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Governor Gooding has issued a quarantine proclamation against horses, cattle and sheep from the states of Utah, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Oregon. The governor says in his proclamation that the state veterinary surgeon has informed him of the existence of mange and scabbies among the livestock of those states, and that on this account animals being driven or coming into the state in any manner should be subject to an inspection by either a federal or state inspector. The government allows of a limit of two miles inside the state boundary for all livestock, except when they have been subjected to the dipping process, which excludes them from the quarantine order. Horses or cattle under harness or yoke are also excepted.

The Baker City Democrat is doubtful whether Eastern Oregon counties are receiving any benefit from the Lewis and Clark fair. It says: So far as people being attracted here seeking a location and others to make monetary investments we know not of them only in isolated instances. Other years have been more pronounced in this regard. That benefit will accrue eventually it is reasonable to suppose. The great advertising the state will receive by the fair cannot but have its influence felt and that thousands of people will be attracted to Oregon seeking homes is a certainty. Eastern Oregon, of course, will receive a per cent of these. But will that per cent be greater than other years? It remains to be seen. As yet there are no visible benefits.

Speaking of Freewater's prospects, the Times says: In looking into the future for this section it needs no 16 candle power electrical display to make it show up brightly. Everything points to the construction of the electric car line, the bridge across the Tum-a-lum is an assured thing and we now have a chance for an irrigation scheme that will do away with water controversies and reclaim hundreds of acres of desert land that can be made to blossom like the rose and produce wealth enough to supply a large city—something which we are bound to have.

The Pacific Monthly for August is an exceptionally good number. As the leading magazine of the West it is doing much to build up the Western country. The August number is de-

voted principally to Seattle. With the short stories and other features, including the fine half tone illustrations makes the Pacific Monthly one of the popular magazines of the country.

An Iowa minister complains that the Chatauqua meetings have become too much marked by levity and giddy conduct, having departed materially from the good old standards of moral and mental improvement. Perhaps the preacher's vision is merely strabismic.

Secretary of the treasury, Leslie M. Shaw, has let it be known that he will retire from the cabinet during the coming winter in order that he may not be embarrassed in his candidacy for the presidency in 1908.

FACTS ABOUT OREGON.

(World's Work.)

The old "Oregon Country" includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho and a portion of Montana and Wyoming.

The state of Washington alone is larger than the New England states, together with the state of Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Oregon is larger than New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey together.

The "Oregon Country" is equal in extent to the thirteen original states of the Union, which now support a population of more than 30,000,000 inhabitants.

The New England states, together with New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, had a population of 21,331,450 in 1900, while Washington and Oregon together had but 931,639.

The combined area of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Denmark, Holland and Belgium is 400 square miles less than the area of Washington and Oregon, and these countries have a population of more than 50,000,000. France and Germany have each an area just about two-thirds as great as the old "Oregon Country," and they support populations of 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 respectively.

WHAT WILL THE PRIMARY DO?

(Oregonian.)

We find several things in the letter of ex-Governor Geer, printed today, that merit particular attention. He has strong belief in party regularity. He didn't especially like the nomination of Mr. Ellis for congress in 1896, but Ellis "was the nominee of the convention and entitled to support." No matter what his views on the great questions of the day—questions vital to the very existence of the republic—he was the republican nominee, and Mr. Geer sallied valiantly forth and broke a lance or two with the sound money champions who were trying to persuade the people of the second Oregon district that free silver was all wrong and the gold standard all right. This was in 1896, when Mr. Geer had opulent dreams of ease and comfort in the office of collector of customs for the district of the Willamette. In 1897, he declined to be a "miscellaneous candidate" and in 1898 a grateful and delighted constituency, finding voice in a state convention, nominated him for governor. Thus we see that virtue is its own reward—if you happen to be around when payday comes.

We are gratified to observe, too, that the ex-Governor dispels the haze of doubt that has enveloped one other important incident in the history of state politics. "Speaking as one citizen of Oregon," he says... "who through a voting experience of thirty years, has never yet exercised the privilege, so often enjoyed by probably better men, of scratching a name from a republican ticket, I desire to express my perfect willingness to permit the direct primary law

to proceed along its way," etc. This will likewise be gratifying intelligence to Mr. Furnish, who has heretofore been a trifle dubious about the strenuous regularity of Mr. Geer's party affiliations. But let that pass. The ex-Governor is on the band wagon and has always been there, though perhaps not always on the front seat. He has simply sought a little occasional diversion by slipping down underneath it.

The point Mr. Geer makes, then, as we understand it, is that the bolter will always bolt under any system; and that he himself is no bolter. The direct primary is here to stay, at least for the present, and we shall have to get along with it as best we can. The party boss don't like it, but so far as anybody has observed, there is no great occasion for them to get excited. It was tried once in Oregon, and strange things happened. One swallow (of whisky) doesn't make a summer, but it may be considered sometimes a very satisfactory sign of approaching summer weather. Neither the professional politicians, who have the offices and want to keep them, nor the professional tribunes of the people, who have had the offices and want them again, know what the next direct primary will do to or for them. We shall all have to wait and see.

GRAFTING AND PUBLICITY.

(New York Financier.)

In view of the developments of the year to date, the average clean-minded American has some reason for his belief that the body politic is saturated with a spirit of grafting, which word is a mere modern interpretation of the plain English word stealing. Yet we cannot see that there is occasion for the foreboding that appears to prevail in most gatherings where the subject is discussed. The United States is not going to the dogs because a few thieves have been discovered in high places. On the contrary, the revelation and accompanying execution of wrongdoing that are a part and parcel of our recent history afford the strongest evidence that to the national spirit the thief is still as obnoxious and repugnant as at any time in our career as a nation. If public conscience had been hardened to a toleration or cynical indifference of knavery and betrayal of trust, there might be reason for despair, but who among those who read the papers can say that the position of the exposed or confessed wrongdoers is comfortable? The denunciation and contempt which such men have encountered, irrespective of their standing in society, make it plain that the average citizen is honest, that he still hates knavery, and when occasion or opportunity offers will crush it out as he would a physical pestilence that threatened his or his neighbor's home.

Corruption, financial and political is not a new disease. History does not record a nation that escaped it entirely, but it does reveal that those who fought it survived longest. And the United States today is fighting corruption in high places as no nation has ever done. To the extremest the difficulty of branding the evildoer with the mark of conviction and subsequent punishment may afford ground for despair, but court conviction is not always the heaviest penalty. Publicity is quite as effective in bringing home to the evildoer the consequence of any infraction of the law given on Mount Sinai. No escape is offered to him who presumes to traverse the old, old Mosaic statutes, and the brand which is put upon him by a honest society of freemen is a ban sinister that will endure not only in his own lifetime, but will linger to curse his posterity as physical disease smites the innocent after generations. The men who have lately lived in the unenviable limelight of notoriety are beginning to realize this keenly. What are the few ill-gained dollars they may have acquired compared to the tarnished reputation they will carry through life?

There is a lesson in this "grafting" business, sordid and unclean as it may seem, that the young man only entering business life will do well to study thoroughly. The aroused conscience of a nation cannot be pacified by pecuniary restitution, voluntary or forced. The crime back of the action is not forgotten or forgiven. The United States is honest, as offenders against moral principals are beginning to appreciate now as never before, and it is going to remain honest, even though it has to go into high places to rid itself of those who have violated the trust given into their hands.

Notice of Final Account

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the (Notice of Final estate of Sara Fournier) Account, tain, Deceased.

All persons whom it may concern are hereby notified that the undersigned executor of the estate of Sarah Fountain, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the above entitled Court and that the County Judge thereof has fixed and appointed Saturday, the 26th day of August, A. D. 1905, as the time, and the County Court house in the City of Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place where any and all objections to the said final account will be heard and the settlement thereof made. Done by order of the County Judge duly made on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1905.

Peterson & Peterson, J. S. Harris, Attorneys for Estate. Executor.

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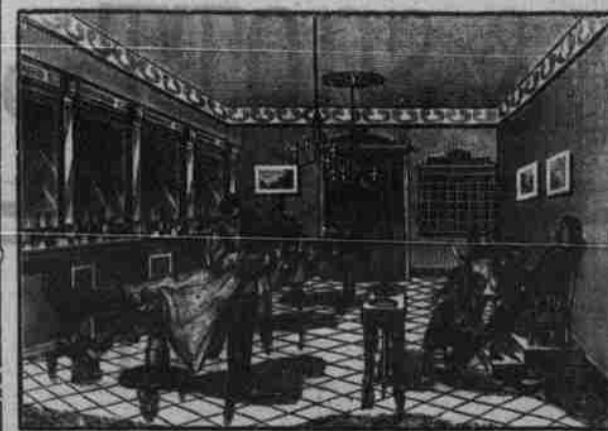
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