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THESE SIX THINGS doth the Lord hate; year, seven are an abomination to him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.—Proverbs 6:16-19.

PRIMITIVE VOTING FACILITIES

There is considerable agitation at present—as there usually is, and rightly, at election time—about "everybody should vote;" but we have not heard anybody raise their voice in an effort to have the voting facilities improved.

The voting place is usually a dark corner in a building equipped only with temporary booths draped with old canvas or cast-off cloth for curtains. Most of the time there is nothing but a tallow-candle, dripping and smearing the writing space, which is usually merely a narrow board, practically always much too narrow for the wide and long ballot which the voter must fill in. And the voter is expected to intelligently decide in this atmosphere of semi-darkness and makeshift, the momentous question of who shall run the government. Why couldn't temporary electric lighting arrangements be made? If it was a church bazaar or most anything else electric lights would be installed.

THE GASOLINE TAX

There is not a single agency which will bring prosperity and happiness as quickly to a community or state as good roads and every plan for the improvement of the highways should be encouraged, unless the plan entails an excessive tax or wasteful use of the money derived from the taxes.

It is understood that certain interests in this state are prepared to ask for an increase in the gasoline tax, which is larger now than in many of the states.

Records in the offices of the secretary of state show that since the motor vehicle fuel oil tax was first enacted, up to June 30 of this year, there has been received from this source \$6,225,681.75. This revenue was based on the sale of 296,113,309 gallons of gasoline and 17,866,097.86 gallons of distillate.

This tax, with the large sums which are derived from automobile licenses should enable the state highway department to both build more highways and also to keep maintenance up to a good standard.

Unquestionably the efforts of the governor and other officials to procure legislation for the increase of the tax on gasoline will arouse extensive opposition. The automobile is not the plaything of a few today, but the convenience for many and the necessity for many others. Many of those conversed with conditions feel that economy in the state departments should be the first move, instead of attempting to increase the taxation.

FLORIDA WANTS DEVELOPMENT FIRST

Floridians are more interested in the development of Florida's 33,000,000 unencultivated acres of land than they are in sharing a percentage of dead men's property through an inheritance tax.

This fact was revealed by the action of the last Florida Legislature in proposing an amendment to the State Constitution which will prohibit future legislatures from passing an inheritance tax law.

Florida and Alabama are the only States in the Union that do not have some sort of inheritance tax. Residents of the Peninsula State apparently are determined that Florida shall never have an inheritance tax. There has been practically no opposition voiced to this proposed amendment to the constitution which will be voted on by the people in the November election, and which reads as follows:

Article 9, Section 11—No tax upon inheritances or upon the income of residents or citizens of this State shall be levied by the State of Florida, or under its authority, and there shall be exempt from taxation to the head of a family residing in this State, household goods and personal effects to the value of \$500.

When this amendment once is adopted by the people it will require another amendment to the constitution before an inheritance law can be passed by the Legislature.

This proposed amendment has been heartily endorsed by the Florida Development Board, the Florida Legislative Council, the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, and by numerous civic clubs over the State. Its passage in November is assured, its sponsors assert.

When asked to explain in what way Florida would profit by such an amendment to the constitution, A. A. Coult, secretary of the Florida Development Board, which organization is strongly supporting the proposed amendment, said:

Florida has 35,000,000 acres of land, only 6 per cent of which, or 2,000,000 acres, is under cultivation. At least 20,000,000 acres of this land is adaptable to cultivation. What Florida needs is capital to develop this land.

"The passage of this amendment to the constitution undoubtedly will induce scores of capitalists to invest

their savings in Florida. When this capital once is invested it will increase the assessed valuation of property, thereby increasing city, county and State revenue.

"In this way Florida should realize far more benefit from a man's property than she would by waiting until the man dies and collecting a big inheritance tax. Not only this, but it is far better for the man's estate to collect revenue gradually from year to year than to take it all in a lump sum, which often wrecks a man's entire business.

"Florida already is beginning to profit by this amendment, even though it has not yet been ratified by the people. Just recently a case came to my attention of an Eastern capitalist, who lived in a State with a 40 per cent inheritance tax. The man sold his factory and property, valued at approximately a million and a half dollars, and is going to invest his money in the development of Florida real estate.

"I believe that hundreds will follow this man's example. We may not get so many real wealthy men, but this amendment should be a drawing card for scores of moderately wealthy young men."

Several writers are using up pages of reading space in magazines advocating the retention of the maiden names for women who are married. The courts provide this with much fewer words.

They say that General Dawes in popularizing the pipe as a candidate's smoking piece has done this to eliminate the cost of campaign cigars.

It takes only one experience for citizens from nearby towns to ascertain that they do not harmonize with the Ashland city regulations by misconducting themselves.

Pioneering in Southern Oregon by C. B. Watson

(Continued from Monday)

Hall J. Kelly's efforts to start an "Oregon Settlement to be commenced in the spring of 1832," failed to materialize for want of support among his Boston friends. In that year he set out for Oregon by the way of Mexico and in California fell in with Ewing Young in 1834. They bought a band of horses which they drove to Oregon; but on arriving at Vancouver (October 15, 1834) they were accused of horse stealing, later they were exonerated by the Governor of California. Kelly returned to Massachusetts and Young remained in Oregon where he became a valuable citizen. There is nothing to show whether they drove this band of horses through Rogue river valley or not, but it is known that the Indian trail from the Willamette valley into California was through this valley and was familiar to the Hudson Bay men, and it is reasonable to suppose that these horses were driven along this trail.

It appears that about this time the Hudsons Bay Company extended a more active exploitation of this Southern Oregon country and operated as far south as the waters of the Sacramento river. In passing back and forth the Indians came to know more about white men and to learn something of the difference between the great company and independent trappers that occasionally appeared. It is said that in June, 1825, a party of white men on a trapping excursion entered Rogue River valley and were attacked at the mouth of Fooths creek. There were eight of them including a squaw, the wife of one of the trappers. Four of these men were killed and the remainder badly wounded. In the transactions of Oregon Pioneers in 1882, as narrated by J. W. Nesmith, the circumstances were as follows:

"The party consisting of Daniel Miller, Edward Barnes, Dr. Bailey, J. Turner and his Squaw, Sanders, Woolworth, and a man known as Irish Tom, was under the leadership of J. Turner and was on a trapping excursion. About the middle of June they were camped at the Point of Rocks, (Rock Point), on the south bank of Rogue river. Several hundred Indians dropped into camp, but Turner thinking there was no danger took no precautions, and the natives most unexpectedly attacked the party with clubs, bows and knives. They got possession of three of the eight guns with which the whites were armed, and for a time the trappers fought them with fire-brands, clubbed guns and whatever came handy. Turner, a big Kentucky giant, seized a fir limb from the fire and fought lustily. He released Gay who was held down by the savages and finally the assailants were driven from the camp. Dan Miller and another trapper were killed on the spot, while the six survivors were all more or less wounded. The remainder took to the brush, and without horses and deprived of all their guns but two, traveled, fighting Indians by day and walking by night, making their way northward. Dr. Bailey was wounded with a tom-hawk blow that cleft his shin. Sanders wounds disabled him from traveling, and he was left on the South Umpqua, while "Big Tom" (Irish Tom) was left on the North Umpqua. The Indians reported to Dr. McLaughlin, of the Hudsons Bay Company, that both men soon died of their wounds where they were left. Turner, Gay, Woodworth and Dr. Bailey ultimately reached the Willamette valley." The following is taken from Wallings' History of Southern Oregon:

"Two years later, or in 1837, a party of Oregonians proceeded to California to buy cattle and drive to the Willamette. They secured a drove and returning, passed through Rogue River and Umpqua valleys. The party was composed in part, of Ewing Young, the leader; P. L. Edwards, who kept a diary of the trip; Hawurst, Carmichael, Bailey, Erquette, Des Pau, B. Williams, Thibbits, Gay, Wood Camp and about eight others all frontiersmen of experience. While encamped at the Klamath, (river) on the 14th of September, 1837, Gay and Baily had shot an Indian who had come peaceably into camp. This was in revenge for the affair at Fooths Creek two years before, but that locality had by no means been reached, and the Indians' crime of 1835 was revenged on an individual who, perhaps, had not heard of the event. The act was deeply resented by the Indians throughout the whole section, and the party met with the greatest difficulty in continuing their course. On the seventeenth of the same month they encamped at Fooths Creek, and on the next morning sustained a serious attack of the savages, narrated thus in the Edwards' Diary:

(To be Continued)



Norma Falmadge and Eugene O'Brien in "Secrets" At The Vining beginning tonight.

THE FORUM

Articles of timely interest are welcomed under this head. Communications must bear the signature of the author.

EDITOR TIDINGS:—I would like to see some young men on the City Council. We have one of the "Lithians, Dr. R. L. Burdick, now and he is to the good, taking as much interest in city affairs, seemingly, as his own. Ashland started to pick up as soon as the Lithians made their presence felt. In Dr. Brower's address upon his proposed City Charter, he spoke of our city as "Miss Ashland." It seems to me "Miss Ashland" is the proverbial "sleeping beauty" and it will take the kiss of the young man to wake her up.

Do not let my petition keep any one from running. I will not file until the last day, and if there is a good bunch running who have more interest in the town than I, I will not file. I do not want the city to shrink back into its present water supply, but rather to provide abundance and grow up to it. There is a town not a hundred miles away which is not afraid to bond for nearly a million dollars to provide pure drinking water for its fast increasing population and supply for the big industries coming.

That town is growing into a city right before our eyes. The next two years will witness a marvelous change in "Miss Ashland." She is just now rousing up—yawning and rubbing her eyes. She will soon be the widest awake little city in Oregon, if you put progressive young men in the chairs at her council. Prosperity is entering our gate. Let us elect city officials who will give her the glad hand and plenty of Ashland Creek Water.

MRS. BARBER.

GAME LAWS OF NATION BETTER

Numerous alterations and improvements in the nation's game laws are cited in a bulletin issued by the United States department of agriculture. Amendments to the already existing fed-

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heretofore exercised by the governor of the territory under the department of the interior, was transferred to the department of agriculture, giving this department complete administration through the bureau of biological survey. A more economic expenditure of public funds is expected to result from the transfer.

A federal law affording protection to wild birds on government ranges and reservations was amended to prohibit the molestation or killing of both birds and game.

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