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STILL WORKING FOR REFORM.

A few days ago, the NEWS editor had a short conversation with Hon. W. S. U'Ren, the father of the Initiative and Referendum, in Albany. In answer to the question "What reforms are you working for now, Mr. U'Ren?" He replied, "Proportional representation. The power of recall and a corru't practices law."

"Proportional representation" the first of the proposed reforms by Mr. U'Ren, is a representation in the legislature or congress of the minority party. To illustrate, Linn county has three representatives in the legislature. Proportional representation would give two of these representatives to the majority party and one to the minority. The method would be simple enough. If the Republicans were in the majority, the two leading candidates, that is to say the two having the largest number of votes, would be declared elected. The Democratic candidate having the largest number of votes of his party, would also be declared elected; nevertheless the total of his votes may have been less than the total of the votes cast for the minority candidate of the Republican party. There is no question but what such a law would result in benefit. We have seen the evils that result from one political party having too large a majority in the legislature. We have seen measures of a political nature become laws because of an overwhelming majority of a political party, in state legislature or in congress that ought not to pass, because of their mischievous nature. Nor would such political measures, that are alone calculated to advance the interests of any one political party, be enacted into law, if the legislative body was nearly evenly divided on political or partisan questions. There are always enough independent members, who will not be controlled by mere partisan reasons, to prevent any and all mischievous partisan measures from becoming law, when the majority of a political party in the legislature is small.

The power of recall, the second of Mr. U'Ren's reforms if adopted, would enable the people to vote an official out of office as well as to vote him in. This measure would be of great value, when the fact becomes patent that an official becomes dishonest or is in any way inefficient. Also, if he fails to do what the public desires or what he was elected to do, his services could be dispensed with; just the same as the private employe is discharged when his services are found to be not satisfactory.

A corrupt practice measure would regulate the amount of money a candidate might expend and in what way it shall be expended, when he is running for office. Undoubtedly there is a legitimate way in which a candidate may expend money in order to further his candidacy and there is an illegitimate way as well. The illegitimate should be suppressed; but so long as a candidate spends his money to advertise his candidacy or in presenting the issues before all the people, it is difficult to say just at what point the brake should be applied. This measure is urged as being in the interests of the poor man who becomes a candidate. The poor man, who has merit and ability, is apt to succeed, no matter how much money his opponent uses; if the expenditure is confined along honest and legitimate lines. If a candidate is worthy, the people will not forget him when the fact becomes known.

Mr. U'Ren may live long enough to see all of his net measures enacted into law; But the NEWS thinks his hair will become much whiter than at the present time, when that result is brought about. The people must be educated somewhat as to the benefit to be derived before the measures are adopted.

Mr. U'Ren has destroyed his influence, somewhat, by his opposition to the reference of the state university appropriation, and the people will not give him their aid so readily in securing the adoption of his reform measures, as they would have done a few months ago. But, his proposed measures are meritorious, all the same, and some day may become laws.

The state has concluded its testimony in the Haywood trial up at Boise. In the minds of most unprejudiced men, it has failed to make out its

case. It has failed to establish Haywood's connection as a conspirator in the Steunenberg murder, outside of the confession of the murder, thief, bigamist and guilty of many other crimes, Harry Orchard. True there is a circumstance or two, which if backed up by reliable evidence, might be construed as showing Haywood's connection with the conspiracy. But unsupported and not corroborated by any direct evidence, the circumstances cannot be construed as implicating Haywood in the Steunenberg murder in any way. What the defense will attempt to establish, remains yet to be seen. Indeed, in order to secure acquittal, the defense does not need to introduce any testimony. An accused person is presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. This the prosecution has failed completely to do, as we view the testimony reported. Therefore, should the case be submitted to the jury at the present, without the introduction of any testimony by the defense, a verdict of acquittal would have to be returned. Unless the state can produce better evidence of guilt against

Moyer and Pettibone, than has been produced against Haywood, it is utter nonsense to bring them to trial. It would be far easier to convict the officers who kidnapped and removed the prisoners illegally from Colorado than it is to convict Haywood and his fellow prisoners of the murder of Steunenberg.

Every town in Oregon save Scio seems to be growing and thriving rapidly. Towns with less natural advantages than we have, are outstripping us in growth. There is no doubt but what Scio, some day, will be made to grow and flourish in spite of our lethargy. Yet, we can materially hasten the day if we show a disposition to meet Mad'me Progress half way. Located as we are, in the very best dairy section of the state, and adjacent to the largest and best timber belt there is in Oregon, we are simply idly wasting our time and opportunity, by waiting, Micawber like, for something to turn up. If we cannot do the necessary turning ourselves, let us assist somebody else to start the ball rolling. "There is a time in the affairs of men which, if taken at the flood, lead on to fortune." That time for Scio is now close at hand. Let us be willing to meet any enterprise that comes to our door with the glad hand.

OBITUARY.

(Republished by Request.)

Lydia T. Hamilton was born in Jersey county, Illinois, May 9, 1842; died on the farm where her parents last resided, four miles south of Scio, on June 10, 1907; aged 64 years, 1 month and 10 days.

When two years of age she moved with her parents from Jersey county, Ill., to Grant county, Wis., where they resided for three years, then returned to Jersey county, Ill. In 1861 she crossed the plains with her parents, via an ox team. The journey required six months for the Hamiltons to reach Linn county, Oregon. A donation land claim, six miles south of Scio was secured for the new home. She has resided continuously in this locality to the time of her death with the exception of two years spent in Jackson county, Oregon.

On July 1, 1890 she was united in marriage to A. Montgomery, on the farm where she died. Twelve children were the fruits of this union, three sons and nine daughters. Three of the daughters and one son died many years ago. The surviving



Mrs. LYDIA T. MONTGOMERY

ing members of her family are: Her husband, A. Montgomery, who resides on the home farm; Mrs. Dell Shelton, of Scio; Mrs. Clara Munell, of near Crabtree; Mrs. Harr et E. Dille, of Oroville, California; Mrs. M. J. Snyder, of Vancouver, Washington; Mrs. Hattie Elder, of Tangent and C. A. R. W. and Miss Leon, the three youngest children who reside with their father on the old homestead. Three sisters and two brothers of the deceased, also, survive here.

In 1862 she united with the Missionary Baptist church at Providence, a few miles Southeast of here. In 1880 she changed her membership from Providence to the church in Scio, of which she lived a consistent member until the time of her death. She was also a member of the Rosecca lodge, of this city.

Mrs. Montgomery was always energetic, ambitious and industrious. She ever had a kind word of advice or of warning for young and old. Her kind hands prepared and administered freely to the comfort of all who came to her home, not only the necessary to food of physical life, but the bread of Eternal Life, as well. She gave many cups of cold water to the thirsty traveler on life's journey. So we can truthfully say that a kind, devoted and true wife, mother and child of God, has gone from earth's joys and sorrows, to her reward and better home above.

The interment occurred at Franklin Butte cemetery on Monday afternoon June 17. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. O. Richmond, of this city, at the cemetery. A very large concourse of people attended to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

The bereaved husband and children desire to tender their sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and respect during the sickness, death and burial of the wife and mother.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Department No. 1 of the circuit court (Judge H. Barnett, judge, convened at 10 o'clock on Monday morning with 22 cases on the docket, which were run through in approximately 25 minutes.

The following business has been disposed of:—
Continued—the old Lebanon bank robbery case; J. J. Whitney agt. Thos. Large, H. G. Fleischauer agt. Henry Zastrow, Oregon agt. Edward Peden, A. L. Weddle agt. Jerome Smith and J. H. Weddle, upon new trial being granted; O. W. Large agt. D. S. Smith sheriff, First National Bank agt. W. E. and W. P. Anderson, Honeyman agt. Leeper.

Settled: J. J. Whitney agt. C. A. Patterson and L. C. Patterson, Frank Peterson agt. O. M. and M. V. Leeper, First National Bank agt. W. E. and Laura Anderson.

Dismissed: Beams-Shaw Co. agt. Davis, Iola E. Ewing agt. H. C. Ewing, judgment and attachment.
Wm. Goodrich agt. M. S. Darbin, judgment ordered.
Paul Blais agt. Marvin and Gertrude Martin, judgment ordered.
J. D. Bennett agt. W. C. Black, judgment ordered.

Q. E. Probst and M. E. Hyren witnesses—Oregon agt. Jack Smith, charged with larceny of 26 sheep on trial, the district attorney and deputy G. S. Hill appearing for the state and W. R. Bilyeo and C. E. Sox for the defendant. After a short deliberation the jury returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

The following jury was accepted: C. T. Allingham, W. C. Burne, Mark Curtis, Willy Hosman, Dan McClain, Arch Miller, J. L. Nye, Joe Riggs, Alex Stimpert, J. E. Tompkins, John Young and A. E. Zeigler.

In the case of Anderson agt. Prochnow, Walter A. Currie, of Baltimore, was appointed to take testimony of the plaintiffs in that city and the case was continued.

Oregon agt. Chas. Kroschel, charged with violating the local option law. Defendant found guilty and was fined \$50 and cost.

Oregon agt. John Bachman, rape, when case was called Bachman failed to appear. His bail was declared forfeited and a bench warrant issued for his arrest.

Oregon agt. Ralph Turpin, rape; continued in order to obtain testimony.

SANTIAM FARM.

Our late summer showers were high ly appreciated.

G. A. Griffin, Wm. Reed, Scott Turner and Lawrence Poindexter, took in the excursion to Portland, last Wednesday. Portland was quit a sight to Lawrence and Scott, as this was their first visit to the Metropolis. All returned home on Saturday.

J. P. Crabtree attended the pioneer's reunion on in Portland, last week. He reports a fine time.

J. H. Poindexter and wife, Mrs. Rhoda Turner and Mrs. S. W. Gaines made a flying trip to Albany, last Saturday.

Mrs. Lulu Turner returned home, last Saturday, from a stay with her sister, Mrs. John Crabtree.

James Arnold and wife, of Munkers, were over Sunday, visiting with Mrs. Arnold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller.

Mrs. Mary Bowman, of Oroville, Cal., is visiting Mrs. Walter Miller.

PIE EATER.

Must Be Absent Minded.
About the best joke of the year occurred last week, in which one of our leading citizens played the leading role. Said leading citizen brought one of his horses to the blacksmith shop to be shod. After the horse was shod the owner tied him to a hitching rack and did some other chores about town. After concluding his business, our leading citizen returned to his home, forgetting all about the horse. Nor did he know of his oversight until the following morning, when he went to the barn and found the horse missing. We promised not to tell the name of the absent-minded citizen, but we understand that A. J. Devenay will disclose the name of any one who asks.

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