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By all means the town of Pendleton should change its name. A writer in the columns of the Portland Oregonian—which by the way sounds very much like the late lamented T. T. Geer says that the town is named from "George H. Pendleton, a Jeffersonian Democratic Secession Confederate statesman of Ohio, one of the bitterest enemies of Lincoln and opponents of the war for the Union and a member of the House of Representatives." In these days there is but one place on God's green earth where the fact of having espoused the "lost cause," rankles in the craw of animosity, and where the tattered "bloody shirt" is waved in the face of an intelligent community as political buncomb, and that is from the tall towers of the Portland Oregonian. Nowhere else does this bitter, malicious, vindictive spirit prevail. The North as a whole is free from it, the "solid south" has turned it in the ashes of the past and united, stands for all the Northern states in citizenship and progress. A recent testimonial of the unit of Southern sentiment in this respect was the reception of President-elect Taft. In the whole history of the state of Georgia nothing compares with the universal effort put forth on the part of the citizens in the reception given the nation's president, who overcome by the splendid spirit of respect and fealty shown him said: "I had hoped to win the solid south, but it has won me!" But in the face of all this the big scavenger paper at Portland launches in its columns a dirty, underhand diatribe, pickled with its customary stinking venom.

A constitutional amendment is before the Oregon legislature which would provide for county bonds in road improvement. The proposed amendment reads: "Each county in this state is hereby authorized, empowered to issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding one per cent of the assessed valuation of its property but in no case to exceed the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to raise money to be used for the construction of permanent County roads within such county, and for no other purpose. Before any county can issue any of such bonds the matter must be submitted to the voters of such county at a general election and if a majority of those voting on that matter shall vote in favor of issuing such bonds specifying the amount of bonds to be issued, the same shall be issued accordingly; otherwise no such bonds shall be issued. The Legislature shall enact such laws as may be necessary to carry this amendment into effect." The proposition to issue bonds in payment for permanent county road construction is a modern idea and one which appears favorably to many. The proposed amendment if passed will give an opportunity to find out whether good roads are wanted exclusively by the automobile owner for the tax payer would be given an opportunity for his say.

Uncle Sam's National Forests yielded an increase of 103 per cent in timber last year over the record for 1907 giving returns of \$849,027.24 to the government. Twenty-five per cent of this amount went back to the states in which the forests are located in lieu of taxes in accordance with the provisions of the law. This revenue will be added to the state's fund for the support and maintenance of roads and public schools.

It will be wise to wait a month or two before holding obsequies on fruit trees thought to have been killed by cold weather. Nature has a wonderful way of healing and recuperating, and the warm days of Spring will show how well she works. If some other limbs were frozen and are dead it may be Nature's way to jog the man who is afraid to prune.

In the private language of Representative Clemens of Multnomah he is quoted by a Portland paper as saying "The people did it; now let the dam fool people take their medicine." But when he cast his vote for Chamberlain, Mr. Clemens said: "I believe that the people of the state ought to be the supreme power in the state and I believe they ought to have the right to elect United States Senator. Their choice being Hon. George E. Chamberlain my choice is George E. Chamberlain." Either Mr. Clemens is a very "weak sister" or the Portland paper is a liar.

Since the threat of a Texas State Senator to introduce a bill for the taxation of bachelors, many young women in the north and east have written asking him to provide them with husbands.

**McHARG'S PROTEST.**

Ormsby McHarg says he was successful in his mission to Oregon. He got seven Statement men to file a protest with their vote for Chamberlain. He and his men will see that these protests go into the hands of the committee on privileges and elections in the United States in the hope that they may be made the basis of action by the United States senate in refusing to seat George E. Chamberlain, the choice of the people of Oregon.

Following is a copy of the Statement entered on the records by seven Statement members yesterday:

"In casting my vote for George E. Chamberlain for United States senator I do so under protest and for the following reasons:

"First—I regard the methods used by Democrats registering in large numbers throughout the state for the purpose of enhancing the chances for his becoming the peoples choice at the general election in June last as fraudulent, hence an unfair test to the true choice of the people.

Second—I do not so vote as my free and accepted choice by virtue of my right under the constitution but instead as a redemption of my pledge made under what is known as Statement No. 1 to support the people's choice.

"Third—If I were free at this time to cast my vote for my personal choice, I would cast same for the Honorable Charles W. Fulton or the Honorable H. M. Calk.

**PROTESTS AND PROTESTANTS.**

Their protests robbed six Statement No. 1 legislators of much of the credit which the Statement members who did not protest have earned. They made the protests on the assurance of the discredited McHarg that thereby a basis would be afforded for defeating the people's choice. If anything should come of the protests the act of each protestant will be as base and treacherous as if he had broken his pledge. The pledge was the means of securing election. If, in the final determination the protests about the legislature's action of yesterday each protestor will be a traitor to his constituents to the truth and to the pledged word. Each protest was made with full knowledge that it was the last desperate effort of McHarg, Clyde Fulton, and the other senatorial hangers-on to upset the electorate's will. Fortunately for the case of the protesters, the protests are false on their face, in that each member in taking the statement had sense enough to know its meaning, and took it freely voluntarily and without compulsion or compunction and for a reason all the protests combined and all the inner and ulterior designs of the protestants will avail nothing.—Portland Journal.

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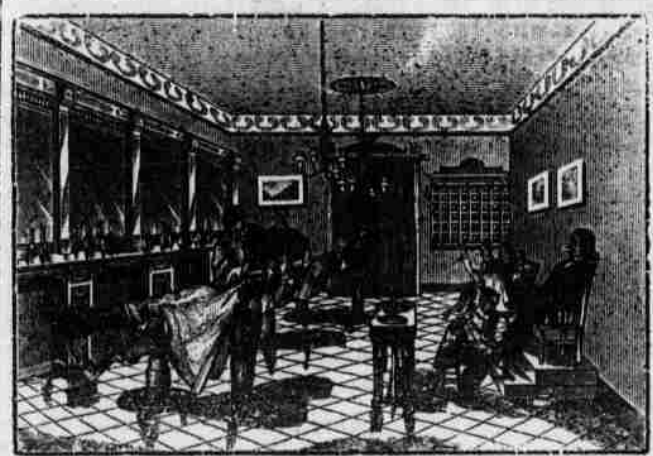
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