

BEFOGGING THE PEOPLE.

There appears to be an effort making especially by the democratic press, to befog the people of the state concerning the election of United States senators by direct vote. The people are to be beguiled into believing that through the agency of pledge No. 1 they may elect senators.

A democratic journal published in Portland leads off in this effort. In a recent issue it publishes an editorial involving execrable grammar, false assumptions and great mental travail to prove that the people are "getting in the saddle."

It exclaims: "No man who feels that he is a superior to his constituents need go to the legislature." Certainly not, even though his fellow citizens might desire to become his constituents.

"If he considers that the federal constitution imposes upon him the exclusive duty of electing a United States senator without the intervention of the people," he need not make the race. This is followed by a murky paragraph intended to show what state legislatures have assumed to be and to do, then by this unwarranted assertion: "Under pledge No. 1 the candidate for the legislature binds himself in the event of his election to abide by the popular choice for United States senate, leaving him no further option"

"than he has in the purely formal, clerical work of proclaiming whom the voters have selected for state officers." Then this remarkable editorial, remarkable for its dense ignorance if nothing worse, notices the expression of a sudden fear "over the dreadful step. It is always the case when the people either take back some of the powers which they have delegated or seek to exercise some of their rights which had lain dormant."

The fallacy of all this shines conspicuously just here. The people never had the right to elect United States senators, so this cannot be one "of their rights which had lain dormant." For the same reason they never had power to elect such officers from the office of U. S. senator did not exist previous to the formation and adoption of the federal constitution. The framers of that instrument for wise and sufficient reasons decided that the people should not directly elect United States senators.

If the people desire to acquire the right to elect U. S. senators by direct vote the constitution must be changed in the manner the instrument itself provides, no one state may make this change; the whole people by direct vote may not do so.

Is it a well established principle of law that there can be no contract or binding agreement in violation of law. If pledge No. 1 really leaves the legislator no option in the matter it contravenes the constitution, the supreme law, and is null and void ab initio.

The framers of the primary law had no purpose of enacting a law directly in conflict with the constitution and of requiring members of the legislature to give a pledge, the operation of which must involve them in the commission of perjury.

The federal constitution does impose upon the members of the legislature of each state in the union the exclusive duty of electing United States senators without the intervention of the people.

and its certain enforcement counsel the whole people of a state to violate the paramount law of the land.

Were it not that by some sort of shuffle democrats hope to profit thereby we should be amazed to see such sticklers for "the constitution of the fathers" clamoring for pledge No. 1. Republicans should steer clear of such complications and stand by the supreme law.

FULTON PRAISED.

Oregon's senatorial representation is attracting more attention in the East than at Home. Following the courtesies to the junior senator at the time of his appointment, many compliments have been paid the elder member of the state's delegation. One of the brightest editorials that appeared in prominent eastern papers following Senator Fulton's able opening of the rate-legislation debate in the Senate was that in the Indianapolis Morning Star, as follows:

"Senator Fulton of Oregon seems to have acquitted himself well in the first noteworthy appearance on the floor of the Senate in debate with men like Spooner, Foraker and Bailey. It is three years now since Mr. Fulton was elected, and he has done his work unostentatiously and well, impressing his ability upon all who have seen him, and yet avoiding the haste with which new senators are tempted to precipitate themselves into discussions. He is a man of fine talents and very great industry. His habit of mastering the details of his subject and thinking it through was revealed in his prompt and cogent answers to the questions which were shot at him by the best lawyers in the Senate."

There is little doubt in the minds of most members of Congress that an adjournment will be taken this session some time during May. Following completion of work on the rate-regulation bill, Philippine tariff and statehood propositions, there is little of such urgent nature before Congress that the members feel it incumbent upon them to prolong this session. Appropriations are to be held to the minimum, because of party conditions, and the multitude of measures affecting only sections of the country will be subordinated to the general sentiment for an early adjournment.

RUMOR ABOUT C. & E. Connection of Willamette Valley Traction Company.

There is reason for making semi-official announcements that still another transcontinental railroad is headed for Portland, and that, instead of entering from the north, as in the case of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, it will come through Central-Eastern Oregon and the Willamette Valley, says the Telegram.

Furthermore, it can be stated currently that it contemplates coming into the city over the proposed line of the Willamette Valley Traction Company in event the coveted franchise along Front street is granted by the City Council.

In support of this statement of intention, evidence of which only lacks direct official confirmation, it is notable that the promoters of the Willamette Valley Traction Company project has a building option on the entire system of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad property, including all of the roadbed, rolling stock and equipment of the line in operation between Toledo, on Yaquina Bay, to Idanha in Linn county together with a right of way committee with Minto Pass in the Cascade range of mountains and through Eastern Oregon to Ontario.

Acquirements of this will afford direct route from the extreme Eastern line of the state to the coast, and an outlet to the Pacific

Ocean, but recognizing Portland as the natural commercial center of the Northwest, consummation of the deal hinges upon action by the City Council on the traction company's application for the Front street franchise.

It has been known that negotiations for purchase of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad have been pending for several weeks in the East, between A. B. Hammond and those interested behind the Willamette Valley Traction Company's project, but it has only recently leaked out that a 90-day option had been secured, acceptance or refusal depending upon the outcome of negotiations for a connection with Portland. No official information could be secured, but it is understood, from reasonably reliable forces, that the price agreed upon is more than a million and a quarter.

Those in position to know all facts refuse to discuss the subject at this time stating that any announcement is premature and without the sanction, but they will not deny that there is ground for it.

When seen this morning Manager A. Welch, of the Willamette Traction Company, declined to make any statement concerning the transaction, as whatever fact there was in it is not ripe for publication, and that all plans were based upon the outcome of the Front-street controversy.

Four miles of valley line graded. The Willamette Valley Traction Company has been constructing Portland-Salem line from the Salem end, has completed grades for a distance of four miles, and is awaiting action of the Council upon the franchise question to begin work at both ends and rush the line to early completion.

Promoters of the Valley Traction project have also announced their intention to extend the line from Salem south to Eugene and to put out a system of feeders wherever practicable and feasible.

The Willamette Valley Company, which is known to have interests in common with the traction company, owns water, electric light and power plants at Eugene, Springfield, Albany, Corvallis and other small Valley towns, including those under the Union Light & Power Company, together with valuable water power rights on the Santiam.

Thus it is not improbable that the two systems will be merged in event of satisfactory developments at this end. This would mean a network of electric and steam railways touching things important, agricultural, timber and mineral section of the Valley, and would bring all products from those points into the Portland market.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

OAK RIDGE.

Rev. Laurer will begin a series of meetings Sunday evening at the Oak Grove school house.

Emmett Williamson and family left Wednesday for their home at Portland after spending a week visiting relatives here.

Wiley Haman, of Albany, has been spending the week on his farm pruning and cleaning up his orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goff spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Laurensen.

Velma Laurensen, while visiting at the home of J. G. Gibson last Wednesday had the misfortune to fall down the stair way leading to the basement, breaking her arm near the wrist.

Mr. Green Morris, of Victor, Eastern Oregon, is down on a visit. She has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Goff of this neighborhood, after which she will visit relatives in Linn county before returning home.

We have only heard of one man being found dead in his orchard and that was a man by the name of Harris, in Tillamook county, but it may become quite common when the farmers are compelled to clean up their old orchards.

P. E. Johnson will file his petition for justice of the peace of Fairmount Precinct No. 20 in due time to be placed on the ticket; W. D. Morris will do likewise for candidate.

Saturday the 24 of this month, is the day set forth for holding the parents' meeting at the Grange Hall in Fairmount and the good people of this part of the country are making arrangements to try and have one of the best [of the kind] ever held here. The grangers will do much toward making the meeting a success and others will join hands to help the cause along. Superintendent

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Denman has completed the programs and sent them out to those who are expected to take part in the exercises so that they may be ready to do their part when the time comes to act.

The primary election law under which the people of Oregon will select candidate places greater responsibilities upon the individual voter than had to be accepted by him under the former system. Under the old method he could shoulder the responsibility of selecting candidates upon the leaders of the political party to which he belonged and accept or reject their choice as best suited his mind. Under present conditions every individual voter is a leader, and if the selection is bad each is personally responsible. It behooves the voter therefore to scan closely the record and qualifications of those who offer themselves as candidates for office, as well as to examine the utterances which fall from their lips or the statements of themselves and friends to discover if possible whether or not they are sounding as brass and tinkling cymbals.

BELLFOUNTAIN.

The warm rain for the last few days has filled the creeks to the brim and caused grass and crops to take on a more thrifty appearance. Stock of all kinds are wintering in good condition.

Last Saturday night, at Simpson Chapel a large and appreciative audience assembled to enjoy a social entertainment under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The literary and musical program was rendered in the large audience room and was of good selection and well rendered. The Bellfountain Orchestra furnished some fine instrumental music, after which all went down to the basement hall where lunch baskets were auctioned off. About \$70.00 was the result of the sale, some baskets going as high as \$5.00.

Born on the 15 inst., to the wife of A. H. Buckingham, a son.

New telephones are still being put in. That greatly adds to the convenience of the whole community.

THE STORK BRINGS JOY

To the household but how about the mother? Has she been joyful during the weeks and



months preceding the advent? Two many mothers find it a time of fearful anxiety because of the knowledge that they are "not in good health."

They have allowed weaknesses, pains and drains to accumulate till the health is completely undermined and they are "more than discouraged," and all because they have been misadvised by well-meaning friends or maltreated by an inefficient doctor.

To all such here is the news that there is a remedy that will heal and not hurt. It was discovered forty years ago by Dr. Pierce who searched Nature's laboratory—the earth, for the remedial agents so liberally provided therein. He took Lady's Slipper root, Black Cohosh root, Unicorn root, Blue Cohosh root, Golden Seal root, and by extracting, combining and preserving, without the use of alcohol, the glyceric extracts of these natural remedies he has given to the world Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION, which has to its credit the enviable and unparalleled record of more than a half-million of cures in the last forty years.

"Only those who have given Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a trial can appreciate what a boon it is to suffering women," writes Miss Vina Seamore, of 38 Elm St., Toronto, Ont. "For two years I suffered intensely from female weakness until life was a burden to me. I had distressing, bearing-down pains so I could scarcely stand up. Had hot flashes, was very dependent, weak, and utterly wretched. My physician gave me treatments but without success. I tried several remedies but obtained no relief until I began to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I began immediately to improve, and in four months' time I was as well and strong as ever." Constipation cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

About School Census.

The school census for the coming year will be made this week.

It must contain the names of all the children actually residing in each district of the county not later than Feb. 25. Only the names of these children who have a bona fide residence in said district at this time can be lawfully included in the said census. Parents living temporarily in a district have no legal right to have their children taken by the district clerk. Any district clerk taking such children will make himself liable to a fine of \$25. The law requires each district clerk to visit each home and by interrogation of the parents or guardian obtain certain necessary data.

The clerks should remember that the law does not allow a child over twenty or under four years of age to be included in the census. After the census has been taken the said census report must be submitted to the legal voters of said district at the annual school meeting for corrections or alteration which occurs on the third Monday of June each year. Clerks should bear in mind that they are not to forward the census reports to the county superintendent, but to retain them until after the meeting in June.

Notice to the Tax-Payers of Benton County.

I have prepared lists of the amounts due from each tax payer, showing the names of each party assessed, and amount of taxes due from each; if you pay all your taxes on or before the 15th day of March, you will deduct 3 per cent from the amount as shown in the list, if you wish to pay only half your taxes you must do so on or before the second day of April, otherwise you will have the penalty and interest to pay. While the law does not require me to accept checks or money orders on taxes, yet I would much prefer to have the taxpayers pay their taxes by mailing to me check or money order, this is a protection to yourself as well as help to me as I can make up your receipts of a night return them by mail and not be rushed so much during the day. Said taxes will through the courtesy of the following gentlemen be found at their places:

- Summit, at Titus Ranney's store. Blodgett, at J. A. Wood's store. Wren, at Richard Wilde's store. Kings Valley, at Marion Frantz's store, Miller & Alcorn's store, and Jacob Chamber's store. Soap Creek, at the store of J. A. Carter. Fairmount, at D. P. Mishler's residence, at Henry Hector's residence, at T. B. Williamson's residence, at M. V. Leeper's residence, and at the residence of F. H. Hughson. Monroe, at A. Wilhelm & Son's store, and at Norwood's & Co's store. Alsea, at W. H. Malone's store. Willamette, at Norwood & Co's store, and A. J. Jones's store at Isavale. Bellefontaine, at store of Woodcock & Taylor, at store of N. Clem. Philomath, stores of Hill & Son, J. E. Henkle, F. P. Clark, Scott & Pugesley, and Moses Brothers. M. P. BURNETT, 17-18 Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon.

Frightfully Burned. Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electric furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for burns, wounds, sores, eczema and piles. 25c. at Allen & Woodward, druggists.

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Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points.

Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS

and limited to return on or before the following Monday. Rate to or from Corvallis, \$3.00 Call on Southern Pacific Co's Agents for particulars.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale of attached property, issued under the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Benton, under the seal of said Court and bearing date of February 14th, 1906, upon a judgment duly rendered by said Court in the case of Laura Burr vs. Agnes C. McElroy and J. C. McElroy were defendants, said judgment was entered against said plaintiffs and against the said defendants for the sum of five hundred thirty and fifty one hundredths dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from said 25th day of November, 1905, and the further sum of \$50 attorney's fees, and the further sum of \$15.00 costs and disbursements; and for the sale of the real property hereinafter described, attached in said action; and which judgment was duly docketed in said Court on the 25th day of November, 1906, and which said execution issued thereon is to me directed and delivered and commands me to satisfy the said above sums of money due thereon by the sale of the real property heretofore duly attached in said action, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 10.35 chains west of the Northeast corner of claim No. 01, Tp. 14, S. R. 8, W., run thence West 9.74 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence East 9.74 chains; thence North 40 chains to beginning, containing 40 acres; also beginning at the Northwest corner of claim No. 07, Tp. 14, South Range 5 West, thence East 40 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence West 40 chains; thence North 40 chains to beginning, containing 160 acres. Also beginning at Southwest corner of claim No. 44, township 15, South Range 5 West, run thence North 40 chains; thence East 40 chains; thence South 40 chains; thence West 40 chains to beginning, containing 160 acres. Also beginning at Northeast corner of G. W. Kisor's claim run thence West to East line of R. Balknap claim, thence South to North East corner George Balknap's claim, thence East to West line of Laban Sanders one-fourth section line, thence North to beginning, section 22, township 14, South Range 5 West, containing 74 acres. Also beginning at one-fourth section post on section line between sections 21 and 22 township 14, South Range 5 West, thence East 17.95 chains; thence South 20 chains, to beginning, containing 37 acres. Also lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, and North West quarter of South West quarter of section 32 township 14, South Range 5 West, containing 57.75 acres; also lots 7, 24, 25 and 26, in Wells and McElroy's addition to the City of Corvallis, all the above and foregoing described real property being and lying in Benton County, State of Oregon.

And on Wednesday the 21st day of March, 1906, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day at the front door of the Court House, in the City of Corvallis in Benton County, State of Oregon, I will offer for sale and sell as public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the above described real estate and estate of the said defendants Agnes C. McElroy and J. C. McElroy, in and to the said above described real property, to satisfy said sums due on said judgment, costs and accruing costs.

M. P. BURNETT, Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon. February 15th, 1906.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, administrator of the estate of Henry Holroyd, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same at the office of J. P. Yates, properly verified as by law required, at Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 13th day of February, 1906.

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