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PROPOSES NEW BILL

Johnathan Bourne, Jr., is out with a new proposition which he wishes to get before the people of Oregon for their acceptance or rejection.

This time he wants to initiate a measure to do away with the paid solicitor to any petitioner either for the initiative or referendum by making it a punishable offense for any person or persons to hire such solicitors.

We are of the opinion, judging from the events that have arisen and the frauds that have been charged during the last three years to some of these solicitors that some such law, well executed would be about the right thing to enact and that if the initiative and referendum are not properly guarded that they will be used to obstruct progress rather than to serve the just purposes for which they were enacted.

There has been no better safeguards devised to further the welfare of the people, yet these instruments unwisely used will delay progress and defeat the purpose for which they were intended.

SHOULD SIGN NAME

The HERALD office was supplied with an article, this week, favoring the sterilization Act, which comes up for consideration next Tuesday, but as the writer neglected to sign the article we cannot publish it, as we could not defend ourselves were we called in question because of the statements.

The communication may or may not have merit, but that is not the question. When the editor sends out a communication it is his right and privilege to know whom the writer is, or else he has no excuse under the sun for publishing it. Whatever goes to the public without signature is supposed to go out with the full sanction of the publisher and he assumes full responsibility, and when an article is published under an assumed name the publisher stands between that person and the public, and if he cannot name the writer if it becomes absolutely necessary, he stands in a very foolish position with no one to blame but himself.

If you wish to see your articles appear, sign your name to them, not necessarily for publication, but as an assurance of good faith.

We are always pleased to publish articles or have them supplied upon any public question and it makes no difference, with us, whether we are in accord with the sentiment expressed or not, so long as we can be able to point out definitely the writer, and we are quite sure that every person has the right to express their opinion

if done in a moral and irreproachable way and should not even shrink from having their name attached.

The Roller Towel Had To Go

President Wilson has ordered roller towels barred from all the public buildings in Washington and the substitution of individual towels. This is amusing, not the fact the roller towel has been barred from Washington but the fact it was not barred long ago. It will be a source of surprise to many people that the government has been so slow to take up this little sanitary reform. For years first class hotels have barred the roller towel and the change to the individual towel is thoroughly appreciated by the public. The roller towel is a disease carrier and it is also objectionable because it is generally dirty. It is astonishing that Washington stood for the roller towel all through the aristocratic regime of Taft and that it remained for the present administration to kick it out. The tariff and currency problems were not the only legacies from the former administration.—East Oregonian.

Society's Excuse

There is something fundamentally wrong with a social organization that pays its wage-earners, those who labor in the shops and mills and factories, merely enough to provide them with the necessities of life and with few or none of the comforts and pleasures.

Society itself recognizes the wrong, but refuses to admit that it can be removed. It sees and deplors the disease, but fears to administer the remedy that will effect a cure. It tacitly acknowledges its own responsibility for existing conditions, and does the best it professes to think possible under the circumstances, plasters the wrong over with philanthropic poultices and so eases its conscience to some extent at least. "I am not my brother's keeper," it defiantly declares, "but never the less, I am sorry for him and deplore his unhappy situation, a situation—mind you—for which I am not directly responsible, and I am willing to help him by giving him my old coat, or anything else I do not happen to want for myself, my family or friends."

But so-called charity does not diminish the wrong. All the charitable giving in the world can do no more than cover it up a little here and there. For the charity that gives selfishly to slve an uneasy conscience is not born of the love that moves the universe. Deny it as vehemently as we will, we are our brother's keeper. And we are all of us morally responsible for the ills that afflict society. The more enlightened we are, the greater our responsibility. Victor Hugo recognized this and brought the truth home to us in his powerful work, "Les Miserables." Other and less famous writers have done and are striving to do it still. Until we realize that no man can own more of this world's goods than he can make legitimate use of, the poor will continue to grow poorer, and the rich richer, and we shall have labor troubles and strikes, and we will be taxed to

build battle ships and maintain a standing army.—Eugene Register.

Carefully Drawn Law

The Workmen's Compensation Act, which the voters will have an opportunity to pass on at the special referendum election November 4, was framed by a commission representing the Grange, the employers and the workers. The law provides automatic compensation for injured workmen and their widows and children in case of death, and is designed to do away with actions at law against employers for damages in cases where workmen are injured or killed. It is claimed by friends of the new system that it will have a tendency to reduce the number of accidents. Unquestionably it will greatly reduce the number of paupers, and public charges resulting from fatal accidents, as statistics show that only about 12 per cent of those injured have actionable claims for damages under the present laws. It is claimed that the referendum on this bill was invoked by the agents of employers' liability insurance companies, and by certain personal injury lawyers, both of which classes will lose heavily if the bill becomes a law. The bill itself, and not the referendum, is on trial, and those in favor of the measure should mark their ballots 308 X Yes.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

PROBATE

Estate of B F Whiteaker—Petition set aside final order made August 23 filed and hearing set for 10 o'clock October 16.

Estate of Burtis M Baker—Sale of real property approved.

Estate of Wm Ridgway—Final account filed. Ordered that objections to same be heard Saturday, November 15 at 10 o'clock.

In estate of W J Hooker—Administrator authorized to sell personal property at private sale.

Estate of Wilson Lee—J W Lee appointed executor.

Estate of Henry M Brown—Final account filed and Saturday, November 8, set for hearing.

In guardianship of Elmo L King—Ordered that certain fund be paid attorney, guardian, and claim of W F Nichols.

In estate of John Taylor—Ordered that administrator be discharged and bondsmen released. Estate closed.

Estate of H G Chase—Inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

REAL ESTATE

E M Croisan et al to Jas Edmonston, blocks 12, 13, 14 west 1-2 of 11 McNary.

Wm Herren et ux to J T McIntosh, land in Independence, \$10.

Priscella E Craven to P J Mulkey, 10 acres in 8-4, \$1150.

J S Ashbaugh to T C Swartz et ux, west 1-2 of lot 7, block 2, Fairview addition to Dallas, \$10.

James Foster to Joseph M Teabo 7.39 acres in 8-6, \$300.

A N Newbill et ux to William Ellis, land in 7-5, \$10.

C W McCrady et ux to A C Rankin one-sixth interest in 1246.6 acres in 8-8, \$10.

Ellis Dodson et ux to Peter Ingerman lots 1 and 2, block 4, Thorp's addition to Independence, \$100.

Fred S Byron et ux to Fred D Theilson, lot 4, block 19, Kingwood Park, \$10.

David C Heistand et ux to L F Davis, 18.71 acres in 8-6, \$1000.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Anna O. Mulkey-Boatman, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Monday the 10th day of November, 1913, at 10 A. M. thereof, at the county court room in the county court house at Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

IRA C. POWELL,
Administrator of the estate of Anna O. Mulkey-Boatman, deceased.
B. F. SWOPE, Attorney.
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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

Violet E. Stone, Plaintiff

vs.

Lester E. Stone, Defendant.

To Lester E. Stone the above named defendant. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the third day of November, 1913, and in default thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:—for a dissolution of the marriage contract existing between you and the plaintiff and for the costs and disbursements of this suit and that the plaintiff be allowed to assume her maiden name of Violet E. Conkey.

This summons is ordered to be published in the Monmouth HERALD, a weekly newspaper published in Polk County, State of Oregon, for six full weeks, by order of Hon. J. B. Teal, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made the 8th day of September, 1913, and said order fixes on or before November 3, 1913, as the time in which you must appear and answer.

G. O. HOLMAN,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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