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SENATOR Bourne is address- ing a letter to the County Clerk of Oregon suggesting a plan for using the public school houses of the state as meeting places for the people to hold discussions of matters relative to the public good. Along with this it is also mentioned that the registration blanks in the hands of some official might be made out. If the discussion were limited to measures it seems reasonable that such a plan would be highly practical. The old time custom of making the country school house the center of all social activities was a good one. Since its decline the country public has come to depend on the rural delivery and newspapers for events of the day, well in a way, but lacking in many of the best influences of the old days.

THE establishment of a cooking school for men at the Agricultural College is a movement of doubtful propriety. Relieve women of the responsibility of this important part of home work and she will look elsewhere for a field for her skill and enterprise, to the detriment of the home. It is doubtful if too many lines of occupation have not already been opened for them now for the best of all concerned—future generations in particular. The direction of the young woman's attentions to duties away from home naturally unfits her for good home making and that must ultimately have a depressing influence on the welfare of the race. Still it is very handy for the men to understand cooking even in an age of specialization.

PROF. G. W. Henderson of the Peninsular school, has announced his intention of running for the nomination for County Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Henderson formerly lived at Lents. He has been a very successful teacher in the Portland schools and is abundantly qualified to perform the duties of the office. He promises to devote his entire time to the work of the office, to execute its functions without partiality or favor, and to give every one a fair chance. This will be a decided and welcome improvement on the manner in which the office has been conducted for the last term or two and it will no doubt win him a good many friends.

THE following communication from A. D. Cridge, concerning the real origin of the Oregon System, is interesting and well worth your perusal.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27, 1912.
Editor Beaver State Herald,
Lents, Oregon.

In yours of the 25th an interesting communication from our mutual friend, W. S. U'Ren, is published concerning the origin of the "Oregon System." He mentions me as having advocated the initiative and referendum as early as 1887. In fact I advocated it in 1884 and perhaps in 1883, in the Oregon Vidette and Anti-Monopolist, published in Salem. In 1885 I organized several locals of the Knights of Labor in this State and advocated it wherever I went. It attracted little attention.

The real origin of it rests with a man in Switzerland whose name I have forgotten. The old form of these institutions was verbal or by show of hands at town and Cantonal meetings.

This Swiss statesman advocated its use on a ballot and thereby enabled it to be used for national issues. One of the old pioneers advocates of it on this coast was Simon Stetson, of San Francisco, who called my attention to it in 1882, and the oldest paper on the coast to ad-

vocate it that is now in existence, is the San Francisco Star, now in its 28th year.

The real honor of the origin of the "Oregon System" belongs to W. S. U'Ren whose remarkable power of combining men and women to work together for fundamental principles, is equalled by no man in the United States. I had become discouraged at the prospect of having to secure the endorsement of two successive legislatures for any progressive measures and went to California in 1896, not returning to Oregon except for visits until 1904, but keeping up a correspondence with U'Ren and others during the developments that were made.

In spite of discouragements that would have driven others to the woods in disgust with humanity, he and his faithful co-workers kept on. All honor to all of them. To name them over would be to crowd your columns. Time will not dim the luster of the leader who was able to hold these radicals to their fundamental task. If it had not been for the struggles and timely actions of such women as Mrs. Seth Luelling and her beautiful young daughter, Flody Olsen; for the resolutions in its favor introduced by A. P. Nelson in the democratic state convention; for the earnest writings of Max Burgholtzer; for the labors and sacrifices of many others, Oregon would never have led the states of this union toward liberty and justice.

Sincerely,
A D CRIDGE.

Kelley Butte, however undesirable it may be from a residential standpoint, appears to be the only place left unscathed by the recent grand jury. At that however, we would not care to take up our abode there.

The Herald acknowledges the receipt of a couple of fine pictures of the recent conditions at Kelley's Butte, before and after, the big blast.

Portland, among other things, is Wilde just at present—the dailies are giving the police force a rest.

It looks like Wilson and La Follette, but what do you or I know about it?

From all appearances the Socialists will have a hard time filling a national ticket—most of them are under indictment.

A majority of the courts and attorneys in Portland are fit subjects for Ringling Bros.' circus, but it would be a hard matter to convince them of the fact.

The election in Multnomah County will soon be on, but, will Camer-be-on?

Taft is appealing to the editors of the country to help him in his cause. Sometimes the newspapers cannot prevent a ship wreck.

"Diazify" is the new word coined by Col. Watterson in reference to Roosevelt and a third term. That word doubtless fully expresses the situation.

The "dawg" spoken of in the Missouri poem is no more abused than the one tied to W. J. Bryan's string, but Bryan's dog will be a reality when many of the present-day aspirants are members of the unheard-of class.

Presidential aspirants had better make the best of the season of dull news—base ball will soon be on tap.

Col. Watterson, unlike all other great editors of his class, is a standpatter, and unable to peer, upon the field of progressiveness and advancement. The Col. likes to make a stir.

New candidates are springing up daily to oppose Jonathan Bourne for U. S. Senator. Jonathan appears to be unalarmed, however, and it is a safe bet he still retains an ace up his political sleeve.

"Our George" Chamberlain is again in the limelight, this time being mentioned as suitable timber for Vice-President.

A question that will soon confront Gov. West is whether or not the voters of Oregon will grant him the same clemency as he is exercising in behalf of the state convicts.

Candidate Shephard, like the Columbia, runs on forever.

FIVE GENERALS LYNCHED

Ecuadoreans Storm Penitentiary and Take Law Into Own Hands.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—A mob broke into the Quito penitentiary in spite of a double guard, and lynched Generals Eloy Alfaro, Flavio Alfaro, Medardo Alfaro, Ulpián Paez and Manuel Serriano, prominent revolutionists.

General Eloy Alfaro was a former president of Ecuador. His brother, General Flavio Alfaro, was former minister of war and commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces. General Medardo Alfaro is believed to have been a brother to the two Alfaro and Generals Paez and Manuel Serriano were the leading lights in Ecuador's latest revolution.

Moore Dead from Chauffeur's Shot.

San Francisco.—John J. Moore, wealthy clubman and coal dealer of San Francisco, who was shot in a revolver duel with Samuel L. Timothy, a chauffeur, near the residence of Mrs. Moore in this city, has died of his wound. The dying man accused Timothy of having been too intimate with Mrs. Moore.

Duke of Fife Dies

Assuan, Upper Egypt.—The Duke of Fife, brother-in-law of King George V. of Great Britain, died here from a complication of ailments contracted when he and his family were shipwrecked and nearly drowned after the steamer Delhi struck the rocks off Cape Spartel last December.

FIGHT ON WESTERN RATES IS BEGUN

Chicago.—A gigantic struggle between every railroad operating in the western part of the country, scores of commercial organizations and thousands of shippers in cities and towns throughout the west began in Chicago Monday at a hearing before George N. Brown, chief examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The issue, which involves millions in freight rates, is whether the roads shall be permitted to put into effect on February 15 next a long list of changes in what is known as the western freight classification.

It is charged that the rail carriers, by shifting hundreds of classifications, are seeking to achieve the same results, so far as advancing freight rates are concerned, that they attempted to obtain in the big freight rate proceeding decided adversely to them by the Interstate Commerce Commission a year ago.

Big Aviation Meet Ends.

Los Angeles.—The third international aviation meet at Dominguez Field was brought to a close here after nine consecutive days of flying. Approximately \$30,000 will be distributed in prizes to the flyers. The greatest winners are Lincoln Beachey and Phil O. Parmelee.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 82c; bluestem, 85c; red Russian, 81c.
Barley—Feed, \$40 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$32 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, valley, \$16; alfalfa, \$14.
Butter—Creamery, 36c.
Eggs—Ranch, 31c.
Hops—1911 crop, 44c; 1910, nominal; contracts, 25c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 9@16c; Willamette Valley, 15@17c.
Mohair—37c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 86c; club, 83c; red Russian, 82c.
Barley—\$40 per ton.
Oats—\$30 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 37c.
Eggs—31c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton.

January 24th the annual Willard benefit tea was held at the residence of Mrs. Oscar Lent on Gilbert Ave. A program of music, recitations and addresses was rendered.

SENTIMENT OF COUNTRY SHOWN

Editorial Comment Proves Woodrow Wilson Is Almost Unanimous Choice for President.

GROWS STRONGER EVERY DAY

Democratic Party Has Opportunity of Signaling Its Return to Power With the Election of an Ideal Chief Executive.

Significant Missouri Comment. Independence (Mo.) Examiner.—The Clinton Democrat remarks: "Many Missourians would be glad to see Champ Clark President; others would prefer Jos. W. Folk; but if the nomination has to leave this State nine out of ten Missouri Democrats would prefer Gov. Woodrow Wilson. This is very significant."

Sinister Purpose Apparent. Raleigh (N. C.) News-Observer.—When you read a New York paper complimenting some Southern man or State for "Conservatism" in the same article that it opposes Woodrow Wilson, it may be well to look and see to what party and business interest the aforesaid paper belongs.

Michigan for Wilson. Marquette (Mich.) Minn. Journal.—The New Jersey candidate has a big following among the Democrats of Michigan and stands a fair show of having the Wolverine delegation in the National convention ranged behind his banner.

Wisconsin Seeing the Light. Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal.—Just go ahead and nominate Taft, with Wilson the opposing candidate, and see what happens to the Grand Old Party right here in Wisconsin. There'll be the worst glee-crossing horror that ever happened north of Neenah.

See Wilson as Next President. Roswell (N. M.) Record.—The Republican newspapers are afraid of Woodrow Wilson for 1912 and their fear is made manifest in a variety of ways. Since the election of last week when New Jersey did not do so well as it might have done, these papers have taken occasion to renew their attacks on Wilson. But, nevertheless, Woodrow Wilson will be elected president of the United States next year.

His Worth Recognized. Long Branch (N. J.) Record.—Portures of great men adorn the editorial sanctum of Editor H. P. Bennett at the Press office. There you will find photos of statesmen of the past, present and future. Governor Wilson, of course, is in the limelight. Instead of putting Wilson's name under the portrait he has placed there these words: "A Man."

General Trend Toward Wilson. Winder (Ga.) News.—According to the sentiment of the country, as shown by interviews in newspapers as well as editorials, the trend toward the nomination of Gov. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, for the presidency is growing stronger every day.

They Are Afraid of Him. Ottawa (Kan.) Republican.—It is a significant fact that the Taft newspapers all have a special antipathy for Woodrow Wilson. They make a prominent display of every item of news that seems to favor any other candidate for the Democratic nomination. Wonder why?

Wilson Boom Overshadows All. Boston (Mass.) Traveler.—The Woodrow Wilson boom nowadays is making several other presidential detentions sound like muffled poptuns.

Would Draw From Republicans. Fresno (Cal.) Herald.—The nomination of a man like Woodrow Wilson on the Democratic ticket will bring to its support all the really progressive strength of the Republican party.

People for Wilson. Huntsville (Ala.) Times.—Woodrow Wilson is the most favorably talked of presidential candidate in the running. This is because the people are for him.

Highest Type of Democrat. Houston (Tex.) Chronicle.—Signs are multiplying on every side that Woodrow Wilson is the best man for the Democrats to put up, because he is the highest type of Democrat, an American of the character and caliber of the country's elder statesmen whose names illuminate the pages of our history.

Appeals to Thinking People. Springfield (Vt.) Reporter.—Governor Woodrow Wilson recently said in a public address: "The immediate thing we have got to do is to resume popular government." Irrespective of past party affiliations, or party prospects, this is a pronouncement that will appeal strongly to a great many thinking people. Is it one that the Republican leaders in Vermont and elsewhere can afford to ignore?

And He Has Something to Say. Knoxville (Tenn.) Sentinel.—An exchange is perturbed with fear that Woodrow Wilson may talk too much. The veiled meaning of this hint is that it is wiser for a candidate to whisper his attitude to the trusts than to take the public into his confidence. However, we can see no objection to public discussion so long as one has anything to say.

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TRIBUTE TO GRANDMA CONE BY W. C. T. U.

At the regular meeting of the Mount Scott W. C. T. U. January 24th, the opening service was a memorial and tribute to their much beloved promoted member, lovingly called by them "Grandma" Cone. Mrs. Addison led the service. The old sweet hymn of Lowell Mason, "Sister thou art fair and lovely" was sung. Scripture passages were read by several present, old familiar hymns which Grandma loved were sung.

Loving tribute was paid, and a brief address from the text "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." A few of the gem thoughts such as follows: The Beatitudes from which this text is taken are but the code of human welfare, the vital breath of the children of God; the chords of the human lyre turned to love. Our beloved sister's heart ever responded to this code of human love.

Sorrows are but the foothills of everlasting heights. Heaven is the fruition of strife its Erysium blossoms of griefs, bidding the heart look up, not down. "While the Cross fades before the crown" If we bear well the cross, we need have no misgiving as to the wearing the crown. To be holy is to give rein and road to the beautiful human. These memorial moments draw us closer and closer. Heart unions are inviolable things, invisible power, dimly comprehended. Fraternity consisting of three great forces, love, trust, and work. These are the rounds of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven on which the angels ascend and descend. Hearts attached are blendings of the springs of life flowing unimpeded onward into the great and mighty river of eternity. There is no death, what we call death is but the open gate to a larger life. Grandma Cone has found "How beautiful it is to be with God."

BUSINESS NOTES OF MT. SCOTT W. C. T. U.

The meetings of the union this season have all been of unusual interest as five topics of up-to-date importance have been studied and discussed. A Legal Quiz, used at the last meeting was most instructive, this was followed by information, and general discussion of Social Legislation. Petitions were read from the national W. C. T. U. relative to securing a law for the protection of "dry territory," these petitions are to be signed by voters believing in state rights, and justice to all, and will be sent to our representative at Washington.

The next meeting will be a Mothers meeting on February 7th, under the leadership of Mrs. Lillian Clark, will be held in the Aid Society room of the Evangelical church, open promptly at 2 p. m. By special request the paper read at the last meeting by Mrs. Dr. McSloy, on the first things to do for "baby", will be repeated. A paper on medical temperance, as connected with what to give the baby for medicine will be of interest.

Miss Bessie Scovill of Minneapolis, a specialist a speaker in colleges and to young people, will speak in our city at an early date in March. The next county institute will be held in the Calvary Presbyterian Church in February.

Lady Birds Will Save Melons. San Francisco.—Four tons of ladybirds, called in common parlance ladybugs, 60,000,000 in all, sufficient to keep the destructive melon aphids from 200,000 acres of melons, and also used to protect the apple and prune trees and seed gardens of the state, will be harvested in three weeks from the snows of the Sierras by E. K. Carpey, superintendent of the state in ectary, with four helpers.