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OREGON'S CONSTITUTION.

Once upon a time, long, long ago, while the first families were busy building the foundations of their fortunes by selling rum to the Indians, while the Salem hog was still a sucking pig and the luxury of Arbuckle's coffee unknown, the pioneers of Oregon drafted the present constitution.

At this date, 1857, the population of Oregon was no larger than that of Jackson county today. There was not a railroad within 3000 miles. The civil war was as yet undreamed of and Abraham Lincoln unknown to fame. The telephone, the commercial uses of electricity, the automobile, the airships and the thousands of inventions that have revolutionized industry and changed the simple life of the old days into the complex life of today were still unborn.

Even the framers of the constitution did not intend that its restrictions should hamper the growth and progress of the state. Hence they gave to the supreme court the final power to interpret its provisions to suit the needs of the growing commonwealth. And this the supreme court has uniformly done, taking the broad and liberal construction for half a century.

Now, however, we find a supreme court that takes the broadest construction one day and the narrowest construction the following day. When it is necessary for the court to increase its membership and their salaries in open violation of the constitution, the "broad" view is taken. When the development and growth of the state are concerned, the "broad" view is taken, for one locality, as in the case of the Willamette river locks, but the narrow view for another part, as in the case of the Crater Lake highway, though as a matter of fact the Willamette locks are more of a local affair than the great national park.

Surely those sturdy pioneers never dreamed of such lopsided interpretation of their instrument, but intended to bind all portions of the state equally with their red tape, and expected the restraining cords to be impartially cut by those to whom they gave the scissors.

THE TOU VELLE BILL.

A bill is pending before congress, known in the senate as the Nelson bill and in the house as the Tou Velle bill, which is calculated to practically reduce the postoffice deficit, by stopping the sale of printed stamped envelopes at less than cost.

For years the government has entered into active competition with every printer in the land by retailing these envelopes already printed for less than manufacturers sell the unprinted envelopes for wholesale—a form of paternalism, which if carried out in other lines, would demoralize business.

The bill reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That from and after the approval of this act it shall be unlawful for the postoffice department, or any officer, head of bureau, or chief of division thereof, to print or have printed, or sell or offer to sell any stamped envelope bearing upon it a printed direction giving the name of any individual, firm, or company, or any number of any postoffice box or drawer, or any street number or the name of any building to which it shall be returned if uncalled for or undelivered: Provided, That this shall not apply to those envelopes printed with a return card left blank as to name, address, box, drawer, street number, or building, and which only give the name of the town or city, with the state, district, or territory."

TO PLAN DEFENSE AGAINST LAWSUIT

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 21.—The directors of the National Packing company will meet soon to formulate a defense of the indictment returned against them in Jersey City charging them with conspiracy in the restraint of trade.

General Counsel Ralph Clews, for the packers, declared today that the indictment came as a complete surprise to his clients. They did not know, he stated, that the National company was being investigated by the grand jury.

Rate War to Continue.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 21.—The rate war to Skagway and intermediate points in Alaska will probably continue throughout the coming sea-

son, according to steamship men today. The Alaska Steamship company practically cut the rate in half in October and has kept it there since. John H. Bunch, freight and passenger agent of the company, said today he could see no prospect for either a raise or a cut in the present rates. The other companies want a return to the regular tariffs, but admit the Alaska Steamship company holds the whip hand.

Veteran Actor Dies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Neill Burgess, the veteran actor, died at his home here Saturday after a year of illness.

Burgess was well known throughout the country. He was a character comedian of rare ability and probably was best known as the creator of the comedy role in "The County Fair."

GREAT STRIKE NO LONGER THREATENS

All Differences Between Operators and Miners Will Be Settled Amicably—Conference Will Be Held Soon.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 21.—Mine operators and miners of the middle and eastern states who have faced the possibility of a great strike in the coal fields of the country, are assured today that all differences between employers and employed will be settled amicably.

President Thomas L. Lewis of the United Mineworkers of America made the following statement to the public through the United Press exclusively:

"You can say that a joint conference will be held between miners and operators, and that every miner in the districts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana, and possibly Illinois, will get an advance in wages. There will be no strike, not even an interruption of work, pending a settlement of the matters at issue."

According to the Mineworkers' president, a preliminary conference will be held at Cincinnati, O., next Wednesday between representatives of the leading operators and the mineworkers for the purpose of issuing a call for a joint conference to settle the wage scale.

The conference will be extensive in scope and will include a larger representation for each side than was present at the recent joint conference at Toledo, which resulted in failure of the conference to agree on the question of wages.

Representatives of both sides from the states mentioned will attend the joint conference next week.

NORTH DAKOTANS MEET ON FEBRUARY 24

The annual meeting of the North Dakota society will be held at the Angle hall on Thursday afternoon, February 24.

All North Dakotans, whether members of the society or not, are invited to attend and share the hospitality of the society.

There will be music, some talk and a big banquet.

Spices at Goodfriend's.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE

172,567 Children in Oregon in 1910, as Against 166,649 in 1909—Josephine County Shows a Decrease.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.—Reports from the county school superintendents show the total number of children of school age in Oregon to be 172,567, as against 166,649 in 1909. All children between the ages of 4 and 21 years are included in the enumeration. Divided as to sexes, there were 88,481 males and 84,046 females. Following is census, according to counties, for 1909 and 1910:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1909, 1910. Rows include Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill, Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Sherman, Tillamook, Lincoln, Polk.

Multnomah's increase is 896 and Marion's increase is 497. Lane increased during the year 696, and Linn 437. The following counties showed a decrease: Wasco, Wheeler, Crook, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Josephine, Morrow and Sherman.

Buicks are worth while.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS By A. C. Howlett

F. M. Compton of Medford came out last Thursday and spent the night at the Sunnyside, and Friday morning took a rig and started for the foot hills to look at a tract of land of about 9000 acres, to be bought if suitable for orchards.

Dr. Cyover called on his way from a visit and business trip to the neighborhood of Dudley's, where he has been spending several weeks. He is now on his way to his home near Los Angeles. He reports a grand trip in that section.

Buel Hildreth and wife also came out from their mountain home last Thursday and were the guests of Mrs. Howlett. Mr. Hildreth reports that hay is getting very scarce about Butte Falls, and that many of them that have teams in that section are bringing them out to the valley to feed. Mr. Hildreth and wife went out to the old Maul place where Mr. Shaffer is now living as he has a job of work there.

That little ad that I sent to the Mail Tribune the first of the week has already brought results, as Mrs. "N" has already received an offer on Friday evening.

Miss Grace Polk came out on the P. & E. last Friday, went to the Sunnyside for the night and on Friday evening Jack Florey took her as far as Butte Falls with the understanding that if she could not get someone there who is familiar with the country to take her to Dudley where she is engaged to teach school he would procure a couple of saddles and go the rest of the way on horseback, as the roads are so very bad up there that it is not considered advisable for a stranger to try to go with a rig.

George Warner also came out from Medford on the P. & E., went to the Sunnyside hotel with the calculation that he would get a team at the Sunnyside stable to go on up to his home in the Grand Cove, but the downpour was a little too much, so he concluded to stay over another day, expecting to have better weather, but we wait to see, as I am writing now Friday evening.

Mrs. Cora Officer started last Thursday for Portland to be gone for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. von der Hellen, Mr.

and Mrs. Chris Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Robinson, John Watkins, Miss Belle Maultby and your E. P. correspondent went to Medford Thursday on the P. & E., besides a large number that I did not know. There was about 20 or 25 persons in the car going both ways and the prospect is that there will be a big run here this summer.

I. E. Williams, who has been stopping with us this winter, and has bought property in Grants Pass, moved his things from here Friday morning for his new home.

Mr. Dohl, who has been staying at this hostelry for several months, started Friday morning for Ashland for medical treatment. He came here for his health from South Dakota and for some time stayed on Antelope creek. He has relatives in a bank in South Dakota, where he has worked for eight years before he came here, but falling health caused him to see our climate, but to little benefit. James Ringer accompanied him as far as Medford, where he met with an acquaintance that went with him on to Ashland and will look after him until he is properly cared for.

Mr. Kershaw who lives on Antelope creek, came out to our place last Friday and brought his sister, Mrs. Emma Hayes, and her little daughter. They are now on their way to her home in San Bernardino county, California.

Ed Walker was a pleasant caller last Wednesday. He was out trying to secure hands to work at the Iowa mills, clearing land and getting it ready to put to orchard.

Mr. Rush, the superintendent of camps Nos. 1 and 2, came in Friday to visit his wife and mother-in-law and reports that the steam shovel is doing fine work, but that the constant rain keeps the ground in such condition that they can accomplish but little.

Mr. Murphy, the boss of the track gang, makes the same complaint. He says in one place on the desert where they had ballasted the track that the first time the dirt train ran over it it simply mashed it all out of shape again, but we are expecting better weather now that we have had our heavy February rains to settle the ground.

THE PASSING THROUGH.

SPRING POETRY.

The first of the annual crop of spring poetry is drifting in. It seems that the fiend who is usually first in has this year sent his early effusion to some other than his usual victim—an editor. The following letter is self-explanatory:

"Medford, Or., Feb. 15.—Mr. A. C. Woolverton, Medford, Or.—Dear Sir: I am sending you a poem on Spring for your criticism which will not be severe, I hope. I believe that I have talent in this direction, which the poem will show. I am naturally modest and do not want to send this poem to the press until you have seen it and passed upon it, as I have reason to know that the average city editor is brutal in respect to spring poems. Still, I think the enclosed verse will find favor even with these unnatural men.

If I am successful with this poem I will write a long one on Phoenix, mentioning the laurel trees that are nearby. I have, in fact, started one about that place and will make a hit with it if I can only find a word that will rhyme with Phoenix.

Do you know of one? I want to mention something about a rich, green grass carpet in the poem, but again I can't find a word that rhymes with carpet. I realize that the life of a poet is difficult and is not appreciated by the masses, but if I write a Phoenix poem I feel I will touch a chord of sympathy in the hearts of the people.

Do you think it would be beyond the laws of poetical license if I should say:

"He likes a bean, nix, For he's from Phoenix." Please give me your honest opinion. Yours very truly, PSCHANGUE PLFUTTER.

Oh, winter has gone, It was here very long, And the people of Medford are singing.

And spring, O, so fair, Is felt in the air, With joy that is always a-bringing

The birds in the trees All sing to the breeze In the morning, the noon and the night.

Their songs are quite sweet, Each note and each peep, And I know that all dogs do not bite.

The dear little buds Have put on their duds And on all the branches are waving.

While we who here dwell Raise our noses and smell, For roses we always are craving.

How sweet are you, spring— You dear little thing! When you are gone we will have summer, And then it is hot, But we surely care not, For Medford will grow like a hummer.

The strawberries bloom Some time about June, And the youngsters for them now are sighing.

Hurrah, then, for May! And a beautiful day— I hate to hear young kittens crying.

Someone has been unkind enough to suggest that A. Brown, who recently wrote under the cognomen of "Sally Bots," penned the foregoing. Perhaps he did—but I like to think well of my friends. THE BYSTANDER.

Mother Would Choke Child. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 21.—Sophia Seifich, aged 16, is ill in the city

CONGRESSMEN ENDORSE FER-DON

TELLS HIS OWN STORY

OAKLAND MAN RELIEVED OF CANCER, THANKS TO THE GREAT FER-DON'S MEDICAL EXPERTS.

Since the great Fer-Don's staff of medical experts have opened offices at the Moore Hotel, Medford, there has been a continual crowd calling daily; over a hundred people called Saturday. Among the many, Mrs. T. B. Morington, living at Oak Park, 3614 Madrone street, Sacramento. She stated that she wished to thank Fer-Don's experts for relieving her deafness. Other doctors failed to even benefit her. But with just three treatments by Fer-Don's experts she was able to hear a common conversation for the first time in several years. Reports come from Oakland, where Fer-Don has been for over a year. They tell of wonderful cures performed there by his medical experts. Among them is one from a prominent congressman, the Hon. A. A. McKeen of 1041 Magnolia street, Oakland, who was suffering from a terrible cancer on his lip that was fast eating itself over the man's face. He tells his own story:

"For some time I have been suffering with this cancer. I have heard they could be removed without the knife by the European experts' method. I went and saw for myself. I am always willing to yield to science, and made up my mind to have the cancer removed by the bloodless method. I had confidence in Fer-Don and his experts. Well, it took

about six minutes for Fer-Don's European doctors to remove it. No knife was used. I am perfectly satisfied. I am a resident of Oakland and have lived there for years."

In this most success operation no knife was used, there was no pain and no blood. Thousands have seen and talked with Mr. McKeen since his treatment and cure. Many of these were skeptical, some scoffers; saying the operation could not be performed painlessly and bloodlessly as Fer-Don said it could be done.

Since conversing with this lucky man, who has been practically snatched from death by the removal of this repulsive sore, people are now satisfied that the great Fer-Don had known whereof he spoke when he had said that the European experts could conquer disease and remove tumors, cancers and gallstones without operation. For they had come through, with flying colors in the one case where others would perhaps have failed, and if they could do this there was no reason to believe they could not successfully perform other cures they claim.

Fer-Don's experts are in the office at the Moore Hotel, Medford, daily, 10 to 12 mornings, 2 to 4 afternoons, 7 to 8 evenings. Upon Sunday mornings from 10 to 12. They charge \$1 for examination.

hospital today, unable to talk, and her mother is in jail as a result of the mother attempting to choke the daughter to death at 11 o'clock last night. The mother, Mary Seifich, is 63.

The girl's screams attracted the notice of lodgers at the Seifich rooming house. Sergeant Burnell rushed to the place and when he arrived he found the girl in the clutches of the old woman, blood flowing from her

mouth and gasping for breath. The woman refused to explain.

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