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OF QUESTIONABLE WISDOM.

SOMETIME ago we copied an article from the columns of the Albany Herald, written over the signature of Commissioner T. J. Butler, in which Mr. Butler attempted to show how much money the county was saving in the erection and repairing of bridges, by substituting workmen employed by the day, under his direction and supervision, instead of letting the work by contract, as was formerly the rule.

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presented, so far as lies within his power, all persons and corporations, who have and are despoiling the government.

The people would not have this faith in President Roosevelt, had he not exhibited to the satisfaction of all, that in his dealing of the Oregon matter, he is earnest to a marked degree, and that he is not in the least playing to the galleries.

Democrats and old-time populists have concluded that in Mr. Roosevelt, they have a chief executive, who is as good a democrat or populist as any man, if selected from their own ranks could possibly be had.

The entire country, regardless of political sentiment, wishes the president a safe and enjoyable time in his western trip, and that his two months of recreation may be all that he desires in the way of sport.

FREIGHT RATES.

ONE of the knotty problems that will be taken up when congress assembles again, will be that of freight rates on the railroads.

Such manipulating and juggling of railway stocks is the primary reason for the demand of a freight rate measure at the hands of the federal congress.

The Lin county committee that is preparing the exhibit for the county competition at the Lewis and Clark exposition, desires the assistance of every body. They are out after that \$1,000 premium and the notoriety that the award will give the county.

The Chicago grand jury is making things somewhat unpleasant for the beef trust. Several indictments have been returned and still there is more to come.

AN OBJECTIONABLE LAW.

Our barber, Mr. George Davis, informs us that he received notice from the state board of examiners, two or three days ago, to cease practicing his trade, and to not again work at it in the state of Oregon.

This "Barber law," anyway, is just about as nonsensical, as a law well can be. It was passed at the instance of a board of barber examiners, two or three days ago, to cease practicing his trade, and to not again work at it in the state of Oregon.

There is far more reason, to regulate a baker, for instance, than to regulate a barber, than there is to regulate a barber.

Another feature. All these small towns and villages, cannot furnish good business, each, to justify one of these 80, 90 or 100 per cent. barbers to set up shop.

The Russian fleet is at last moving on its way to endeavor to reach Vladivostok. Admiral Togo in charge of the Japan fleet is said to be watching every part of it as though which the Russian fleet is likely to pass, very closely.

Chicago has voted by a large majority for municipal ownership of street railways. All that now seems in the way of the transfer from private to public ownership, is the agreement on the price.

The News is credibly informed that several other newspapers of the county had the same local notice that was published at Sheriff White's instance, and that these other newspapers agree to publish the full amount of their bills, one dollar each, while that of the News was cut to one-half of that amount.

WHICH ARE THE CHRISTIANS?

THE Russian press is doing its level best to keep the world in mind of the fact that the war in the far East is a clash between Christians and Pagans.

The Russian government as a general thing keeps a pretty sharp censorship on the newspapers, but it has helped, rather than hindered, the Russian press in its lauding upon the glorious fact of the soldiers of the Czar are also the soldiers of the Christ, and that the Japs are a set of wretched pagans, who believe not in Christ, but in Buddha.

What is Christianity, anyway? Is it a profession of belief and the practicing of a certain ritual, or is it a life—a life that manifests itself in a progressive, kindly and justice-loving civilization?

The justice and beneficence of the "Powers that Be" in Japan are eliciting such patriotism, courage and devotion as has seldom been witnessed before, while the unpeppery tyranny and brutality of the Russian authorities are plucking the heart of valor out of the rank and file of their soldiery and making them the laughing stock of the world.

The answer is not far to seek, and here it is—"The Japanese." They may know very little of the historical Christ; they may be deplorably ignorant of the creeds over which "Christians" have been quarreling and fighting for two thousand years; but of the real spirit of Christianity, as taught at a more than earthly level, they are all, they have very much more than is possessed by the Russians; or, to be more precise, by the crowd that is at the head of the Russians.

Lin county is entitled to the very best administration that the officers selected can give. If any of them are derelict in their duties, they may expect to hear from someone, who is watching matters and expect every man to do his duty.

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MACHINE POETRY.

Written by H. B. Kiffin, at the Request of the Members of the Poets' Club, June, 1905.

In Meadows' Fort of fond report, As fancy leads my song, Both Walls Walls men report, And Tarboods of renown.

Our Sargeants next in order stand, With Corp's quite a string; And then within our serge's band, We're honor'd with the King.

Now let me say to Swish bands, And all our border lines, From beneath our treaties stand, That all our wars may close.

Next, John to try our grit, come up, His lead like ball he left, Then soon, to save his hair he left, But where we cannot tell.

Our Major is as brave a man As ever came this way, In fight he always led the van, Nor fell till all was true.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account in the matter of the estate of George W. Blyen, deceased, in the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, and that said court has fixed the 1st day of May, 1905, at the hour of one o'clock P. M., of said day as the time for the hearing and settling of all objections to said account, therefore, all persons having objections to said account are hereby notified to appear and file the same in said court on or before one o'clock P. M., of said 1st day of May, 1905.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Hester Winner, deceased, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, made and entered of Record on the 17th day of March A. D. 1905. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to said administrator at his residence near Kingston, Linn county, Oregon, with the proper vouchers and duly verified as by law required within six months from the date of this notice.

EXTENDING WINTER RATES.

To Yaquina Bay, Which to People Wishing to Enjoy Nature's Beautiful Treasures is Popular.

The low rates in effect from points on the S. P. to Yaquina Bay during the winter, which proven so popular with the people wishing to view the beauties of nature at that magnificent seaside resort, have been extended during the month of April, and tickets will be sold on Wednesdays and Saturdays until the last of April, good for return at any time up to May 31, 1905.

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