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The legislature passed a bill making it possible for a voter who might want to vote a party ticket straight to do so by simply making a cross in a circle at the top. This was given the veto ax by the governor, which is little wonder when his record as a party man, which he claims to be, is recalled.

It is very important that every resident of Newberg may be counted in the census and anyone who may have been missed by the enumerators will please leave their names and street addresses at the Graphic office to be turned over to Miss Beck, who will see that they are properly registered. Do this without delay.

Leslie J. Bennett, the young man who made his bow in the Yamhill county newspaper field a few months ago, must be making commendable progress. He has not only put new vim and vigor into the Carlton Sentinel but he has married a wife in the interval, which is commendable, and now he has bought a seven-acre tract just out of Carlton where he will do the vine and fig tree stunt as the days go by.

On last Saturday, after having transacted a little business over at Salem, the writer strolled up to the capitol building to see Governor O'cott's "special session" in action and it was really some show. And while there we think the cause of the increase in the cost of tobacco, as recently announced by the trust, was discovered, for the way the members were burning up the weed was something furious. As near as could be made out in peering through the blue volume that filled the lower house, neither Edwards, of Tillamook, nor Mrs. Thompson, of The Dalles and Portland, were doing their part in raising the high cost of the weed, nor was Senator Huston, at the other end of the lobby, but what of the others? Even staid old Senator John Gill was extracting comfort from a dangerous looking black pipe in a musing mood while the "party measure" was being hotly debated by Senators Walter Pierce and Gus Moser. In other days it was the custom to shut off steam as soon as business was begun, allowing the fellows who did not indulge a little free breathing, but times seem to have changed and there is something doing all the time, the minority having been ruled off the map as being unworthy of any consideration.

Some of the business men located on First street between College and School streets have been considering a proposition for keeping this section of the street in a more presentable condition than has been shown in the past, which is commendable, and such a move should be carried out. On the south side of the street will be found the U. S. National Bank, the Miller Mercantile Co. department store, the Imperial hotel, three confectionery stores, the Parlor Pharmacy, tailor shop, barber shop, jewelry store, and newspaper office; on the north side, the office of the Yamhill Electric Co., Newberg Restaurant, the post office, Graham's drug store and confectionery, the Southern Pacific passenger station, the Baker Theater and the Newberg Meat Market. Here it is, too, where the motor buses operating between Newberg and Portland collect and unload passengers all during the day, and as a consequence more people collect on this block than at any other place in Newberg. Naturally, strangers get their opinions of a place from first impressions and a clean, well kept pavement always attracts the eye. During the Chautauqua held here last season one of the speakers in the course of his remarks commended the general appearance of Newberg, but said that it was unfortunate that at the point on First street where passengers coming into town were unloaded, there appeared to be more to detract than was in evidence elsewhere, and the truthfulness of his statement could not be gainsaid. Where the most business is done, naturally the most litter collects, and three confectionery stores running seven days in the week and far into the night furnish a lot of waste paper, cigar stubs, orange and banana peelings that go to fill up the gutters. The city can't afford to make daily

cleanings of the streets but we believe the people doing business on this block can much better afford to join together and employ a man to clean the pavement than they can afford to have the untidy appearance of the street continued as it has been in the past. With the coming of nice spring weather, which will soon be due, the long line of automobiles will be coming this way in largely increased numbers, and it is to our interest to doll up and look our best. With a start once made everybody along the street will get busy and sweep before their own doors—it is none too early to make the start.

LO AND BEHOLD STYLES TO GO

We have heard much of the Seattle spirit in the past and we have learned to expect that almost anything they put their hands to in that progressive city they will carry into effect. As a consequence we shall expect that the reforms one of the high schools of Seattle has decided to foster will be put over. By request of a subscriber the following is clipped from the Christian Journal:

According to a recent press dispatch the girls of the Lincoln high school of Seattle, Washington, expressed themselves very decidedly in a needed reform. They voted "to taboo high heels, the Georgette, crepe walsis and its allies, thin camisoles, ditto low camisoles, silk hose, low-necked waists, short skirts, tight skirts and everything that smacks of the weird in 'hair-do,' the latter to include the fish-hook curl, bobbed hair and other species of highly conversational coiffure."

We, in connop with right-thinking men the nation over, would welcome such a reform throughout our country. We have for many years wondered why the moral women allow themselves to be the apes of French prostitutes and American chorus girls when it comes to matters of dress.

It is a well known fact that the style of the American women is the product of the immoral, to produce more immorality. Of late years Satan has been outdoing himself in this line. He has gotten many women and girls, actually many who belong to church, to go into mixed audiences with a shameful amount of their nakedness covered by only a thin net fabric.

It is well-nigh impossible to make the average man think that a woman who dresses so is chaste—at least chaste in thought. "Why does she reveal her nakedness if it is not to work on our baser passions?" men ask. Many of us seek to be charitable and try to think that at

least the church women who dress thus do so because it is the style. But then we come face to face with the thought: If immorality were the style, then what? Such are headed in that direction. Would they stop?

It is decidedly refreshing to know that 665 against 80 of the Lincoln high school girls have voted on the side of right. They do not want by their dress to advertise themselves as questionable characters. It is time for moral women everywhere to follow the good example.

PRODUCE MORE FARM WEALTH, NOT LESS

Thomas B. Hill, secretary of the Washington State Land Settlement Association, dwelt upon the need of increased farm production, particularly in this state, in his able address Friday before the Irrigation Institute, says the Spokesman-Review. The possibility of so-called over-production, he declared, should be met by better transportation and distribution methods, not by a halting in the production of new wealth.

Mr. Hill's conclusion is amply attested by the history of agricultural production in this country. The census records show, for illustration, that the wheat crop, was only 100,000,000 bushels in 1850, and the corn crop 502,000,000 bushels, that was a period of very low prices and light exports. In the five-year period from 1852-56 our average wheat exports averaged less than 5,000,000 bushels yearly. The cost of moving wheat to the seaboard

was prohibitory and growers in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys had to accept very low prices.

In recent years we have had a billion bushel wheat crop and the corn crop runs between 3,000,000,000 and 4,000,000,000 bushels. Our wheat production has grown 10 fold and our corn yield seven fold, yet the broad general trend has been toward higher prices.

If the fear of over-production had shaped national industry and policy in 1850 this rich country would soon have been brought to the necessity of importing foodstuffs. The farmers of that day would have barred the gates of opportunity and prosperity to their children and grandchildren—the farmers of this generation.

It would be the acme of unwisdom, so long as this nation is increasing in population, to attempt to restrict production to the present basis. If that policy had prevailed in 1850 the national production of agricultural wealth, which amounted to \$19,433,844,000 in 1918, would have been only \$2,212,450,000—value of the agricultural output in 1850.

These are problems that must be surveyed in the light of half centuries and centuries, if one would reach sound conclusions.

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