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HARMONY OF THE ELECTION.

The city can congratulate itself that it has passed through the annual city election period in a manner that has left no bad taste of the "morning after." The candidates for the various offices deputed themselves as gentlemen of their high character should, and the near tie vote of the leaders shows that they are held in equal esteem in the city. There is a disposition about the city to get behind the administration and to assist in the solution of the problems that confront the municipality, and this disposition has been made more possible through the spirit made manifest in the election. With both Mr. McKinstry and Mr. Porter assisting in the administration of the city's affairs, every voter, whether he voted for the one or the other, will feel that he has a definite voice in the matter. In the outcome of Monday's election there is neither much of the exultation of victory or of the depression of defeat to mar the harmony of the future.

PROTECTING THE FISHERMAN.

The authorities should aim to make it as easy as possible for people to observe the mandates of the law rather than to put a premium on law violations, as some of the systems in vogue seem to do. Recurring to the present rather complex fish statutes, so fearfully and so wonderfully constructed are they, and capable of such a wide range of interpretations, that they become traps for the layman, rather than measures for the protection of fish and game and regulations to be followed in taking fish and game. The gathering in of fines and the obtaining of credit for successful prosecutions should not be the principal aim of the department of fish and game protection, but that the warden under whose policing there are fewest violations should be the one to whom credit would come. To accomplish this end there must be a more definite knowledge of the meanings of the law and a clear understanding of the interpretations placed upon it by the authorities. Then the public should be safeguarded as fully as possible, so that a man need not unknowingly violate the provisions.

There is nothing gained in "pinching" some unwitting fisherman who stumbles across an imaginary line by inches. Better by far mark the line so that there will be no excuse on the part of the violator, and so protect the public as well as the fish. The provisions of the law as they apply to different stretches of the river should be plainly posted. Limits should be definitely marked. Then when men violate the law there need be no compunction about measuring out the penalty.

It is true as a principle that ignorance of the law excuses no one, but the law should not be ambiguous and contradictory, or at least definite construction should be placed upon the conflicting portions of the law.

PRECEDENT SMASHER STILL BUSY.

Another time-honored custom has been relegated to the limbo of things that were, by President Wilson when he announced last week that the New Year's reception at the White House would be abandoned. He proposes to take a well-earned rest during the holidays, and as another long session is in front of him, he proposes getting ready for the winter activities by going away for a little while.

The New Year's reception was inaugurated by President Washington and has been followed by every Pre-

sident since the custom was established with only one or two exceptions. Even when civil war was stalking over the land and the days were dark and ominous, President Lincoln followed the old custom of meeting the people on New Year with punctilious care. However disappointing it may be to thousands who were planning to grip the president by the hand on New Year's Day, this much must be said, the New Year reception at the White House had grown to be almost a rout instead of a friendly call to wish the president and his wife good luck for the year. President Taft at his last new Year reception shook hands with upwards of 8,000 people, and his hand was so puffed up and bruised that he was compelled to have it bandaged for a week or more. While the New Year reception at the White House has many delightful things to commend it, it also has its very serious drawbacks.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

The regular session of congress convened Monday at noon will have more than the usual number of vital issues before it. The completion of the currency legislation will be the principal party question to be disposed of, and there is the expectation that this will be done before the holiday vacation. Philippine independence is also apt to loom large before the winter is old, and the fight waged on this question will not follow party lines. Immigration restriction, Panama canal tolls, and the federal railway in Alaska are bound to occupy the limelight during the session. Taken altogether, the national legislature will be a good thing to watch this winter.

DO YOUR XMAS MAILING EARLY.

The admonition to "do your Xmas shopping early" has been worked over by your Uncle Samuel, who says it should read "do your Xmas mailing early." Postmaster General Burleson has just issued instructions to the public in which he tells the whys and the wherefores of Xmas mailing. Among the valuable pointers given by the head of the post office department are the following: Christmas parcels should be mailed early. For local delivery they should be mailed not later than December 23, and for out-of-town delivery as early as possible, but in any event in time to reach the offices of destination at least two days prior to Christmas.

Christmas gifts sent by mail should be wrapped securely. The containers or wrappers should be sufficiently strong to withstand the necessary handling incident to transportation and delivery.

Glassware, crockery, Christmas toys easily breakable, glass framed pictures, etc., should be carefully packed in boxes of metal, wood, leather, or corrugated pasteboard, with sufficient excelsior, raw cotton, or similar matter to prevent the contents from coming into contact with any portion of the box. These parcels should be marked "Fragile." Postmasters will refuse to accept for mailing packages that are insecurely prepared.

Parcels should be addressed plainly. The addresses should be complete and plainly written in ink. The regulations require that parcel post packages shall bear the names and addresses of both the sender and the addressee. If a tag is used, the names and addresses of the sender and the addressee should also be written on the parcel itself.

Parcels sent in advance of Christmas may be marked "Not to be opened until Christmas," or some similar direction. Written or printed messages such as "Merry Christmas," "Best Wishes," etc., may be inclosed in parcels, but no other written or printed communication should be placed therein, as this will subject the parcel to a higher rate of postage. Parcels should not be sealed or otherwise closed against inspection. Sealed parcels are subject to the first-class rate of postage.

Photographs, printed books, and

other printed matter are not included in the parcel post, but are third-class matter on which the postage rate is one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

Parcels not exceeding four ounces in weight may be mailed in street boxes, when prepared in conformity with the foregoing requirements. The postage on such packages is uniformly one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable only at the main post office or its stations.

Ordinary postage stamps are valid for postage on parcel post matter. Christmas stamps or stickers of any kind other than postage stamps should not be placed on the address side of mail matter, as this renders such matter unmailable.

Valuable parcel post packages may be insured against loss in an amount not exceeding \$25 on a payment of five cents, in addition to the postage, and for a fee of ten cents such packages will be insured in any amount not exceeding \$50.

PROTECTING THE GAME.

With the eruptions in the game and fish protection departments of the state that have practically put them out of business, the local association, that there may be no demoralization of the progress of game protection in southern Oregon, has wired Governor West asking that the Josephine association be allowed to administer game and fish protection in this county. The request is made that the plans already made may not be interfered with, and also in the interests of economy, the work to be under the general supervision of the governor. Such action, if it could be brought about, would surely be a most satisfactory arrangement, as the association, knowing the needs and the conditions here, could undoubtedly get better results in the expenditure of the funds appropriated to this section than could be obtained otherwise.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

The idea of vocational education is sweeping over the United States, and is fast taking a prominent place in the public school system. In Indiana, the state has adopted vocational education, and the legislature has provided for its introduction into the schools of the state. The director of vocational education in that state, Professor Book, has just made his preliminary report, in which he takes up some of the problems that are met in the adoption of the system.

That it amounts to a revolution in educational methods; that present teachers and school authorities haven't the slightest conception of how to institute and organize the new education, and that a survey of the state must be made to find out what work can profitably be taught to pupils were some of the points Professor Book made. In order not to throw aside the years of work that went to build up the present educational system, Professor Book recommended that a commission be appointed to correlate the vocational courses with the present system of teaching English, arithmetic, geography, etc. The feature that is likely to redeem the situation from failure, or, at best, carry it to a costly success, according to Professor Book, is that "everybody is interested and willing to make an earnest effort to begin and prosecute the work."

"It seems at this time absolutely necessary to help the teachers to teach the new education," said Professor Book, "and to help superintendents, school boards and those interested in making the adjustments for our vocational educational problem. Investigations into professions, salaries, chances for promotion, necessary preparation, requirements for success and into new vocations opening up should be made.

"An expert should also be employed to devise and standardize tests that might be used by school authorities to detect marked ability in our super-normal or bright children for art, music, mechanics, science, business or invention."

President Wilson has that pedagogic way in delivering his annual message to congress that must carry the same conviction as was carried years ago when the present-day solons heard their way mapped out for them, punctuated with the birch switch. The birch switch in disguise will be there this winter if the senators and representatives fall in the program laid down by Woodrow.

The Mexican question will settle itself if the rebels capture a few more federals and the federals a few more rebels. The work of extermination will then be complete.

Felix Diaz knows his race. He was wise when he declined Huerta's invitation to visit the dictator at the Mexican capital, and in declining saved his neck.

STRANDED SCHOONER A LOSS

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 3.—Returning from the scene of the wreck today, Captain John E. Anderson of the stranded schooner Balboa stated that there was no hope of saving the vessel, as its stern had split, and its rudder had been washed away. A heavy sea is washing over the schooner through a gap in the false work of the north jetty by the recent storm.

Special bargain in 25-year guarantee knives and forks for \$4.00 at Cramer Bros.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the First National Bank of Southern Oregon will hold their annual meeting at the parlors of the said bank on Tuesday, January 13, 1914, at 4 o'clock p. m. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting, and especially to vote upon the question of ratifying the action of the Board of Directors in adopting amendments to Sections 7 and 8 of the By-laws empowering said Board to fix the amount of the official bonds of the officers and the employees of the corporation, which said amendment was adopted by the Board of Directors November 13, 1908.

H. L. GILKEY, Cashier.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Josephine county. Mary L. Platt, plaintiff, vs. Ferdinand Tomek et al., defendants.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause, to me directed, and dated the 4th day of December, 1913, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 17th day of November, 1913, in favor of Mary L. Platt, plaintiff, and against Ferdinand Tomek et al., defendants, for the sum of \$1,000, with interest thereon from the 5th day of April, 1913, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum and \$100 attorney's fee, and the further sum of \$15 costs and disbursements and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property situated in Josephine county, Oregon, to-wit:

All that part of Donation land claim No. 38, originally patented to the heirs of John K. Jones and Ruth Ann Jones, his wife, in township thirty-six (36), south of range five (5), west of W. M., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of that part of said donation land claim No. 38 which lies within section twenty (20) in said township and range; running thence north six hundred and seventy-five and 18-100 feet (675.18 ft.); thence west eleven hundred ninety-nine and twenty-two one hundredths feet (1,119.22 ft.); thence south three hundred seventy-three and 56-100 feet (373.56 ft.); thence east two hundred and thirty-one feet (231 ft.); thence south two hundred and ninety-seven feet (297 ft.), more or less, to the south line of said Donation land claim No. 38; thence east seven hundred and seventy and 22-100 feet (770.22 ft) to the place of beginning; containing seventeen acres, more or less; together with the tenements and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution and order of sale, and in compliance with the commands of said writ, on the 5th day of January, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the east front door of the court house in Grants Pass, Oregon, I will sell at public auction (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the said Ferdinand Tomek had on the 5th day of October, 1912, or since that date, in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs. WILL C. SMITH, Sheriff of Josephine county, Oregon.

LOOK

RESOLVED
YOU ARE GOING TO
SEE WHAT IS IN THIS
SPACE
EVERY WEEK
FOR TWO REASONS -
1st YOU'LL LOOK FOR IT
2nd YOU'LL SEE IT
WHETHER YOU LOOK
FOR IT OR NOT.

JUST COME TO US AND SEE HOW MUCH WE WILL GIVE YOU FOR YOUR MONEY. IF YOU WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE CHRISTMAS THINGS WE HAVE FOR USEFUL AND PRETTY PRESENTS, YOU WILL SEE WE HAVE BROUGHT THE BEST STOCK HERE, AND ARE MAKING THE FAIREST PRICES YOU HAVE EVER SEEN.

RUFFLINGS A beautiful line of Net and Chiffon Rufflings 25c to \$1.50	CREPE DE CHINE This dainty clinging fabric in shades for evening wear 44 inches wide.....\$2.00
SHADOW LACE Dainty, filmy Shadow Flouncings 27 inches wide.....\$1.85 16 inches wide, all silk\$1.50	YARD WIDE MESSA-LINE A large range of colors \$1.25 a yard
SILK RATINE This beautiful fabric in blue, old rose, and apricot 27 inches wide.....75c	A SILK AND WOOL POPLIN A very serviceable and beautiful fabric for street or evening wear 40 inches wide.....\$1.35 and\$1.50

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BRAZOS RIVER REACHES HIGHEST STAGE KNOWN
Dallas, Texas, Dec. 3.—Water was 19 feet deep in the streets at East Waco today. The Brazos river had reached a 38-foot stage, the highest ever known.

HOUSE WILL START TRUST PROBE NEXT TUESDAY
Washington, Dec. 3.—The house judiciary committee today decided to launch a trust investigation Tuesday. An extensive series of hearings will be started then.

COMMISSION RULING AFFECTS 2,000 PORTLAND WOMEN
Portland, Dec. 3.—Two thousand women in Portland, classed as "office help," are affected by a ruling made today by the Industrial Welfare Commission that their week's work shall not be more than 51 hours and their month's wages less than

\$40. The ruling will become effective February 2. The list of employments affected includes stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers in mercantile stores, moving picture theatres and other establishments, and billing clerks.

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