhaps the two Bandon precincts will give a good criterion from which to judge. Here we find that out of nearly 500 registered, only a little over 100 votes were cast, and the same condition seemed to prevail throughout the state. This seems to be true not only in Oregon, but all over the country people are exceedingly indifferent as to their right of franchise.

The other day there was a special election at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the question of granting a company the right to build and own a gas plant. Of the eight thousand voters in that city less than two thousand voted, and nine hundred and eighty-nine votes, which was a small majority of those voting, determined the matter. In other words, eight thousand voters permitted less than one thousand to give a corporation an important franchise. In Mason City, Iowa, recently, the people were called upon to vote upon the question of issuing a franchise relating to a valuable street railway grant, and not one citizen in three voted. In Ft Dodge, Iowa, where the important question of adopting the commission form of government was in issue, a very small percentage of the total vote was cast. When the public is thus indifferent it is not strange that there is corruption in political affairs. The men who fail to vote when such important matters are up for consideration, have no right to complain, no matter what happens. In the last analysis in this country, the people rule everything. More properly speaking, they have the power to rule, and if they fail to use their power, then they must take the consequences.

## Publicity Pays

Roseburg is one of the cities of Oregon that has found out that a systematic publicity campaign pays. Within the past month 44 families have notified Manager Schlosser of the Roseburg Commercial Club of their intention to locate in that vicinity during the coming winter or spring.

A good systematic campaign of publicity is bound to help any country, and Coos and Curry county ought to do more advertising than is being done at present. We have natural resources here that are unexcelled by any country. We have orchard lands, dairy lands, timber, minerals of various kinds, in fact, there is an opportunity here for most any line of work or business that anyone would want to take up.

## Must Help Themselves.

Major Morrow's visit to Tillamook resulted in that port pledging \$650,000 towards a \$2,000,000 project which will give Tillamook 20 feet at the bar, 16 feet from the bar to Bay City and 14 feet from Bay City to

Tillamook at low water, the channel to be 150 feet wide. It seems to be an established policy of the government now, that unless a port is willing to contribute towards its improvement, it can expect no aid from your Uncle Samuel, says the Coos Bay Times, and it seems to be a very true statement. If the people of the Coquille valley do not get busy and create a port commission or do something else to help fix up their river, the chances are very good that our harbor will be the poorest along the coast in a very short time, while everybody knows we have the possibilities of making it one of the very best. The difference is that other ports are doing something while we are lying idle. Let us wake up and do something.

## Conservation of Moisture

Dry farming is to be taught in Eastern Oregon. Professor Thomas Shaw, soil expert, of Montana and North Dakota, is to be instructor. The semi-arid sections of Malheur, Baker, Crook and Klamath counties are to receive specific attention in this course. The season just ended has put the farmers of the dry regions in a mood to listen to any man who can assure them of good crops, even half crops, from a parched soil, by following specified methods in cultivation.

Dry farming has passed the experimental period. The long drought of the past summer turned experiment into certainty in sections of Montana and North Dakota, where only three and one-half inches of rain fell during the entire year, but where, notwithstanding, fair crops were produced owing to intelligent conservation of the moisture that the gods provided.

Conservation methods are specific and arbitrary. Intelligence properly directed, vigilance and industry that are untiring—these are the elements incident to making the most that is possible out of the small amount of moisture that Nature doles out upon great areas of the North American plateau. "The Great American Desert" this region was called less than three quarters of a century ago, and only imaginary lines upon school atlases bounded it. A region that is now dotted with homes would still be a desert but for dry farming.

Professor Shaw is employed by James J. Hill for the work upon which he has entered in Oregon. His methods are simple. They consist of regular and systematic cultivation of the soil, first by the plow, then by the disc, and again by the spike harrow, the latter to be used after each rain, to conserve and hold the moisture. Two crops of wheat in three years have been successfully grown by the simple processes which he fully explains, "with corn for fodder as an intermediate crop. He would not find it difficult to convince farmers of the Willamette valley, as well as of Eastern Oregon, that "conservation of moisture is the greatest of all conservation problems in the West." Although moisture in unstinted abundance falls each year on Willamette valley lands, the surplus is drained off by freshets practically

as soon as it falls, causing fields, orchards, meadows and gardens to be as dry as dust as the season advances. While the Oregonian favors irrigation in the Willamette valley where practicable, it is ready to agree with Professor Shaw in the estimate that much can be done through rejuvenation of the soil with humus—allalfa, clover, etc.—and by adaptation of dry farming methods to these lands. Whether by this method or that, agriculture in the Willamette Valley should be encouraged, since through generally prevailing methods of cultivation and the total lack of conservation of moisture it is not up to the standard of productiveness in other localities less favored by nature, and upon which the demands of the market are not more insistent.—Oregonian.

The farmer has no snap. A real working farmer making his living from a little piece of land, miles from a good road, remote from a school, earns all he gets. The way the assessors jump all over him in Oregon, however, is very discouraging. His little barn and cottage, his every fruit tree and haystack, his cows and chickens, are carefully listed, and these evidences of industry, good citizenship and frugality, are penalized with a tax of from two cents on the dollar up, each year. Meanwhile the vast tracts of forest and swamp, hill and slope held by some foreign corporation or titled speculator, are placed on the rolls at a tenth of their value. The farmers of Oregon have everything to win and nothing to lose by demanding that the taxes on improvements be lessened and the difference made up on land values now escaping. With such taxes, good roads, modern school houses, public telephones, electric trolley lines, and many other public utilities could be and would be constructed and operated.

A great many people who come to this section of the country are inclined to find fault with land values because they consider them too high. The fact that local people buy them at the price and attain wealth in growing and marketing produce raised thereon would not tend to sustain the contention of the stranger, and another thing to look at is that very little of the land is offered for sale, even at prices considered not too high. The fact, that actual demonstration has proven—that more can be made off of 15 or 20 acres of fertile Oregon land than can be secured from cultivating 160 acres of land in the middle west is another argument to prove that land is not held at fictitious values. "The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof," and the true test of land values is in careful and thorough cultivation.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

## Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior,  
United States Land Office,  
Roseburg, Oregon, Sept. 19, 1910  
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Noah M. Davison, contestant against Homestead Entry No. 13645, Serial 03779, made July 1, 1904, for S.-W. 1-4 Section 20, Township 29 S., Range 13 W., Willamette Meridian, by Benjamin Perry, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Benjamin Perry has never resided upon or in any way improved said land since making said entry, but has abandoned said land for over five years last past; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 1, 1910, before A. D. Mose, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Bandon, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 15, 1910, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed September 19, 1910, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register. 38-6

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H. B. Warren, of Ashland, who came over with his family three weeks ago to see his father, S. H. Warren and brothers, F. C. and Alvy Warren, of Cedar Point, started for their home last Thursday. They greatly enjoyed the trip which was made in their Jackson car, without accident or trouble of any kind. While here the three families went to Bandon and had a run on the beach, having a big time. The visitors were very sorry to have to go at this time, but owing to the ripening of their large crop of peaches and grapes, it became necessary that they return to look after them. We hope the road over the mountain from Roseburg will be in better shape the next time they come, which will doubtless be next summer, as they had such a nice time and expect to come frequently in the future.—Coquille Herald.

The editor of the Globe returned last Friday evening from a combined political, business and pleasure trip in the south end of the county. Our business was in the interest of the Globe, and our pleasure was meeting old friends and circulating a petition for a county high school, which was willingly signed by all who saw it, except four individuals, two of whom were old bachelors, and the other two did not object to the establishing of a High School, but didn't care to sign the petition. Out of the seventy names received from below, 90 per cent are very enthusiastic for the school. Not only do they want a High School, but public sentiment is strongly informed of a new Court House, good roads and bridges.—Gold Beach Globe.

Mesdames Mann and Tilton, of Langlois, entertained at the home of Mrs. Mann, the Ladies' Social Club of Lakeport. The ladies were given a trolley ride to Langlois and back. Mrs. A. T. Below, being an accomplished driver, officiated in that capacity. The hostess' entertained at what, Mrs. Earl Schoonover winning first prize and Mrs. W. J. Ruggles second. The club wishes to thank their hostesses for a most enjoyable afternoon. On their return the ladies were met by the Whitman band and desire to thank the bandmaster for his cordial reception. The club has accepted the invitation to meet with Mrs. B. W. Charlesworth next Tuesday afternoon.—Lakeport Banner.

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