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PURE NONSENSE.

To our mind the discussion of Statement No. 1 at this time by republicans is pure nonsense when so many questions of vital importance demand our attention. In the wisdom of a republican legislature this child was conceived and if an unhealthy offspring its parents will be called upon to care for it at the next session of the legislature.

If a mother, by some mysterious mis-direction of nature, brings to light a deformed offspring, in the very nature of her mother love she quietly hides it as much as possible from public gaze, and lavishly looks after its wants to make life as comfortable as possible.

Why should we give ourselves any uneasiness about Statement No. 1 when we have a clear republican majority of from 15,000 to 20,000 in the state of Oregon who are as anxious to walk up to the polls to-day and vote the republican ticket as they ever were if we would lay aside the weight of sins that doth so easily beset us and give them a ticket worthy of support.

We cannot deny the fact that the lukewarm condition of many good, true republicans in the state of Oregon to-day is due to crookedness and general cussedness of some of the leaders of our party who care nothing for party principles and the welfare of the masses, but are ruled and controlled, body, mind and soul by selfishness and greed.

The question of vital importance to the voter in the ranks is, who is the best, and purest man in the republican party to lead us to victory at the polls. We should, at this time, simply discuss the merits and qualifications of the gentlemen now before us and if not to the liking of the masses of our party, we should go out into the by-ways and hedges and find a Moses who would lead us into higher, purer and cleaner political life than the record of the past can show.

We need a few Maj. Warner's who, when a few years ago the masses of the republicans of Missouri demanded as a candidate perhaps for the Senate, was opposed by what was known as the "Filley Ring," and seeing he could not command their support, and thus unite warring elements, with heart overflowing with gratitude to his friends, arose in his seat and said "However much I may appreciate the honor you would confer upon me, yet to me harmony in the republican party is more to be desired than the success of Maj. Warner."

That speech, with its patriotic devotion to party principle, set the republican party of Missouri on fire and continued to be the watch-word until it softened the stony hearts of Filley and his friends, wiped out the 40,000 democratic majority and landed Major Warner in the Senate where he stands to-

day as a mighty power for good, a credit to his state and an honor to his party. Pardon the digression when we say we need more such men in the Senate to purify the atmosphere around Washington. There are seats in that august body which have been held for years that should be thoroughly fumigated before being occupied by men of moral character, and we honestly admit that some of these men belong to the republican party.

Give us a candidate for Senator whose private character is above reproach—ability unquestioned, and we need have no fear of Statement No. 1.

We dare not trust to our democratic brethren for a Senator from timber now in sight. In the light of past history, "to wine and dine with that bunch" would be a greater temptation than he could stand.

A COMMISSION.

A Tariff Commission will probably be created at the present session of congress to which tariff revision and legislation will be referred for consideration and recommendation.

The creation of such a commission has been discussed pro and con for many years, but the measure has never been regarded with enough favor to cause its adoption. The President favors such a commission and has recommended its creation to congress; a number of large and influential organizations favor it and will urge it, if possible, to favorable congressional action, so it is highly probable we shall have another commission added to our already rather complicated governmental machinery.

The main purpose back of this movement is to lift the whole subject of tariff legislation out of the field of partisanship and place it on the plane of Political Economics where it properly belongs. This is a most commendable purpose. We never can have the most beneficial legislation on this subject until we do treat it on its merits as one belonging to the domain of practical Political Science.

It is not plain, however, that we can accomplish this through the agency of a special commission. Such a commission could not be clothed with powers of legislation. It could enact nothing. It could only study, examine, formulate its opinions and conclusions and report them to congress. These might not be unanimous and thus the whole discussion of the questions before the commission would be precipitated upon the law-making body.

This would be no advance beyond the present method of procedure whereby proposed tariff legislation is referred to the committee on Ways and Means, usually, where all propositions are considered and a bill formed and reported to congress for consideration and enactment. This committee is composed, in the main, of able, painstaking and honest men. He is practically non-partisan, and deserves the confidence usually reposed in the wisdom of its recommendations. Any one who has ever been before it in behalf of some interest touched by proposed tariff legislation knows how thoroughly and earnestly and equitably it pushes its inquiries.

No more equitable and practical tariff legislation was ever given to the country than the present law. That it became a dozen years old before it showed a few gray hairs proves the wise care with which it was framed.

No commission possible to create could reach better results. Besides government by commission is abhorrent to our people and is discredited from the start. Notwithstanding all this it seems that we shall be given a lot more tentative legislation.

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A BETTER GAIN.

Reliable and authoritative statistics have been published which show the gain made in membership, churches and ministers in the United States by the churches for the year 1907. The aggregate net gains were 627,545 members, 4,215 churches and 2,300 ministers. In membership and ministers the gain has been much less than for any one of three preceding years. The greatest gain is in the Roman Catholic Church, which reports a gain of 266,000. The Methodist Church, in all its branches, reports a net gain of 101,696. Of 154 religious bodies embraced in the report the total membership is 32,355,610. This would indicate that two-fifths or 40 per cent of our people are professed christians. It would appear that fully two-thirds of our adult population are members of some branch of the christian church. This is a mighty host which, if unified and inspired by a common purpose, should accomplish any righteous work it might undertake.

But its gain in numbers are declining year by year. The causes for this are being sought out by churchmen who will remove them, at least so far as they exist within the church itself. Outside of the church its numerical growth or lack of it is not a matter for great concern.

What is of greater interest to non-churchman is the rapid and wide-spread diffusion of christian ethics and ideals. This has reached and embraced the churches, has forced them to modify or abandon their ecclesiasticism, to come into greater harmony and to strive in more perfect unity to induce men to accept and practice christian ethics and follow close after christian ideals.

Never before have so many men and women given hearty intellectual assent to the great truths of christianity; never have there been so many outside the pale of the church who are earnestly and truly striving to model their life upon the example and precepts of the author of christianity. We, therefore, are truly a christian people looking to the influences of christianity for the perfecting and perpetuation of our social and political institutions. While we do so we shall go forward. Failing in this we shall perish of our own corruption.

PHILOMATH SNAPSHOTS.

Notes, Lodge Affairs and Other Matters of Interest.

Oregon has come into her own again. A week or so of frost, with flakes of ice, terminating in a whitening snowfall that gave Oregonians a hint of what our neighbors of the Cascade Mountains towards the east are enjoying, and which for a few short hours covered portions of the Willamette valley with a robe of ermine and then faded away, with a mild February rain that may continue for six weeks if Monsieur Groundhog predicts aright, makes Oregonians wear the "smile that is childlike and bland."

Born, on Monday morning, Feb. 3d, to Prof. and Mrs. G. M. Gressley, an 8-lb. girl. Mother and little one, are doing well. Mrs. Jarmin, of Corvallis, is in attendance.

Mrs. Mackay, the mother of Mrs. Stephen Merrick departed for Seattle last Tuesday. She was accompanied to Corvallis by Mrs. Merrick.

Miss Mamie Henkle met with quite a painful accident last Friday. While engaged in sewing, the needle of the machine accidentally penetrated a finger, passing into the bone. After being placed under an anaesthetic the needle was removed by Dr. Logan. Her many friends hope that no serious consequences will follow.

The W. O. W. and the W. of W. held a joint social meeting in their quarters at I. O. O. F. Hall last Friday evening. After an entertaining program, nuts and candy were served. These Fifth Friday social gatherings are a new feature instituted by the Camp and the Circle for the year 1908.

Mrs. Jo. Robinett arrived in Philomath Wednesday for a visit of an indefinite period with her

mother, Mrs. R. Pyburn. Mrs. Robinett is recovering from a very serious burn affecting almost her entire left side, which occurred in the early winter.

W. J. Mulkey and Frank Wyatt were circulating petitions last week to be presented the board of school district boundary lines which convenes in Corvallis this week. They desire to be transferred from Union District No. 13 to Philomath Dist. No. 17.

Chicken-pox in a mild form is prevalent in the burg at present. A number of pupils are absent in consequence.

A little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Wood on Monday, the 3rd inst. and is expected to take permanent abode with them.

Merton Taylor and W. J. Mulkey were among those of our citizens that migrated to the county metropolis last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. E. Henkle returned from Portland last Friday. Mr. Henkle expected to begin his homeward journey from Irrigon to the mild climate of the Willamette valley on last Tuesday. Our worthy townsman cannot endure the frigidity of the Eastern Oregon climate in February. The blooming violets and budding crocuses are too fascinating for the average habitant.

Miss Mabel Kirby, who arrived home from Freewater, Or., a short time ago, has succumbed to a mild attack of measles. Her friends hope for a speedy recovery and trust that she will be selfish enough to keep them to herself.

Dr. C. H. Newth gave way to the wintry blast of last week and is suffering, like any ordinary layman out of the profession, with an exasperating attack of la grippe.

The Misses Grace Van Slyke and Telka Cronquist figured in a fracas caused by a fractious team last Sunday. They are students of P. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Custer sold their property in Philomath to Robert Mathena of Wren last week. Mr. and Mrs. Custer contemplate migrating to Canada in the spring.

Mr. Geo. Corson, of Draper, Ore., General Agent for Kilburn Stereoscopic Company, arrived in Philomath last Saturday and departed on Tuesday. A number of young people and P. C. students took the agency for next summer's employment. All of last year's agents took up the work again. Mr. Corson was a guest of Alva Dann.

The Misses Alice and Ruth Pimm attended the educational convention at Corvallis last Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Gove last Wednesday P. M. All the women in town that are interested in the work are invited to attend these social gatherings, given once a month.

A telegram announcing the death of Mr. Hammond, who was committed to the State Hospital for the insane at Salem last

week, reached relatives here last Tuesday. Particulars have not been learned.

Mrs. Stephen Merrick and her daughter, Miss Mabel, departed for Los Angeles on Thursday. They are in quest of a more favorable altitude. Miss Mabel was forced to resign her position as instructor at Philomath College on account of ill health, to the sorrow of faculty and students, among whom she was a general favorite. Her many friends wish for her speedy return to health.

What might have terminated in a serious accident occurred on Main Street of our burg last Monday. Oscar Hatfield was driving a team belonging to Mr. Follet of the livery stable, and a wheel struck some obstruction throwing the driver from the seat causing the team to run away. Fortunately the team ran into a raised walk and no serious consequences resulted beyond the shattering of a wagon wheel.

Chas. Bradley, from Alsea, passed through Philomath enroute for Corvallis Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ireland, nee Lucy Woodruff, arrived from Sherman county for a visit with relatives last Tuesday.

Mrs. Daisy Busby, of Turner, Or. who has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marion Crail, for some time departed for her home last Wednesday.

The W. O. W. held a special meeting for the purpose of initiating new candidates into the Camp on last Wednesday evening. At the close of the exercises they were surprised in their strong-hold by a force from the Women of Woodcraft, who were laden with goods things for the "inner man" to regale his hunger. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.



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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Benton county, Oregon her final account as administratrix of the estate of U. H. Lee, deceased, and that Monday, the 24th day of February, 1908, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been fixed and appointed by said Court as the time and the County Judge's office in the County Court house in Corvallis in said county and state as the place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and the settlement thereof. All persons interested and desiring to object thereto are notified to file their objections in writing with the Clerk of said Court and appear at said time and place. W. F. YATES, Administrator of the Estate of U. H. Lee, deceased.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for Benton county. Dora Lee, Applicant and Plaintiff vs. Lillian Rowland, Polly Mitchell, heirs-at-law of Lucretia Hancock, deceased, Sara H. Strahan, Claude Strahan, Fayne Lewis, heirs-at-law of R. S. Strahan, deceased, George Lewis, and "All whom it may concern," Defendants. In the matter of the application of Dora Lee to register the time to the following described real property: The original D. L. C. of Henry S. Hancock and Lucretia Hancock, his wife, it being Lot No. 29, being parts of Secs. 4 and 7, in Township 41, South, Range 9 West of the Willamette Meridian, Benton county, Oregon, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the S. E. corner of said section 4, and running thence north 88 minutes east 28 links, thence north 88 minutes east 27 links, thence north 89 degrees and 24 min west 23 chains and 67 links, thence north 25 chains and 28 links, thence east 10 links, thence south 26 chains to the place of beginning in the district of lands subject to sale at Oregon City, Or., and containing 29 1/2 acres and 20-1/2 of an acre. In witness whereof, I, W. F. Yates, Clerk of said court, do hereby certify, to-wit: That each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint and application filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 21st day of February, 1908, said date being six weeks from and after the date of the filing of this summons. The first publication of this summons being on the 10th day of January, 1908, and the last publication thereof being on the 14th day of February, 1908, if you fail to answer for want thereof, the plaintiff and applicant will apply to the Court for the relief demanded and prayed for in said complaint and application, to-wit: for a decree declaring, determining and adjudging that the defendants and each of them, and "All whom it may concern" are liable to pay to the plaintiff and applicant the original D. L. C. of Henry S. Hancock and Lucretia Hancock, as well as the interest thereon, to-wit: the sum of \$1,000 and 1/2 in lawful money of the United States and the interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and that the Court by such decree and order declare the title or interest of the applicant in the said real property and decree that she be the sole and only owner and person who has an interest in said land as in the application prayed, and further by such decree order the Register of titles in and for the county of Benton and county of Oregon to register the title to said property as found by the decree of said Court and for them meet and equitably in the premises. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of Honorable E. Woodruff, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county made on the 6th day of January, 1908, directing publication thereof once a week for six consecutive and successive weeks in the Corvallis Gazette, said Corvallis Gazette being a newspaper of general circulation and published weekly at Corvallis, Benton county, State of Oregon. First publication January 10, 1908. W. F. YATES, Attorney for Plaintiff and Applicant.

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