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ARE AFTER THE GOVERNOR

There is some comment being made because of Governor West's stand in regard to capital punishment, and especial mention is made to his opposition to the over-throw of the primary law, the argument being that if he stands for the enforcement of the one he should execute the other.

We presume that the source of discontent lies rather in the fact that the governor is a Democrat and anything to lessen his popularity goes in a political sense.

Now, so far as we are concerned, we care not whether the Republicans or Democrats win out, and we would hardly grieve if both were defeated, but we can see no force in the argument, neither a parallel in the examples enumerated.

The primary law is an enactment calculated to give the voters of our commonwealth a voice in nominating those whom they would desire as public servants, and takes the choosing of candidates away from political bosses, while the law in regard to capital punishment gives to the governor the right to commute sentences and also carries the right of the pardoning power.

An executive officer may have a conscience, and perhaps his whole nature may be in arms against sanctioning the death penalty, and is he then to be censured for his clemency?

It is true that the law condemns and that it is the law which executes, yet, there have been many sheriffs, who, when a man came under condemnation and the death sentence had been adjudged, would hire some person to spring the trap to avoid outraging their conscience in the matter, although, if any wrong should attach to them, they were equally as guilty for their act in hiring some other party to do the job as if it had been done by their own hands, and if there is any difference in the degrees of guilt it falls to the lot of the purchaser.

In the case of Governor West his sense of the fitness of principles is against the taking of human life, and as the laws of the state delegate him the right of commuting the death penalty he has the courage of his convictions to stand by what he believes is right, and he should command respect instead of censure for his course. We like to see men stand for what they believe to be right and just, and about the smallest act a man can be guilty of is to belittle a person for political effect.

The HERALD wishes its readers and patrons a merry Christmas and many happy returns.

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Avaunt there now! When you passed the HERALD office window and raised your hat to our typo, sure as the Irishman says, it was her sister instead who had taken her place. Its a case of mistaken identity.

ELKINS ITEMS.

The farmers seem quite happy and contented now as most of them have their fall plowing and seeding done and will soon be in shape to enjoy their school and social environments.

Everybody is welcome at our school and we need your help, come often, stay long and be a booster and say a good word to the children is the least you can do.

The people of Dist. 28 have organized an Improvement Club and meet once a month for the purpose of discussing all important school questions. Our State Supt. Mr. Alderman is very anxious that the rural schools be greatly improved and every district should try to excel along these lines. Why not make Oregon rural schools the best in the Union, within the next five years. If every parent, teacher and pupil will be a "lifter" and not a "leaner" we will.

The weather has never been bad enough to keep the boys and girls from playing captain ball.

Miss Lola Miles started to Monmouth High school last week—walking nearly eight miles a day.

Pig Fattening Experiments.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 9—The value of shorts and middlings as a supplement to ground wheat in feeding pigs for fattening is the subject of an experiment now being conducted by Prof. E. L. Potter, of the animal husbandry department, of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Eastern Oregon is becoming greatly interested in hog raising, and as shorts and middlings are the most available supplementary feed for the wheat growers, the experiment will be of special value to that part of the state. Other tests made by the college prove wheat alone is not the best feed for fattening purposes, and thus if some good supplement easily secured by Eastern Oregon farmers is found it will do much to further the swine industry in that part of the state.

The comparative value of scrubs as well as bred pigs for fattening purposes is to be determined in another test on the experiment farm for which a herd of 30 pigs has been set aside.

Since February daily records of all the feed given the swine and monthly records of their individual weights have been kept, and this is a regular part of the experiment farm work, for the purpose of gaining in time accurate knowledge of the total cost of production. Reliable results are not expected until data for some years can be compiled and coordinated. Ear tags with numbers are to be put on all of the pigs to make identification easier. The cost of fattening is already fairly well known, but the cost of breeding and raising them to the weaning point is as yet a matter largely of speculation. The new farm bought last summer makes it possible to raise swine under actual farm conditions.

For Sale—California Medicated Soap. Excellent for all skin diseases, also for shampooing the hair. Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. Monmouth St., Independence, Or.

Pennsylvania Coal Output Nearly Four And a Half Billion Tons.

Pennsylvania was the first producer of coal, in 1814, and has been by far the largest producer in the United States according to the United States Geological Survey, having now a record which surpasses all foreign countries except England and Germany. Pennsylvania's total production since the beginning of mining has been 4,432,071,767 short tons, or more than one-half of the total production of the United States.

Oil In Alaska.

Petroleum has been found in Alaska, and while there has been practically no production, it is not impossible, according to the United States Geological Survey, that commercial pools may be found. Oil seepages occur on the west shore of Cooks Inlet, on the east side of the Alaska Peninsula, and on Controller Bay, all close to tidewater, and hence capable of cheap development.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Charles William Leonard, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County executor of the estate of William Henry Ireland, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice to the said executor at his residence in the City of Independence, in Polk County, State of Oregon.

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