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THE USUAL IGNORANCE

The Lowell (Mass) Citizen has the customary spasm over the pension bill, with the usual ignorance of the history of pensions. This is the way that it deludes its readers:

"The wonder is that an exasperated public doesn't rise in wrath and have the whole nauseating scandal of the pension system officially investigated to the bottom, instead of leaving it to occasional guerrilla critics and muck-raking magazines. It is perfectly well known that the pension roll could be cut nearly in half without having any effect on the worthy veterans and their qualified dependents, save that of making it easier to pay them more, even a dollar a day, which so many of them really do honestly deserve."

Were the Citizen at all well

informed it would know that some years ago a president named Cleveland started precisely this investigation of the clamor of such ignorant editors, and spent more than \$2,000,000 in thoroughly investigating the pension roll man by man, woman by woman, in every part of the country. The result was a humiliating failure for Mr. Cleveland and a triumphant vindication of the integrity of the pension roll. He found incomparably less dishonesty than could have been found in any other department of the government's expenditures. — National Tribune.

COURT MATTERS.

CIRCUIT COURT

First National Bank vs. Leavay; demurrer argued; overruled; defendant given 20 days to answer.

Quigley vs. Voegelin; guardian ad litem appointed; decree.

Kramer vs. Fearing; tried; judgment for plaintiff.

Andros vs. Andros; default order;

School District No. 107 vs. Shaw-Fear Co.; dismissed.

Furbeck vs. Neppach; order substituting Mary Alice Wittenberg, executrix, in place of H. Wittenberg.

Fuqua vs. Richards; decree.

Muessig vs. Kennedy; decree.

Tiffany vs. Tualatin Mill Co.; dismissed.

SUITS FILED:

Bessie E. Lursen vs. Henry L. Lursen; suit for divorce.

August Levegren vs. all whom it may concern; registration of title.

Anna Groeger vs. Rudolph Groeger; suit for divorce.

Johanna Wood vs. Edward Wood; suit for divorce.

W. O. Galaway and R. R. Kinton, partners as Banks Mercantile Co., vs. U. G. Shipley; action for money.

PROBATE COURT

PETITIONS FILED:

Guardianship estate of Corden Goodman, a minor.

Petition in estate of J. E. Adkins, deceased, filed Feb. 27, 1912.

Last will and testament of Mary J. Shaw; will admitted to probate.

Final account in estate of Martin Bisbee filed.

PETITIONS FOR NOMINATION

Petition of J. E. Zimmerman, of Washington precinct, for nomination to the office of representative, filed Feb. 26.

Petition of M. J. Haynes, of West Cedar precinct, for nomination to the office of constable of said district filed Feb. 27th.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

License to marry was issued to E. A. Cawston, of Multnomah county, and Miss Rose U. Bartlett, of Washington county, on February 24, 1912.

Articles of incorporation were filed February 24, 1912, of the King & Caples Mercantile Co., of Forest Grove; capital stock, \$25,000.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

R. A. Caples, of Aloha, was appointed justice of the peace, and M. J. Powers, constable, for Wheeler justice of the peace and constable district.

George Galbreath was appointed justice of the peace for East Cedar precinct, in place of Charles Geiberger, who had previously resigned.

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PUBLIC EDITORIALS

This column of "public editorials" is intended for the use of the public in discussing questions of public importance. The Press will expect free use to be made of this column. Lengthy letters should be avoided.

What is the width of the Panama Canal? C. H.

The distance across the isthmus from Colon to Panama is about 35 miles in a straight line. The highest point of the divide, Culebra Hill, was originally 330 feet but this has been cut to 160 feet. Beginning on the Atlantic shore line, the canal has a width of five hundred feet for three miles to Gatun. At Gatun a duplicate flight of three locks, having a lift of 28½ feet each, will lift vessels up to the highest surface of the canal, a lake 80 feet above the sea, having an area of 118 square miles, and of varying width and depth. This lake is to be formed by a dam which will hold back the flood waters of the Chagres river. From the Gatun locks the steamer channel will be through this lake for about 23 miles. For some 16 miles the vessel channel will have a width of 1000 feet, though it is in places much wider than that. From San Pablo to Juan Grande it will be narrowed to 800 feet; then to 500 feet to Bas Obispo; then to 300 feet to Las Cascadas; and finally to 200 feet to Paraiso. The latter stretch carries it through the Culebra cut. From Paraiso to San Miguel it has a width of 300 feet and here a lock with a lift of 30 feet forms the connection with Sosa Lake, 55 feet above the sea. Here again vessels will find a channel of varying width for 5 miles to Sosa Hill, where two locks, each of 27½ feet lift, will carry vessels to or from the sea level of the Panama Bay section of the canal.

Is there any law preventing stock from running at large in Washington county? What would be the procedure to enforce the law if we have such?
B., Gales Creek.

Can an elector register before a notary public without having witnesses present?
R., Banks.

The law requires two witnesses to be present at the time of making registration — Section 3455, Oregon Code.

Does anyone make or carry mission furniture in the Grove? If not, where can it be had?
Maggie.

We are not informed at this time.

Can a voter sign more than one petition for the filing of candidate for the same office?

A voter may sign as many petitions for candidacy for the same office as are presented to him.

CITY NEWS NOTES

At the Christian church next Sunday, Rev. W. A. Wood, pastor of the church at Monmouth, will speak both morning and evening. Rev. Wood, who is minister of the church in the normal school town, has a good record and is a splendid speaker. Hear him next Sunday. Don't forget that the Bible school begins promptly at 9:45. Everyone come, and be on time and bring your Bible.

Rev. C. H. Hilton, pastor of the Christian church at this place, and Mr. O. E. Darby as singing evangelist, will leave on Monday to begin a meeting at Monmouth, Ore.

Will Dinsmore of Portland, who was at one time in the grocery business in this city, was in town over Sunday. He tells us that he is building at Garibaldi, where he will open a grocery.

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