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Since the primary election in North Dakota the Colonel knows how it feels to be "beaten to a frazzle." Little Bob was an easy winner.

It little becomes the Roosevelt campaign committee to be yelling "steam roller" at the Taft forces, when it is well remembered that the Colonel controlled the ponderous machine with a master hand only four short years ago.

We understand that Cap. H. S. Maloney would like to have the office of County Recorder again, and since he has filled the position faithfully and well, and until recently has paid his deputy hire out of the modest salary he receives, it is likely that his candidacy will receive favorable consideration at the hands of the voters.

Both the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Electric officials have notified the city authorities that they are ready to lay tracks and do their part of the street paving when the city is ready to pave. It is now up to Newberg to select the kind of paving to be used and get busy. It takes time to advertise for bids and let contracts and the time is at hand for action.

Oregon is now witnessing the spectacle of two men, one an Anti-Saloon League worker and the other a party Prohibitionist going about the country, quarreling over methods of fighting the rum demon. This vaudeville attraction is billed to appear in Newberg next week, "one night only"—the wonder is that any one who has the cause of temperance at heart could be found to post the bills. Can anybody cite an instance where gains have been made for Christianity when representatives of two churches have met in public debate and contended over points of doctrine or methods of work? If the Graphic was engaged in the saloon business, we would contribute to the support of this latest move in temperance circles, and do it expecting to get splendid results for the money invested. When two boys fall out, spank them both and send them to bed and reformation will be instant and complete. The slipper should be applied with a strong and vigorous hand to Burke and Chafin at the earliest possible moment.

"SIXTEEN YEARS IN OREGON."

Judged from a literary standpoint, critics in coming years may not class Will E. Purdy's new book, "Sixteen Years in Oregon," as a literary gem, and it is not likely that Dr. Elliott will extend his "five foot shelf" in order to give it a place, but it has proved to be in the class of "five best sellers" in the Northwest for the first six weeks since its appearance, and doubtless the author is satisfied with results, since his object in getting it out was to give the public an opportunity to read his statement regarding the Winters deed case, in which he is vitally interested.

D. E. Winters, with whom Mr. Purdy had been associated in business for several years, died in Portland, leaving no legal heirs so far as known. Soon after his death Mr. Purdy came forward with a deed of conveyance of valuable real estate in Portland from Winters to himself, which had been executed some months prior to his death. Mr. Purdy says that Winters

made this deed on his own initiative, with the understanding that it was not to be recorded until after his death.

A Mrs. Butts who got herself appointed to administer on the estate, through her attorney, C. M. Idleman, took the matter into court in an attempt to prevent the deed becoming a matter of record. Judge Henry E. McGinn before whom the case was taken, first held for Purdy, making the statement that he had a personal acquaintance with Winters and that he had heard him say that he intended to leave a part of his property to Purdy. On a second hearing, however, he ruled against Purdy and the case is now before the Supreme Court, it having been appealed by Mr. Purdy through his attorney, Judge O'Day.

To a wholly disinterested and unprejudiced mind, the second ruling of Judge McGinn seems peculiar. Before him appeared, not only the notary who took the acknowledgement of the deed, but the witnesses to the signature of Winters, who made clear statements regarding all the circumstances therewith. With all the evidence produced it is difficult for a "lay member" to see how the judge can justify himself in his decision.

If the claim is to be put up that Purdy secured his deed through fraud, then a suit brought against him on a charge of this kind would appear to be the proper course.

The writer was in Portland two days before Judge McGinn rendered his decision, and at a table in a restaurant heard Attorney Idleman discussing the Winters-Purdy case with another attorney. We had paid little attention to the case up to this time and consequently had no opinion regarding the merits of it, but we were forcibly impressed with the belief that Mr. Idleman had no hope of winning the case.

The outcome of this much talked about matter, which is now in the hands of the highest tribunal in the state, will be watched with a great deal of interest, and while we are not a lawyer, neither the son of a lawyer, we shall not be surprised to hear of McGinn being reversed by the court.

PARDON SHOULD BE GRANTED.

In a petition prepared at Fossil and thereafter to be circulated in every county in Oregon, one of them having already been received here, and then to be forwarded to President Taft, pardon is asked for Hamilton H. Hendricks, who in 1905 was indicted and convicted of subornation for perjury, charged to have been committed by asking Will Hawk to testify falsely regarding Hawk's homestead proof. This is an echo of the Wheeler county land fraud cases, which for weeks occupied the federal court floor in Portland during the Lewis and Clark fair days and in 1906.

The basis for the petition is a confession by Hawk, a sworn copy of which is attached to each petition, that Hendricks instead of asking him to swear falsely regarding his homestead proof in reality asked him to tell the truth. Hawk explains his alleged perjury before the grand jury by saying he was threatened with all kinds of penalties if he did not come through with testimony concerning Mr. Hendricks. The affidavit was sworn before W. H. Scott, notary public at Crawfordsville, Oregon.

The petition recites that legal voters of Fossil and vicinity have been unanimous in signing the petition.

Hendricks was indicted in February, 1905, convicted in August, 1906, sentenced in April, 1909. Sentence was referred that he might testify in mother case. The petition recites his

good reputation and says action looking to secure pardon was taken before Hawk signed the affidavit.

From all the facts cited in this case it appears that a great injustice has been done Hendricks and that a pardon is due him.

AN APPRECIATION OF TAFT.

I feel that the country is indeed to be congratulated upon the nomination of Mr. Taft. I have known him immediately for many years and I have a peculiar feeling for him, because throughout that time we worked for the same object, with the same purposes and ideals. I do not believe there could be found in all the country a man so well fitted to be president. He is not only fearless, absolutely disinterested and upright, but he has the widest acquaintance with the nation's needs without and within, and the broadest sympathies with all our citizens. He would be as emphatically a president of the plain people as Lincoln, yet not Lincoln himself would be freer from the least taint of demagoguery, the least tendency to arouse or appeal to class hatred of any kind. He has a peculiar and intimate knowledge of, and sympathy with the needs of all our people—of the farmer, of the wage-worker, of the business man, of the property owner. No matter what a man's occupation or social position, no matter what his creed, his color, or the section of the country from which he comes, if he comes, if he is an honest, hard working man who tries to do his duty toward his neighbor and toward the country, he can rest assured that he will have in Mr. Taft the most upright of representatives and the most fearless of champions. Mr. Taft stands against privilege and he stands pre-eminently for the broad principles of American citizenship which lie at the foundation of our national well-being.—A statement given out by Theodore Roosevelt, June 18, 1908.

FADS OF CRIMINALS.

Murderers Who Were Particular as to Personal Appearance.

Oscar Slater, who murdered Miss Gilchrist in her Glasgow flat, proved himself a typical dandy even in the condemned cell and also a stickler for the proprieties. He insisted, for instance, from the very beginning in being called "Mr." Slater, and each morning he changed his linen, varied his neckwear and demanded polished boots.

Similar exhibitions of strutting peacock vanity are not uncommon on the part of men doomed to die on the gallows. Wainwright on the day preceding his execution absolutely refused to dress because his clean linen had not arrived from the laundry, and a new shirt and collar had to be bought for him. When the evening arrived—his last on earth—he craved a smoke. A pipe and tobacco were brought to him, but he rejected them with disdain. He would have a cigar. And he got it. Lefroy, who murdered poor old Mr. Gold in a railway carriage on the way to Brighton, wore an evening dress suit during the whole of the period that elapsed between his condemnation and his execution; also he was greatly upset at the refusal of the authorities to allow him to be hanged in a new silk hat presented to him in court.

As a rule, however, the thoughts of the condemned turn mostly toward food. Rush, the Stansfield Hall murderer, was an educated man. "I want my slippers and the Times," were his first words on returning to jail after his conviction. But a little later he called for pen and paper and wrote out an order for his next day's dinner, "Pig and plenty of apple sauce."

In those days it was the custom to give capital convicts whatever they asked for in the way of food. But the rule was abolished soon afterward, one of the first delinquents to come under the new regulations being a certain Jeffrey, who murdered his six-year-old child by hanging him in a cellar in Seven Dials. He was unaware of the alteration and called for a roast duck directly he entered the condemned cell, and when it was refused him he behaved so violently that he had to be put in a straitjacket.—Pearson's Weekly.

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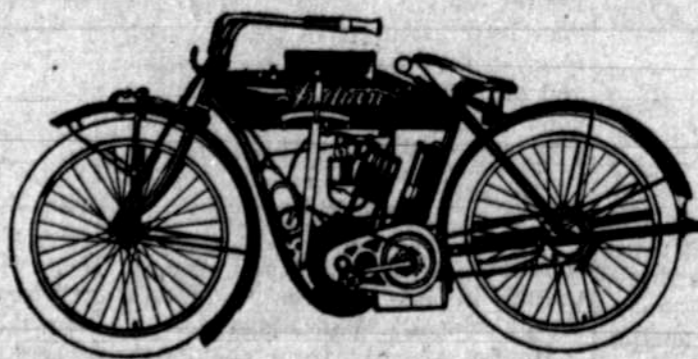
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