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Monmouth Meditations

The financial report of the city for 1920 on another page has a number of interesting features. It gives, among other things, the total cost of the gravity water system, and the total for gravel and road work. The amount of fines collected, \$101 is also unusual. Since Marshal Stewart took to the trail it appears the amount of fines collected is twice as great as the total collected during the previous records of the city.

At the last election some voters opposed the amendment fixing four year terms for certain county officers because they said it made too long a term for an unsatisfactory official. A good official can always be re-elected and shorter terms would expedite the disposal of the other kind. But when this argument was brought up it was rightly pointed out that the recall privilege was designed for such emergencies. Used conservatively it serves not only for the riddance of an unsatisfactory official, but has a wholesome effect on other public servants. The recall may be expensive but we can conceive of occasions when it is worth all its costs.

A scientist tells us that it is possible to coat the interior of a room with radium charged paint from the glow of which the room would be illuminated with the radiance of soft moonlight. This will as far as that room is concerned, abolish darkness for a period of ten years, when the paint would have to be renewed. He asserts that in a few years time this sort of illumination can be had cheaper than electricity. A peculiar substance is radium, a sort of concentrated energy that keeps throwing off particles of itself such minute particles, however, that it takes 20,000 years to exhaust itself. Only three ounces of it have this far been extracted from the coarser ores with which it is associated. It may not be touched with the bare skin and has caused severe burns to people who carried it in various receptacles, but regulated, it is used as a cure for cancer and other ailments.

Now that the heavyweights of the legislature are beginning to assemble in Salem, sufficient ballast will be added to the capital city to prevent it being carried off in the flooded Willamette. Last week's

Uncle John's Josh

WILLIE PRINGLE ASKED THE PASTOR 'TOTHER DAY IF THE AX OF THE APOSTLES WAS USED TO KILL THE FATTED CALF.



Oregon V. ter gave biographies of the different state senators and representatives and among the lot we note the following about our men from Polk county:

Senator Patterson is one of the principal leaders of the upper house and through the exercise of his political sagacity and legislative ability has a large influence upon legislation, probably second to no member except Moser. He is a wise member and his wisdom is not new upon him, for he occupied a similar position of leadership when he was in the senate 25 years ago. Patterson is on the inside of pretty much everything that is going on, and what he really wants he usually gets.

Born, Benton County, 1859; grew up as farmer and stockraiser; merchant in Salem and entered politics in late 80's; elected state senator Marion County 1894; one of principal factors in U. S. Senator election, around which legislative policies revolved; U. S. Collector of Customs at Portland 1893-1907; in wholesale wool business, Portland, several years; returned to farm about 1912 where still resides; married; Mr. Patterson past president of Daughters of American Revolution and one of most prominent club women and civic workers in Oregon; two sons in World War, active interest in civic affairs and good roads.

Representative Powell's predilection for legislative service may be regarded as a family trait. His father was a member of the 1889 session and his brother of 1909. Mr. Powell is one of the successful farmers of Polk County who has for many years maintained a very active part in granger affairs, including the management of a cooperative creamery; is one of the well known Jersey breeders of his county, and president of the County Farm Bureau. Born near Allany, Oregon, 1863; parents were pioneers of 1851; educated Monmouth Normal School, Transylvania University and Yale; taught public schools and college in Missouri and Iowa ten years, and seven years on faculty of Monmouth, mayor of Monmouth two terms, three years manager of creamery; active in organizing same; after Monmouth Normal closed, devoted himself to building up pure and pure herd Jersey dairy farm; master of Monmouth Grange eight years; master Polk County Pomona Grange six years; vice president of county farm bureau; active in good roads, educational, farmer organization, Chautauqua and community and county affairs generally; enjoys fine prestige and is expected to be a very influential member.

Editor Z. C. Kimball of Independence Enterprise says that in Representative Fletcher "Oregon has one lawyer with whom modesty reigns supreme", and tends us this sketch concerning him:—

"Born on a farm, endowed with more than the ordinary amount of 'horse sense', he acquired a good fundamental education, which was followed by several years of experience in a banking institution, later a law course in an Oregon university, and then five years of successful law practice constitute the main factors in the training of D. E. Fletcher, the Twelfth representative district. He has one hobby—It's giving the kids a chance.

"Mr. Fletcher was born in Missouri, on a farm, January 8, 1875, and spent enough years on the farm to gain an insight into farming, farming people and their problems. For six years he attended the Missouri Valley College. He came to the coast country in 1898, and was engaged in the banking business in the state of Washington for eight years. Law appealed to him so strongly that he forsook his business career, and graduated from the Willamette College of Law, Salem, Oregon, in 1915, and has since been practicing in Independence, where he has always been active in all welfare movements."

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