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The Oregon Journal strenuously asserts that Governor West "is not a trimmer," whatever that means, and that he "is not an artful dodger," and we know what that means. The Portland paper makes these assertions in an editorial which sustains the Governor in his official stand against capital punishment. Now, every one who reads, knows where the governor stands on the question of capital punishment, the knowledge having been repeatedly impressed upon the public mind ever since Mr. West has been governor of the state. In this stand taken by the Governor, he has undoubtedly exhibited a dyed-in-the-wool brand of stamina that will receive commendation from a humanitarian standpoint, even though the question of whether or not his action in abolishing capital punishment in this state so long as he is governor, may be an incentive to committing capital crime, rather than curtail it. Hats off to humanitarianism and all it stands for, so long as it does not infringe on the code of justice to the murdered victim, impartially and fairly doctored upon the murderer found guilty of the crime. "Bpt," asks the Journal, "have hangings stopped the murders or have they, by setting the example in killing, actually encouraged murder? Is there one proof in the world that an advocate of hanging can bring, to establish that hangings decrease murders?" The fallacy of the argument to which the Journal's question lends itself is shown by the persistence with which all criminals convicted of murder in the first degree seek commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.

An Iowa paper is of the opinion that the Hawkeye state is capable of raising just as good apples as any state in the Union, Oregon and Washington not excepted. The paper in question, the Montezuma Palladium, says the state agricultural college at Ames has taken hold of the matter of convincing Iowa people that they can raise apples, and with this object in view an apple show is to be held in Des Moines next month. In connection with the claims made by the Iowa paper, it is interesting to note that the services of "an expert packer from the famous Hood River territory," has been secured to put the fruit in shape as to quality and attractive display. The canvas of the state is being made for "exhibits of No. 1 apples" which are to be classified by the expert and turned over to the Iowa Horticultural Society which will display it at Des Moines "for all the world to see what Iowa can do in the apple line." It is doubtful if our Iowa exchange would act on the suggestion, but if the Hawkeye people want to see the genuine article in the "apple line," just for the sake of comparison, a display of the Oregon product would certainly cut some swath at the Des Moines show. Old Iowa is all right for corn and hogs brother but we've got you skinned a city block on apple production and you can never catch up. Millions in Iowa money has been expended in the Northwest apple tracts already and there are millions more yet to be spent, for Iowans know a good thing when they see it.

Secretary Fisher of the Interior has ruled that settlers who can not cultivate all the land they have acquired from the government may give up what they cannot cultivate. They may surrender the superfluous part without forfeiting the remainder. Their installments of payments to date on the whole tract may fall back and apply on the part kept. This ruling relieves and helps the man who finds that he has tackled too big a job. It encourages cultivation of what land he can handle. It opens the rest to other farmers. The addition of these newly available acres to public access should stimulate settlement, develop intensive farming and cheer the men who are doing their level best to push forward the prosperity of the Pacific slope.

There's a fellow by the name of Tring down in the Medford county who before coming West lived back in the Middle states and contributed a weekly farm letter to the A. N. Kellogg newspaper syndicate, said letter appearing simultaneously in every "patent" inside sheet in the states of Iowa and Illinois. Since coming

to Medford he has continued his letters but of late they contain a generous account of the merit of irrigation, alfalfa and fruit raising. All of which helps the state of Oregon in general and the Medford section in particular, for the reason that irrigation does not exist where his letters are read, and fruit raising tack there is on the bum for want of climatic and soil conditions. A few more Triggs and there would be a general abolishment of information bureaus.

The several railroads running through the western counties of Kansas have offered to transport seed wheat to the farmers there free of charge in order to help them out of the straits into which they have been forced as a result of the protracted drought. As a further aid bankers and others are loaning on easy terms money with which the seed wheat may be purchased.

Some medical authorities still stoutly maintain that bovine tuberculosis is not transferable to human beings, but even more authorities contend that it is and point to numerous instances where the milk from tubercular cows has caused the disease in those drinking it. The individual has the choice of holding whichever view he pleases, but if he is sensible he will err on the safe side.

The states which have adopted the Oregon plan of popular vote for candidates for party nomination for president and vice president, with the dates on which the primary votes will be had, are: North Dakota, March 19; Wisconsin, April 2; Nebraska, April 17; Oregon, April 19; New Jersey, May 28.

A GAME OF BRIDGE.

John W. Gates Sprung a Surprise on His Young Friend.

John W. Gates' last office was in the Trinity building. He called his firm Charles G. Gates & Co. Others termed it "the house of the twelve apostles," as a dozen partners were in it. Gates was considered a good bridge whist player. Often after 3 p. m. bridge was played in the office. One day there were only three to play. A young man of good family, but not wealthy, came in and sat down. "Sit down," said Gates agreeably. "I hate to play with a dummy." "How much a point do you play?" asked the newcomer. "Fifty," said Gates. "I can't afford it," was the rejoinder. "Twenty-five is a big game for me." "Well, make up the rubber," said Gates disappointedly. "We'll play for twenty-five." The young man played well, had luck and won. "We have a sort of clearing house here," said Gates when the game ended. "I'll send you your check in the morning." The young man got a check for \$13,000. Astounded, he took it to the signer. "What does this mean?" he asked. "I circulated that I won \$130. We were playing for 25 cents a point, weren't we?" "We were playing for \$25 a point," returned Gates. "Wha-ah! Why, if I'd lost I couldn't have paid." "If you hadn't paid we'd have run you out of the city," said Gates coldly. "But you won. Cash that check." It was cashed.—New York Tribune.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that George W. Gross, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased, has filed his final account and report with the clerk of the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1911, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the County Court house of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made. Dated this 17th day of November, A. D., 1911. George W. Gross, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased. By Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys for the Administrator.

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon. Joe Lievalten, Plaintiff, vs. H. Howell, Defendant. To H. Howell, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, within six weeks from the date of the service of this summons upon you, service being made by publication in the Athena Press, a newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, and if you fail so to answer or plead thereto, for want thereof, plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$51.55 together with plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this action as demanded by the plaintiff's complaint, filed in the above entitled matter.

This summons is published pursuant to that certain order made and entered in the above entitled court in said matter on the 22nd day of November, 1911, by B. B. Richards, Justice of the Peace for the district of Athena, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon. The first publication of this summons is made on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1911 and the last

publication will be made on Friday, January 12th, 1912.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 24th day of November, 1911. Homer I. Watts, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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