

SUPFRAGE IN THE SOUTH.

The Democratic press of New Orleans is a unit in opposition to the new suffrage amendment reported to the Democratic caucus of the Louisiana Legislature.

This proposed amendment to the constitution provides that the voter: "shall be an intelligent person, understanding the principles of our government, and under no circumstances shall be a negro or shall be a bona fide owner of property, real or personal, located in the state and assessed to him for the year next preceding the election at a cash valuation of not less than \$200."

It is frankly admitted by the New Orleans Times-Democrat and the Picayune that this is an attempt to disfranchise the greater part of the negro vote, and with that purpose both these papers are in sympathy. But the editors of these papers, like many other white men in the south, says an exchange, are beginning to see the danger of such trickery in politics, for it already begins to react on the better class of white citizens. The constitutional convention of Mississippi adopted this "understanding clause" that the negroes might be disfranchised and the ignorant whites allowed to vote. The register of voters is the judge of a voter's qualification. This amendment clothed that petty official with absolute power to make up the list of legal voters.

He can read to a negro a section of the constitution relating to the jurisdiction of courts over which even the judges on the bench may differ. To the white man the register may read a simple article which any man can understand. This was a very simple way of maintaining white supremacy as long as it was used simply for that purpose. But the division of the white voters into factions has awakened the better class of citizens to the danger of clothing a petty politician with the absolute power of making up the list of voters.

"Who will vote for the honesty of the register of voters?" asks the Picayune, and proceeds as follows: "Of course it is understood that this arbitrary and absolute censorship of suffrage, this setting up in each parish of a dictator whose decree shall confer or take away at his sovereign will the right to vote, is intended to beat the negroes; but what guaranty is there, to take a narrow view of the matter, that his decision will not be used against the whites?"

The Times-Democrat asks the same question: "Can we feel certain that this tricky clause will not be used some day against the whites themselves in many parishes by officers who wish to continue themselves in power?"

What is true of Louisiana is true of all the southern states. The better class of citizens are awakening to the danger of clothing election officers with the power to make up the lists of voters. The cry of negro domination is losing its hold upon the whites since in Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana and Mississippi, small cliques of officers-holders have used it to perpetuate their power and disfranchise white men by the same trickery they employ against the negroes. They are learning that trickery in politics thrives without the aid of trickery laws, and that such a constitutional amendment as that adopted in Mississippi and proposed for Louisiana is a greater danger to the south than the negro vote. Some leading Republican papers have time and again pointed out this danger of class discrimination to the southern whites, and we are glad to note that such papers as the Picayune and Times-Democrat in New Orleans have taken a bold stand against it.

ITEMS IN BRIEF

Hot, hotter, hottest. Mr. Hans Page, of Hood River, is in town today. An east wind blew today, and it was not in the least cooling. Mr. C. J. Vanday, the merchant of Nyah, was in the city yesterday. Matters are very quiet regarding the strike, and the freight business is becoming regular. Hon. J. Eddy, of the railroad commission, was registered at the Umatilla House yesterday. The pile-driver is in position on Mill Creek bridge, but it does not appear to progress very rapidly. Walter Rose was taken hold yesterday morning to serve out a sentence of two years on the penitentiary. Freight is arriving in large quantities every evening by the Regulator, and the dock presents a busy appearance. Sailhoop is being shipped east from this city, and we were informed this afternoon that there appears to be no obstruction in freight shipments. A number of wagons were loaded with merchandise today at Moody's warehouse for Heppner. This is the most direct means of shipment since the railroad track has been damaged by the flood. "Oh, for a lodge in some vast wilderness, where to place where cooling breezes blow, and where the down on the cheek of blushing beauty would be fanned by perfumed zephyrs from some Syrian banyan tree." Methodist Episcopal church—Preaching by the pastor morning and evening, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Epworth League at 7 p. m.; class meeting Tuesday at 8 p. m.; women's meeting, prayer meeting Thursday at 10 a. m.; cordially invited. The Columbia River annual conference will convene in this city, August 22d. Bishop Isaac W. Joyce will preside. About one hundred ministers will be in attendance. Dr. S. A. Kneass, of Astoria, will be present and hold revival meetings every day from 9 to 11 a. m. and 3 to 4 p. m. All the conference sessions will be open to the public. The Congressional church, of Corvallis and Fifth street in Sunday services as usual. At 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. sermons, and a sermon by the pastor W. C. Curtis. Services held immediately after the morning service. Meeting of the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Topic: "Light and wrong of sin." Cool: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. All persons not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited. Shepperson mentions the name as one of the members of the human family as the following from the Long Creek & Eagle river: From Geo. J. Lewis, of Clatsop, the Eagle learns that J. McCalley had 200

head of sheep early this week. The accident was due to a band of sheep stampeding into a ravine while preparing to move the bands towards the mountains. Such accidents are the one here mentioned frequently occur and are always disastrous in their effect. Arlington Record: We have taken a great deal of pains to ascertain the facts about the crop of grain and wheat to be harvested. Pope Cullin, who lives this side of Rock creek, informs us that he has the best crop of grain and wheat in the county raised in the country, the kernel being plump and white. He thinks his crop will average 2000 bushels to the acre, and part of it is volunteer grain. He also says he thinks his crop is an average of the summer fallow of the country, both for quantity and quality. There were manufactured at the Washington state mill during the month of June, 265,000 grain bags and 2400 oat bags. There are now on hand subject to sale, 1,500,000 grain bags at 60 cents each; wool bags at 25 cents each; 3500 oat bags at 7 cents each; 5000 oat bags at 9 cents each; 97 yards in cloth at 65 cents per yard; 107 1/2 yards of hop floor matting at 65 cents per yard; 5000 pounds fleece twine at 60 cents per yard. During these warm days, the dusky aborigines of the forest wilds of the Columbia river basin are busy with their bows and arrows never being the least in submission to hereditary monarch or priest-ridden aristocracy, seem to be in the hands of the assyrian crown, where the rays of the noon-day sun can kiss their swarthy cheeks and their dark eyes are bright with the life of their race. "Where ignorance is bliss," etc., and it seems to be cruelly to disturb them in their happy state. They are not subject to the annoyances of the luxurious desires of a civilized civilization. Governor Pennington continues his pardon program liberally. Yesterday he issued certificates pardoning the following: C. W. Boring, convicted in Lincoln county, May 15, 1894, of rape; the sentence was that the prosecuting attorney did not think the prisoner committed the crime. T. E. S. of the crime of murder, committed in Marion county and sentenced for life; his sentence was commuted on account of his behavior. A. S. Huntley, convicted June 4, 1893, of burglary in Marion county, was sentenced to life; his sentence was commuted on account of his suffering, and need his support, and the governor considered his sentence too severe.

From Monday's Daily: The O. R. & N. Co. began today mov in west. The road company are delivering lumber west of the Regulator dock for the purpose of constructing a wharf for the landing of freight. The O. R. & N. Co. will begin today receiving merchandise of all kinds, except heavy machinery. Daily connections will be made from this city. The two men who pleaded not guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly before the city recorder and were tried Saturday evening were discharged after the testimony was heard. J. F. Logan, one of the earlier pioneers of Crook county, we learn from the Fernville Record, died on Monday July 19th, aged 88 years. He had resided in what is now Crook county since 1850. At the annual banquet of the Chicago university, held recently in that city, Miss Antoinette Hollister of the class of 1884, and formerly a resident of this city, was honored by being appointed to respond to one of the toasts. The Pacific Express Co. shipped Saturday 60 boxes of salmon. Since through connection has been established with the east salmon shipments will add to the export trade and largely increase the export trade of the Dalles. Unless your envelope state the number of days you wish your letter held the postman, by a special delivery, will hold them for ten days. The large quantities of wool in the warehouses in this city emphasize the fact that the Dalles is the great market for this product in the north and west. A foot of space is occupied in the warehouses with sacks, and every day simply increases the quantity. The O. R. & N. Co.'s road is constructed east from Portland to two miles this way from Wynch station, and the road is in receipt of orders from the U. S. D. I. E. 15 miles from Grant. The transfer by boat is now made from the Lucks to the D. I. E., and from there to the city. The transfer of the Prairie of the Montana mine at Monte Cristo, Wash., is the most important. The largest tower is a single timber, four feet in diameter and 102 feet high, weighing about twenty tons. This timber will furnish the main support for the large output of the mine. Mr. G. W. Phelps arrived in the city Saturday night from Ann Arbor, Mich., having been released from the law department of the University of Michigan with high honors. Mr. Phelps was delayed at different points on the road by the strike, and was seventeen days en route. There were five arrests made last night by the city marshal, consisting of one American by race and four of different nationalities. Four were drunk and disorderly, and were tried before the city recorder this morning, and each was fined the usual amount. The other one was arrested for being out late at night, and was discharged from custody. It is estimated that 15,000 pickers will be required to gather the Yakima hop crop this season. With a large average west of the mountains, thousands of men employed in repairing bridges, dikes, etc., as a result of the heavy rains, says the regular sources employing labor, there will be sufficient work for a regular industrial army in Washington this season. The valentiner of Mr. J. H. Coad-baugh appears in the last number of the Hood River Glider, and in the same issue is the salutatory of Mr. S. P. Bythe. Mr. Coad-baugh has made the Glider a bright and sparkling exchange, and from over twenty years ago the Hood River Glider we know him to be a competent and experienced newspaperman. Albany Democrat: A question being debated is whether the Oregon National Guard could be called to California, it desired, to assist in putting down the riots that occur at Sacramento and Oakland, and they are liable to account of the warlike attitude of the strikers. As they are national guards they can be called wherever needed. Penney, though might object. The following from the Western Leader would lead one to infer that that place is not possessed of much enterprise: "Below we give the Leader advertising list. It explains why we publish only a half sheet, City Market March 81; Weston March 81; J. J. Eddy, 81; New York fair, 81; W. T. Probstel, 81; Nat. M. E. March 82; W. T. Gilman, 81; making a total of 1000 per cent.

The Dalles Cigar factory, Messrs A. Ulrich & Son, proprietors, has been removed to the East End, on Second street, opposite the C. W. Phelps' implement warehouse. They have received a lot of fine Havana tobacco, and began the manufacture of cigars yesterday. Herrera Messrs Ulrich & Son will keep a supply of smokers' materials, which will be dispensed at low prices in connection with their trade in tobacco and cigars. A peace dispatch dated July 14th says: The situation here remains unchanged. The strikers appear to be firm in the position they have taken. One train has passed through daily for the past week, each under strong guard. Although there were visible signs of an outbreak, yet for several days there has been no disturbance outside the station and Columbia river bridge seems to have been undisturbed. The wood clip of Astoria, July 19th, 1904, says: The clip of Astoria, July 19th, 1904, says: The clip increases 400,000 bushels, while the price decreased just to about \$16,000,000. It is the average value of the wheat clip from 87 down to 85 per cent of the last five years. The falling off was about 35 per cent, and the wheat clip increased very few days with a dissertation on the fact that the M. Kinley law did not keep up the price of wheat. One day last week a few felicitous in-cidents, watched a man put down a pair of shoes in a hardware store in this city while he was selecting some articles. The clerk picked them up and laid, determined to make sure of them to the first dealer he met. It happened that the man he offered to sell them to was the person of whom they had

been purchased. He immediately recognized the articles, took them from the boy, and gave him a lecture on the benefits of honesty. Mr. J. C. Hayes, of Hood River, arrived in the city Saturday night with the mail from Hood River. He had a light wagon, which carries the east-bound train every seven hours. W. W. Union: About 5 o'clock Thursday evening Dr. N. G. Blalock was notified by physician to attend the little boy of Judge W. S. Davison, who had been shot from the little boy it was learned that the boy had been playing out in the street in front of his father's residence on Catherine street, a small boy came riding by, carrying a rifle in the same manner the gun was discharged, the bullet striking him in the forehead. The wound being mortal, the boy died in a few minutes. The coroner's examination, found the injury not a serious one.

From Tuesday's Daily: The boat brought to the city a large load of merchandise last night. Capt. J. W. Lewis returned last night from a three days' visit to Portland. As Governor McJannet and daughter Miss Edna, arrived on the boat last night. Judge Clifford, of Baker city, is a passenger on the boat which leaves for Astoria tomorrow. No election has been served for over a year that the office of street commissioner should be declared vacant. The question being put it was carried, and the office thereof is vacant. The council thereupon adjourned.

Poison & Death. Friday evening about 7 o'clock, Clerk Edwin Frakes, of the Hotel Sommer, was horrified to find one of the guests of the house sleeping the sleep that knows no waking. The man was Dr. Adam Franke, who registered there last Monday. He claimed to be interested in sheep raising and mining, and papers found in his room showed him to have been with a Mason and an Odd-Fellow, and a former member of lodges in Lafayette, Oregon, where he was a well-known practicing physician. Another paper proved that in 1867 he was a surgeon in the United States navy. The man was well dressed and gentlemanly in appearance. The time of his death he had had seven cents in money in his possession.—La Grande Chronicle. It is supposed that this is the same Dr. Franke who mysteriously disappeared from Astoria a year ago, and has not been heard of since. At the coroner's inquest held the next day the facts were brought out that he had come to the hotel on the Monday previous, and had the appearance of having been on a protracted absence. He had had a quarrel with his wife, a periodical drinker, and had been trying to drink all the whisky between Huntington and La Grande. The jury returned a verdict that Adam Franke, deceased, came to his death by an overdose of some kind of medicine taken by him to produce sleep, and administered by his own hand. The deceased had several small bottles of medicine, one of which was found in a paper address and build, weighing perhaps 150 pounds, and apparently about 45 years of age. He was of dark complexion and wore a heavy black mustache. It is hoped his former friends will be able to locate, and efforts will be made to do so.

The Contract is Made. In speaking of the Great Northern, Mr. J. H. Hill's transcontinental line running freight and passenger trains over the O. R. & N. Co.'s road, the Oregonian of yesterday says: Mr. Hill, however, evidently holds his time, and does not give up the idea of his proposed line, which has been in progress, and it is considered certain that he has effected a traffic arrangement with the O. R. & N. Co., covering both freight and passenger, to Portland and other Pacific coast points, to go into effect after the dam is by the flood to the O. R. & N. Co. line also at the proposed location. It is considered certain that he has effected a traffic arrangement with the O. R. & N. Co., covering both freight and passenger, to Portland and other Pacific coast points, to go into effect after the dam is by the flood to the O. R. & N. Co. line also at the proposed location. It is considered certain that he has effected a traffic arrangement with the O. R. & N. 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