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ONE TRIAL of the registration law of this state has proven to the satisfaction of a large majority of our citizens, that it has caused a great deal of trouble and taken much time for some of them to have their names enrolled as legal voters. We hold that this is needless because a registration law could be enacted which would be quite as effective in preventing fraud in the elections and which would not put each voter to the trouble of appearing with witnesses before a registering officer in order to be allowed to exercise the elective franchise.

AGAIN it has been demonstrated that the form of ballot used in Oregon is cumbersome and is not clear to many of the people. Take almost any precinct for an example. It seldom happens that the total number of votes received by the candidates for any office is as large as the whole number persons voting in that election. This variation increases in proportion as the number of voters increases. There is no way to account for this discrepancy except on the supposition of errors and omissions in making out the tickets. We hope the legislature at its next session will amend the law on this subject and provide for a more simple form of ballot.

A RATIFICATION MEETING AND LOVE FEAST.

Lake Precinct, Douglas Co, Ore. Ed West:— We met at an early hour June 4th at our regular voting place. Messrs Harwood, Miller and Colvin were judges. Our men came up in solid column voting early and late but at high twelve called off for an hour's refreshment which was prepared by Mrs Schrum. At one o'clock sharp we resumed business again. Votes came pouring in a steady run till a late hour in the evening, when it was announced that the polls were closed. Immediately thereafter the counting of votes commenced but was not finished till a late hour that night.

There was great rejoicing and enthusiasm shown. Shouts of joy and 'rahs for Wm J Bryan could be heard all over the woods. We became so enthusiastic that we decided to hold a ratification meeting and love feast. Arrangements were at once made and committees appointed etc. This meeting will be held at the head of Schrum's canyon, Lake precinct. It will commence at an early hour next Saturday evening. All are cordially invited to come and rejoice and rally with us. Nothing will be spared in making this one of the best and most enjoyable meetings ever held at that place. There will be good speaking, music, dancing and games of all kinds and room enough for all. We would be pleased to see you Editor and family there as one of us, also as many republican plutocrats as may wish to come and rejoice with us.

Editor West:—I am requested from Headquarters to tender you a vote of thanks for your kindness in helping out our good work by the free publication of our instructive letters.

Signed: Myself and W J Bryan. Furthermore we will never desert or go back on you as long as you do our publishing free;—for if there is one thing we love more than another it is something free.

By the time the above arrangements were made it had reached a late hour at night and a motion to adjourn was in order, but before we adjourned we extended the right hand of fellowship and then all departed to their homes rejoicing.

I will write you again when we hear from the county and state. Yours truly A Bryan Supporter. P S I communicated the great victory of our precinct to W J B— Headquarters, today. A B S. Which stands for a Bryan Supporter.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, D. C., May 23, 1900.

Senator Platt, of Conn, is chairman of the committee on relations with Cuba, which is directed by the Bacon resolution, adopted by the Senate without a dissenting vote, to investigate all receipts and expenditures in the island of Cuba, by, through and under the officials and representatives of the U S, both civil and military forces to April 30, 1900. No man in the senate is better fitted to conduct such an investigation thoroughly than Senator Platt. Although a strong partisan, he never allows partisanship to make him unfair or to prejudice his judgement, and his integrity is of the old-fashioned, middle-of-the-road sort, which never confuses right and wrong, and never condones dishonesty in any form. In addition to those qualifications, Mr Platt has the judicial temperament and is a tireless worker. The investigation will be made during the congressional recess and the committee has the authority to sit where it pleases, either as a full committee or to divide into sub-committees, and to send for persons and papers.

Senators are, if possible, more anxious for congress to adjourn, than members of the house are, but there is much work yet to be done upon regular appropriation bills, which must all be disposed of before adjournment. Consequently, it is almost certain that the date set by the house resolution, June 6th, for adjournment, will have to be pushed a little further along by the senate; but there is no doubt that adjournment will take place about the middle of June, which is unusually early for the long session, even in presidential years.

Delegations from the Creek and Cherokee Indians are in Washington protesting against the proposed allotment of their lands in Indian territory, which they claim will be a violation of old treaties. Their protests have been submitted to the Indian Committees of congress, but there is no probability of interference by congress with the allotment program.

Lying upon the table of the senate are the credentials of Mr Clark, and of Mr Maginnis for the same vacancy, and although they may be called up this week, no one looks for any definite action at this session.

So much opposition to the Spooner bill, authorizing the president to govern the Philippines in his discretion, until further legislation by congress, has developed that there is little probability that the bill will reach a vote at this session. As a matter of fact, the president is now exercising all the authority that the Spooner bill would confer on him, and will continue to do so until congress legislates for the government of the Philippines. The only apparent object of the Spooner bill is to show that congress endorses the exercise of that power by the president.

Senator Morgan's sensational speech, in which he charged that the continental railroad combine and the half dozen canal syndicates organized under New Jersey laws, to control canal routes on the isthmus of Darien, were engaged in holding up the Nicaragua canal bill, has caused much talk in Washington, not so much because the charge is new as because it was made by such a conservative Senator as Morgan. He hit the bull's-eye when he said that in Presidential years the politicians were always afraid of corporations that had or pretended to have great power. Mr Morgan said in his speech: "The senate is today holding up the canal bill, and here, to empty seats, I am trying to do the duty of the senate toward the people. There are half a dozen senators listening to me now, but there are 50,000,000 of people who will hear what I say and will hold those absent senators responsible for their action. Here we are being held by the throats by combinations, and the senate sleeps and laughs and cares not. Our policy was announced more than 60 years ago, and been upheld until recently. It is, that the canal shall be an American canal and not by any private corporation. I do not see how we can sleep at our posts in a case like this."

The Boer envoys having failed utterly in their mission to Washington, so far as the government is concerned, will start out to see what impression they can make upon the people by a series of public meetings, the first of which will be held in Baltimore, this week, with others to follow in other cities. The house has adopted resolutions, calling on the Post-Master General for copies of reports made by E G Rathbone while he held the office of Director of Posts in Cuba, and upon the Secretary of War for information as to allowances made army officers in Cuba and Porto

Rico, for quarters, horses, vehicles, etc. Secretary Root has just sent to the senate an official report made by Gen Davis, which is a reply to the resolution so far as Porto Rico is concerned.

THE ELECTION.

The election last Monday passed off very quietly in Florence though a much larger vote was polled than for several years past. The friends of the various candidates had been at work trying to persuade the voters to cast their ballots for their men, but most of them had previously determined who would receive their support at the polls. With the exception of road supervisor the republican candidates for state, district, county and precinct officers all received good majorities, most of them having two, three or even four times as many votes as their competitors on the citizen's ticket.

The total number who had previously registered their names as residents of the precinct is 194 and when the polls were closed at six o'clock, though nine votes had been sworn in during the day, the clerk's records showed that but 175 ballots had been cast.

Of those names in the register two are dead and some have moved away, but making due allowance for these the result of the election shows that an average of one man of every eight in the precinct does not take enough interest in public affairs to care to exercise the highest privilege of a free citizen, the right to be heard in choosing the officers to administer the affairs of the country.

Didn't Keep Up the Record. "Bill writes from Texas," said the parent, "that he's in jail ag'in, an he 'pears to be hopeless over it. I wonder of the example of his family ain't in spirit to him? His gran'father broke jail six times; his uncles dug out three times, an they ain't a jail in the settlement that him hold any of the rest of the family. It's my opinion that Bill has falled from grace!"—Atlanta Constitution.

NOTICE TO COMMON CARRIERS.

Coos Bay News. Deputy collector D F Fox, of this district, desires to call the attention of all stage and steamboat companies and freighters in his district to the war revenue act of June 15, 1898, which provides that every common carrier shall issue to the shipper or person from whom any goods are accepted for transportation, a way bill, receipt or manifest, and to such evidence of receipt there shall be duly attached and cancelled a stamp of the value of one cent for each and every shipment. Penalty for non compliance \$50 for each offense.

COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON.

A correspondent to the Fishing Gazette under date of May 13, writes from Portland as follows: Spring salmon fishing on the Columbia River is fairly under way, with prospects of a good season. Fishermen are getting 7 cents a pound from the cold storage houses, and the canneries are obliged to pay almost as much. Operators who are posted, however, predict that there will be strong opposition in the salmon canning business on all the Oregon fall rivers, such as the Nehalem, Tillamook, Siletz, Alsea, Siuslaw, Umpqua, Coos and Coquille. They say that owing to the high price of salmon on the Columbia it is to be supposed that the fall fish will also reach a high figure, as everybody is crazy to get in. It is reported that a very strong company has been formed to erect and operate canneries at the different points, but that the packs will be divided so small that there will be no profits for any one.

Should these conditions prevail, it is said that S Elmore, of Astoria, who has heretofore enjoyed the bulk of the fall trade, will be the greatest loser. The salmon business on the Columbia is undergoing a radical change, as the new railroad from Astoria enables the cold storage men to ship direct from the fishing grounds to the Eastern markets the fresh salmon, which is eagerly sought for by the lovers of good fish. The change pays the fishermen better wages, but is detrimental to the canning industry.

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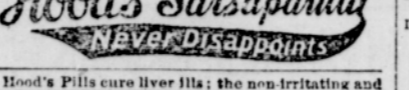
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ELECTION RETURNS.

The following is the result of the election in the precincts given.

Table with columns for Precinct Name and Vote Count. Includes sections for CONGRESSMAN, SUPREME JUDGE, FOOD COMMISSIONER, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVES, COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY CLERK, SHERIFF, COMMISSIONER, COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY ASSESSOR, SUPERINTENDENT, SURVEYOR, and CORONER.

In Florence precinct CH Holden was elected justice of the peace; G O Cumpston, constable and O W Sutton, supervisor.

At Mapleton, Phil W Nicolle was elected justice; J A Neely, constable and Fred C Peil, supervisor.

At Heeceta, B E Smith was elected justice; Ira Bray, constable and E W Cobb, supervisor.

The Register of June 6th gives the results from 35 of the 50 precincts. For congress, Tongue leads by a little over 500; Brown, for district attorney, is ahead over 800 votes and Booth has nearly 300 the lead. Harris, Hemenway and McQueen are from 300 to 700 ahead. Knox, for county judge has 97 votes the most. Lee, for clerk, has 490 the lead. Withers as sheriff, is 657 votes ahead of Hawley. Taylor, Patterson, Bond and Griffin are from 30 to 100 ahead of their opponents. Burton and Collier are considerable in the lead.

This showing indicates that the republicans will elect all but sheriff and treasurer.

MR HOLDEN'S LECTURE.

Daily Times Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr E G D Holden's fine lecture "Under the Sod, or Fifty Miles Under Ground Through Mammoth Cave," was delivered at Luce's Hall, last evening, to what, the unpropitious weather considered, was a very fair audience. It also proved a very appreciative one, following the eloquent speaker through all his mazy, marvellous wanderings, with utmost attention, and greeting the close of almost every period with applause. The lecture is itself a very fine one, filled with thrilling passages and beautiful descriptions, and gradually increasing in interest from beginning to end till everything is carried before it. We trust that "Under the Sod" will be re-delivered at an early day, and under more favorable circumstances.

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REPUBLICAN MEETING.

A meeting was held in the Odd Fellow's building last Saturday at which the political questions of the day were discussed from a republican standpoint. W H Weatherson was called on to preside and announced as the first speaker Henry Bultman of Gardiner. Mr Bultman spoke for about half an hour giving a very good address in support of the republican candidates.

Hon E G D Holden then took the floor and gave an interesting talk. He devoted some time to the constitutional amendment in favor of equal suffrage and urged his hearers to vote to give women the ballot. There was a fairly good attendance present but probably not so many as would have come out earlier in the campaign.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," Charles F Cox of Astoria, County of Lane, State of Oregon has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No 1200, for the purchase of the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 N 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec 28 & NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section No 27, in Township No 18 S Range No 9 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at... on Tuesday the 14 day of August 1900.

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GENERAL NEWS.

News from Pretoria says that Pretoria is now invested by the British. No resistance will be offered and the city will be surrendered by the Burgomaster as soon as a formal demand is made. President Kruger is somewhere east of Pretoria but in constant wire communication.

News from Manila dated June 3, says that Major Marchwith his detachment overtook what is believed to have been Aguinaldo's party on May 19th Lagat. The Americans fired and the officer fell from his horse. His followers fled carrying the body. The Americans caught the horse which was richly saddled and Aguinaldo's diary and a number of other important papers were found in the saddle-bags. It is thought reasonable to believe that the officer shot was either Aguinaldo or his Adjutant but the party had not been overtaken.

A cipher message to Washington under date of June 5th says:—The navy department has received a cipher message from Admiral Kempff commanding the cruiser Newark, that an engagement was in progress in which his marines were fighting. Particulars and details are lacking. It is believed the fight commenced in a Chinese fort. The indications are that the United States will have war with China.

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