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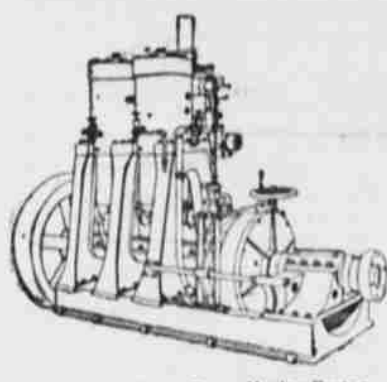
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## INEFFICIENCY OF THE OREGON LAW

The Fisheries Are Not Protected as They Should Be in This State.

## THE WASHINGTON LICENSE

Its Effect on Oregon Fishermen--Can They Fish in Washington Waters--River Fall of Far Salmon.

Fish Commissioner H. D. McGuire, who returned last night from patroling the river, in speaking of the difficulty of enforcing the fish laws of Oregon, said that he considered Oregon to be far behind even inland states like Colorado. It is admitted everywhere that Oregon possesses the most valuable inland fishing grounds in the United States. The reports of New York for the last two years show its employment of 7,994 fishermen, while Oregon last year employed 7,200. New York annually appropriates \$240,000 for the maintenance of its fisheries, while Oregon, the largest inland fishing state, appropriates \$2,500 per year to develop its greatest industry. Illinois spends \$10,000 a year to protect carp, which it considers an important food fish, and which Oregon would throw away. California last year appropriated \$45,000, and Colorado, a mountain state, appropriated \$5,000 to protect their fisheries. Minnesota, Michigan and neighboring states all use large sums of money in the interest of their fisheries. Oregon is the greatest fishing state in the Union, and does the least to protect the industry.

Mr. McGuire also said that he believed Oregon needed a license law similar to the one now in force in Washington. There a fisherman must pay \$2.50 a year for a permit to fish. This money helps to support the institutions for the protection of fish. It is only just and right that a man should not only qualify as a citizen of the United States, but should pay a small tax toward the support of protective measures for his own business. Another question which has not been considered as yet now arises under the concurrent jurisdiction laws. Washington licenses fishing--Oregon does not. She only issues certificates of citizenship. Can an Oregon fisherman cross the boundary line in mid channel of the Columbia and fish in Washington waters without a license? Mr. McGuire thinks not.

Mr. McGuire says that the river is apparently full of fine fish, and he predicts large catches this season.

## ELECTION OF SENATORS.

The Old Way the Best for All, as Proposed by the Constitution.

Salem, Oregon, April 7. (Editor Astorian.)--If the question of the election of United States senator by direct vote of the people was put to the people of this state today, there can be no doubt that the present system would be condemned by an overwhelming majority. The events of the last session of the state legislature have aroused public feeling against the election of senators by the legislative body that few would stop to seriously weigh the arguments in favor of the present system, but would rush to the polls eager to vote for a change. The American people are not conservative. There are vast numbers who, upon the happening of an unpleasant political event, conclude that a radical change in the governmental system is necessary. Such a spirit as that has made Coxey's army possible and has caused a silver craze to sweep over our country, threatening the very existence of national integrity.

In the constitutional convention, when our delegates were preparing a constitution for the United States, three schemes for the election of senators were proposed: One was by the legislature of each state; another was by the people of each state; and the third was by the house of representatives of the United States. The latter method failed to receive any support, while the second was dropped after some discussion, leaving the first to be adopted by unanimous vote. The reasoning upon which this mode of election was supported was, that it would immediately connect the state governments with the national government, and thus harmonize the whole into one universal system; that it would introduce a powerful check upon rash legislation in a manner not unlike that created by the different organizations of the two houses of parliament in England; and that it would increase public confidence by securing the national government from undue encroachments on the power of the states. It was anticipated that the difference in the mode of choosing the members of the two houses would have the much desired effect of guarding against undue conservatism on the one hand, and hasty, ill-considered legislation on the other. The senate, being composed of members who look not directly to the people for their election, was expected to serve as a check upon the actions of the other body as being composed of men fresh

from the body of the people, and eager to forward reforms by rash legislation. On the other hand, the members of the house of representatives, coming directly from the body of the people, being elected for a shorter term and soon to go before the people again at the elections, would serve as a safeguard against any attempt to pass legislation openly detrimental to the interests of the people. It was expected, also, that the senate would be composed of men more learned in national affairs, more experienced in managing the governmental mechanism, and consequently more able to direct the policy of the nation so as to perfect the internal organization and promote and preserve peace and good feeling abroad.

The history of our existence has shown this reasoning to be good; these expectations to be well founded. It is true we have experienced some exceptional conditions in our United States congress. Deadlocks have arrested legislation and it has sometimes seemed as though the desires of the people themselves had no influence upon congressional action; yet it will be found that the trouble has not been in the different manner of electing members of the two houses, but instead there has been some rule of procedure at fault.

When a deadlock such as disgraced our state last winter occurs in a state legislature, the immediate conclusion is that the senators should be elected by direct vote of the people. But the remedy sought is not the proper one. What we need is a change that will prevent members from absconding themselves and thereby obstructing proceedings, a change that will make it impossible for an election to be prevented, and then there will be no such disgusting force possible.

We do well to consider the result before we make a change, or before we attempt to make a change, so radical as is now almost universally proposed. We do well to ask ourselves whether we are certain of bettering our condition by such an innovation; whether we will stand higher in the estimation of foreign nations, and whether our own internal machinery will be improved.

SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD BODIES

Seventeen Guests of the Burned Knoxville Hotel Still Unaccounted For.

REWARD OFFERED FOR BODIES

Telegrams Pouring Into Knoxville From All Parts of the Country--Heavy Losses and Little Insurance.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 9.--Of the fifty-two guests who were staying in the Hotel Knox yesterday morning, when the fire broke out, only thirty-five have been accounted for. The hotel register was destroyed and it will perhaps never be known how many lives were lost. Those known to have perished in the flames are A. E. Weeks, of Locke, N. Y., a drummer; G. W. Roberts, of Pulaski, Tenn., a telegrapher; and A. E. Williams, Springfield, Mass., a retired merchant. Telegrams have been pouring in from different cities inquiring about people supposed to have been in Knoxville. The work of searching for the remains in the ruins was begun late this afternoon and the developments already indicate that the list of dead will be larger than was at first thought. Charred remains were found in different localities of the ruins. E. A. Williams, of Springfield, who was beyond a doubt burned, was 42 years old and was traveling south for his health. Large rewards have been offered for bodies and a large force of men is at work tonight clearing away the debris. Of those injured, perhaps only one will die. J. C. M. Bogie, of Tennessee, a civil engineer, lies in a very critical condition at the city hospital. He inhaled the flames and his limbs are burned badly. The total property loss sustained will foot up \$1,611,000; total insurance, \$614,300.

## A QUESTION.

Astoria, April 9. (Editor Astorian.)--1. If public gambling is too great a crime to license, why not prohibit it?  
2. If it is a crime to license drinking, is it a crime to license gambling?  
3. If it is a crime to gamble in many places, is it not better to gamble in a few places?  
4. If you have a son that gambles under license you could easily educate the gentleman. Could you do so under the present license system?  
5. In your opinion do you not think it would be safer for a man inclined to gamble to do so in a licensed house rather than in an unlicensed one?

## THIS IS A JOKE.

Astoria, April 9. (Editor Astorian.)--The Evening News remarks that trees do not seem to be popular, according to the Nohalem Times, because that journal advocates the destruction of those in the vicinity of the school house.

I am somewhat surprised that the News people are not aware that the Nohalem timber is principally fir and spruce, and not poplar.

## CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW.

Services in the German language will be held as usual on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Congregational church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Schmid.

M. E. Church--The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Triumphant Entrance." Class meeting at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 12:15. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Members will be received at the morning service.

Services Sunday at 10:30 in English. Subject, "The Lord's Supper." Swedish services at 7:45. Subject, "Le Manniskan." Services at Fred Gustafson, Young's River, on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Good Friday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Both times in Swedish.

Services at the Presbyterian church as usual tomorrow. In the morning at 11, evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 12:15, Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. The pastor is desirous of having the members present at the morning services tomorrow. In the evening the theme will be reminiscences of home. Strangers and young people are urged to be present. All will be most cordially welcomed. Henry Marcotte, pastor.

## BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

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POSTAL CONGRESS.

Representatives From All Nations to Meet May 4 First.

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## FLOODS SUBSIDING.

Situation Somewhat Better, Though the Waters Rise in Localities.

Memphis, April 9.--Notwithstanding the high winds and heavy rain storms reported from the overflooded Mississippi delta last night, the situation in the flood stricken district is certainly no worse, if not better, tonight. The water which has been pouring through the five big crevasses for more than a week is rapidly flowing into the Mississippi again at a point twelve miles north of Vicksburg, and is sweeping straightward with terrific force. The strain on the Louisiana levees will be something terrific for a week and if they withstand that length of time all will be well.

The Sunflower river is also on the rampage tonight. Two thirds of the water from the Flower lake crevasse is rushing into this stream and a large area will be inundated from the overflow. Tallahatchie and Coldwater rivers are gradually falling. At Helena the river is slowly falling and the indications are that the big stream will continue to decline. The waters below the Arkansas Midland levee are at a standstill tonight. The number of refugees is increasing at Helena almost hourly. The steamer Maude arrived there late this afternoon with more than one hundred flood sufferers, swelling the list to 3,000.

At Greenville the situation has not changed. All the levees along the Mississippi front safely withstood the storm of last night. At Memphis the river continues to fall. The railroads, with one exception, are again open for business and in good shape and all trains are being run on schedule time.

## THE UPPER RIVER.

St. Paul, April 9.--The river is on the up-grade again. From midnight to 7 o'clock it rose one-tenth of a foot and is still going up, although slowly. The government officials do not view this with any apprehension.

## HEAVY SNOW FALL.

Indianapolis, April 9.--The heavy rain and snow storm which prevailed from 3 o'clock yesterday to 3 o'clock today did much damage to telegraph and telephone wires. Five inches of snow fell, but is rapidly disappearing.

## WHEAT TUMBLES.

Chicago, April 9.--Beginning at about five minutes to noon today, when May wheat had reacted from 67, to which price it gradually risen, to around 65 1/2, a stampede of holders commenced which within fifteen minutes tumbled the price to 64 1/2. The break was due partly, it is said, to renewed bear operations for A. J. Well, but more largely by the selling out by Robert Lindholm & Co. of 3,500,000 bushels of long wheat. The closing price for May was 64 1/2.

## BIG LIFE INSURANCE.

San Francisco, April 9.--Mrs. Leland Stanford today signed a contract by which her life is now insured for \$1,000,000. The policy is said to be the

## GREEK AND TURK MEET IN ARMS

Fighting Has Proceeded in the Vicinity of Grobina, Turkey, for Hours.

EXCITEMENT IS NOW INTENSE

Orders Issued for the Advance of the Turkish Army in Force--Greek Brigades Caused the Break.

Special to the Astorian.

Elasomma, Macedonia, April 9.--Bands of Greek brigades have entered Turkey at Krania, in the vicinity of Grobina. The Turkish troops have been engaged with them and fighting has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this morning.

At Turkish headquarters the news is looked upon as of the gravest description, in view of the excitement here. Edham Pasha has sent orders to have everything in readiness for an advance of the Turkish army in force.

## OREGON'S INCREASE.

But Trade Report Shows General Inactivity Because of Floods.

New York, April 9.--Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "The situation as a whole shows no gain. Staple lines are only fairly active. Overflows, washouts and floods continue to do great damage in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, through a portion of which general trade remains practically at a standstill."

Wheat has continued a disappointment as to prices, dropping nearly 4 cents a bushel on Bradstreet's report of an increase in the world's visible supply last week instead of a decrease expected, due to a larger quantity of wheat in sight abroad.

Jobbers in Omaha, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Portland, Oregon, report a better demand notably in drygoods, oil, paints, glass, shoes and leather. Prospective advances by the wool tariff are behind another rise in the price of wool and woolsens, but common goods thus far fall to advance, because the restricted production is meeting current demand.

## COL THOMAS ARRESTED.

Dayton, Ohio, April 9.--Col. J. B. Thomas, governor of the Soldiers' Home, has been arrested, charged with the violation of the law by serving oleomargarine at the institution without displaying a card stating that fact. It will be a test case, as it is a question whether the law can be enforced in the home, which is a United States reservation.

## BICYCLE RACES.

Louisville, Ky., April 9.--Eddie Bald, who is now training here at Fountain Ferry, has accepted a challenge from Tom Cooper to race at Decrot May 31. The distance will be one mile, best two in three. Bald also accepted the challenge of Walter Sanger, of Milwaukee, to race for a purse and a \$1,000 side bet on the same conditions.

## SHINGLES GO UP.

Seattle, April 9.--At a meeting held in this city today of the Red Cedar Shingle Manufacturers, controlling a large percentage of the production of the state, the price of "A" shingles was made \$1.05 per thousand at mill for eastern shipment and \$1.20 for "clears." The prices have been 90 cents and \$1.

## THREE KNOCKOUTS.

San Francisco, April 9.--Three knockouts, all in short order, constituted the program provided by the National Athletic Club tonight. Jim Jeffries put Theodore Van Esackir to sleep in ten rounds; Slater defeated McCoy in one round and Maxwell whipped Morrissey in three rounds.



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