

What Decency Demands.

The following from the Seattle P. I., was sent the DEMOCRAT by a former Albany man. It is directly to the point and gives the senatorial situation fairly, particularly coming from a strong republican paper:

Good faith and moral responsibility ought to determine the senatorial issue in Oregon; but, in the final analysis, there is more involved in the issue than the good faith and moral responsibility of members of the present legislature of Oregon. The organic rights of the people of Oregon, representing a residuary sovereignty which must ever inhere in a free people under our system of government, are at stake, and if these rights are sacrificed it will be to the perpetual shame of the commonwealth.

Legislators in Oregon may break their promises; except by moral suasion, by an appeal to their manhood and their consciences, there is no way to prevent them from violating the solemn pledges they have made to the voters of the state.

But before they heed the bad advice of men who are urging them to ignore moral obligations they have legally assumed, it may be well for them to take a reckoning lest they drift too far from safe moorings and plunge themselves and their state into dishonor.

They are told that they will do violence to the federal constitution if they heed the instructions of the people on the senatorship. It is not true. The constitution empowers them to elect the senators from that state; but it leaves them absolutely free to say in what manner they will determine a choice; if they elect, as they have elected, to refer the matter of a choice to the people of Oregon, and declare their purpose to abide by the preference thus expressed, they have a right to do so, and there is not a word or a syllable in the federal constitution to condemn or nullify such a procedure.

The people of Oregon have spoken on this question. They may have erred. But the issue is no longer a party issue; it is now a question of morals, a question of political decency on the part of members of the legislature, and a question also which involves the sovereignty of the people of Oregon and the good name of the state. It should be settled right.

A Friend of the Dog

Albany, Dec. 10.—Please allow me to protest against the threatened war against dogs. The dog is man's best friend. There is no other animal brute or human that will stand by him better or longer. It is a well known fact that they are good policemen. If you should banish all the dogs in Albany it would be necessary to have a police force of fifty men.

Those who read the confession of Orchard the noted slayer of the Ex-Governor of Idaho will remember that he says that when he went to the residence of the governor of Colorado to shoot him he was prevented on two occasions I think it was, by the barking of a little dog. He was skulking around the house in the dark to get a chance to kill the governor, but the watch dog being on guard prevented it. Orchard was afraid he was watched and left.

A man who had been a noted burglar but reformed declared in his confession that the watch dog in the house was the best safe-guard against burglars. They at once notice the presence of strangers around the house. The writer can testify that on one occasion a dog in his house undoubtedly prevented the entrance of a burglar. A neighbor called his attention to the unusual barking of a dog in a house one night and on examination there were found the track of a man leading to a back window in the snow. The barking of the dog doubtless scared him away.

It may be possible that there are some men in the world little enough and cowardly enough to poison a dog but I would not want to live near him. I think however that most of the dog poisoning cases in this state are accidental. People coming from the east do not know that salmon will kill a dog. This fish is a deadly poison to dogs. Persons that do not know that should be warned.

In what way are dogs a nuisance? If they are they are not the only nuisance in the world and some of them do not walk on four legs either. A good watch dog in a dwelling is almost sure proof against burglary. It is not necessary that he should be a large one and a little dog that can bark loud and long is as good as a large one. He should be kept in the house where the burglar cannot poison him and put him out of commission. Don't discharge the underpaid police force.

John D. may not be the father of the Standard Oil Company, but he is a very near and dear relative.

With Mr. Hitchcock as the next Postmaster General the way will be made smooth for an eight years' occupancy of the White House if the voters shall be of consenting mind in 1912.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Brother Charne just wants to go to the Senate so he can be near Brother Bill.

Several prominent bank wreckers will spend the winter in the penitentiary. That is going some.

The naval officers must also walk. They ought to be thankful that He "Ted" didn't require them to swim 50 miles.

BE HONORABLE

Morning Star Grange met at regular session Dec. 12th with 75 members present.

A class of 9 candidates were given the 3rd and 4th degrees. After enjoying a fine banquet a good literary program was rendered. Good road legislation was discussed at some length, although no action was taken the general sentiment was in favor of building good home roads; but were opposed to a state highway.

On the senatorial question the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, We believe it has been and is the desire of a certain class of politicians to set aside the will of the people, by bribery and trading federal patronage, to defeat the peoples choice for U. S. senator, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we condemn the action of these politicians and ask the legislature to do the only thing that is honorable and elect Geo. E. Chamberlain for U. S. senator.

A. C. LIBBY, Master. Mrs. N. D. FISHER, Sec.

Eugene's Population 8098.

Register:—P. J. McPherson and V. McFarland, who have just completed the school census of Eugene, and will be ready today to give out the figures, also took the trouble to enumerate the number of families, residences, and the population. Mr. McPherson's district lay east of Willamette and Mr. McFarland's west of that street. P. J. McPherson reports a total of 4594 human souls as found in his district, with 970 families occupying 932 houses. Mr. McFarland found 3514 people and 843 residences. Total population inside the city limits, according to these figures is 8098.

A Wonderful Cow.

The national dairy show closed its annual exhibition at the Coliseum in Chicago last week. More than 100,000 persons visited the show during the nine days it was open.

Colantha Fourth's Johanna, the world's highest priced milk cow, yielded 246 pounds of milk in nine days, some of which was distributed as samples, but the largest part of it sold for 15 cents a glass. From all the other extra cattle, consisting of ten head, the net returns in milk aggregated 240 pounds, which also sold at 15 cents a glass.

A term Anniversary.

Just twenty-four years ago today began about the biggest snow storm this valley ever had and there has hardly been one of any moment since. There was about eighteen inches on the ground before it stopped. That was Monday, the 15th. The next evening at 8 o'clock the big livery barn on the present site of the Democrat fell and many awnings.

At the Dalles it was six feet, Warm Springs Agency thirty inches. The weather felt something like the present.

Wisconsin to Albany.

Mr. Griff King today received a letter from a former railroad man, W. C. Horton, of Mellen, Wis. who notified him that he had sold his property there and would soon leave with Mrs. Horton for Albany to reside. He expects to secure ten acres and go into the chicken business, or else in the grocery business, a former business, in this city.

\$2,400 Recovered.

A paper package taken out of the post office at Ozen by Chas. L. Price, contained \$2,400 in paper money. Not being the man intended Price at once turned the money over to the post office authorities, who learned that it had been sent from Portland, and was evidently intended for some one else. It was undoubtedly some of the money stolen from the east side bank.

The New Elks' Block.

Work is being rushed on the finishing touches of the new Elks' building, but there is considerable to do yet. The decorations of the lodge rooms show up prominently, indicating the finest suit of lodge rooms in the state outside of Portland. The rooms consist of the auditorium, banquet hall, kitchen, stein room, card rooms, cloak room, secretary's room, etc. and a suit of rooms for the wives and daughter's of the members, which will always be open, situated in the north-west corner of the building. The furniture, of elegant patterns, has been ordered and it is expected soon. It will be some time in January before the rooms will be in use.

The first floor is to be occupied by Chambers & McCune in the corner. Wm. Eagles, next west and Cleek & Stevenson's Toggery in the west store, modern rooms for business.

The outside appearance of the block is very tasty and attractive.

The first electric car will probably not run before next Monday. The men are now on the last block, but there is considerable other work to do, and the car expected today has not yet put in an appearance.

BURGLARY AT PEORIA

Thief Got \$250 in Money and \$500 Worth of Jewelry.

There was a big robbery at Peoria, discovered this morning, when U. G. Berry opened his store, and found his safe blown to pieces, \$250 in money taken from the safe and about \$500 worth of jewelry, mostly watches, taken. It had been done during the night. About 3 o'clock, a resident of the town heard a noise, undoubtedly the explosion, but did not make any investigation at the time. The thieves escaped with their plunder, leaving no reliable clue.

C. H. NEWS.

Deeds recorded: Geo. T. Cree to Emma B. Cree 31 acres. J. A. Craft to Maud L. Mithollen 1 lot Wright's ad. Ophelia Froman to C. L. & Grace Shaw 40 acres. L. H. Briggs to A. J. Matlock & wf 88 acres. 1500 Jos. Owen to J. W. Owen 160 a. F. W. Cole to A. J. Matlock & wf 2 acres. 375 Mary Overton to J. F. Belts 62.78 acres. 500 Yerex Bros. to Erva L. Swank 35.57 acres. 10 Jos. Owen et al to Van Owen 155 acres. 1 Van Owen et al to Jos. Owen 195 acres. 1500

Probate:—Record estate S. H. Karny. Yamhill.

Circuit Court. New case:—Mary E. Spink agt. P. W. Spink for divorce. Married Dec. 10, 1872. Cause desortion since July 17, 1901. Weatherford & Wyatt attorneys.

Marriage licenses:—Edgar L. Gilbert, aged 43, and Josephine E. McKinney, aged 22. Jas. Harris, aged 57, and Louisa Sherwood, aged 58.

Deeds Recorded:—Hawley V. Tracey to Jas. H. Hunter 322.29 a. \$2500 W. H. Dale to Ella E. Chastain 47.64 a. 2400

Mortgages \$900, \$800. Release for \$350.

OREGON.

Portland, December 14th, 1908.

One of the important gatherings to be held on the Pacific Coast during 1909 will be the convention in Portland of the Association of American Agricultural colleges and experiment stations, brought here through the instrumentality of President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college. The exact date of the convention will be announced soon.

The convention of the Oregon State Dairy Association at Salem last week was the most successful ever held by that body. Washington and California were represented in both attendance and exhibits. The grand prize for best display of dairy products was awarded to F. A. Schubinger of Salem for an exhibit comprising 25 varieties of cheese.

OAKVILLE

Mr. Kemp's new boat makes regular trips.

The new steamboat will be launched in February, maybe.

Miss Aletha Smith will start home tomorrow after a visit of two months with relatives here.

The wind storm last Saturday afternoon knocked down a few of the independent telephone poles.

At the annual meeting of the Willamette telephone Co. C. A. Cary was elected president, L. V. Junkin vice president, A. Y. Smith secretary and treasurer.

There is something doing in the mistletoe trade. This valley is the only place it can be obtained in large quantities and all varieties. The Oregon grape is another ornamental shrub that is very abundant here.

The Oakville Cemetery Association met Dec. 1st and elected officers for the coming year as follows: Wilbur Acheson president, A. Y. Smith secretary and treasurer, Alfred Blevins, M. F. Crawford and John Vineyard trustees. A tax of one dollar was levied on each stockholder.

LITTLE ROSE BUD.

Sheriff Shutt in Town.

Sheriff Shutt, of Heppner, Morrow county, was in the city today, running around with Sheriff Smith, looking into some real estate matters. He was down to Salem with a prisoner for the pen. Mr. Shutt has been sheriff of Morrow county over six years, and is now on his fourth term. Previous to that he was in the newspaper business for fifteen years. He looks under thirty, but is 37, starting as a printer when sixteen years of age and keeping at it until the people insisted on his running for sheriff, and now he can't get out of the office.

A basket ball game will be played Saturday night at the Also gym between Albany high school and Monmouth, and a fast game is promised. The high school has the best team it has ever had and a good report is expected this year.

Even an Oregon state legislature ought to be decent.

TANGENT.

Mrs. Mary Fisdale has gone on a trip to Hood River, to visit her father, Mr. James Hunter.

Herman Bothorn and wife have gone on an extended visit to California. They expect to go as far as New Mexico.

Miss Edna Blevins returned from a visit with her friend Miss Cora Scott. Ben J. Bell and Herman Brundle returned from Portland where they were visiting with a friend lately from Wisconsin.

Jack Hays, who lately sold his farm has moved with his family to Tangent where he expects to spend the winter. There is now three empty houses in Tangent, which is something unusual at this time of the year.

T. B. Marsters is now postmaster of Tangent in place of L. D. Simons resigned.

The Nursery company is preparing to ship a large lot of fruit trees.

A parents' meeting will be held in Settlemier's hall on January 30th, 1909 at which time contests will be held between the different schools for prizes offered by the county school superintendent.

Tangent Grange is preparing for holding a Farmers' Institute.

Farmers still continue to sell and haul fat hogs to market, notwithstanding the fact that the price which they receive is low.

Fall grain of all kinds is looking well and a large acreage was sown. Stock is looking quite well, but farmers are compelled to feed as there is almost no grain in any of the pastures.

The roads in Tangent precinct are in fine condition for winter, and the county court will make a mistake if it does not reappoint the same supervisor, as he certainly is a first-class road builder.

There is talk of a Christmas tree at Tangent, this should not be neglected. Arch Westcott has leased the old blacksmith shop of L. B. Luper and is now engaged in building wood racks.

SHEDD.

The band give a drama Friday eve. the 18th.

Jim McConnell went on a business trip to the mines the 10th.

It is reported that a Californian has purchased a large farm east of town. T. B. Springer has purchased a new 5 horse gasoline engine for chipping and wood sawing.

Elden, our enterprising butcher, contemplates putting in a Power Bone Grinder.

Mark Forester, of Tangent, was up last week on a business trip.

The "Gondesser Rustlers" secured quite a number of shares for the "Albany Milk Condenser."

We are informed that several new houses are likely to be built in Boston, Shedd's lively neighbor, this next summer.

A petition has been circulated asking the Honorable County Court to reappoint J. H. Means as road supervisor. The petition now has 160 names or about three-fourths of the taxpayers of Shedd precinct. This is certainly an endorsement of the good road system put into practice by Mr. Means.

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Mortgage fee \$100.

Probate:—Estate W. H. Sylvester, L. Fitzwater was appointed administrator. In estate of Maggie Sylvester, a minor, Adde Sylvester was appointed guardian. Value of property, \$500.

Mrs. Minnie Schultz, of Rainview, was committed to the asylum. She is 55 and an invalid.

Marriage license: W. E. Peterson, age 57, and Emma Daniels, aged 48, both of Albany.

Four clear lists, Roseburg series. U. S. to Oregon, conveying school lands.

At The Hotels.

Ralph Feeney, Portland. F. M. Shutt, Heppner. O. H. South, Independence. E. C. Davis, Portland. Mrs. W. J. Irwin, Salem. J. T. Smith, Halsey. S. L. Grey, a prominent Newport man.

Paul Rowley, Eugene. G. D. Shaw, Independence. A. W. Hubbs, A. Benton Bowers, Helen Witzel, Ashland. Geo. Jacobson, Geo. Erickson, Henry Carlson, Ishpeming, Mich. Ada Pyburna Marsh, Grants Pass. S. W. Williams, Newton, Kan.

Some oil paintings at Chas. Knechs are worth noticing. They were done by B. R. Altermatt, a young man of this city, and display a good deal of talent. The scenes are good ones.

If you want to get anything in the Democrat condense it, boil it down. The Democrat has no space for long articles.

MISFITS.

Great is the Oregon cow.

Everybody says Albany is all right

The trolley juice is preparing to flow.

Rockefeller's tooth ached yesterday.

Don't fear, there will be plenty of rain.

Has Roosevelt got the drop on Congress?

Who cares if Japan does keep her coolies at home.

Seattle is improving. It stopped Emma Goldman.

Johnny Kruse and his Christmas trees are almost ready.

The woman without twenty-five presents to buy is slow.

Postoffice clerks will now be the busiest fellows in the world.

This has been a splendid year for Albany when the record is remembered.

A cannery well under way and a condenser started, are not a bad ending to 1908.

The enforcement of law is what the people of every city have a right to insist on.

The woman's Anness had better get out with their shovels and clean the sides of First street.

The President had better save his bug stick for the lion hunt. It is sort of a brass band affair any.

Wonder how many investigations will be required to secure actual work on the Willamette at this city

The Gridiron Club has done its annual stunt with a stuffed club, a great flourish of jingles and hits amounting to nothing.

Who will succeed Fulton, asks the Salem Statesman. What a foolish question. Why, George E. Chamberlain, of course. The people said so.

Rabbi Wise hit the nail just in the right spot when he declared it was a disgrace and shame for seven justices of the supreme court to be present at a banquet given by Richard Croker. It was an outrage on decency for a fact.

A man advertised a horse for sale, those interested to call at the Democrat office. With his head full of things the advertiser was forgotten. There were seven or eight answers to the ad. The best way is to use your own name. An editor's memory is always taxed to the limit.

If the county court levied a special road tax of one mill and a general road tax of two mills it is said Albany will get only the one mill, and none of the two mills, though it would pay on the whole three mills, something which many Albany people think would hardly be equitable.

One of the saddest things connected with the murder of R. B. Fisher in the manner in which the unhappy wife has taken the affair. Stunned by the quick she has been unable to realize the true condition of affairs, and with her child has sat moaning, waiting for her husband. At the time the murder occurred Mr. Fisher was waiting for his wife to come to the office.

The Norris & Rowe circus is reported to have gone into winter quarters and bankruptcy at Santa Clara, Calif. This is the circus that tried to do business last year by claiming none of the big circuses were coming to the coast under an arrangement with them, and the biggest circus in the country came.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Geo. W. Wright, the executor of the last will and testament of George Knox, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon; and that Hon. J. N. Duncan, County Judge of said county, has fixed Monday, Jan. 18, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m. as the time, and the County Court Room as the place for hearing said final account, and all objections if any there be, to said account and to the settlement of said estate. Dated this December 15, 1908. GEO. W. WRIGHT, Executor.

TELEGRAPH.

IN THE HANDS OF A MOB.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—A mob during last night and today looted many public buildings and also destroyed much property belonging to President Castro and his friends. The police are apathetic as the mob sweeps the city. No revolution is proclaimed but Castro's reign is believed to be at an end.

The Total Vote.

New York, Dec. 15.—The total popular vote of the Presidential candidates at the last National election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The total shows the following votes cast: Taft, rep., 7,684,676. Bryan, dem., 6,393,182. Debs, soc., 448,471. Chafin, pro., 241,252. Hisgen, independence, 83,186. Watson, pop., 33,871. Gilhaus, acc-lab., 15,421. Total for all candidates, 14,852,239. This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the Presidential election of 1904, when the grand total was 13,510,708.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—It is announced that shortly Japan will make it officially known that she will allow no more immigration to the United States. The Coolies will be kept at home. Secretary Root and Minister Takahira arranged the matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt transmitted a special message to the senate today regarding the Brownsville case, with report of the investigation. He recommends leniency for some of the less guilty negroes and their reinstatement in the future. He also says the investigation will be continued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt sent a statement to congress today relative to the canal accusations made by the Indianapolis News and New York World. He characterizes them as infamous falsehoods and sad steps under way to bring action against Pulitzer.

CARACAS, Dec. 15.—A Dutch warship has captured another of Castro's coast guard cruisers, and is searching for another of his gunboats.

Home and Abroad.

The big Wendling saw mill is to start up again about the first of January.

Ashland went Anti-saloon yesterday stronger than ever, by over 150 majority in the city itself.

The American fleet is expected home from its cruise around the world about February 22nd.

An attempt was made to burn the Geary street school building at Eugene last evening about 8:30 o'clock.

Three more Oregon postoffices have just gotten into the presidential class: Canyon City, Central Point, Oakland.

The body of Chief of Police Biggy has been found in San Francisco Bay, drowned, either accidentally or by intent.

The Corvallis and Alsea road has been completed to within a mile and a half of Monroe, and is graded into the Alsea timber belt.

M. W. Miller, a native of this county, died near Scio Monday night, at the age of 49 years. He leaves a wife and three children, Riley and Milton Miller, of Scio, and Mrs. Frank Rahn, of Aumsville.

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