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PAID CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS

Senator Bourne Takes Exceptions To Criticisms, Answers Mr. Crigger, Mr. Barzee, and Makes Additional Suggestions

In recent issues of the Oregon Journal there has been printed two communications and an editorial discussing my proposed bill to prohibit paid circulation of petitions, and, with your permission, I will submit for your consideration a reply to the essential features of them.

Mr. A. D. Crigger says, among other things, that my bill attacks the right of petitions, free speech and free press and that adoption of my bill would prohibit civic organizations from employing lecturers to appear before audience in advocacy of proposed measures. The best answer to that is a reading of the bill itself, which is short:

"From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person to give, offer to give, promise to give or cause to be given, directly or indirectly, any valuable consideration, employment or appointment for the purpose of inducing any other person to circulate or secure signatures to any petition for the Initiative, Referendum, or Recall, or for placing the name of any person upon any official ballot or for the nomination of any person for any office provided for by the constitution or the laws of the state of Oregon or of any municipality therein. Any person convicted of the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month nor more than one year."

If that bill attacks the right of petition, then we attacked the right to vote when we made it a crime to pay men for voting. I cannot understand how the most fertile imagination can see in the language of that bill any attack upon free speech or free press.

Mr. Crigger also says that I am "in error in saying that circulators of petitions do not secure publicity for measures." I challenge him to produce any statement of mine to that effect. What I did say was that,

"Possibly circulation of petitions serves to notify about ten per cent of the voters that the measure is being proposed, but, if that is the end to be gained, it certainly could be done more effectively by expending the money in the printing and circulating of copies of the bill which voters could read, rather than in the securing of signatures of voters to a petition which few take the time to read."

Mr. Barzee says that "Petition circulating for compensation, by paid circulator, is as legitimate, fair and honorable as the drafting of any measure by any compensated attorney. His error is in comparing petition circulating with the drafting of the language of a bill. The procuring of the necessary signatures to a petition is, in effect, the introduction of the bill before a legislative body composed of the whole people. I concede that paying circulators is legitimate and will be until made unlawful. So long as the custom is permitted to remain, practically all proponents of measures and practically all candidates must observe the custom. In view of the charges often made, and, I believe, never denied, that the workmen's compensation act was held up by referendum petitions paid for by unknown persons, I am satisfied, however, that the voluntary circulator would always be acting in a fair and honorable manner.

The Oregon Journal's leading editorial of January 8, under the caption, "Protect the Referendum", cites instances of fraud in the exercises of the referendum in Ohio, gives a summary of remedies proposed there, refers to the unsatisfactory experiences in Oregon and then closes with the general conclusion:

"There is no question about the necessity of throwing safeguards around both the initiative and referendum. The future of direct legislation requires these safeguards. The state should recognize all steps toward direct legislation as intimate parts of the elective system. For that reason the referendum and the initiative should be protected to the same degree that the ballot box is protected."

That is splendid as a generality, but generalities don't get us anywhere. There was wide demand for just what the Journal says is necessary, but it lacked concrete, definite form. I have proposed a bill that promises a remedy. Practically all agree that a remedy is needed, but few are ready with concrete plans. It is a repetition of the history

KELLEY'S BUTTE HAS SOME EXCITEMENT

Three prisoners escaped from the officials at Kelley's Butte on Thursday evening. Just how the escape was managed has not been explained. The men who got away were William Tamley, serving a 180 day term for vagrancy, and who had a call from Seattle and Tacoma for robbery. Elmer Johnson, three months for larceny, and J. Hanford who was likewise serving time for vagrancy.

An effort was made to capture the men but timber immediately surrounding the Butte Jail made escape easy. It is a matter of time when the county will come to realize that the land near the Butte will afford better chances for a capture of a prisoner if the timber is removed and put in some short grass.

The men were caught Sunday by deputy game wardens W. J. Smith, Elmer Johnson and, in the woods between Troutdale and the Columbia. Smith was first found, Ervin and Clark running on to him in the woods. He confessed that he was one of the men who had escaped and was taken to a neighboring farmhouse by the wardens, who immediately notified the sheriff. Accompanied by Deputies Parrott and Rogers, Sheriff Word hurried to the place and scouring the woods soon found the other two men. While unarmed the men admitted that they had intended breaking into a hardware store to secure weapons.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS AT FAIRVIEW THIS WEEK

Blaine Turner entertained the Y. P. S. C. E. at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner, on Thursday evening. After a short business meeting games and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served. Those present besides the host and his parents were: Misses Eva Townsend, violet Albrecht, Ruth Shaw, Pearl Clark, Nannie Erickson, Rosalie and Lillie Luscher, Mrs. C. E. Cree, Albert Hensley, Earl Stanley, Earl Townsend, Theodora Albrecht, Alva Linn, Harvey Fisher, John Erickson, Cedric Stone, James and Wallace Spence, Richard Anderson, Ellsworth Raker and Rev. Thomas Robinson.

Medal Contest Friday

On Friday afternoon at 1 p. m. a silver medal contest will be given under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U. Grades six and seven will be represented. The children taking part in the program are listed as follows:

Grades 6 and 7, Miss Train's room, Alexander Robb, Grace Giesey, Carl Hawkins, Miss Diekey's room, Byron Heard, Belle Pierce, Harold Starr, Miss Hunt's room, Ellen Anderson, Julia Kellner. Music from each room.

Mr. Marshall's home on North Main street barely missed serious damage Sunday evening. A large fir tree was blown over and fell across the path just at the front door.

of all forward movements. For forty years we had "generality" demands for a parcel post but we didn't get anywhere with it until I was able, after fourteen months of continuous study, to construct, present and demonstrate a concrete plan the basis of which was enacted into law. This work contrived largely to my defeat for re-election because the false charge of non-residence was based largely upon my absence while doing this work. There were abundant denunciations of the machine methods employed in packing and controlling national conventions but no concrete remedy was devised until I thought out a presidential primary law, had it drafted in definite form and spent the money necessary in propaganda work to secure its adoption, notwithstanding the opposition of the leading Oregon daily newspapers.

The foregoing paragraph is not written in a tone of bitterness but in a tone of earnestness. Evils confront us. Remedies are needed: To get results we must put our plans in concrete form for adoption. I have proposed a remedy and I want the active assistance of all who believe it is a step forward. To say it is not a complete remedy or that it is not perfect, is to oppose practically all progress, for no law yet devised has worked perfectly at all times. My bill proposes to protect the initiative and referendum "to the same degree that we protect the ballot box", just as the Journal suggests. If additional safeguards are needed, we can have them also, but they must be put in concrete form before they can be adopted.

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SUPERB STATUARY FOR PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

THE illustration above shows some of the colossal works of sculpture to be set in the vast courts of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. At the left are figures of a Tibetan Lama and an Arab Sheik which will be in the group "Nations of the East," over the Arch of the Rising Sun in the Court of the Sun and Stars; next is "Sunshine," and at the right is "Rain." A. Jaegers, Furio Piccirilli and A. Stirling Calder are the sculptors.

A NEW PAIR OF SCISSORS

For 100 names of people in or near Lents. Give full name and street address of heads of families.

STATE SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONED

A state school fund of \$29,800 was apportioned among the districts of the county last week. There are 49,667 children in the county, and the apportionment to each child was sixty cents.

The Portland district, having 44,913 children got 26,947.80. Scappoose got \$ 60. There are 54 districts in the county, eight of them being joint districts. Scappoose is a joint district and it is probable that it has only one child living in this county. Gilbert school is reported as having 205 children; Powell Valley 113; Troutdale, 105; Linton 316; Gresham, 336; St. Johns, 1528. The next apportionment will be made in April.

The Night School

The following lines were composed by a member of the Foreign Class in the Lents Night School—one who has missed only one evening since our Night school opened.

The Night School is a blessing
To every foreign-born,
It furnishes him with lessons
So he wont be forlorn.
And if he keeps a-coming
At first but very slow,
With strong will and ambition
He'll stand a better show.
The U. S. A. is willing
To teach you all it can,
To give you a better showing
And make you a better man.
So don't delay your coming
Be punctual at your desk,
The pick of the best of teachers
Is there to do the rest.
But one thing put to memory
That you are going to school,
And not a moving picture show,
Or pass your time at pool.

Panama Canal tolls, as recently established by executive order, are \$1.20 per net ton, on vessels available for passengers or freight, a net ton being considered as 100 cu. ft. of capacity. A reduction of 40 per cent will be made for ships without passengers or cargo.—From the February Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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WEDDING BELLS FOR TWO PROMINENT LENTS MEN

Tuesday evening, January 27, at the M. E. parsonage, Claude P. Lent and Miss Grace V. Wickers and Clarence G. Baker and Miss Elizabeth T. Borna were married, Rev. W. Boyd Moore, pastor of the M. E. Church officiating.

The service was so planned that each groom acted as best man and each bride as brides maid. Standing in pairs with right hands joined they took the vows and pledged their love with the ring service. It was a beautiful and impressive service all planned by the contracting parties themselves in harmony and with the order of the church. Mr. Lent and Mr. Baker have been close friends since their boyhood and so agreed to start on the matrimonial voyage together. A few relatives and friends were present.

The Herald is more than pleased to congratulate these young men and their spouses on the new relations they have assumed and wishes them long, happy, and prosperous experiences. The boys have been of personal interest to the editor since his arrival in Lents and assures them that he has the deepest interest in their various enterprises and success. It is hoped they will settle permanently in Lents and take a leading part in the growth of the community and the matters that pertain to its development.

NINTH GRADE WILL GIVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

The pupils of the 9th grade graduating class will give a special program on February 3, at 2 o'clock p. m. and again at 8 p. m. The purpose of the program is to raise a fund for one or more pictures to be left in the school as a memorial by the class. There will be an admission fee of 10 and 5 cents. The pictures will be used in the assembly hall.

The program to be given includes: "King Rene's Daughter," a play; The Perry Boys; Songs; Drills and Music.

CLASS OF TWENTY-SEVEN GRADUATES

Lents schools will graduate a ninth grade class of twenty-seven pupils, February 4th. No special program is offered for the occasion. The names of those graduating are as follows:

Lynne Peterson, Ora Heard, Hazel Cartozian, Verona Sessler, Philip Strack, Joseph Nordberg, Edward Kiekenapp, Elfrida Durand, Sabia Deaton, Gladys Moe, Eva Thomas, Edward Bottomley, Lois Bailey, Irene Prink, Jason Boddy, William Knecht, Leon Bischoff, Frances Cowing, Leah Melvin, Mora Williams, Ralph Benner, Milton Katsky, Eber Eldred, Harris Morrill, Lee Carter, Mary Harbin, Marie Huxley, Randy Wrisley and Gladys Easton.

Announcement

The Sons of Veterans met Monday evening with the Ladies Auxiliary and formed a new dramatic company to be known as the Sons of Veterans Dramatic Company. They will give their first show in about two weeks as the play is well under way. They have several different places to play but will start all new plays in Lents.

Address all communications to the undersigned:

W. W. McDowell, Manager
Wm. Boland, Director
Clarence Baker, Secretary
L. E. Wiley, Treasurer

The Yeager Theatre

The Yeager Theatre, corner Main and carline will be opened on, or about April first, under the management of H. E. Irish, also under the auspices of Mr. Munro of Arleta, and Mr. Tibbetts of Alhambra Theatre Co., Portland. Mr. Tibbetts has a wide experience in the theatrical world, having at present a number of theatres, one being the "New Grand" corner of Sixth and Washington. Mr. Munro has been in the theatrical business forty years. He is well known from New York to Alaska, having made a most splendid success of the business.

This theatre with a chain of theatres as above mentioned, will give a full change of reels every night and arrangements have been made for vaudeville performances. The theatrical people of Portland have become interested in this new theatre and promises their aid in making this theatre a great success.

ANTON FREISENGER WINS SUIT

Brings Suit For \$20,000 Against J. H. Leusch, and Gets Judgment For \$500. Has Been Crippled Since Last July.

Anton Freisenger, a Lents boy, twelve years of age, was the victim of an automobile collision last July at East Twenty-seventh and Belmont. Anton was riding a bicycle when J. H. Leusch, a building contractor, ran into his wheel, knocked him off and broke his leg, sprained his shoulders, his arms and bruised and scratched him up generally. The case came to trial last week and while the amount was greatly reduced it still was favorable to the plaintiff. The judge recommended a verdict for at least \$10,000 but the jury seems to have been influenced otherwise. Anyway the judgement was given for only \$500. A good share of this must go to pay fees so there will be barely enough left to cover medical attendance. Meanwhile the boy remains crippled and dependent on his crutches for his getting around.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Multnomah Crange, Orient, installed officers last Saturday. A. F. Miller of Sellwood acted as installed officer. J. C. Albel was chosen master; C. M. Quicksall, lecturer; C. W. Johnson Secretary. There was a fine attendance and an unusually good time was reported.

Ernest Brugger was given a surprise at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brugger, on Thursday evening. The hours were passed with games and music, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Brugger, assisted by Mrs. E. D. Holgate. Those enjoying the evening were: Misses Elizabeth Schwadler, Olive Fancher, Bertha Spencer, Anna Hoecker, Nellie Hogus, Jean Lent, Effie Stanley, Clara Sales, Gladys Holgate, Frances, Gladys and Helen Bliss and Anna and Gertrude Brugger and Messrs Roy Hensley, Conrad Hoecker, Will Faris, John Stanley, Garland Fancher, Emmett Welling, Harry Spencer, Melvin Anderson and Theodore Brugger.

John Mayfield and family, of Iban, N. Y. has located in Lents. He will be employed by the Portland Colorotype Co.

Prof. A. R. Sweetzer of the State University delivered a lecture under the direction of Fairview Grange Saturday evening, in Fairview city hall, on "Some Microscopic Friends and Foes."

Frank Jones of Gresham has developed a five toed breed of chickens which he denominates the "Quintoe," and which produces a double yolk egg about ten times to one single yolk. They are a cross between the Buff Rock and the Buff Leghorn.

Pleasant Valley has one of the liveliest parent-teachers club in the county. The next meeting will occur at 7:30 on Friday evening. Mrs. Paul Bliss is president, and Mrs. W. U. Moore is secretary and treasurer. They have a local branch of the county library and the children of the neighborhood meet on Wednesday evenings for a "story hour."

The Multnomah & Clackamas Telephone Co., held its annual meeting at Gresham January 6. John Slerrit and A. B. Conrad were re-elected directors.

There are a few people in Gresham who think county division would not be desirable, even if Gresham could be the "biggest" town and the capital of the new county.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters for week ending Jan. 24, 1914.

Adams, Mrs. F. L.; Anderson, Regena; Athey, Roy D. (2); Brady, Gothals; Burnham, Maggie; Davis, Henry; Jones, W. J.; Kamp, Henry; Kamp, Henry; Kerr, F.; Johnson, Miss Lillie; Mathews, W. B.; Mobra, Mrs. Ida; Bush, Wilton.

Geo. W. Spring, Postmaster.

Peter Weiser, chief of the Tremont Volunteers, has been appointed custodian of the company's apparatus by mayor Allee. The city has recently given the company several hundred dollars worth of apparatus.