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## LA FOLLETTE.

Senator LaFollette believes in a square deal. Therefore he is persona non grata to the corporate interests that control the national senate. He believes in a fair return on invested capital, that railroads should charge rates that will yield them fair interest and pay taxes on actual valuations, therefore he is denounced as a demagogue by railroad statesmen.

LaFollette's political career has been one continuous battle in behalf of the people. But do the people appreciate it? Has he not had to make such a strenuous fight for political existence that it has made him prematurely old and would have long since worn out a less vigorous and resourceful fighter, and will not the people in the end tire of the never-ending contest and defeat their champion? The very strenuousness necessitated by a campaign against corporate wrongs wearies the public, as did Roosevelt's efforts.

Tom Johnson's career is a case in point. He has given Cleveland the best government of any large city. Taxation is fairer and on a nearer correct basis in Cleveland than in any other city as a result of his efforts. He has fought the traction interests that dominated the city for a decade for the three-cent fares, and as victory dawned, he is deserted by those in whose interests he has spent his fortune.

Joseph Folks' case was another instance where the people deserted their champion. Tammany's long, victorious career of spoilation seems almost proof that the people prefer graft to honesty. The return of the Ruf gang to control in San Francisco by the defeat of the graft prosecution shows the admiration of the people for those who betray them.

Yet the leaders of reform, who believe in honest government are not discouraged. They realize that defeat is due to lack of organization among reform forces, and the cohesive power that public plunder gives to the enemy and enables effective organization, rather than to dishonesty among the masses.

La Follette defeated, would fight as vigorously for the right, as it is given him to see it, as he does now, as does any one successful or unsuccessful, who is really worth while.

## THE BENCH AND BAR.

Perhaps in no state in the Union do the lawyers leave as little impress upon the political and civic life of the people as in the state of Oregon. People of other states, who come here often remark of this difference. It cannot be charged to the inferiority of the lawyers in ability and integrity, for common observation disproves this. It is due to another cause, and no other cause than the lawyers themselves.

For years attorneys have given their allegiance and support to the Oregonian, that has held them up to scorn and contempt and without reason, sense or information, ruthlessly attacked the procedures of the courts, the decisions of judges and verdicts of juries. It has essayed at a distance of hundreds of miles to be able to understand that a jury's verdict was wrong and immoral. It has been able to determine the guilt of a defendant by the spelling of his name.

But this is not enough; the lawyers like it so well that they elect, and keep electing, men to the bench year after year who treat them as criminals and imbeciles, and not officers of the court. Instead of standing together and working for the election of the best lawyers, they sit idly while the nomination goes to someone whose claim to popularity is that he tickles the "Rubes" by driving and insulting the lawyers and playing sweet to the jurors by prating of expenses.

If the lawyers of the state possessed the courage that their profession should, they could put on the bench men who would adorn it by reason of their ability and integrity. There is some reason for their failure. It is either cowardice or jealousy.

### FIGHTING BUG GETS LOOSE IN PASS; TEN BUCKS COPPED

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—The fighting bug got loose in Grants Pass last night with the result that J. E. Verdin and Martin Conger mixed in with R. G. Grimmett. The parties were taken before the city police court and pleaded guilty and were fined \$10. Conger asking time to plead. Shortly after this fight Conger got into an altercation with Roy Jordan over a livery bill and they mixed, with the result that Conger got another licking and was fined \$10 besides.

### CHANGE MADE IN GRANTS PASS BANKING CIRCLES

GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—A financial deal of importance took place this week where-in Leon L. Herrick of Sauk Rapids, Minn., bought into the Grants Pass Banking & Trust company and was elected president of the institution, succeeding J. T. Tuffs. Mr. Herrick, though a young man, has been in the banking business for 22 years. The Grants Pass Banking & Trust company was established in 1901 and is the only bank on the south side of town.

## MORE ROADS IN THE WILLAMETTE

Main Line and Branch Line Down the West Side Will Touch Many Willamette Valley Points.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 5.—Pursuant to plans that the Oregon Electric railway have had for the extension of their lines in the Willamette valley and surrounding country, and the filing of supplementary articles of incorporation with the secretary of state yesterday, active operations on the construction of these extensions are closed beyond the state of mere conjecture.

On the north, the Forest Grove branch of the main line will be continued through Washington and Tillamook counties to a point on Tillamook bay. The continuation of this branch to the coast opens up a new country to rail traffic and brings nearer to Salem and Portland one of the most desirable summer resorts on the Pacific coast.

Starting at Tigard, on the main line, a branch will run to the west southwest of the Willamette river, Newberg and McMinnville being on the line to Dallas. From Dallas this branch will take a southeasterly direction through Corvallis and on down to Eugene, where the main line is again joined.

From Salem the main line will be extended through Albany, Eugene and down in through the heart of Douglas county to Roseburg. Two branches running east and west will also be added to this system. At Dallas running through Rickreall and Derry to Salem on the capital city through Sublimity and Meham to a western terminal at Mill City. To the southward of Salem, at Albany, the other branch will leave the main line, tapping a rich country, and on upward into the mountains, with its terminus at Cascade.

## HANDSOME OFFICE FOR FRUIT GROWERS

Plans Include Arranging Offices Which Will Be of Great Advantage to Local Orchardists.

The Rogue River Horticultural society is to have handsome headquarters in the Haskins building on Main street, when the plans of the society are finally carried out. Office rooms are being fitted up for Professor O'Gara, and these rooms will also be the headquarters for the Horticultural society and also for all fruit-growers. Government officials detailed by this section will also be accommodated there. In time it is expected to acquire more rooms and create a bureau of information, where everything pertaining to the orchard interests may be discussed and where any one desiring information along these lines may find what he is seeking.

The society has fitted up these rooms at its own expense and without any great fuss—a contrast to the time when the first fruitgrowers' union was organized in Medford, when the organization had to figure closely in order to find rental for a once-a-month meeting.

### NEW YORK BONDS RISE FOLLOWING ELECTION

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Following the result of Tuesday's election a general rise has occurred in quotations for New York city securities. New York 4s were yesterday quoted at 100 5/8 as compared with 99 5/8 in the latter part of October. The 4 1/2s were 109 3/4, as against a point lower in October. The offerings of city bonds were in much smaller volume than in the two weeks preceding the election.

Arthur Brown of the Rogue Magazine was in Woodville on business Wednesday.

## WHAT PAPERS SAY.

### An Unusual Judge.

(Oregon Journal.)

Two men named Walsworth, father and son, were recently convicted in Jackson county of manslaughter, but the two juries unanimously recommended that the court exercise leniency and show mercy in the degree of their punishment. It appears from the evidence that there was much room for doubt as to whether the Walsworths did not kill an attacking neighbor in defense of their home. At least this recommendation of both juries was one entitled to respectful consideration by the court. The penalty for manslaughter is imprisonment for a period of from one to fifteen years, but Judge Hanna sentenced both defendants the maximum penalty of fifteen years. They had already served eighteen months' imprisonment in the penitentiary on a former conviction, which was reversed by the supreme court—circumstances that the juries probably regarded as one reason why justice would best be served by a light sentence. In some states a jury fixes the sentence; it cannot do so in this state, but a judge usually gives consideration to a jury's recommendation.

Judge Hanna is the same circuit judge who held the editor of the Medford Tribune guilty of criminal libel because he ventured to express criticism of a certain grand jury, a decision which the supreme court reversed, holding the editor guiltless and entirely within his rights.

## ALL K. OF P. LODGES TO BE INSPECTED

New Grand Lodge System Provides for One Official Visit Yearly.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 5.—Every lodge of Knights of Pythias in Oregon will be visited by the chief officers of the order in the state, no matter how small the lodge or how remote its location, before the next grand lodge session in June, 1910. At the session of the grand lodge at Pendleton last June a plan was perfected whereby the grand chancellor will visit half of the lodges and the grand vice-chancellor the other half each year. So many new lodges have been instituted that it has become almost impossible for one man to visit all during his term. In many cases, however, both of the two leading officials will visit the lodges together and a number of other grand officers will accompany them frequently. Each lodge is preparing for a big time when the official visit is received.

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## MARRIAGES FEW IN HARD TIMES

Most of Divorces Occur During Fifth Year of Married Life, According to Twenty Years' Statistics.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The National League for the Protection of the Family has issued a summary of the United States marriage and divorce report for 1909—the first report of the kind to cover the statistics of the entire country. According to these statistics it is the fifth year of married life in which most divorces take place. The average length of married life before divorce or separation is 9.9 years.

The total number of marriages in the United States in the years 1887-1906 was 12,832,044, according to the summary. In the first year of the period there were 483,069 and in the last year 853,290.

The marriage rate responds quickly to changes in economic conditions, rising in periods of prosperity and declining after a commercial crisis or panic and during hard times. This deficiency of marriage in hard times, says the report, "suggests a loss to the community not ordinarily thought of in considering the effects of periods of financial depression."

It estimates that there was a deficiency of 259,813 marriages in the five years of hard times following the year 1892.

### Statistics of the States.

The inequalities of the states appear when studied separately. Nevada, in 1900, had the highest marriage rate, it being 15.1 per 1000 of population. The rate in Arkansas was 13.2 and the District of Columbia, Indiana and most of the southern states, ran above 10. On the other hand, New Mexico had the lowest rate, being only 6.7. Delaware stands next with 7.2, and is closely followed by Connecticut, Maine and California. But imperfect returns may account for the relative place of California, Maine, Pennsylvania and Minnesota also have low marriage rates.

Comparisons of divorce statistics between the states in respect of causes are not of much value, because of the great variation in their numbers, characters and statutory definition. For the entire country in the five years, 1867-1871, divorces granted for the statutory cause were 25.6 per cent of the whole number, but in 1902-1906 they were only 15.3 per cent. Those for cruelty had moved in the same time from 12.9 per cent to 23.5. The change in those for desertion was less marked, being from 35.7 to 38.5. For drunkenness as the chief cause the change was from 3.1 per cent in the earlier period to 3.9 in the latter. Divorces for neglect to provide rose from 1.7 to 3.8.

In 1867-186 intertemperance was an indirect cause in 20.1 per cent of the cases investigated on that point and in the last 20 years in 19.9 per cent. But in this, as in other causes, the conditions of the law, ease of proof, etc., modify the results.

The shifting from the statutory to other causes does not point so much to a lessening of that offense as to a change in attitude toward the grounds of divorce and the growing willingness to resort to what were formerly considered slight grounds for breaking the marriage relations. Children are affected in about two divorce cases out of five. Children appear more frequently in the cases granted on the application of the wife than on the part of the husband and appear more frequently in cases where drunkenness is the alleged cause.

The court records gave the occupations of men divorced in about one-fourth of the cases. But the percentage of persons in various occupations are needed to complete the data and these are still too imperfect for comparison. But according to the results obtained, actors and professional show men gave the largest ratios of divorces in proportion to their numbers. Then comes musicians and teachers of music and commercial travelers, manufacturers, officials, miners, quarrymen, carpenters, farmers, blacksmiths, clergy-men and agricultural laborers follow in the order named, with those of many other callings between.

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