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Election of United States senators by direct vote of the people is strongly favored by former President Theodore Roosevelt, as stated in his address at Grand Rapids last Saturday. He believes the constitution should be so amended as to provide for the popular election and he made the assertion that the present mode of electing United States senators was a "relief" of older times and should be remedied. The colonel also declared himself in favor of abolishing the electoral college in the election of the president. Roosevelt, in his address, also urged the adoption of the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada.

Serene and prepared to meet his God, whom he had served so well, the Most Reverend Patrick John Ryan, archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan, Pennsylvania, passed peacefully into eternity Saturday afternoon at his archiepiscopal residence in Logan square, Philadelphia. For weeks, the distinguished prelate who would have been 80 years old, had he lived until February 20, fought off death, but his weak heart, enfeebled by the arduous duties of his office, could not stand the strain, and he passed away while breathing the benediction: "God Bless you," upon those who stood about his bedside.

Owing to the overwhelming defeat of all the candidates who were endorsed by the assembly of Republicans at the last general election, it is said the supporters of the assembly idea have concluded that they will not hold a convention preceding the Portland municipal election, which will take place June 5. In fact, it is said, the assembly idea practically received its deathblow last November, and although there are a few who still cling to the belief that party organization cannot be sustained without an assembly or convention, the majority of the Republicans of the city are inclined to leave the choice of candidates wholly to the voters at the primary election, which will be held May 6.

Judging from the way every one seems to be sidestepping the famous Alaska Cunningham coal land cases, there must be some merit to the Cunningham side of the question. After being so severely censured in regard to the claims, it is but natural that Secretary Ballinger should desire that some one else should decide upon the merits of the case. He therefore desired to put it up to the President, and the latter desires to pass it on up to Congress. But Congress balks at such a proposition, and Senator LaFollette wants to know if the President wishes to dodge a decision in the matter. It thus appears that the claimants are likely to win out under the law, and no one wishes to pass upon the question.

Whether or not the State Legislature provides Oregon with a plan for systematic highway construction the Oregon Good Roads Association believes that during the last year more has been actually accomplished toward permanent making of good roads than during any other period in the State's history. This is because of the widespread conviction which it has been possible to obtain that Oregon's first and greatest development need is good roads construction. The Oregon Good Roads Association does not intend to give up the fight for highway construction whether the good roads laws as adopted by the legislature are satisfactory or not. The leaders of the organization believe that with the help of the state press and the progressive citizenship unofficial promotion of the good roads cause will be effective and desirable either in conjunction with the enforcement of such laws as may be passed, or if the laws are not passed the unofficial plan it is believed will be even more effective than legislation.

The farmers of the Middle West, the hot-bed of so-called insurgency, have had a change come over their dreams, as it were. And all because President Taft is recommending a reciprocity treaty with Canada. It was the general supposition that the aforesaid farmers were right up in arms against the tariff, in all shapes and forms whatsoever, but just as soon as a revision of the tariff is

broached they "holler their heads off" because it happens to hit them. A ratification of the treaty would, according to their ideas, reduce the price of farm lands in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and adjoining states. When it comes to a showdown we are all protectionists at heart, but only to the extent that our own products should be the ones protected. As a matter of course the aforesaid farmers consider it right and proper that everything they have to sell should be protected from foreign competition by a protective tariff, while at the same time they should be allowed to supply their needs from a free and open world-wide market. The tariff is indeed "a local question."

GOVERNOR FAVORS WHIPPING POST

Vetoes Bill to Abolish It, and Says Its Victims Are Barbarians

SALEM, Or., Feb. 11.—Denouncing the wife-beater as at heart a barbarian and as such deserving of the only kind of treatment which will appeal to a person of brutish impulses, Governor West this afternoon sent to the House his veto of H. B. 101, by Buchanan, abolishing the whipping post.

Inasmuch as there are a few barbarians left in Oregon, according to statistics of crime in his possession, reads the veto in effect, the Governor says he believes that the "relief of barbarism known as the whipping post," should remain on the statute books until the last male person exhibiting the hereditary instincts of the cave-man small have been eliminated from the state.

The whipping post law was enacted by the Legislature in 1905. Ineffectual attempts to abolish it were made by Representative Buchanan in 1907 and in 1909. He renewed his efforts early this session and his bill passed the House and the Senate and went to the Governor February 8.

"Those opposed to the whipping post law argue that it is a survival of the statutes in force in the days when people were not so civilized nor so enlightened as they are now," said Governor West, in commenting on his veto message, "but I have noticed one thing—fine or imprison a man for beating his wife and he will come back for another sentence but apply the lash to his back with both the physical torture and mental anguish and obsequy such a penalty carries with it, and he never comes back."

J. B. AUTEN AND E. E. RINEHART COMBINE

Former Sells Latter Half Interest in Hardware Business

Although established less than three years, J. B. Auten found his hardware business assuming such proportions that he was unable to give the proper attention to the various departments. He therefore concluded to divide the responsibilities with a partner, and in E. E. Rinehart he no doubt has found the right man. The new firm will be known as Auten & Rinehart, and they are now taking an inventory of the stock on hand preparatory to turning it over to the new firm.

Starting in with a comparatively small stock of hardware Mr. Auten has built up a very large business, which in addition to hardware, stoves, etc., now includes wagons and buggies, farm implements of all kinds, in addition to paints, glass, and builders' supplies of all kinds.

Mr. Rinehart is very well known throughout the county, having served as sheriff from 1905 to 1907, and having long been a resident of Lake County. He will prove a most desirable acquisition to Lakeview's business circles, and the new firm will indeed be a strong one.

Arthur Parker and Minnie Caldwell went over to Adel last week, after spending several days in our midst.

FEW BILLS PASSED BY LEGISLATURE

Probable Session Will Hold Over Until Saturday

Inasmuch as the present Legislative assembly is presumed to adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock tomorrow night, the following resume of its doings at the close of last week by John W. Kelly in the Portland Telegram will prove interesting:

Five legislative days remain, and one of the most congested final weeks of any session in years must be faced, beginning Monday morning. It will be an utter impossibility for the two houses to complete their task at midnight, Friday, and it is an assured fact that the session will have to drag along for Saturday. Possibly, it may run over Sunday. From one standpoint, it is a very successful session, for the number of laws made are few and these are not vitally important. There has been, from the first, nothing much for this session to do, but the members have kept themselves occupied with offering and working over measures which need never have seen daylight. To considerable extent it has been a salary raising and game Legislature, but the salaries are arranged to be referred to the people of the counties affected.

Beyond and above all else, the interest of taxpayers will center in the appropriation bill, which has assumed mountainous proportions. Now, with the bill about to confront them, senators are feeling squeamish and saying the Legislature will go down into history as the most extravagant Abraham openly announced on the floor that he wished there was some man on the ways and means committee who understood economy. Senator Albee, chairman of the ways and means committee, has informed his colleagues that they may rest assured that this will be the "greatest appropriation bill ever."

"And every succeeding session of the Legislature the appropriation bill will be larger than the preceding one," explains Albee. "The boy is growing and we must furnish the clothes. As Oregon develops more money is required."

There is a desire to hold down the appropriations, after a kind. For instance, Eastern Oregon members are opposed to appropriations which will help Western Oregon and not their section, and Western Oregon members are opposed to any appropriation which will exclusively benefit Eastern Oregon. Again, Albee contends that helps one section of Oregon helps all, for the state at large must be considered, and so he stands pat on the appropriations recommended by his committee.

For five weeks the Legislature has fussed with hundreds of little bills, while big legislation has scarcely developed. Good roads alone has been the only statewide legislation receiving attention, and this has not been disposed of. Notable legislation to be considered is the legislative reapportionment, the creating of new Congressional districts, the public service commission bills, insurance, the eight-hour bill and the port of Portland commission measure.

There is really more work before the Legislature to be disposed of in the remaining five days than was considered in the past five weeks. How the lawmakers can cope with the task is a question. There must of necessity be sessions stretching deep into the night and some of the committees will have to report more measures unfavorably and thus wipe them out without pain.

Davis Creek Items

A hotly contested rabbit hunt was participated in last week beginning on Wednesday and last until Friday, when a big supper was prepared at Hotel Davis Creek. There were twenty-five hunters chosen on each side, Andrew Leonard and Oliver Briles being the captains. Briles' team won the contest by a small margin. There were ninety-six plates set at the supper. After supper they adjourned to the hall where a social dance was held. Frank Bethel was first in capturing the most rabbit ears, with Andrew Leonard, Walter Bryan and Thos. Polindexter close second. Everyone was busy the three days and guns could be heard in every direction.

S. J. Dutton went to Lakeview on a business trip Sunday.

Bert Parsons went snowblind while rabbit hunting Thursday, but after two days inside the house with bandages on his eyes, is all right again.

Luke Mulkey and E. W. Garren made a business trip to Alturas on Sunday.

Fred Hansen and G. W. Rice were in Davis Creek Thursday night on their way to Alturas. Hansen is going to his Los Angeles home. Rice is going down to see the big ditch that will connect the Atlantic with the Pacific.

The Davis Creek Orchards Co. is rebuilding their waste way.

Robt. L. Weir shipped four boxes of apples to the Fruit Jobbers convention at Sacramento last Saturday.

John Davis was in from the West side and reports his sheep doing fine.

Dr. J. T. O'Conner came up from Alturas Sunday.

Ladies Make Good

The Ladies Civic Improvement Society gave a delightful chaffin dish supper at their hall Tuesday evening. It was quite largely attended, and the financial results were most satisfactory. The menu included creamed oysters, creamed chicken, crab a la Newberg, lobster salad, pickles, ice cream and cake and coffee. During the evening Miss Lora Snelling and C. C. Willis entertained these present by a number of selections on the piano, all of which were greatly appreciated. It was Mr. Willis' first appearance in Lakeview, and he at once gained many admirers for his masterful rendition of a number of popular selections.

MURDERED BY RUSTLERS

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One of the most horrible murders that ever occurred on the Pacific Coast was brought to light yesterday when the dead bodies of Harry Campbell, John Laxague, B. Indiano and P. Erramuspe, all prominent stockmen of Surprise Valley, were found in High Rock canyon in the northern part of Washoe County, Nevada, and 10 miles east of Eagleville, all piled in a heap, and with a bullet hole in the back of the head of each. The murdered men were first reported missing January 19, and were last seen when they started from the Denio place for a sheep camp seven miles distant. Not arriving at their destination at the time previously fixed the camp tender remained until last night when he came to Eagleville, supposing the men were at home. A search party was at once organized and the murdered men found as stated.

There is no clue to the perpetrators of the terrible crime, although it is thought to be the work of an organized band of cattle thieves who have been operating from Klamath Falls to Idaho. It is presumed that the outlaws were discovered in committing some depredations, and in order to conceal their identity murdered the four men.

The murdered men were partly stripped of their clothing and their horses stolen. Two horses evidently belonging to the murderers were found dead, having been shot.

The chances of apprehending the murderers are very small, as the country is sparsely settled and the snow would cover up all trace of them. Besides they had ample time to make their escape, as three weeks elapsed between the killing and when it became known that a murder had been committed.

Erramuspe and Laxague leaves families, and all of the murdered men were held in high esteem.

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