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INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION.

Independence in political action on the part of the individual voter maintains in a greater degree today than at any time during our past history as a nation. Time was when a straight party vote could be relied upon to be thrown for the party nominee as that sunshine follows darkness. This condition does not now exist. A candidate for public office must not be notoriously bad, or unfit for the position sought. Such candidates are generally defeated at the polls, when political parties are nearly equally divided. The independent voter then wields the balance of power and the better and more competent candidate usually wins. At each recurring election the number of voters that do not answer to the party lash increase in number. It is the independent voter that will name the next president at the forthcoming November election. There are Republican and Democratic states that can now as surely be counted for President Roosevelt or Judge Parker, as on the morning after election day. But there are a number of so called doubtful states—states that are nearly evenly balanced politically—that will decide. It is in these states that the independent voter can and will make himself a political power. His vote will be thrown for the candidate and party whose principles appeal the stronger to his judgment. Therefore, it is in these states that the spellbinders of both the leading political parties will most frequently be found. Money, of which both parties will doubtless be supplied, will be spent lavishingly. It is the independent voters they will endeavor to pursuade or cajole. Then all hail independent voter, may your number increase. Upon you rests the responsibility of the maintanance of our Republican form of government. Your contempt of the party lash is the power most dreaded by the politicians. You can be relied upon to vote for the man rather than the party. Both presidential candidates, while they are party men, that is to say that they have usually voted the party ticket, are of rather independent turn but in no respect are party slaves. Their qualifications and fitness for the chief majistry will be discussed by the spellbinders ad infinitum. But the party platforms and policies promulgated at the late political conventions, will influence the independent voter rather than the personality of the nominees. Matters of legislation by late congress and policies advocated threat by the respective partieu will also have an important bearing. The independent voter is usually a reader and a thinker. The spellbinder will seek to place a glamor over his eyes by sophistry and special pleading; but he will fail. The independent voters are made up from our best thinkers and men who have the courage of their own convictions. They are men who having, duly formed a conclusion, cannot be easily changed. They believe they are right and dare to do their duty regardless of party lash.

Official Contempt for Law.

The Astorian makes a labored and it seems to us, rather a lame apology for the evident and acknowledged violation of law not only by the fishermen, who are not much to blame, but by the fish warden, who is hired and paid to execute the law.

It is true that the temptation to violate the law was very great. The fish began to come in great numbers just as the legal open season was closing; large and varied interests urged and conspired together for the violation of the law; yet the Journal thinks that this violation was inexcusable, and ought to be condemned. We cannot soffrd to make a law and hire or elect officers to enforce it, and excuse them for not doing so.

It may be best to change the open summer fishing season, making it two weeks later. This may be done by the next legislature, But the law that is on the statute book today should have been enforced by Fish Warden Van Dusen. He took an oath to support the constitution and the laws of the United States and the state of Oregon. He has been false to that oath. He is therefore an unfaithful public servant. He was not to blame for the law, if it is wrong. He was not to blame for the curious change in the habits of the salmon. But he is to blame for having a duty to perform and not doing it.

We cannot afford to have such officials—who set aside or ignore laws. An official's first, last and only duty is to enforce and execute the laws—whether those laws are good or bad, right or wrong, is not for him to say. If bad, and wrong, the people can change them.

There is entirely too much defiance of laws, overriding of laws, by public officials; and this is a conspicuous instance of this vice.

How will a court have the hardihood to fine a boy, for instance, for catching salmon in the Clackamas river out of season, when it allows the big master fish warden of Oregon to violate in a wholesale way the very law that he is paid to enforce.—Portland Journal.

The above showing contempt for the law by an officer sworn to execute it is a criticism justly merited. If public officers manifest such contempt for law, what can we expect from the private citizen? Why should the boy who shoots China pheasants out of season be prosecuted when sworn officers of the law, rich railroad officials and trust magnates violate law at pleasure?

Earl Gray has been appointed governor general of Canada, to succeed Minto.

Admiral Dewey has been awarded $17,000 as his share of vessels captured in the Manila campaign.

So popular and widely appreciated have American dried fruits become in Germany that they may be said to control the markets.

Los Angeles has the biggest park in the world. It was presented by a newspaper man named Griffith, and is called Griffith park.

The Portland street railways, which have hitherto been owned and operated by different companies, have been merged. The public will reap no benefit therefrom, unless it be a better service.

A proposed new law: Legal enactment is suggested providing that county assessors shall furnish to the county courts of their respective counties full lists by precincts showing the names and total value of the property of each person, company, association and corporation assessed. The court shall cause such lists to be published in the newspaper published nearest such precinct. By this means the public may know the extent of the possessions of all business concerns, whether corporate or individual, and the passage of law with the requirements stated will tend to remove the general uncertainty so frequently felt with regard to incorporated concerns and their assets. The proposed measure has received approval from many sources.—Salem Journal.

Henry Gassaway Davis found his first advancement when he secured the coveted position of brakeman on a freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. It was not long before he was advanced to the more responsible position of freight conductor, responsible in these days but far more so, relatively, in those. At 24 he was again promoted, this time to the position of superintendent in charge of the running of all trains. He introduced an innovation which marked a decided advance step in railroading. Up to that time it had been considered impracticable to run trains at night; when nightfall came, freight trains and passenger trains alike were "tied up," their journeys to be resumed only when daylight came. Davis held there was no good reason why they should not be run by night as well as by day, and proved it. His first night train from Cumberland to Baltimore marked an important epoch in railroading.—Leslie's Monthly.

More than 42 per cent of the government receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 were paid by the consumers of liquor and tobacco. In that period the government collected as tax on spirits $135,779,720, on fermented liquors $49,086,459, and on tobacco $44,655,802. This is an increase of $6,500,000 over last year, and is perhaps the most striking proof that can be offered of the remarkable prosperity of our country. Whisky and tobacco, except when the former is used for medicinal purposes, cannot be regarded as other than luxuries, and when the country is on a "free souphouse" basis the money for luxuries is not sufficiently plentiful to enable the traffic in such commodities to assume record breaking proportions. As the population of the country increases there is naturally an increase in the sales of these liquors for medicinal use, but it is not the small amount used for such purposes that has caused the big increase in revenues. And yet, while the sale and consumption of liquor is increasing, drunkenness is reported to be decreasing.—Oregonian.

Curious Facts.

Savings banks in New Jersey hold unclaimed amounts aggregating $98,135.

Horses, giraffes and ostriches have the largest eyes of land animals; cuttlefish of sea creatures.

Orders have recently been executed in Japan for fishing nets for Alaska, valued at $30,000.

The Japanese have discovered a method of producing artificial pearls which no one can tell from the genuine article.

The Treasury Department estimates that it will cost $605,287,000 to run the government for 1904 and $624,502,000 for 1905.

In South Africa the white ants have been found so destructive to wooden ties that steel has necessarily been adopted.

Life can be sustained for something like 30 days on water alone; with but dry food one can live but a quarter of that time.

The hay crop, excepting corn alone is the greatest in value, the gross realization during the year on 61,-390,940 tons being $556,376,889.

Over 13,000,000 persons are enrolled in the Sunday schools of this country. The enrollment in the public school is 16,000,000, or only 3,000,000 more.

Farm laborers in Mexico may be employed at from 19 to 20 cents a day, though in many parts they are scarce and unreliable.

The 2,152,207 worth of platinum extracted in the Gorotiagodatski district of Russia last year is practically the worlds supply of that metal.

Australia has more churches per capita than any other country. She has 210 churches to every 100,000 people. England has 144 and Russia about 56.

The desire to know the number of people on earth is an old one. Riccoli, an expert Italian statistician estimated in 1672 the world's total population at 1,000,000,000 souls.

The Simplon tunnel, the longest in the world is to be completed in 1905. The event is to be celebrated at Milan, the nearest important Italian city, by an international exposition.

Japanese dwellings are usually of but one floor. They are divided into the number of bed rooms the owner requires by paper shutters which fit in groves. These partitions can be removed at will.

In Spain the daily wage of a field laborer ranges from 20 to 28 cents without board.

Recently in Dundee $15,000 a ton was paid for whalebone. This is said to be the highest price ever paid for whalebone.

In nearly every street in Japanese cities is a public oven where, for a small fee, housewives may have their dinners and suppers cooked for them.

The Patent Office is proportionately the most profitable of our government departments. A balance of over five million dollars lies to its credit in the Treasury.

The largest steamship in the world is the Baltic, launched November 21 at Belfast. It is 725.9 feet in length 49 feet in depth, and 75.6 feet in breadth. Its tonnage is 23,000.

Although the sea covers three-fourths of the earth's surface, it does not provide in the same proportion for man's wants. Only about 3 per cent of the people in the world gain their living directly from the sea.

Coal constituted nearly 40 per cent of the total tonnage of American railways last year. It costs $1.87 to carry a ton from Yorkshire coal fields in England, to London, a distances of 158 miles, while coal is brought from the Carbondale coal region in in Illinois to Chicago, 276 miles for 75 cents a ton.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of John M. Bilyeu, deceased, in pursuance of an order of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, made in the matter of said estate on the 1st day of August, 1904, will from and after the 12th day of September, 1904, sell at private sale for cash in hand the following described real estate, to-wit: Beginning at the S. E. corner of Sec. 26 in Tp. 10 S., R. 2 W. of Will. Mer., Oregon, thence W. 20 chains to the N. W. corner of the N. E. ¼ of the N. E. ¼ of Sec. 35 in said Tp. and R., thence S. 11.75 chains, thence W. 7.50 chains, thence S. 8.25 chains, thence W. 12.50 chains, thence N. to the N. E. corner of G. W. Howell's D. L. C., thence W. to the S. E. corner of Stephen Stewart's D. L. C., thence N. to the N. boundary line of Sec. 35, thence E. to a point 9.25 chains W. of the ¼ Sec. corner between Sections 26 and 35 in said Tp., thence in a northeasterly course to the center of said Sec. 26, thence N. 27.17 chains to the south boundary line of R. H. Pollard's D.L.C., thence E. 20.40 chains to the S. E. corner of said claim, thence N. 11.83 chains, thence E. 19.60 chains to the E. line of said Sec. 26, thence S. 79 chains to the place of beginning, in Linn County, Oregon.

Also beginning in the center of a county road at a point 30 feet E. from the N. E. corner of Block No. 9 in South Addition to the City of Scio, Linn County, Oregon, and running thence S. 1 degree E. along the center of said county road 305 feet, thence N. 89 degrees E. 246.50 feet, thence N. 1 degree W. 306 feet, thence W. 246.50 to the place of beginning in Linn County, Oregon.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1904.

HANNAH J. BILYEU, Administratrix.
H. Bryant & Son, attorneys for administratrix.

CITATION.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR LINN COUNTY.
In the Matter of the Estate and Guardianship of G. W. Phillips, an incompetent person. } CITATION.

To G. W. Phillips, the above named incompetent person; to Martha A. Phillips, W. M. Phillips, Geo. W. Phillips, Jr., Ida B. Warwick, Sarah F. Coffee and Emma J. Davis, the next of kin of G. W. Phillips, incompetent, and to all persons interested in said estate, Greeting:—

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Linn, at the Court room thereof, at Albany, in said County, on Saturday, the 16th day of October, 1904, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, then and there to show cause if any there be why an order should not be made authorizing, licensing and directing W. A. Ewing, as guardian of said G. W. Phillips, incompetent, to sell the following described real property at public sale, to-wit:

Tract No. 1. Beginning at the Southwest corner of the D. L. C. of Nathaniel Crank and Susannah Crank, his wife, Not. No. 968, claim No. 40, in Township 10 South of Range 1 West of the Will. Merd. and Claim No. 51 in Township 10 South of Range 2 West Will. Merd. and running thence North 29.32 chains; thence East 40.00 chains; thence South 29.32 chains to the South line of said D. L. C.; thence West 40.00 chains to the place of beginning containing 119.30 acres more or less, in Linn County, Oregon.

Tract No. 2. Also the following described premises, to-wit: Beginning at the center of Thomas Creek 31 feet East of the line directly South of the East line of lot No. 75, as the same is known and designated upon the original plat and survey of the City of Scio, in Linn County, Oregon, and running thence North about 210 feet to the North line of Mill Street in said City of Scio, thence East about 24 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East about 218 feet to a point on the West line of the land now owned by G. W. Phillips; thence in a Southerly direction about 116 feet to the Southwest corner of G. W. Phillips land; thence East 215 to a point 3 feet chains and 50 links West of the line between Sections 17 and 18 in Township 10 South of Range, West of the Will. Merd. in Linn County, Oregon, thence South about 155 feet to the center of Thomas Creek; thence West from the center of Thomas Creek to the place of beginning, containing 4½ acres more or less, situated in the City of Scio, Linn County, Oregon.

Also beginning 31 feet East of the Northeast corner of said lot No. 75, and running thence South 120 feet to the center of Thomas Creek; thence West down the center of Thomas Creek 31 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence West 8½ feet; thence North 100 feet to the North line of said lot; thence East 30½ feet to the place of beginning. Also all interest in and to the water rights, privileges and appurtenances conveyed by Preston Munkers to Wm. McKinney and H. L. Turner, by his deed of conveyance dated April 9th, 1862, which said deed was duly filed for record on the 26th day of April, 1862, and recorded in Book "D" of deed records in the office of the County Recorder of Linn County, Oregon, on page 161 thereof, and all the privileges and interest in water rights that said Preston Munkers has since or at any time deeded to said Wm. McKinney and H. L. Turner, and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

WITNESS, Hon. C. H. Stewart, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Linn, with the seal of said Court affixed, this 18th day of August, A. D., 1904.

Attest: B. M. Payne, County Clerk.

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CONSTIPATION

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Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the day above designated for the commencement of the sale, otherwise their rights will be forfeited.

U. S. Land Office at Oregon City, this 15th day of July, 1904.

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