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**DEER HITS FENCE;
 NECK IS BROKEN**

"For heaven's sake send someone down here who will drive a herd of deer off my land. They're eating up everything on the place."
 That was the insistent plea that came over the telephone wires to Chief Clerk Catron in the office of the state game warden Monday at Portland. Charlie Champlain of Evans creek was making the call. The call was so urgent that Mr. Catron immediately ordered Warden Sam Sandry and Riley Hammersley of Rogue River out to the place. Some time later there came another call, this time from the wardens.
 "There are 15 head in the herd," said Sandry. "When the deer saw us coming they made a bolt for the woods and one of them ran into the fence and broke its neck. What shall we do with it?"
 They were ordered to make a report before a justice and get an order and then to turn the meat over to some charitable institution.
 This they did, Justice Wertz ordering the meat distributed among a number of poor families.
 "When we found the deer," stated Mr. Sandry Tuesday, "they were eating young trees. We shouted at them and they started to run. One ran into a woven wire fence so hard that he instantly broke his neck. We then had to make an affidavit to it. I wish I could scare some poachers I know the same way."

**WIFE DESERTER'S
 BOND FORFEITED**

The bond of E. C. Montgomery, wife deserter, on which Dr. J. F. Reddy and B. G. Worthington are sureties was forfeited in the circuit court Monday by Judge Calkins owing to the non-appearance of Montgomery. It was for \$500.

Montgomery married a Medford girl some time ago and later deserted her at Oakland. She returned to her parents here. Montgomery was arrested as he was passing through Medford and bound over to the circuit court. He secured bondsmen and was freed.
 Montgomery is at present in Idaho but it is said that he cannot be extradited. The case against him was strong and conviction was said to be almost certain.

**JOLTS AND JINGLES
 By Ad Brown**

Vincent Astor worked on his 21st birthday. With care he will probably be able to recover from his experience.

So long as the supply of encyclopedias holds out the Turkish war correspondents will work on undisturbed.

At Stayton, Oregon, a man named Spanial was elected to the council and the town, of course, will go to the dogs.

R. Spinkewintz, who has been silent for some time, sends in the following beautiful thought, "It takes a juggler to balance a billiard cue a carpenter is needed to make an umbrella stand."

He Drow Zero.
 Irvin Star and Miss Nina Syphers were married here today.—Bluchly, Ore., correspondent in Eugene Register.

John A. Perl
 Undertaker
 26 S. BARTLETT
 Phones M. 471 and 473
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OVER-RIDING THE PEOPLE.

"GOVERNOR WEST ought not to be asked to defy the plain and emphatic mandate of the people. He should not be asked to overthrow the ballot box. He should not be asked to repeal the election returns. He should not be asked to substitute the will of the minority for the will of the majority in the government of Oregon. * * * The people ordained * * * and from that edict there should be no appeal, except by another ballot of the people. * * * There is no higher authority."

The above is from the esteemed Portland Journal. The occasion, the foolish petitions well meaning persons are signing requesting the governor not to hang murderers after the people have voted that the Lord giveth, but man taketh away.

The Journal's point is well taken. The petitions but needlessly embarrass the executive who has already gone the limit to abolish capital punishment. He has no alternative but to prepare the noose.

The attention of the Journal, staunch defender of the people's will, is respectfully called to another attempt to override the expressed mandate of the people—this not by sentimentalists seeking to save human life, but by soulless corporations backed by greedy jobbers with porcine tendencies secretly abetted by a flaccid and complaisant railroad commission, an occasion calling for vigorous defense of the people's rights as expressed at the polls—yet the staunch journalistic tribune of the people is strangely silent.

The initiative railroad freight rate bill carried by a vote of 56,899 in the affirmative to 44,719 in the negative. It swept every county in the state by substantial majorities, except two, which returned small votes against the measure—indicating in no uncertain manner, the will of the people.

No sooner was the result known than the railroads began their calamity howl and the Portland jobbers their unwitting wails. The Portland press was filled with contradictory clap-trap and the state railroad commission announced that the courts must interpret the statute and "requests for interpretation will be declined by the commission"—for the first time on record. But the bill is so clearly drawn that it needs no interpretation.

Though a month has passed since the bill became a law, the railroads have ignored it, and the commission made no effort to enforce it. Instead the members are junketing in the east. And now the railroads are seeking an injunction—not from the state courts, although it is a state law—but from the federal courts.

If the federal courts sustain the railroads, which is much to be doubted, they will in effect decide that the people of a sovereign state have no right to regulate railroad rates for traffic wholly within the state. THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF OREGON TO MAKE THEIR OWN LAWS FOR OREGON IS THEREFORE THE ISSUE. And yet none of the staunch metropolitan journalistic defenders of the people's rights are battling in behalf of the people.

Will it be government by the people if a court can by its edict, at the request of venal corporations, overthrow the will of the people? No more than it would be for Governor West to overthrow the will of the people by refusing to execute sentenced murderers. If it can be done in one case, it can be done in all cases. The very principle of popular government is at stake—THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OREGON SYSTEM IS THREATENED.

Changing the subject, not the words or the principle involved, the Journal's editorial reads as follows:

"The courts ought not to be asked to defy the plain and emphatic mandate of the people. They should not be asked to overthrow the ballot box. They should not be asked to repeal the election returns. They should not be asked to substitute the will of the minority for the will of the majority in the government of Oregon. The people ordained and from that edict there should be no appeal, except by another ballot of the people. There is no higher authority."

Yet it is left to the country papers to present the matter aright to the people and to make the fight for popular government—merely because the throttle grasp of a few Portland jobbers upon all of Oregon is likely to be loosened for the welfare of the state.

A REWARD OF MERIT.

A NUMBER of democrats are seeking appointment as superintendent of the Crater National park. None of them are especially qualified for the task. None of them have done anything to merit the appointment. It is the usual scramble for the pie-counter.

There is, however, one person who is pre-eminently qualified for the position and who, for the future of the park, should have it, and that person is Will G. Steel. Mere politics should not be allowed to interfere with the appointment.

It is due solely to Mr. Steel that there is such a national park. For thirty years he labored unselfishly for its creation. All the money spent in its creation came from his personal funds. He has spent year after year lobbying in its behalf and it is due largely to his efforts that the appropriation for its improvement was made. He is the author of the proposed system of roads himself, knows every crook and cranny in the park and is by all means the best qualified for its superintendency.

Mr. Steel is not financially interested in the park or its concessions, having disposed of his interests in the Crater Lake company. His appointment would not only be a gracious recognition of his lifelong efforts in its behalf, but for the best interest of the park and a source of gratification to the many friends of the mystic lake.

MARRIED

Chandler Potter and Edith Stowell were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Shields, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at 6 p. m., Monday, at the manse. Mrs. Potter is one of Medford's girls, but formerly lived in California. Mr. Potter is of Siskiyou county, California. These young

people expect to make their home in Gold Hill, Or., where Mr. Potter expects to engage in business. Their many friends wish for them joy and happiness.

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**Pertinent Paragraphs
 With Agricultural Truths**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The 16th annual report of the secretary of agriculture, made public today, begins with a series of short paragraphs in which some important agricultural truths are strikingly expressed. It proceeds with the customary review of the agricultural production and (foreign trade of the year and contains some results on the investigation into local conditions affecting agricultural credit, the usual condensed statements of the work of the bureaus during the year, and a long account of the work and achievements of the department during the sixteen years throughout which Secretary Wilson's service has extended.

Brief Comments

What are termed brief comments are expressed as follows:

The most effective move toward reduced cost of living is the production of greater crops. This is attributable to the work of the department of agriculture, the agricultural colleges and experiment stations, and the help of the press in publishing every movement to help the farmers. Demonstration work in southern states in the fields has been of immediate benefit. The south has increased the food supply very much in the last few years. The movement ordered by congress to take farm demonstration into all northern states will bring more food into our markets. Our fields can and will steadily increase their output in coming years as ways and means of growing heavier crops become better understood. The nation forgot its farmers in the general scheme of education of past years; few philanthropists thought of them when giving for education. Congress is good to them. They are waking up and thinking for themselves.

Growth of Sugar Crops

The sugar crop from the beet was 600,000 tons a year; it is 700,000 tons this year. The sugar comes from the carbon-dioxide of the atmosphere, taking no valuable plant food from the soil. The process of growing is intensive agriculture, something new to all but our gardeners, and prepares the soil for increased yields of all other crops. One hundred and sixty-three thousand square miles have been cleared of the fever fief in the southern states, equal to the area of three states. The farmers there are bringing in improved stock and will soon contribute materially to the meat supply.

Seven hundred acres of Egyptian and other long-tape cotton are being grown on the Colorado river in southern California, under research conditions that give good promise of eventually supplying the demand for such fibers. Thread makers of Europe are here inquiring into future supplies of long-tape cotton. The market waits for the scientist to do his work.

When the Panama canal is open for business our bulbs and beet seed will come from the Pacific coast.

Increasing Production

The leading specialists of the department of agriculture educate their assistants. The outside world wants them and pays more than the law permits being paid in the government service. The food and drugs net is exacting on department time; 1459 violations were sent to the department of justice during last year—25 per cent more than the year before. Jail sentences are now being imposed. Our farmers get only half crops on the average, or ten tons of beets an acre. They are learning how to farm intensively and will grow twice this tonnage in a few years, when they will not fear reductions of duties.

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