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STATEMENT NO. 1.

The Dalles Optimist, published by A. Bennett, who has achieved some fame as a humorist because of his widely read "Rabbitville Correspondence," is out with an appeal to members-elect of the legislature to violate their pledge to the voters and refuse to support for United States senator the man who received the endorsement of the people for that office at the June election.

A large majority of the candidates for legislative honors last Spring signed "Statement No. 1," which was nothing more nor less than a solemn pledge to be governed by the choice of the electors of the state, as expressed at the June election, in the selection of a United States senator next Winter.

The people of Oregon have been accustomed to considerable political chicanery and dishonesty on the part of their public servants in the past, but the HERALD does not believe that they are prepared for such a monumental exhibition of contempt for their plainly expressed will on the part of their theoretical servants, the legislators, as the action urged by the Optimist would entail.

It is true that the law which permits the people of Oregon to indicate their choice for United States senator, on the state ballot, is not binding on the members of the legislature, but there can be no question about the moral obligation which rests on every member-elect who signed Statement No. 1. The candidate who refused to sign that statement is not so bound. He plainly went before his constituents on the proposition of not believing that the rank and file of Oregon voters are competent judges as to who should represent them in the upper house of Congress, and the man who won out on that proposition is surely entitled to do absolutely as he pleases on the senatorial question. If his constituents delegated to him that power he should be entitled to use it. But the men who, to gain votes, signed the statement are bound by all the rules of political ethics to stand by it, and this newspaper believes they will do so.

Perhaps, after all, the appeal printed in the Optimist came from "Rabbitville." It may be only one of Bro. Bennett's inimitable jokes.

Germ Madness.

The world seems to be going mad about germs. Learned savants write long articles for the Sunday papers, pointing out the awful danger that is lurking everywhere in the form of the murderous germ and the deadly bacteria. We are told that the baby must not play with the cat, the dog must not be allowed in the house, the dishes must not be wiped with a dish towel, the kitchen must be on the top story of the house, no fuel may be used for cooking purposes but gas, and everything in the way of food and wearing apparel must be thoroughly sterilized and deodorized to the 33d degree before the man or woman who aspires to a reasonable degree of health may touch them. All this sounds modern and up-to-date from a scientific standpoint, but the question will often bubble up to the surface in the mind of the unscientific layman, how in the name of heaven our forefathers, who never heard of a germ, managed to struggle along through this vale of tears for ninety or a hundred years with "never an ache or a pain nor a sick day." The fact seems to be that the scientific medical gentlemen, who are everlastingly telling us about the deadly danger of the devilish germ, may be doing so

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as a strictly business proposition. The man who reads all the germ and bacteria rot that is now being published is mighty apt to become afflicted with mental germitis and it becomes impossible for him to take a drink of water or a morsel of beef steak or a spoonful of plain mush without seeing mental pictures of germ goblines and bacteria beasts sporting in the spoon or sitting cross-legged on the edge of the cup making faces at him. This is enough to take away any man's appetite, but when, through force of habit, he swallows a bite, only to feel the feet of the ferocious fiends scratching his throat as they go down, it is not to be wondered at that his stomach turns wrong side out and his wife telephones for the doctor. Then it is that science comes into its reward. Many pills and powders are required to coax the playful germs to let up and a good big fee comes in handy to help swell the doctor's bank account. The more we think and read about germs the more they are apt to pester us, and the man who is unscientific enough to ignore the pesky things and put in his spare time taking his annual bath and being reasonably decent in his personal habits can afford to snap his finger at them and yell in glee, "Hike! Twenty-three for you! Skidoo!"

PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Woodville Precinct, Jackson County, Oregon:—

To the Honorable, The County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon. We, the undersigned legal voters residing in Woodville precinct, Jackson County, State of Oregon, respectfully ask your Honorable Body to grant to W. E. McTaggart a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors and fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider, by less quantities than one gallon in the town of Woodville, Jackson County, Oregon, for the period of six months, from November 8, 1906.

We hereby state in our petition that we each of us reside in said Woodville precinct and at the signing of the same are legal voters therein and that we have each resided in said precinct for thirty days immediately preceding our signing this petition and that we will petition your Honorable Body at the term of the County Court on

NOVEMBER 8, 1906.

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