

Oregon is one of the few states which have not in arranging the date of its state elections, fallen into line with the national practice which fix the presidential election for the first Tuesday in November. Originally there was a general and widely varying practice in this respect, but one state at a time, through constitutional change, adopted the November election day. This change was proposed in Oregon some fifteen years back, two legislatures being all but unanimously for it; but when the question came up to the people they rejected it by an overwhelming vote. Nobody has ever been able to explain why. All the argument is favorable to the November election, including a very considerable financial saving, but the fact remains that the people wouldn't have it. Under our practice, members of congress are elected a year and half before they are required to appear at Washington, and the governor and members of the legislature seven months before the beginning of their practical duties. No special harm comes of this in ordinary times, but it is equally true that no good comes of it. The one possible advantage of our early election is that being the first to vote each two years, the Oregon returns get an amount of national attention which gratifies our vanity and contributes to the general advertisement which many deem a matter of importance. On the other hand, a case might easily occur in which we should be glad to withhold our vote until the latest possible date.

In course of time the argument of convenience and economy will probably prevail and we will fall in with the common practice and cease to be a 'June state.'—Oregonian.

The press of the country is the voice of the country. It is the sentiment of the public, crystallized. It is maintained for that purpose. This is its office.

One of the undiscovered things about conducting a newspaper is—why do people interested in public questions remain silent until after issues are settled and then kick because they were settled contrary to their wishes?

The time to discuss a question is while it is before the house. The time to change public sentiment is while that sentiment is in the formative stage. The way to decide upon a public policy is to air it freely and truthfully. The people who generally kick about government are usually found at home on election day. Instead of mingling their ideas in the community of ideas, they nurse them into complaints to be delivered after the light is over.

If you know anything of interest, give it to the press. Don't hide it. News is perishable stuff and must be given quick dispatch. If you don't like the way things are being run, say so. It is your privilege; as a citizen, it is your duty. It makes more interest for yourself and the press. The press is a servant of the public, not the master. Make it the mirror of public opinion.—Oregon Daily Journal.

Never give up old friends for new ones. Make new ones if you like, and when you have learned that you can trust them, love them if you will, but remember the old ones still do not forget that they have been tried and found true; that they have been merry with you in time of pleasure, sorrowed with you in time of sorrow, and defended you when you were treated with injustice. No matter if they have gone down in the social scale, and you up; no matter if poverty and misfortune have come to them while prosperity and plenty have smiled up-

as true and tender as in the days of yore; and before life had brought them clouds, all the more reason that you should share your sunshine with them.—Huntington Herald.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman has rendered the following decision, which declares that the resident of a parent or guardian, rather than the place where the pupil is enumerated, determines the place where a child is entitled to attend school without paying tuition:

"School boards shall admit free of charge to the schools of their respective districts all persons between the ages of 6 and 21 whose parents or guardians reside in such districts, at the time of making application for free admittance to such schools; even though such persons may have been in the last enumeration legally enumerated in some other district."

This ruling will make a change in the practice in this state, for it has been generally held that if a child is enumerated in one district and school money is drawn for him in that district he cannot attend elsewhere without paying tuition.

COST OF IRRIGATION.

The average first cost of bringing water on the land in Utah is about \$10 per acre for the whole state, which is extremely low compared with some of the prices charged in Oregon. The average value placed upon the land by the farmer is \$27 an acre. The average annual cost of operation and repairs throughout the state is 90 cents per acre. The average first cost of land and water is about \$27 per acre. When this insures a full crop every year, a person can realize what a first class investment it is. By reason of its natural water facilities, where irrigation can be done through gravity in many districts, Oregon offers a much better investment for the prospective settler.

QUEER FRUITS OF JAVA.

Among them is the Durian, which Smells Abominably, But Tastes Deliciously.

"The fruits of Java," writes a correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, "form an interesting study in themselves, there are so many and of such strange varieties. The most common is the strangest of all. It is called the durian, and grows like a huge excrescence from the trunk of a tree somewhat similar to our pear tree. The fruit, which is pear-shaped, grows to a great size, often several feet in length, and has a yellow skin, rough like a pineapple. The most remarkable thing about the durian, however, is its odor. To say you can smell it a block off in putting it mildly, a combination of aged eggs and the ripest cheese could not be compared with it. When you break open the hull to find what can be the cause of all this disturbance to your olfactory nerves and find a great cluster of snow-white kernels which taste like some strangely delicious custard your amazement is greater still.

"Another strange fruit is the serpent fruit, so called from the fact that its skin is the exact counterpart of that of a snake. There is the pomelo, like a great orange, the potato fruit, which resembles that vegetable in all but its fine flavor; the custard apple, with a yellow custard-like pulp, having a rather decided taste of turpentine; the popple, like a nut growing on a tree; the green jack fruit, of rather a coarse flavor; a small yellow fruit, with an unappetizing native name, housed in a great husk like a chestnut, and a hundred other varieties, with none but native and scientific names, some of which are inedible and some are said to be poisonous.

"The durian is rather a queer fruit, that the pineapple and banana are abundant and delicious, especially the former. There are more than 20 different varieties of bananas native to Java."

An Early Love Affair.

It is common report in Spain that the king will marry his cousin, Princess Medina-Coeli. This may be true or it may not, but it is certain that the two children played together from boyhood, and regarded themselves as betrothed to each other, says Modern Society. "I will never marry you, you nasty boy!" cried the tiny princess with a delicious pout, on one occasion when his majesty offended her highness. "Oh, very well!" coolly remarked the somewhat ungallant prospective bridegroom; "please yourself by all means. I am sure I never asked you to be my wife. I should prefer to marry the pastry cook's daughter; then I could eat all the sweet cakes in the shop without having to pay for them."

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