

# THE LANE COUNTY NEWS

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## THE OREGON SYSTEM.

Judge Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, former secretary of the interior, writes for the Oregon Voter an exhaustive review of the Oregon System, in which he points out what to him appear as absurdities of the plan as it has worked out, and as it has supplanted the plan of government as laid down by the framers of the American government.

Very deliberately, as Mr. Ballinger points out by quotations from the Federalist Papers, and other writings during the formative period of the American constitution, the republican, or representative form of government was adopted. It was patent then to the men of wide vision, that the nation was to be of too wide scope to be governed as a pure democracy, in which laws were enacted by the whole people, assembled together. Geographical distance, and increasing numbers made it necessary to adopt the plan of delegating authority to select men from the different communities, and reposing in these men a measure of confidence that they would do the things which the people would have done had it been convenient or possible for them to come together to act.

The Oregon System, declares Mr. Ballinger, is based on a theory of distrust—the people cannot trust their representatives or agents. He continues:

"Let me ask you this question: If the people are incapable of selecting capable men to manage their affairs of government in a representative capacity, are they any more capable of selecting them under a recall system?"

Again, if the people are incompetent to select competent public servants, are they any more competent in selecting or making public measures or laws? The whole doctrine seems to me to involve an absurdity as well as a contradiction."

In another place he says:  
 "There is no guaranty in universal suffrage of wisdom in popular choice. The popular choice is almost universally against the most distinguished and capable citizens, for democracy detests superiority and refuses to recognize it."

Mr. Ballinger also condemns the state of Oregon for its disregard of the federal constitution (Art. 4, sec. 4) which guarantees a republican form of government to the states, declaring that Oregon disregards this fundamental law because, the supreme court having decided the question a political one, and one left to congress to decide, it, the state, feels secure against any action being taken in congress.

The article carries the implication that the old-style party government was the best. Undoubtedly the party system offers advantages, but it also developed defects, and defects such as to make it desirable that there be a change. The Oregon system was developed to meet conditions that needed correction. Whether or not it has fully filled this demand is a question. We still have the critics of the authorities—men and newspapers who see in their candidates only angels with wings, and in the elected officials, if of another classification, imps with hoofs and horns. Too much the people of the state have allowed appeals to prejudice to sway them. Statement No. 2 now an obsolete section of the Oregon System, was just as legal and just as proper as Statement No. 1, but who ever heard of a candidate for the legislature signing No. 2. No, a few newspapers raised the cry that to do anything else than to sign Statement No. 1 was to distrust "the people," and by the very force of their clamor forced the signing of the No. 1 Statement. Government by mob prejudice is not a desirable form of government, any more than is government by political boss.

In the making of laws, the Oregon System has proved itself cumbersome. Complex and conflicting laws have appeared on the ballots and have been the cause of expensive campaigns. The tax reforms proposed from time to time, have invariably been lost for the reason that any measure for correcting the taxing system must of necessity be complex, and by its complexity it has drawn the adverse vote of the opponents of each of the many provisions. Simple propositions like the woman suffrage amendment, the liquor question and some other broad questions of principle are proper subjects for direct legislation, for the question is not involved, and admits of a simple yes or no answer. The more complex questions of administration are more proper subjects for a serious consideration on the part of a representative body of men, chosen carefully by the people.

## Go Home For Christmas

THE holidays will soon be here. The time of happiness and cheer. Your friends will be expecting you to come home. So will mother, father, sister or brother.

## Low Holiday Fares

Are available for the holidays. On sale between all Southern Pacific stations in Oregon Dec. 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1. Return limit Jan. 4. From Oregon to California points on sale Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Jan. 1st. Return limit Jan. 3.

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John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon

The initiative and the referendum are useful functions of our government, for they give a direct reserve power in the hands of the people for the accomplishment of objects that could be brought about only indirectly under the old plan, but these new forms offer so many difficulties that their use should be discouraged by a wise public sentiment, and they should be brought into play only in real emergencies. In the meantime every good citizen should do his part in the cause of good government by assisting in the selection of honest, trustworthy men for the positions in office, putting into authority only such men as will be true representatives of the people.

That your Christmas day may be full of joy and the holiday season one of gladness is the wish of The News to its many patrons.

### TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Louella C. Poole  
 Once more the Blessed Day has come  
 To soothe the hearts of Christendom;  
 Like some cool hand that's pressed  
 Upon the fevered pulse of pain,  
 The Christmas Spirit comes again  
 To quiet our unrest.

Forgot awhile are grief and loss,  
 The brooding cares that irk and cross;  
 From farthest sea to sea,  
 From northern lands of ice and snow,  
 To where the rose and jasmine blow,  
 The Holy Mystery.

Its influence benign outspreads;  
 On bended knees, with low-bowed heads,  
 With myrrh and spices sweet,  
 Fit recognition we would make,  
 Our alabaster boxes break  
 In tribute at His feet.

O holy, blessed Christmas-time,  
 Of perfumed censens, pealing chime,  
 Thy fairest gifts, we pray,  
 In boundless measures, full and free,  
 Bestow on these across the sea,  
 So sore their need today!

The old and frail, forget them not;  
 And those about whose lives are wrought  
 Will look as if it cost ten dollars that  
 So much of hope and prayer—  
 Our little ones, the coming race—  
 Bestow on them thy tenderest grace  
 To grow in wisdom fair!

Sweet Yule-tide, of thy fulness bring  
 Peace unto hearts now sorrowing,  
 And unto great and small,  
 To man, bird, beast—to all that live—  
 Thy richest benediction give,  
 Thy happiness to all!

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph lines in Washington and Oregon would reach a distance of 341,255 miles.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,  
 December 22, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that William A. Taylor, of Landax, Oregon, who, on December 21, 1912, made Homestead entry Serial No. 05288, for SW 1/4, Section 32, Township 19S, Range 1 East Will. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before I. F. Hewitt, U. S. Commissioner, Eugene, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Loyd McMaster, Lowell, Ore.; Ora Carter, of Lowell, Ore.; Frank Winfrey, of Lowell, Ore.; Lanky McMaster, of Lowell, Ore.

J. M. UPTON, Register.  
 Dec. 23 Feb. 3.

### LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE OF \$671.09 IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, OREGON

Sealed bids will be received for the purchase of \$671.09 Town of Springfield Improvement Bonds, by the Town Recorder of said town at his office in the Town Hall, until January 17th, 1916 at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place said bids will be opened and considered by the common council of said town.

Said Bonds will bear interest at a rate of not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, shall be dated January 1, 1916, shall be in denomination of \$100.00 excepting one bond of \$71.09 as may be convenient.

Said Bonds will be sold for the highest price obtainable but not less than par and accrued interest.

Bids will be considered for the purchase of all or any part of said bonds. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. A certified check of \$35. will be required as evidence of good faith on the part of the bidder to accept said bonds.

These bonds are based on street improvements and offered under the terms of the Bancroft bonding law as provided by Chapter V, Title XXVI of Lord's Oregon Laws, as directed by Ordinance No. 423 of the Town of Springfield, Oregon.

Dated December 15, 1915.  
 HERBERT E. WALKER,  
 TH 16-16-15 Town Recorder.

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### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,  
 November 15, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that James A. Resides of Vida, Oregon, who, on November 9, 1915, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 07388, for Lots 6, 7 and 8 of Section 36, Township 15S, Range 2E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before I. P. Hewitt, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Eugene, Oregon, on the 19th day of December, 1915. As this land is in Sec. 26, a school section, the State of Oregon is especially cited in this notice.

Claimant names as witnesses: Cary W. Thomson, of Vida, Oregon; John W. Low, of Vida, Oregon; Michael Hanley, of Vida, Oregon; Abe Gilbert, of Eugene.

J. M. UPTON, Register.  
 Nov. 15-Dec. 22

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Lane County, on the 18th day of December, 1915, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 25th day of September, 1915, in a suit wherein the Plaintiff Margaret Moore was executrix of the estate of William M. Moore, deceased and Margaret Moore, recovered judgment against the Defendants R. H. Pierce and R. P. Landis for the sum of Forty-Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and 16-100 (\$4327.16) Dollars, with interest thereon from the 6th day of December, 1913, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and Five Hundred and no-100 (\$500.00) Dollars attorney's fees, and the further sum of Fifty-One and 70-100 (\$51.70) Dollars costs, which judgment was entered and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 25th day of September, 1915, and said Execution to me directed commanding me in the name of the State of Oregon, in order to satisfy said Judgment Attorney's fees, costs and accruing costs to sell the following described real property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 26.46 chains North and 26.80 chains West of the Southeast corner of the James R. Fisher D. L. C. No. 39 in Township 19, South Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence North 26.51 chains to the center of County Road No. 95, thence South 73 degrees 30 minutes West along the center of the road 12.51 chains to the East line of the E. Elliott D. L. C. No. 40 in Township 19 South Range 2 West, thence North 45 degrees 30 minutes West along the center of the road to the North line of Section 2 Township 19 South Range 2 West, thence West on the Section line 24.06 chains to the East line of the Abel Russell D. L. C. No. 41 in Township 19 South Range 2 West, thence South 37.26 chains to the Southeast corner of said D. L. C. No. 41, thence East 43.74 chains more or less to the beginning, containing 236.67 acres more or less in Lane County, Oregon, except lands which have been released from the lien of said Mortgage and described as follows:

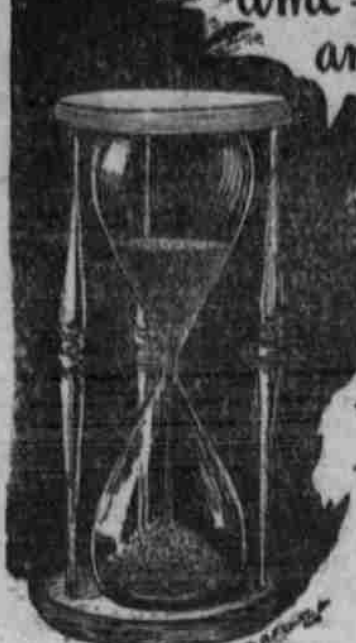
Beginning at a point 26.46 chains North 26.80 chains West of the Southeast corner of the James R. Fisher D. L. C. No. 39 Tp. 19 S. R. 2 West W. M. and running thence North 26.51 chains to the center of County Road No. 95, thence North 73 degrees 30 minutes West along the center of said County Road, No. 95 to the East line of the E. Elliott D. L. C. No. 40, Tp. 19 S. R. 2 W. W. M., thence North 45 degrees 30 minutes West along the center of said County Road No. 95 to the North line of Sec. 2 Tp. 19 S. R. 2 W. W. M. thence West on the said Sec. line 24.06 chains to the East line of the Abel Russell D. L. C. No. 41, Tp. 19 S. R. 2 W. W. M. thence South 37.26 chains to the Southeast corner of said D. L. C. No. 41, thence East 43.74 chains more or less to the place of beginning, containing 146 acres of land more or less, in Lane County, Oregon.

Now, therefore, in the name of the State of Oregon, and in compliance with said Execution and Order of Sale, I will on Saturday the 22nd day of January, 1916, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. to-wit: at one o'clock p. m. on said day, at the southwest door of the County Court house in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, offer for sale, and sell for cash, subject to redemption all the right, title and interest of the Defendants R. H. Pierce and Elizabeth Pierce his wife, R. P. Landis and Mabel Landis, his wife, Edgar A. Sorenson, Lybert Simons, Britt Aspinwall and J. P. Aspinwall, co-partners doing business under the firm name and style of Aspinwall Bros. and Clarence N. Nelson in and to the above described mortgaged premises.

JAMES C. PARKER,  
 Sheriff of Lane County, Oregon,  
 By D. A. ELKINS, Deputy.

Jas. Corsaw has re-opened his shoe repair shop in the west half of the Stevens bicycle shop, Main St. near Seventh.

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