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OLCOTT IS RUNNING ON RECORD

Governor Ben W. Olcott, in announcing his candidacy for governor on the republican ticket, says: "My record is the best guarantee I can give as to the conduct of affairs in public office."

Fair enough. Let's see. What has been accomplished during the time Mr. Olcott has been governor? Don't all speak at once. We remember two accomplishments. He acquiesced in a bill raising the governor's salary from \$5000 a year to \$7500; he called a special session of the legislature in the interest of the Portland fair, which terminated in a veritable fizzle.

Incidentally, during his regime, the bonded indebtedness of the state has been increased so many fold that it has become staggering. Not all of this is chargeable to Olcott, but he has voiced no strong sentiment against the orgy of spending which has been rampant during the past few years.

Then again, speaking from a party standpoint, Olcott's record does not add much lustre. He managed brother-in-law's gubernatorial campaign a few years ago—said brother-in-law running on the democratic ticket—and subsequently said brother-in-law appointed Olcott secretary of state. A fine family arrangement.

We have always tried to bear in mind that the governorship was thrust upon Olcott. The death of Governor Withycombe advanced him from secretary of state to the chief executive. We had an idea that when he had fulfilled this duty he would be ready to step down and out. It is his privilege, of course, to be a candidate for governor on any ticket he may elect. It is now a matter for the people to determine whether they consider he has made good, or rather, would make good for the years to come.

WILLIAMS NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Dissatisfied with the treatment he is receiving from the people, Fred A. Williams has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself as a public service commissioner. It is barely possible, however, that Mr. Williams' name will appear on the ballot, in the event that the contemplated recall of the commissioners materializes.

Mr. Williams was elected on a slogan "Six cents is too much for a five cent ride." This slogan referred to an increase which had been granted to the Portland Railway Light & Power company in street railway fares. After his election Mr. Williams states that he found that the increase was justified.

Granting that Mr. Williams' statement is true, he had but one alternative—tender his resignation. He appears to have overlooked that important point, and now is chagrined at the insistence of people who are demanding that he be recalled.

Mr. Williams has found that pre-election promises are considered binding by the people, and he is discovering that he is presumed to be a public servant so long as he remains in a public office.

The Enterprise is not in accord with the movement to change the public service commission from an elective to an appointive office. We are willing to grant that the people err in their judgment at times—the present commission is an illustration—but for the long pull the judgment of the masses is superior to one.

STRYCHNINE-BARLEY DIET GETS GROUND SQUIRRELS

Killing ground squirrels in Oregon with strychnine mixed in barley or oats has been found by experiment station tests to be the cheapest and most effective way of combating the pest by Oregon farmers. Between a teaspoonful and a tablespoonful of the bait, forms the appetizing but fatal meal for the animal.

Because strychnine doesn't deteriorate rapidly as does cyanide it is much safer to use than phosphorus. Usually a biological survey assistant or county agent in one of the Oregon counties mixes poison and sells it at a reasonable price.

The variety of squirrel determines the mixture and strength of the poison as well as weather and other conditions. One quart of poison is usually sufficient for from 40 to 60 baits.

The person spreading the "squirrel killer" may travel either on horseback or on foot. The former method is more used because it often takes less time.

Sheep May Pasture Larkspur

Sheep are scarcely if at all susceptible to larkspur poison say reports of the O. A. C. Experiment station investigations. Most larkspur poisoning occurs among cattle, for although horses are susceptible they are seldom poisoned under range conditions. Sheep can eat from two to five times as much as cattle without harmful results. For this reason, the station recommends that where feasible sheep be grazed on infested areas before cattle are turned on them.

TOWNLEY SAYS HE WILL RESIGN

Fargo, N. D.—A. C. Townley announced that he would present his resignation as president of the National Non-Partisan league to the state meeting of the Minnesota organization in Minneapolis March 31.

This resignation must be submitted to the national committee and its rejection would constitute a vote of confidence. This situation is similar to that of two years ago, when Mr. Townley refused to accept re-election by the national committee until it had been confirmed in a referendum by the league membership.

Mr. Townley, the recognized "father of the Non-Partisan league movement," started the organization in North Dakota in 1915 and has been active in extending its ramifications to the other states. Recently he has met with considerable opposition in his attempts to swing the league sentiment to his proposed "balance of power" in state politics. The plan called for elimination of the strictly league ticket and substitution of endorsing of individual candidates, regardless of party affiliations.

Irish Bill Passed By House of Lords

London.—The Irish Free State bill passed its third and final reading in the house of lords. The bill was passed without a division. Lord Birkenhead, the lord chancellor, in dealing with the future of the Anglo-Irish treaty, said he was not extravagantly optimistic over it, but that there was no ground for abandoning hope.

WHEAT IMMUNE TO SMUT

New Varieties Evolved Totally Resistant to Disease.

The Dalles, Or.—Wheat that is totally resistant to smut or bunt—something heretofore unknown—has at last been evolved, as result of experiments conducted at the Moro experiment station by B. E. Stephens, superintendent, and his associates. Mr. Stephens announced here. Smut has long been the bane of Oregon and Washington wheat growers.

Superintendent Stephens has produced four distinct varieties of wheat that are completely immune to smut. From these he has evolved hybrid varieties of great promise, by crossing his smut-resisting wheats with some of the most productive of the present varieties grown.

NOT MUCH SNOW IN NORTH

Geological Facts Which Are Something of a Surprise to the Average Reader.

By the figures of the United States weather bureau snowfall in winter in St. Louis, Mo., or in Richmond, Va., is three or four times as great as for the north coast of Alaska, while we believe that the snowfall in St. Louis or the highlands of Scotland is ten times as great as on the north tip of Greenland or on the northerly islands discovered by our expedition of 1913-18, writes Vilhjalmur Stefansson in the World's Work. In the north polar regions there is, to begin with, very little snow on the ground at the end of winter. We have already said that in some parts of the polar regions the temperature is 100 degrees in the shade in the summer. It would have to be a very peculiar kind of snow if a little of it more or less covering the ground in winter would last far into the spring. Of course, it does not last long, but disappears like magic. For three or four or five months, according to just where you are, you have green prairies and flowery meadows that are a delight to the eye, and would be delightful to every sense but for the unbelievable plague of insects—mosquitoes, sandflies, horseflies and the like.

EXPERTS BUILD FUR WRAPS

Making of Crazy Quilt Nothing Compared to the Piecing Together of Bits of Skin.

Of course it would not be quite the thing to look a gift fur in the lining, or rather to rip up the lining and look at the under side of the pelt, but if the dollars that pay for the scarf or the wrap have been saved up out of your own pay check, it might be wise to do so, according to a jovial and friendly member of the "fur mosaic" workers. For it is in scraps and trimmings of fur that they work, setting together these discarded bits in bulk from furriers who will not bother with them, says the New York Sun. Endless patience in matching and attaching, skill that is traditional and careful sewing result in a piece of fur that would put the most intricate crazy quilt of our grandmothers' time into the amateur class.

Does it wear well? A friendly member of the Greek colony in Sixth avenue that makes this luxury fabric of scraps shrugs his shoulders and said: "Why for you ask me such thing? You should know. Fine for the looks. Can make extra careful care, no-yes! Don'ta forgetta the cheap price."

Tyranny of Clothes Customs.

Three hundred years ago Shakespeare could make Polonius say, with some measure of truth, that "oft the apparel doth proclaim the man." Certainly this sort of proclamation has been made less and less "oft" as the three intervening centuries have gone by. Almost before Shakespeare laid down his pen the doublet and hose, the swinging mantle, the jeweled sword and the fluted ruff of his time were sobered out of existence by the steadily growing Puritan influence. In the age of Queen Anne the apparel proclaimed not so much the man as the man's tailor, remarks a writer in the Christian Science Monitor. A century later still we have Charles Lamb brooding rather querulously over the mystery that a "mere melancholy ninth of a man," a tailor of Fleet street, should be able to tell him how many buttons he would wear on his coat, and tell him with an authority not to be gainsaid. Since the time of Lamb inch by inch and garment by garment the clothing of the modern man has been taken out of the range of his own free control and handed over to the tyranny of custom and convention.

200 Middies Will Get Commissions.

Washington, D. C.—Only 200 of the 241 seniors who will be graduated from Annapolis naval academy this spring will be given commissions in the navy under terms of the naval appropriation bill shortly to be offered in the house.

10,000 Textile Workers Strike.

Lawrence, Mass.—Lawrence, scene of bitter battles in previous industrial wars, was plunged into another strike when 10,000 textile operators walked out rather than accept a 20 per cent wage cut.

TURKISH CLAIMS ARE GRANTED BY ALLIES

Memorandum of Peace Proposal Concedes Virtually All Demands.

Paris.—Turkey is conceded nearly all her claims, except those to Adrianople and part of eastern Thrace, in the memorandum which the allied foreign ministers forwarded to Athens, Angora and Constantinople with a view to its acceptance as a preliminary peace settlement, revising the treaty of Sevres.

The Enos-Media line in Thrace is modified so as to give Turkey more territory on the Bulgarian frontier, but the old Turkish capital of Adrianople is excluded.

Constantinople remains Turkey's and she retains Armenia with the population under league of nations protection, but she loses the Gallipoli peninsula and Mesopotamia.

The salient features of the memorandum are:

Perpetual freedom of navigation of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. Turkish sovereignty over all of Asia Minor and all of the territory bounded by the Caucasus, Persia, Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean and Aegean seas.

The Armenians to be under the protection of the league of nations, but the territory inhabited by them to be under the sovereignty of Turkey with an eventual national home to be founded for them by the league.

Adrianople to go to the Greeks, but a large percentage of Thrace to be returned to Turkey.

The peninsula of Gallipoli to go to Greece.

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