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MRS. DROWN SOBS ON ARRAIGNMENT: OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 28.—Sobbing hysterically, "don't say that word 'murder,'" and protesting pitifully that she did not slay her husband, Archer C. Drown, Friday morning, Mrs. Millie Drown was arraigned before Police Judge George Samuels here today.

SAYS RITUAL MURDERS COMMON AMONG JEWS: KIEFF, Oct. 28.—Professor Sikorsky of Kieff university declared as a witness at the Beilis trial today, his belief that "ritual murders" are common among the Jews. A disposition from the archimandrite Ambrosius was also read into the record, telling of many cases of such murder of which the Archimandrite had heard, but mentioning none of which he had actual knowledge.

IRREGULAR CHANGES ON STOCK MARKET: NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Small and irregular changes marked the opening of the stock market today. Canadian Pacific lost 1 1/2 and Westinghouse a full point.

THIEVES STEAL KNIVES FROM ASHLAND STORE: The William Simpson Hardware store at Ashland was entered by thieves Monday night and three dozen knives stolen. The name William Simpson is engraved on each blade, which ought to be a means of speedy detection of the burglars.

REMEDYING PETITION ABUSE

FORMER SENATOR JONATHAN BOURNE, JR. proposes to introduce an initiative bill to remedy the abuse of the referendum as exhibited by the university and compensation referendums and of the initiative as shown by the submission of sectional and personal measures and of the recall to gratify spite. He would accomplish this by prohibiting the paid circulation of petitions.

The effect of such a measure would be to limit the use of the initiative, referendum and recall as a court of last resort for the people. In other words, public sentiment would have to be strong enough for the people to voluntarily circulate and sign petitions of their own accord.

The bill Mr. Bourne has drafted reads as follows: "From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person to give, offer to give, promise to give or cause to be given, directly or indirectly, any valuable consideration, employment or appointment for the purpose of inducing any other person to circulate or secure signatures to any petition for the initiative, referendum, or recall, or for placing the name of any person upon any ballot or for the nomination of any person for any office provided for by the constitution or the laws of the state of Oregon or of any municipality therein. Any person convicted of the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one month nor more than one year."

In support of the measure, Mr. Bourne, who is a firm believer in the Oregon system, and would prevent its discredit through abuse, says:

The sole purpose of the Oregon System of Popular Government is to secure an effective expression of the will of the people. So far as the initiative, referendum, Direct Primary and Recall do secure such expression, they are invaluable powers in government. To the extent that they fail in this regard, they are defective, and remedial measures should be adopted.

The beginning of action under these reserved powers must be by a petition which is designed to represent a certain amount of public sentiment in favor of a specific movement. Experience has shown, however, that men favoring certain measures or candidates employ others to circulate petitions and secure signatures thereon, paying a specified sum for each signature secured, with the result that the petitions do not truly represent public sentiment. To the extent that a petition does not represent the desire of the people, it is a means of deception. Experience has also shown that the practice of employing paid circulators not only results in securing signatures out of proportion to public sentiment but encourages unscrupulous persons to forge signatures. This evil has been so pronounced not only in Oregon but in Ohio that remedial measures are urgently needed.

We must preserve unimpaired the right of petition. But preservation of the right of petition does not require continuance of the practice of employing paid circulators any more than preservation of the right to vote requires continuance of the former practice of paying men to go to the polls. All that is necessary is free opportunity for preparing circulating and filing petitions.

Mr. Bourne invites the co-operation of those who believe in the effectiveness of such a measure to aid in circulating petitions and those who are willing to voluntarily offer their services are requested to address him at Portland, Chamber of Commerce building.

VOTE PROGRESSIVELY

NO argument worthy of the name is made against the University of Oregon appropriations by those who have invoked the referendum—because there is no argument.

For six years the work of the university has been hampered by this constant abuse of the referendum. In this time the attendance has been doubled and the standard of the university raised—a remarkable showing, considering the conditions.

The talk of saving the taxpayers money is nonsense, for the appropriation has already been provided for, and if not thus utilized, will be diverted for other purposes.

The talk of the university in politics and "log rolling" is bosh, for the university will henceforth be provided for upon a millage basis and not again come before the legislature.

Consolidation talk of the university and Agricultural college is merely to becloud the issue. The work of the two institutions is different. Each has its sphere and the tendency everywhere is to segregate the institutions.

To use the Oregon system to cripple and dwarf the state's educational system is to bring it into universal disrepute. For a state like Oregon to have to send those desiring higher education out of the state to get it, is a disgrace.

The best advertisement the state can have, reflecting its education, culture and progress, is a strong university—and every progressive citizen should make a point of it to go to the polls and vote yes on the university appropriations.

Only by perfecting our educational system can popular government be made a complete success.

How California Builds State Highways

(From the Sacramento Bee.) Several newspapers have published recently the charge that the new state highways being constructed under the \$18,000,000 bond issue are of poor quality, an accusation mostly originating and fostered by dissatisfied contractors. The Oakland Tribune in publishing such a story recently asked The Bee for information of the quality of the roads when this paper expressed satisfaction with the parity with which they were being built.

Fletcher Defends Roads: State Highway Engineer Austin B. Fletcher of the highway commission is the expert on road building. In explanation of the roads being built Fletcher said:

"Most of the state highways are being built with a foundation of solid concrete four or five inches in depth. The surface below that is first carefully graded, so the concrete will last for all time. Upon this is placed the wearing surface, a thin coating of asphaltic oil of a special quality and stone screenings, forming a bituminous carpet from three-eighths to one-half inch in thickness to serve as a wearing surface to protect the concrete.

"This style of road was only selected after the most exhaustive tests of the wearing qualities of other roads. An advantage it has

facial or as much as necessary could be replaced in little time and at little cost, so small that the interest that would be gained from not trying up a large amount of money in the two-inch surface layer would nearly pay for the resurfacing.

Different Types: "Not all state highways are to be of this type. The commission will order different kinds of roads, in keeping with the locality and traffic conditions. But the typical type of state highway will be the concrete base, bituminous surface type. The concrete will last for centuries.

In addition to Fletcher's opinion, automobilists and farmers who have occasion to use the new highway strip of several miles between Sacramento and Roseville are immensely pleased with that road. Its surface is as smooth as glass, well graded, wide and with shoulders enough to allow the passing of three or four vehicles at one time.

The new automobile act, which goes into effect January 1, will give the highway commission about one-half its revenues for the upkeep of the road, amounting to about \$500,000, which the commission estimates will keep these roads in good condition all the time. With foundations that will last forever and money to replace surfacing and repair the slightest defect, California is having good roads built by the highway commission.

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LANE TO HELP OUT MULE CREEK COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Senator Lane has taken up the cause of settlers in the Mule creek region, in the Rogue river country, particularly in Josephine and Curry counties. They desire to have a road constructed across the mountains, but owing to the large areas there embraced in the forest reserve and in railroad grants, there is an insufficient income from taxes to meet the cost.

Senator Lane says that he knows the region well, that it is one of the most delightful to be found anywhere, and was famous in the days of the early gold seekers as the location of Happy Camp. "The action of the government in granting away millions of dollars worth of land and in conserving much more for the forests," said he, "has deprived the people of much of the taxable value that they should be able to draw on and I shall try to get Secretary of the Interior Lane to make a reasonable allowance for roads. Failing in that I shall ask congress to make an appropriation, as it is in common justice bound to do. If it refuses, I shall feel very much hurt."

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