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Governor West and His Oath.

No public servant should be subject to censure for respecting his oath of office.

When Governor West was inaugurated he took a solemn oath that he would enforce the laws of the state to the best of his ability and is now attempting to fulfill the solemn promise which he made to the people of Oregon and to his creator.

If the officials of Portland will not enforce the laws of the state, the governor is entirely within his rights in calling upon them for their resignation and appointing men who have a higher regard for the responsibilities of their respective offices.

Taft and the Judiciary.

In his speech at Columbus, Ohio; President Taft is quoted as follows:

"We are in a transition period I hope,—transition from something that is better and we are going into the valley of fear and humiliation for our institutions, brought about by the denunciation that is unjust, but that seems at times to claim the support of many people. The bench and the bar are on trial in this country."

Prior to his elevation to the highest office in the gift of the American people, President Taft devoted his energies to the practice of law and attained more than ordinary success in his chosen profession. He was later appointed federal judge, for which position he was fitted by both training and temperament.

But like many lawyers and all judges, he placed the judiciary on too high a pedestal. He was not content with ordinary respect for the men who have been placed in positions of public trust and confidence—he insisted upon worship. He considered, and now considers, the judiciary as a sacred institution.

In our humble opinion Mr. Taft need not feel unduly alarmed. No honest lawyer, and no decent judge need fear an assault upon "the bench or bar."

The Tariff Board.

The tariff board as it is now constituted is a national joke. It was born in a desire to prevent an honest revision of the tariff, and it has accomplished the purpose for which it was created.

President Taft and the stand-pat members of congress have hidden behind a partisan "non-partisan tariff board" long enough, and the people are now demanding some genuine tariff revision along sensible and common-sense lines. They will no longer be satisfied with long and laboriously written reports from supposed experts; they want a material reduction in the duties on all necessities of life and are in no mood to listen to a campaign of excuses or to permit those who are responsible for the present high cost of living to shelter themselves behind the report of a board of tariff revision obstructionists.

A Constructive Statesman.

In his speech at Easton, Pennsylvania, Governor Wilson clearly states his position with reference to the corrupt influences which have heretofore prevailed to a greater or less extent in both

of the great political parties.

The Governor said in part:

"You hear of corrupt influences, gentlemen. I would be ashamed if I said things of one party that I was not willing to say of the other, if it were guilty, and I am willing to admit that in certain instances, in certain places, among other places in the state of New Jersey, the leaders of a little handful—but nevertheless the leaders—of the democratic party have had alliance of these corrupt influences, and the worst machine you can get up is not a machine that is altogether republican or altogether democratic, but a machine that is made up of both of them and that works together at every turn of public affairs."

"You have got them in Pennsylvania and we have them in a great many parts of the United States, or we have had them, but what I want to call your attention to is that the men that conduct these machines are a small fraction of the party that they pretend to represent and that the men who exercise corrupt influences upon them are a small fraction of the business men of the United States."

The above words did not come from the mouth of a demagogue, or a mere political trifier. They came from a man who realizes the importance of the great office for which he has been nominated. He makes no sweeping claim of party purity and admits a well established truth which many politicians would, for the sake of political expediency, prefer to side-step.

Governor Wilson is no straddler. He turns the calm light of reason upon existing political evils and searches for a remedy. In a word he is a constructive statesman.

Responsibilities of Citizenship.

The enactment of the initiative and referendum has brought to electors of Oregon new responsibilities of citizenship. Changing the organic law of the state is a serious matter and the proposed changes in the Oregon laws are deserving of careful attention on the part of the press as well as the electors.

The newspapers which are opposed to the Oregon system can ill afford to sneer at the initiative and referendum at a time when the people are demanding some enlightenment as to the merits of the various measures which will be submitted to them for their rejection or approval. It matters but little whether the number of measures submitted is great or small. The people want a rational discussion of the merits of the proposed laws and not a long-winded, laboriously written editorial pointing out the defects in the system.

Let Banks Collect Contributions.

The suggestion of Acting Chairman McAdoo of the Democratic National Committee that banks act as receivers for campaign contributions for all political parties seems to us to be deserving of careful thought and attention.

In discussing the idea Mr. McAdoo was recently quoted as follows:

"The opinion of the Acting Solicitor of the Treasury Department that National Banks receive and transmit subscriptions for each of the national political parties puts at rest all questions as to the right of the banks to act if they want to do so. It is, of course, our intention to have the banks charge for all expenses to which they are put for the service they may render."

"The letters to the banks are just going out, and already we are having responses from all parts of the country. In a few days we shall publish a list of the institutions which have agreed to serve."

"It is a decided innovation, and some of the banks, with their usual conservatism are hesitating about it, but I believe there will be a very general response in its favor."

"It is a thoroughly non-partisan service, and one that will be of great benefit to the whole country. It puts upon the banks once in four years, and for a period not exceeding ninety days, a relatively small burden. They will be paid for any expense to which they may be put, and at the same time they will make a large contribution to the public good."

SOCIAL.

Miss Ruth Fisher entertained at a theater party Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Mae Ballack who left Thursday for the East. After visiting the theater the girls returned to the home of the hostess where a table was spread for the guests and a dainty lunch served. A miniature train used as a center piece with tiny envelopes suggesting travel from a prairie schooner to an aeroplane were placed with each place card for the guests to wish Miss Mae a pleasant trip and a safe return home. Miss Mae wrote a note of condolence which caused much merriment. Those present were Mae Ballack, Harriet Van Tassel, Emily Martin, Corinda Hart, Carrie Wright, Beatrice Sanders, Lee Fortmiller, Hazel Hockensmith and Ruth Fisher.

The Misacs Taylor are enjoying the week end with friends at Silverton.

MISFITS.

Contributed by F. P. Nutting.

Do you think the time will ever come when waters refuse tips?

When autos run slowly through a town?

When there is no watered milk?

When policemen will refuse bribes?

And when water will run up hill?

The girl who makes a good biscuit is a sculptor to be proud of.

After millions of years a newspaper correspondent has just discovered that the milky way is neither a way or milky.

A scientist is looking for a sixth sense, which will enable people to intuitively know they are going to meet something around a corner without hearing it.

We live under a sea of air, made up of three strata. Should we ever rise fifteen miles it would be sure death. What is beyond? Close to the ground for weans.

Several Portland lawyers are too busy to help clean up Portland.

Whenever a man does anything worth while the cry goes up, "grand stand play." It is easy to figure out where a person stands by his cry.

A fair will bring rain about as prolifically as a 4th of July celebration.

No use of having a long face over bad weather. It is just an off season. The average will be good.

Anyway—the wet has been a big thing for timber and dairying.

The silent Wilson vote will be a tremendous one.

The love of a woman who likes a poodle dog just about as well isn't worth having.

If you really wish the fish to bite have a license in your pocket.

The greenest young man reported is the fellow who asked for molasses flavor for his soda water.

It is difficult to tell which the average girl thinks most of these days, her head or her heels.

One of the big magazines has learned how to make money without brains—probably from personal experience.

The silly old twaddle about a presidential year hurting business this year is being kicked into a frazzle. Nothing in it but an ague microbe.

An Albany man in a Portland paper objects to reviving these old monarchical customs, such as the creation of a Princess Spokane in this greatest of all republics, under a foolish, though somewhat pretty ceremony. If the fool-killer really got abroad he would have his hands full.

Of course Taft's managers and their organs claim the election of Mr. Taft; but everybody else knows better.

Years ago everybody learned to speak a piece in school. Now it is pretty near a forgotten art. Who's forgotten such pieces as The Polish Boy, Jim Bludsoe, Sheridan's Ride, Norval, Balaklava, The Belles, Darius Green and His Flying Machine, Socrates Snooks, Is It Anybody's Business, Rory O'More, Thanatopsis, Barbette Friche, One Hoss Shay, The Vagabonds, Curfew, The Hesperis, etc.?

Jim's Infant Industry, in Everybody's, is a fine exposition of the modern tariff trust system of doing things. But it is not exaggerated. A 44 cent tariff on woolen clothes is as bad as 32c apiece on bananas.

An eastern writer suggests that if women wish to wear pants they have two legs to them and not just one.

Edmund Parker returned home last evening from Newport where he has been spending the past few days at the summer resort.

William Bell has sold eight acres of his fruit and berry land, located three quarters of a mile west of town to a newcomer from Evanston, Illinois.

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OREGON ELECTRIC TO HAVE SLEEPERS

Service Will Be in Operation on October Sixteenth Says Head of Company.

ORDER ALREADY PLACED FOR TWOPULLMANPATTERN CARS

Said to Be First of Kind Operated on Pacific Coast; Eugene Invites Hill.

An innovation in Western electric railway service will be the operation of sleeping cars between Portland and Eugene on the Oregon Electric says the Oregonian. Two cars of regular Pullman pattern have been ordered. They will be operated in either direction every night. It will require about six hours to make the run between Portland and Eugene, but the cars will be placed at a convenient point in each city so that passengers can board them early in the evening and go to bed and wake up the following morning at the end of their journey.

It is claimed for the electric sleeping cars that they are virtually noiseless and that there is less vibration than on an ordinary steam road Pullman.

These cars will be the first of the type in operation on the Pacific Coast—the first, in fact, west of the Missouri River. In only two or three places in the country are sleeping cars operated on electric lines. One such run is out of Indianapolis and the other is out of St. Louis. Numerous Eastern cities have electric roads radiating out of them far enough to make such service practicable, but evidently it has not been considered necessary.

Officials of the Oregon-Portland service will be economically successful from the start.

Just what the nature of the celebration at Eugene will be has not been definitely determined. While it will consist in part of street demonstration, speaking and a formal reception the citizens of Eugene want to do something novel and unique. Invitations probably will be sent to the Portland Commercial club and to prominent citizens of Portland, city and state officials.

An earnest effort will be made to have James J. Hill present. If this plan is successful a "spike driving" ceremony will be one of the principal functions of the day.

Unless unforeseen complications develop actual service will begin on October 16, which will make October 15 the probable date for the Eugene celebration.

Tracklaying now has been completed to the outskirts of the city of Eugene. To this point the rails were put down by track-laying machines. Within the city the work is being done by hand as it is necessary to dig trenches to contain the ties so that the track will find the level of the street.

Meanwhile ballasting and overhead construction between Albany and Eugene is progressing rapidly. High-class station buildings are being erected in keeping with the general policy of the Oregon Electric.

Two big bridges have to be built on the main line before it can be called complete. One of these is at the crossing of the Santiam River and the other is at the crossing of the Willamette at Harrisburg. To accommodate traffic temporarily, a wooden bridge was built over the Santiam. The new structure, two thirds of which is ready, is being built of steel and concrete.

While Eugene is the ostensible terminus of the Oregon Electric there is little doubt that the line eventually will be built south of that city. A rich territory awaits the coming of the Hill interests push south as far as Medford to connect there with the Pacific and Eastern, which now operates 32 miles eastward to Butte Falls. Eventually, too, a connection will be brought from the Oregon Trunk at Bend to make the Hill loop complete.

LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE WERE MARRIED SUNDAY EVENING

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FIRE DESTROYS 11,000 LBS. OF HOPS AT ROBEY STATION

Flames Rapidly Consume Hop Dryer at Byers Yard Monday; Loss Is \$5,500.

A fire which broke out yesterday morning at the Byers hopyard, nine miles north of Albany near Robey station on the Oregon Electric, completely destroyed the dryer containing 11,000 pounds of hops which had been under cover but a few days, having just been picked. The loss on the hops is estimated at \$3,500 and on the building \$2,000, making the total loss \$5,500, partly covered by insurance.

The fire started in the cloth in the dry kiln evidently from a flying spark and the flames were beyond control within a few minutes. The fire stopped hopping temporarily. The hopyard where the fire occurred is owned by Jason Byers and contains 35 acres.

HAZEL IRWIN TO TELL OF HER SHARE IN WALLACE MURDER

A free, frank and open confession of her share in the crime coupled with the story of her life in simple language and an ardent plea to the jury for mercy will be the only defense offered for Hazel Irwin, who will be placed on trial in the circuit court this morning, the accusation being that she and Willard Tanner beat Ray W. Wallace to death with an iron bolt in an Alder-street lodging-house a couple of months ago.

"We will show that the poor girl has been the victim of circumstances," said W. A. Burke, who will defend her, with the assistance of John A. Jeffrey. "If any juror can listen to her story, beginning with the time when she was betrayed, in her 14th year, and continuing with the recital of her experiences in being guided further and further into the mire as a woman of the underworld, without pity being engendered in his heart, I have missed my reckoning."

Mr. Burke said that he would be satisfied with a conviction for manslaughter, but does not believe that the girl should be punished more severely. To convict her of first degree murder would be a moral, if not a legal injustice, he declares. Without equivocation he admits that his only hope is that the jurors will see fit to temper justice with mercy.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD IS IN SESSION IN ALBANY NOW

A large number of ministers from all parts of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho are in the city today attending the annual meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod which is being held today at the United Presbyterian church at the corner of Fifth and Washington streets. The sessions will continue until tomorrow evening. The sermon this evening will be delivered by the Rev. W. W. Reed of the Third Presbyterian church of Spokane, at 8 o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterians of Oregon was also held at this city yesterday and attended by a large number of ministers. This session was devoted principally to transacting business matters pertaining to the church and other routine business. Dr. Coie of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Portland is moderator of the Columbia district.

HERE IS A RECORD FOR QUICK WORK

Printing, binding and delivering a 1700-page transcript in less than fourteen days was the record made by a local printing concern this week.

The order was placed with C. G. Rawlings of this city upon condition that the transcript be completed and delivered at San Francisco in fourteen days from the date of the receipt of the copy and the same reached its destination just one day prior to the expiration of the time stated in the contract.

Tom Alexander of Albany received the contract for the composition and in order to complete the work within the time prescribed, found it necessary to run the linotypes to their capacity, day and night.

A. L. Geddes, the surveyor, went to Harrisburg this afternoon where he will look after several engineering matters and do some surveying, returning home this evening.

Grant Nichols of Ellensburg, Washington, is visiting in Albany today at the home of his aunt, Mrs. U. E. Olin. He will also visit his brother, James Nichols, at Plainview before returning to Washington.

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LINN AND BENTON BARBERS ORGANIZE

Held Meeting in Albany Last Evening at Banquet Hall of New Elite.

GEORGE L. THOMPSON WAS MADE FIRST PRESIDENT

Officers Were Elected and a Fine Banquet Served to the Tonsorial Artists.

Local Willamette Barbers Association. Plans were discussed of mutual interest to barbers and an election of officers held followed by a fine banquet which was greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

The tonsorial artists of Linn and Benton counties met last evening at the banquet hall of the new Elite where they held a business meeting and perfected a permanent organization which will be known as the Central Willamette Barbers Association.

The officers elected last evening for the new organization are: George L. Thompson, Albany, president; Harry A. Loxall, Lebanon, first vice-president; C. E. Peterson, Corvallis, second vice-president; and A. Schieck, Albany, secretary; Louis A. Viereck, Corvallis, treasurer. An executive committee consisting of three members was also appointed as follows: George L. Thompson, Albany; W. Rich, Corvallis; and B. F. Prine, Corvallis.

It is planned by the barbers to hold regular meetings for the purpose of discussing matters of importance relative to the trade and to encourage everything tending to improve the service, etc.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn.

Elsie Broadley, Plaintiff,

vs.

T. E. Broadley, Defendant.

To T. E. Broadley, 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 court and cause on or before the 15th day of October, 1912, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as hereby required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and a further order and decree decreeing to plaintiff the care, custody and control of the minor child of plaintiff and defendant, Louis H. Broadley, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet in the premises.

This summons is served by publication by order of J. N. Duncan, Judge of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record on the 30th day of August, 1912, directing that the same be published in the Albany Democrat, a newspaper published weekly in the city of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, for six consecutive weeks, the first insertion thereof being on the 30th day of August, 1912, and the last publication thereof on the 11th day of October, 1912.

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LOST OR STOLEN—Bay