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THE SEASIDE-ST. JOHNS-COTTAGE GROVE BILL.

The Seaside-St. Johns-Cottage Grove bill is as fair a one as could be enacted and secure the desired result. The bill safeguards small counties from division, protects the interest of the old territory and still makes county division possible, providing there is good and sane grounds for division.

In addition, the bill relieves the ballot of a lot of initiative county division bills that are bound to be up every election under the present method. It makes county division what it is, a local issue, and the electors of the state are not asked to cast their votes for something about which they are uninformed.

The bill ought to secure the support of every fair-minded voter in the state, particularly those desirous of relieving the ballot of a load it should never carry.

In addition, the bill makes the consolidation of towns and cities a local issue, with the same good results as in the case of county division.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

Woman's suffrage has more opponents than one would expect for a subject that is so fair on the face of it. Every few days the newspapers of the country receive literature telling what a terrible thing for women woman's suffrage is. Someone evidently thinks it worth while to put up plunder to fight the proposition, and whoever is doing the engineering is wise enough to have women at the head of the organization.

The Sentinel fails to see any great danger in allowing the women to vote. It probably would not be very edifying to see some woman making a fight for office against a man of the character of Teddy Roosevelt, but the day has come when the man who cares for his good name can hardly be induced to run for office, and it is hardly likely that women, with their greater refinement, are going to go in very strong for office seeking. Woman has a more noble sphere in life to fill than holding office and seeking political pap. She can not be spared from the home even for her country's political welfare, but there is no reason on the face of the earth why she should not vote—if she so desires.

In Oregon every man who knows enough to make his mark is allowed to help frame the laws under which we live, and still the old state seems to be wobbling along in pretty fair shape. We fail to see why male ignorance should be placed on a higher plane than female intelligence.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Within a few days everyone will know whether it will be Teddy or Taft to be slaughtered by the democrats. The central committee is already at work hearing contests and the convention will be convened in a couple of days.

After the bitter fighting between two men who have been honored with the highest office within the gift of the people, after all the charges and countercharges, denunciation and revilement, it seems quite probable that it has been a waste of energy.

If Taft secures his nomination in the same manner that Roosevelt twice secured his, or in any other way, for that matter, Terrible Teddy will bolt boot and baggage and become a "receptive" candidate again on another ticket. That is probably the wisest course for Teddy to take, anyway, for he can hardly be elected as the Re-

publican nominee, but running on the third ticket he might.

If Roosevelt receives the nomination, Taft will retire gracefully, perhaps willingly. It might be wise for Taft to let Teddy have it. After being skinned by a Democrat, Roosevelt might not be quite as receptive next time, and there would be no reason why Big Bill couldn't come back four years from now, the same as Cleveland did, unless there should be legislation to the contrary meanwhile.

The great circus at Chicago will be watched with interest, but not any more so by the Republicans than by the Democrats, and, after all, the nomination is likely to prove an empty honor.

A SCOOP ON US.

Again the dove of peace hovers over Cottage Grove. Mayor Abrams, the Leader and Sentinel having all buried their little tomahawks.

A POSSIBLE NEW PARTY.

The past campaign for the presidential nomination and the campaign to follow the nomination, is going to come mighty near to wiping out the two old parties entirely. With less than a third of the vote cast in the preferential primaries, the successful nominees of the two parties will represent the preference of only about one-sixth of the party vote, but it is quite probable that the balance of the voting strength of the country if cast would not have made much change in the results.

Whoever the nominees of the two great parties may be, if picked from the avowed candidates, there are thousands and thousands of voters who have become so estranged that they will vote for the nominee of the other party rather than for the victor in their own. This condition will probably affect the Republican party to a much larger extent than the Democratic.

At any rate party lines are going to be somewhat obliterated, and the further the primary method of nomination is carried, the dimmer they will become. The fighting between factions of a party are hereafter to be harder and more bitter than the fight against political opponents. And it might be asked, what is the need of the Democratic and Republican parties anyway? There are no longer any large issues on which they seem to be arrayed against one another. Democrats voting for a high tariff and Republicans voting for a low tariff are anomalies that seem to indicate that party lines are getting fainter.

A Democratic president and a Democratic congress are no longer a red flag to the rank and file of the Republican party and vice versa.

But there is something against which the members of both parties are opposed, and that is Socialism. With a common enemy and with no bones to pick with one another, it is not such a stretch of imagination to conjure up a coalition of the two old parties into an anti-Socialist party. This has already been necessary in Milwaukee.

The Oregonian on Memorial Day said that the immediate object of the Civil War was secured with the unconditional enfranchisement of the negroes. We can hardly believe that The Oregonian made such a statement intentionally. Certainly this great newspaper is informed of what every school boy knows—that the Civil War was not fought for the enfranchisement, or even the emancipation of the black man.

PLEASANT HILL PULLING FOR R. R.

Big Mass Meeting Held There on May 30th.

A meeting of farmers, fruit-growers, dairymen, poultry-raisers, and lumber mill owners was held at Pleasant Hill May 30th for the purpose of discussing a proposed electric railway running from Eugene to Dexter, a distance of about seventeen miles. The meeting was well attended and considerable enthusiasm shown. Ways and means were talked over as to how to interest capital to build a line into this section of the country.

The country between Eugene and Dexter is thickly populated and a road built between these points would naturally find much territory tributary to it likely to originate freight, express and passenger business. From Goshen district southeast through Pleasant Hill, Trent and Dexter, an electric line would not only serve those living along the main highway, but also hundreds of farmers in the Cloverdale and Edendale country, most of which is good soil well adapted to either diversified farming or intensive methods applied to dairying, fruit or truck gardening or poultry raising. In addition there is said to be much good land in Last valley beyond Dexter which will be sooner or later brought under cultivation, especially now that the Southern Pacific may build a line in from Lowell to bring the timber out.

The general sentiment among those at the meeting favored the proposed line, a number of land owners even suggesting that a free right-of-way be given if necessary to any company showing that it means business. It was also generally agreed that it is only a question of time when an electric line will be constructed in this part of the country.

Creswell Notes.

The work on the new depot is progressing nicely. Operator Land has moved into the new building, which promises to be a great improvement over the old one. The former building is now being remodeled into a freight room. The work in finishing the passenger and ticket office department will be delayed somewhat, owing to the company being unable to secure oak lumber for finishing work.

C. H. Guthrie brought in a strawberry from his place north of town the latter part of last week which measured nearly five inches in circumference.

H. C. Kenney is doing some work on the residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Holterman, which is the property of Mr. Kenney. He expects to move into the house upon the arrival of his family from Sacramento, Calif., within the next few days.

Charles Mittan, a former resident of Creswell, who with his family have been living in the vicinity of Florence for a year or more, has returned to Creswell.

The new uniforms for the Creswell ball team arrived last week and present a very neat appearance. Eli Denny of Nebraska this week purchased William Holterman's farm of 118 acres, known as the McWooten place in Cloverdale. Mr. Denny will take possession of the farm at once.

Mrs. J. F. Sanders received word Tuesday of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Bowers, which occurred in Eugene Monday night. Mrs. Sanders went to Eugene Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Olson and two children arrived home last week from an extended visit with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. H. C. Keeney returned Saturday from Ashland, where she had been visiting her mother for several weeks. —Chronicle.

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Things We Think

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The reason we speak of our rich men leaving so many "cool" millions is because they used the freezing out process in acquiring them.

A Russian editor has died, after forty years spent in the newspaper business in that country. He must have been prepared for death.

It takes a lot of clothes to court and marry a girl. First, you have to pay suit, then you have to suit her, and you have to address her papa in language clothed with diplomatic verbiage. Then you have to have a wedding suit, and if you find you are unsuited you get a law suit.

The backward man sometimes experiences trouble in forging ahead.

Don't wait for fortune. Fortune is feminine and you should go to her.

Those who peddle gossip ought to be licensed like any other peddler.

If time is money, there are some awful spendthrifts in this old world.

The man best qualified to judge of the value of a dollar is, peculiarly enough, the man who hasn't one.

Emma Goldman claims she is being robbed of her fair name. Well, she shouldn't have a name like that.

It is reported that a government civil service man, while negotiating a supposed black hand outrage, found a nigger in the wood pile.

When hubby tells wife about what pretty hair some other woman has, it is decidedly improper for her to exclaim, "Rats!"

Mrs. Annie Besant says the coming man will be seven feet tall. Here is one woman, at least, who places man in his proper station, above woman.

Money is an awful weight on a man's mind. John D. ought to be sainted for doing such yeoman service in bearing our burdens for us.

Good fortune seems to reach out and help those who have already climbed quite a way up the ladder. That's a way good fortune has.

Somehow or other a woman's figure seems to fit any fashion.

In Turkey the women are so modest they wear heavy veils so people can't see their naked eyes.

The broom trust nearly sweeps us off our feet with the statement that it must double the price of its product or die.

A southern gas company has been robbed of several thousand dollars. The theft has not been laid to the gas meters, however.

We have it on good authority that at its present price beef steak is a dangerous article of food, being a breeder of appendicitis, tuberculosis, cancer and other luxuries that only the rich can afford. Take due notice and guide yourselves accordingly.

No more powder, paint, hair puffs, dangling jewelry, fluffy lingerie, etc. just plain black or white shirt waists, black skirts and hair neatly done, is the order of a Chicago store to its female employees. That store must intend to build up a business on first principles and cut out flirting by its male customers.

Thoroughbred Crystal White Orpington and Plymouth Rock

Baby chicks and Crystal White Orpington cockerels for sale.

Mrs. Geo. O. Knowles, Cottage Grove

The moon affects the weather to a great extent—so we presume a full moon is a sign of moisture.

Some people waste enough time and energy deploring hard luck to make a success of most any business.

The man who hides his light under a bushel is in a large measure responsible for his own failure.

There is more religion in a square meal to a hungry man than in the meatiest sermon ever preached.

When a relative dies and leaves you a million, you can't be blamed for exclaiming, "That's capital!"

Did you ever think you would like to give some poor family a lift and then find that they kept and feed four or five mangy curs.

The trouble with college is that it keeps a man there until he's so old he doesn't have much time left to get an education he can use.

Those people who claim we ought to work only two hours a day will never realize their dreams, because such a condition as that would necessitate the working of the criminal court machinery night and day.

A couple of North Dakota land owners, while in Minneapolis a short time ago, bought a gold brick from one of the Flour City's frenzied financiers. The next morning the brick had turned to brass. They must have a peculiar atmosphere there to affect metal that way.



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