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## WEST TO CHECK FAKE PROMOTERS

'BLUE SKY' MEN WITH SCHEME TO RECEIVE BANISHMENT.

Law Not Unlike That Kansas Promulgated, May Be Oregon's Weapon.

The state of Oregon has doubled its first and is menacing the vendors of "Blue Sky," says a Portland dispatch. Two bills are proposed for the general use who by sales of stock in wind, water and paper corporations, have been mulcting credulous investors of amounts totaling, according to the estimates of the secretary of state's office, a conservative \$1,000,000 a year.

The first blow planned by Governor West and Secretary of State Elliott, and a joint committee from the Chamber of Commerce, Commercial club and Realty board, at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce involved securing reports from investigation of and wide publicity for all domestic and foreign corporations incorporated under Oregon laws.

The second blow is more serious. It is to be in the form of a "Blue Sky" law, similar to, but more comprehensive than the Kansas law, which was framed to expel fake corporations. The governor and secretary of state promised to draft such a measure and submit it to the joint business committee. The Chamber of Commerce, Commercial club and Realty board will pass upon, then circulate initiative petitions to put the bill on the ballot. It will be before July 4 and voted on in November by the people of Oregon.

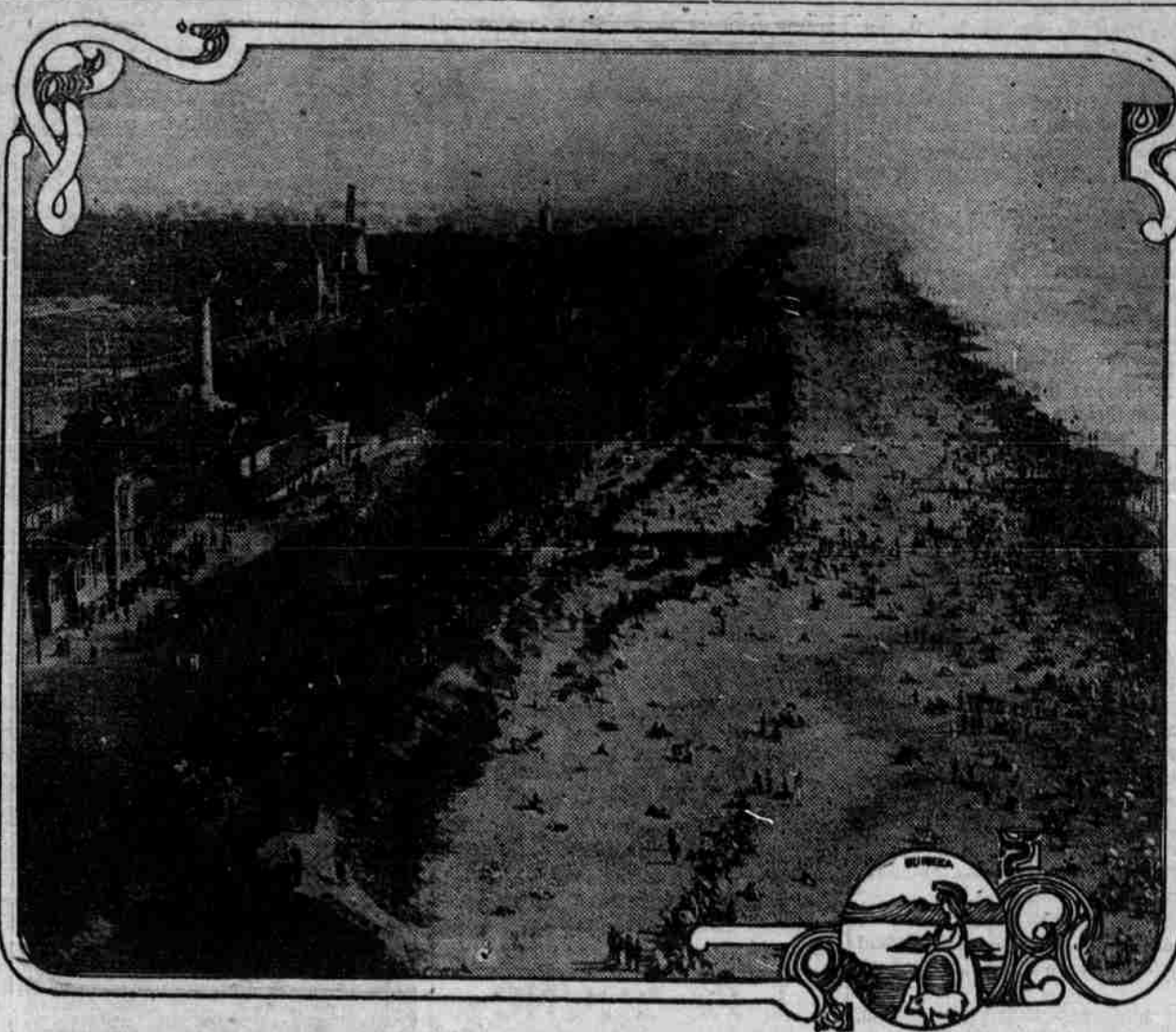
Such a measure made into a law, it is believed, will prevent such a corporation as the Columbus Orchard company ever doing business in or from this state. This company sold million of dollars worth of stock before apprehended by federal authorities. People who invested small savings of a lifetime to whom the loss was irreparable disaster, were the chief sufferers.

### Dudley-Ogilvy.

The Walla Walla Union of yesterday reports as follows: "The marriage of Miss Charlotte Ogilvy and Mr. Eugene Earl Dudley of Athena, was solemnized last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bryson. The ring service was read by the Rev. E. M. Clingan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The bridal party advanced to the stables of the Lebeigrin Wedding march, played by Miss Jessie McRae. The bride came on the arm of Mr. Bryson, preceded by Miss Jennie McRae, as bridesmaid. Mr. Dudley was attended by Mr. George Carmichael of Athena. Following the ceremony, which was witnessed by a few intimate friends and relatives, a wedding supper was served. Presiding at the daintily appointed table were Mrs. Eugene Lorton, who served, and Mrs. McRae, who poured. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley motored to their new home on the farm of the groom, three miles from Weston, last evening. Mrs. Dudley is a well known young lady of this city, having attended the Walla Walla high school of which she is a graduate. Mr. Dudley is a prominent young rancher of Athena."

### Amateur Minstrels.

Preparations are under way for rehearsing parts for a local minstrel production to be given at the opera house at an early date, for the benefit of the Athena base ball club. The boys are to be fitted out in new uniforms and the suits are to arrive soon. It is proposed to use the proceeds from the minstrel show to pay for them. The suits selected for this year are grey in color, and of fine cloth. There is some good minstrel talent that can be developed with proper instruction and rehearsal.



PACIFIC OCEAN BEACH FRONTING THE EXPOSITION SITE IN GOLDEN GATE PARK.

## WESTON CAST PLEAS HERE

Amateur Talent Produced a Good Play at Opera House Friday Evening.

With Colonel Clark Wood in the title role, efficient Weston dramatic talent appeared before the Athena public Friday evening and creditably produced that sterling drama, "A Noble Outcast." Unfortunately the date selected for their appearance here conflicted with a party and dance at the Lodge Hall, with the result that only a fair sized audience greeted the Weston players.

Col. Wood took the part of Jerry the Tramp, with an ease and manner equal to professionals who have been seen in the character here in the past, and his support was exceptionally good for amateurs.

Miss Claudia Kelly essayed the part of France, and while afflicted with a severe cold, carried her part through with exceptional cleverness.

T. L. McBride was good as Colonel Lee, and looked the part to perfection, while Zane Lausdale acted well the difficult part of James Blackburn, the villain. Claude Price has a voice well fitted for Jack Worthington, and Miss Doris Barnes was a dear old lady in the part of Mrs. Lee. Miss Ina Blomgren as the maid, Sadie, gave evidence of capability of mastering a much heavier role.

### Tennyson's Rhymes.

As an example of faulty rhyming the great Alfred Tennyson is being held up by an English critic as in the very forefront of offenders. He is shown to have taken license as a great poet that would have damned any small rhymist. The critic gives as examples of Tennyson's imperfect rhymes "river" and "ever," "given" and "heaven," which are considered too conventional to be criticised. He then passes on to the famous "Charge of the Light Brigade," where Tennyson, with the inaccurate ear of the thorough Briton, rhymes "onward" and "hundred," "said" and "dismayed," "hundred" and "thundered," "hundred" and "blundered," "hundred" and "wondered," all in that one short poem. One may look in vain through the works of Longfellow, Bryant, Lowell or any American poet of the first rank for such orthopaedic blundering, which passes without question among Britons.

### Yucatan's Water Caverns.

Since Yucatan, where the Mayas built their strange cities, is of coral limestone formation. It follows that it would have been a desert but for its subterranean rivers and the caverns, or water caverns, which give access to them. The Mayas noted the courses of the underground streams and built their towns round the caverns. Many caverns are now found surrounded by ruins and give indications of the methods employed by the Mayas to reach their cool waters. In Usumal a cenote about forty feet deep is inhabited by a peculiar species of fish. At Bolanchen there is a cenote having five openings in the rocks at the bottom of the cavern. Ladders made by three trunks together lead down a total distance of 1400 feet, but the perpendicular depth from the surface to the water is not more than 500 feet.—Exchange.

### Chinese and Chinaman.

On the subject of surprising modern words it is notable that the Oxford dictionary finds no earlier instance of "Chinaman." In the sense of a native of China, than 1854, when Emerson so used it. The previous word was "Chinee," from which the plural "Chinees" was formed by Milton and his contemporaries, and the false singular "Chinee" by modern Americans. But "Chinaman" in another sense, that of a dealer in china, was in use long before 1854. The Oxford dictionary gives three instances of it from London directories of 1772, 1801 and 1819, but does not notice that in 1763 one "John Crowther, Chinaman," was gazetted bankrupt. "Chinawoman" in a similar sense goes back to Ben Jonson.

## MEADOWBROOK POULTRY FARM.

Five Varieties of Pure Bred Poultry for Purchasers to Select From.

Out at Meadowbrook Poultry Farm J. M. Swaggart has five varieties of pure bred poultry from which he is prepared to supply his customers with eggs for hatching purposes. He has filled more orders this year than ever before, and the demand is steadily increasing, as the exceptional virtues of his stock become known.

He has some of the finest Barred Rocks to be found in Eastern Oregon. This breed is Mr. Swaggart's favorite and he has gone to considerable expense in selecting stock for his Pen No. 1 from which he sells eggs at \$3 per setting of 15. Pen No. 2 of this breed is also stocked with prize winning birds, eggs selling from this pen at \$1.50 per setting.

A splendid pen of Anconas that would attract the attention of any chicken fancier has been added to the farm this season, the eggs from which find ready sale at \$3 per setting of 15. A pen of peerless White Orpingtons have commodious quarters and are doing their share to make Meadowbrook a success. These produce eggs that are readily disposed of at \$5 per setting.

White Mission and Indian Runner ducks are also on the farm but no eggs are being sold from these pens this season. Mr. Swaggart using them for the purpose of building up his business in these varieties. Buff Leghorns are to be added next season.

It will pay one to visit Meadowbrook farm if for no other reason than to see the possibilities of the poultry industry when carried out on a scientific plan.

## DEATH OF MRS. L. MALONEY

Pioneer Lady of Weston Passes Away at Advanced Age.

Mrs. Lucretia Maloney, a pioneer woman of Weston, died at her home in that city last Sunday morning, after a lingering illness. She was born near Albany, Kentucky, February 16th, 1835, her maiden name being Lucretia Catherine Cox. The funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning, A. Mackenzie Meldrum of this city conducting the ceremonies.

In 1857 deceased was united in marriage with Adam Bennett Rothbrock. They crossed the plains in 1858 and after four years in the Willamette valley, settled on a farm near Adams. Five children were born to them, of whom John Rothbrock of this city and A. B. Rothbrock of Walla Walla are living.

### Ball Team in Practice.

The Athena team of the Blue Mountain league was out for practice for the first time Tuesday afternoon, and the way the boys strung themselves out was only a few notches below midseason form. Captain Brown, using his throwing arm with old time precision and Jesse Picard was "Richard himself again," at second. Fred Pelland limbered up at third station and big Al Nordman appeared them at first. Ernie Blomgren, the Weston speedy infielder, was at short and Harry Alexander was given a tryout on the infield. The outfielders are coming into their own and the boys spent some time at batting practice. The grounds are rounding into good condition, and from now on it will be "play ball" all the time.

### Call for City Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Athena will redeem outstanding City Warrants bearing serial numbers 431, 432, 433, 434, inclusive. Interest on said warrants will cease on and after this date. Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 19th day of March, 1912.  
Victor C. Burke,  
City Treasurer.

## BAND CONCERT A SUCCESS

Splendid Program Given at the Opera House Saturday Evening.

The Band concert in the opera house Saturday evening, proved to be entirely up to the expectations of the Athena public although the audience in numbers was not all that could be desired.

The program was given as announced, with the exception of one number, and each particular number was received with marked favor. The splendid progress made by the band is a continual delight to all Athena music lovers, and each selection, was received with enthusiasm.

The soloists and others assisting in the program proved that Athena is not behind her neighbors in musical talent. Special thanks are due Professor Blakeslee, Mr. Braden, Mrs. Newsum, Miss Johnson, Mr. Rusie, Misses McConoughy and Tharp, Lucile Taylor, Evangeline Fix and Katherine Froome and Hazel Parker for contributions to the program.

### MALICIOUS FRUIT.

The Stings That Come With Careless Handling of Prickly Pears.

My first and experience of the African prickly pear was gained on a visit to the market place of Algiers. The fruit was handed to us, politely peeled by the Arab dealer, and thus as we made acquaintance with its delightful coolness no suspicion of its evil qualities entered our minds.

A few days later, adding the excitement of a little trespassing to the more legitimate pleasures of a country ramble, we came upon a well laden group of prickly pear bushes and could not resist the temptation to help ourselves to some of the fruit. The result was woeful.

Concentrated essence of stinging nettles seemed all at once to be assaulting hands, lips and tongue, and our skin wherever it had come in contact with the ill natured fruit was covered with a thick crop of minute, bristly hairs, apparently growing from it and venomous and irritating to the last degree.

Our silk gloves, transformed suddenly into miniature robes of Nessus, had to be thrown away, perfectly unwearable, and the inadvertent use of our pocket handkerchiefs before we had fully realized the extent of our misfortune caused fresh agonies, in which nose as well as lips participated. For many a day did the retribution of that theft haunt us in the form of myriads of tiny stings.—Home Life on an Ostrich Farm.

### Blonds Getting Scarcer.

Scientists are taking a gloomy view of the future of the blond. Not only are fair people becoming fewer, but if this is not a paradox they are also becoming darker. The future promises to bring us nothing more interesting than the "whitey browns" of humanity. To preserve our blonds is scientifically possible, but their continuance would make an end to the progress of civilization. All or nearly all the conditions of modern life tend to encourage brunettes. Before many decades have passed there will probably only be rare examples of women who are divinely fair.—London Lady's Pictorial.

### Forfeited!

Little Peter had disobeyed his mother, and when, in a shocked voice, she called him to her he came running with the tears streaming over his flushed face.

"You won't," he sobbed, clinging to her hand—"you won't have to whip me, mummy, 'cause I'm cryin' already!"—Woman's Home Companion.

### A Bad Case.

The cynical man was staring through the window at the chesty man swinging down the street. "Does Chesty know anything?" asked his companion.

"Know anything?" said the cynical man. "He doesn't even suspect anything."—New York Times.

## OPPOSED TO THE STATE AID DEAL

BARRETT SHOWS BY FIGURES HOW COUNTY WOULD LOSE.

Means Paying Large Sum for State Supervision of Public Road Construction.

The county Good Roads Association held a meeting in Pendleton Saturday, which was well attended. There was considerable discussion participated in by a number of speakers, among whom was C. A. Barrett of this city. The state aid proposition came in for a warm airing, and the question was handled without equivocation or gloves.

Mr. Barrett seems to have struck the key note of the meeting, when in his speech as reported in the Pendleton Live Wire he said:

"The Harmony Committee recommends the bonding of the state for \$10,000,000 instead of \$20,000,000 as at first proposed. One-third of this sum is to be reserved to the state, and in the hands of the State Highway Commission. One-half of this third will be expended in one congressional district and the other half in the other congressional district. It is doubtful if any of this will help Umatilla county. The other two thirds of the \$10,000,000 will be divided among the 33 counties 'Multnomah being excluded.' Umatilla receiving approximately \$303,000.

"Umatilla county would pay into the state fund one-twentieth of the \$10,000,000 or \$500,000, and will be obliged to levy \$302,000 additional and the interest over a period of 10 years at 5 per cent would amount to over \$55,000, making a total of about \$757,000, of which about half, or \$400,000 would be available for the purposes of road building in the county, and this sum under state supervision.

"Therefore, this county would be paying the state a commission of over \$350,000 to supervise the road work. Not only this, but the people would have no voice as to where or how these roads should be built or the money expended. Based on the estimate of cost of roads under state supervision, the lowest, which is \$5,000 per mile, this fund would build only 80 miles of road, for which the county will have paid at the expiration of the 10 years over \$750,000, or at the rate of nearly \$9500 per mile.

"Surely the taxpayers of this county cannot afford to and will not willingly contribute this bonus over \$350,000, to the state for state supervision, and the gratification of the various visionary schemes of the governor's State Wide Highway Committee.

"The point attempted to be made that only under state aid can the city property be taxed is not well taken, as under the county unit plan and the county bonding act all property will bear its proportion of tax.

"Now let us consider this matter of Umatilla county bonding for \$500,000 an equal amount to be sold over a period of 10 years, or \$50,000 per year at 5 per cent interest. At the expiration of 10 years we will have issued bonds aggregating \$500,000 in amount and the interest upon the same will have been \$137,500, making a total of \$637,500.

"Now, under the supervision of the county court with a competent superintendent of roads we should build our roads at a cost not to exceed \$3500 per mile. This \$500,000 will construct 140 miles of good macadam roads from the state line below Freewater via Freewater-Milton-Weston-Athena and Adams to Pendleton, with branches from Havana station to Helix, and also from Pendleton to Hermiston via Kobo-Standfield to Umatilla. Also from Pendleton to Ukiah via Pilot Rock and Alba, and we would have \$50,000 to expend on branch roads.

"Surely from a business standpoint Umatilla county cannot afford to favor state aid or state supervision. If Portland and the Willamette valley wish to build automobile roads from Portland to the California line, then let them pay for them entirely, but to tax Eastern Oregon to construct such roads is unjust and will not be approved by the taxpayers."

### Not in Roundup Class.

Pendleton people who have returned from the Rodeo at Los Angeles claim the wild west show there was not in a class with the Pendleton Roundup, although there were several attractive events. A bucking bull was said to be the star performer, and "Cyclones," a horse owned by the Bianchettis, executed some stellar bucking stunts. Rain interfered with the southern show, the attendance averaging about 5000 daily.

### Laying of Corner Stone.

A number of people from Athena and vicinity attended the corner stone laying ceremonies of the branch asylum at Pendleton Tuesday. Governor West, with a silver trowel, presented him by the city of Pendleton, spread the mortar and stood by while the big stone was put in place. A number of distinguished guests were present and a parade took place from the city to the asylum site.