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Good bye, Tocze. Take keer o' yerself.

The registration books will be open up to May 15. Better register if you have not already done so.

The assurance comes from Marion county that Hofer of the Capital Journal, who was a candidate for representative, was issued free transportation up Salt Creek along with his man Friday from Woodburn.

If the Portland dailies, instead of spending so much time quarreling with each other as to which furnished the best stories of the San Francisco disaster, had taken a little trouble to get a little election news from over the state they would stand better with their readers.

With such a man as Dr. Withcomb to head the ticket for governor, no republican will have an adequate excuse for voting for a democrat to fill the gubernatorial chair. He is a clean, capable man in every respect and has no personal habits which are a cause for reproach.

Friday's election indicates clearly that newspapers whose influence had been bought by certain candidates did not prove to be worth the price. Political advertising is one thing, buying up the editorial columns is another. Editorial exhortation which readers have good reason to suspect has been paid for has little unction.

A word of condolence is extended from this office to the Tillamook Headlight and a number of other newspapers throughout the First Congressional District that were so free in giving fatherly advice to the Graphic during the campaign. They were cock sure they had the right hound by the ears and the jolt they received when the votes were counted, showing their false reckoning, was no doubt painful.

Now that the candidates are selected it is time to pay some attention to the amendments which will be brought before the people in June, several being proposed. Some people form a habit of voting against all amendments, which, while safer than voting for all of them, is hardly the intelligent method of procedure. Some are worthy of an affirmative vote while others should be given a decisive negative. Don't vote blindly. Think a little.

The "Oregon Sidelight" column of the Portland Journal is well named and must be presided over by some smart individual who is cross eyed. Some days ago a note appeared saying Newberg was to own its own water system, and this in the face of the fact that Newberg put in its own system nearly ten years ago and has operated it ever since. On Tuesday evening the information was volunteered that Newberg is to have more and better water. More water certainly, but as Newberg's water is already unsurpassed it can scarcely be better. But all this is about on a par with the Journal's standard of accuracy.

The sweeping victory of W. C. Hawley, republican candidate for congressman, came as a fitting climax to the fair and open and high minded manner in which he conducted his campaign. Though misrepresented and maligned by political tricksters, he stooped to nothing in

return and the voters rewarded him with an adequate evidence of their confidence at the polls. Unscrupulous politicians are given a striking object lesson to the effect that the scurrilous circular and anonymous letter cut little figure in this day when voters are something more than suckers, and misrepresentation becomes a boomerang. The people saw a masterful man in Mr. Hawley, a man above reproach, and they pinned their faith to him. He will make Oregon an ideal congressman.

The general result of Oregon's first direct primary election, is the choice of an admirable lot of candidates from which the people may choose at the June election. The direct primary law may need some amendment, but we believe that remarks to the effect that the new law is a failure are hasty and ill advised. It is true the vote was not as large as it should have been, but does anyone suppose for a minute that one tenth as many voters would have been out to attend the primaries under the old regime? Some ideal candidates were selected Friday who would never have had a look in under the reign of the party boss—and that is worth all the cost to the state. The direct primary stands for real representative government—the new "square deal" policy. It stands for cleaner politics. Let's not be hasty in condemning it.

Life in a Philippine Wilderness.

Mulanay Tay, P. I. On this rainy Friday night, while my best half is studying Spanish, I shall talk a bit with you. This week has passed very quickly with me even though we are in the midst of an oriental wilderness. I do not think we shall find our ten weeks stay here so lonely and long as we first feared.

School closes March 31st and that will soon be here. Then we can go back to civilization in Lucena. We are living in camp style now. The alarm rattles at 5.30 a. m. Then Vicente gets up and starts the fire and puts a teakettleful of water on to heat. About six I make my appearance in the kitchen, and make mush and fry eggs, while Vicente sets the table. We get through breakfast by 6.30.

Then we dress for school while Vicente eats his rice and washes the silver and stacks the other dishes in covered basins.

At seven thirty a. m. our house is locked and we are beginning school. We teach until eleven. As soon as he gets home from school Vicente builds a fire and washes the dishes, while a can of meat and some vegetables are cooking. We get through dinner by 12.30. Vicente then eats his noon rice and washes all the dishes while Mr. McKillop and I read or sleep. School begins at 2 again and closes at 3.45. After school Vicente gets things started for supper while Mr. McKillop and I take a walk on the beautiful, sandy beach. There are many pretty shells and jelly fish to look at. The river separates the town from the beach, so we have to cross on a little bamboo raft pulling it across by a rope which is stretched from bank to bank. In the evening we usually study Spanish. On Saturday and Sunday when we have time we have chicken for dinner. We pay 12 1/2c for a nice fry, so it is cheaper and better than canned meat. Vicente knows how to dress and cook chicken beautifully. That and the cooking of rice comprise his knowledge of cookery. The pupils here do not dress as well as in Lucena. The boys usually wear long white pants and a low necked, short sleeved shirt of any color, worn with the tail outside. The little girls usually exhibit their fat little brown stomachs in the customary gap between waist and skirt. The little girls dress just like old women, having long skirt and hair twisted up.

We are the only Americans within seven miles. I'm the only American woman within forty. We are certainly in the wilderness.

Vicente is fixing a chicken for dinner, so guess I had better oversee it as I never know what dreadful thing he will do. Kitchen cleanliness seems to be an unheard of virtue among Filipinos.

This is a very warm day for Mulanay. The sun is shining brightly and our low thatched

roof does not keep out the heat. You would be interested in noticing the native carpenters build. They have no tools save bolos and a short heavy stick for pounding. The bolo is a long knife like a corn knife. The roof has not a nail in it. The frame work for it consists of bamboo poles which are tied at every intersection. The grass thatching is tied on too, with rattan. The walls of the house are composed of boards which fit into sockets.

The hills about Mulanay are very beautiful and green. There are many coconuts and the open spaces are filled in with a tall coarse grass which is about ten feet high. The people here are very poor. School is progressing splendidly, attendance having increased from 100 to 160 since our coming. The youngsters are bright and eager to learn. We can get what few things can be bought here much cheaper than at Lucena. Eggs are 12 1/2c a dozen and chickens according to size from 12 1/2c to 25c. Only one kind of vegetable seems to be purchasable and that is the egg plant. They call it here the talong. Our expenses here are very light, almost nothing.

Friday was mail day, when we received the Oregonian, Reporter, Graphic, Review of Reviews, Century and numerous home letters. Mulanay is so far out of the world that we get very hungry for news of the world. In Lucena there were telephones, telegraph and mail connections with Manila but here only the mail twice a month. The much talked of election for governor of Tayabas occurred last Monday, but I suppose we shall not hear the result until next mail day, two weeks hence.

We had two Americans with us for dinner on Friday—Mr. West, the deputy treasurer and Mr. Kennedy, a school teacher from Catanaoan. We had canned mutton, canned cheese, canned milk, canned coffee, canned sugar, canned plums, and potatoes. You see we live out of cans. The canned milk is good and fresh, so we use it altogether. The cows and goats are so tubercular that the Americans do not think of using the milk or meat. To-day I am boiling a chicken with tapaya, a native vegetable. We get nice eggs here for one cent apiece so we live on them for breakfast. The little Filipino boys bring them. As they are clad in nothing but a short tailed shirt, Mr. McKillop is fond of telling them to put the money in their pants pockets. We have often said how much you would enjoy teasing these funny little brown Pickaninnies.

Yesterday we had a school program with a debate. The pupils did very well. They do not speak English as plainly here as in Lucena, but it is because they learned of a native instead of an American.
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