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THOMPSON'S SWAMP LAND BILL

A few of Senator Thompson's friends are doing their utmost to defeat his measure before the Legislature. It would be amusing, if the questions were not so serious to the welfare of the people at large, to read their effusions. One wise correspondent writes that the lands in Lake County which will be affected by his bill providing for reclaiming swamp lands will amount to 110,000 acres valued at \$2,075,000. And yet this correspondent opposes the measure because "under the provisions of the bill the acquisition of large tracts by companies is permitted." The writer undoubtedly knew the statement to be false, else he is woefully ignorant. The same writer states that under the provisions of the bill 235,000 acres can be reclaimed by lowering the waters of Goose Lake, and adds: "This character of land has sold for good prices and is easily worth \$25 per acre," a total of \$5,875,000. Another correspondent says: "The land that would be reclaimed by lowering the waters of the lake are practically worthless, as it is alkali or soda." And this latter correspondent does not want the bill to become a law because to lower the waters of Goose Lake would entail much loss to settlers who have taken up land under the preemption and homestead laws and under adjoining lands values. The preemption law was repealed many years ago, and practically all of the lands that would be affected by the drainage of the lake passed into private ownership many years since, although there may be two or three homesteaders whose lands would be affected. And it is likely that they would prefer having the lakebed lowered a few inches at least.

It is not to be denied that in a few individual instances the lowering of Goose Lake would prove a detriment, but few will contend that lowering the lake will prove a serious disadvantage to the community at large. We all know the quality of the lands subject to overflow, and to compare their worth with lands that are above the high water mark is scarcely to be thought of nowadays.

When Governor West sifts his correspondence down he will probably be in a greater quandary than ever relative to the merit of the Thompson bill. And it might be incidentally added that no member of the Examiner force has ever heard the bill criticised, although a few have acknowledged that they were not familiar with the provision of the measure.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

The inauguration of Governor Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States will be different from any other presidential inauguration that ever was held. Certain forms and customs grow up around such functions, and in course of time they come to be looked on almost as if they were written into the Constitution instead of having no color of law at all. It is a truth that many times our unwritten laws are more vigorously enforced than those which have the authority, power and prestige of courts and the entire government behind them.

The inaugural ceremonies, or at least that portion of them which appears to the public love of pomp and display, have no greater authority than custom to support them. The procession, the inaugural ball, the reception—all of these are the creation of the citizens' committee, and the Chief Executive, with all the rest of the government, has been in the habit of gracefully acquiescing in them so that the public might have a holiday and enjoy a spectacle. But while it has been a profitable thing for the commercial interests in Washington and for the transportation interests to have a great assemblage of people, Congress has been in the habit of complacently footing a large part of the cost. This year there will be less to pay from

the public purse for the incoming president has refused to sanction the inaugural ball or an elaborate reception, so the chief spectacular feature of the inauguration will be the military parade; and this will satisfy the largest number of people and please their love for pomp and display.

For the first time the workers for Woman Suffrage will occupy a big place in the proceedings. They are making very extensive preparations, and promise to do something spectacular, albeit it will undoubtedly be in perfectly good taste. So fast has the cause of "Equal Rights" progressed in the last few years that it seems hardly necessary any more to argue further for universal suffrage.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

All over the broad land the 22d of February, Washington's birthday, is celebrated.

How shall any man add ought to the praise and eulogy of George Washington? History and biography, eloquence and poetry have exhausted their combined efforts upon the successful leader of the American Revolution and the founder of the American republic—our first great national hero.

Every crisis in the history of the world has found its great man to guide and control it. Call this providence or accident, the American revolution was no exception to it. Before the first murmurs of discontent were heard in that struggle the man was being prepared for the crisis. On the banks of the Potomac and Rappanock, thirty years before Lexington and Bunker Hill, a truthful and manly boy was growing up, ripening into stalwart young manhood. With only the common school education of that day the young man was soon being educated in the broader school of nature and experience, in the great forest, under the open heavens, with his surveyor's chain and his sword, in the Indian wars, defending the frontier settlements from the savage incursions.

That the "middle-man" boggy and the "high cost of living" seem to be overlooked since the inauguration of the parcel post system. If published reports are true it is nothing unusual for a suburban resident or person living on a rural delivery route to pay from 10 to 50 per cent of the original cost of an article to have it delivered to him by parcel post. To pay 5 cents for the delivery of a 25 cent steak seems very little, but it amounts to 20 per cent of the original cost just the same. Perhaps after a time those of us who have had the experience of buying direct from the producer or selling direct to the consumer, as the case may be, thus avoiding the "middle-man," may impress the fact upon others that "All is not gold that glitters." In many instances the actual cost of "peddling out" produce is much more than the difference in the selling price and that offered by the middle-man, and on the other hand the difference between the producer's prices and that of the middle-man is frequently in favor of the former. And many producers are not averse to the plan of "using stove pipe when sacking potatoes." So far as the writer's experience as a producer and consumer is concerned, he has found it much more profitable and satisfactory to avail himself of the services of the middle-man.

Klamath is still wrestling with her troubles, and the end seems to be as far away as ever. It is passing strange that any community can reach a stage where her citizens apparently take delight in heralding to the world at large that their County Government is practically bankrupt. And to have a Grand Jury report seriously criticising almost everything under the sun printed and given general circulation indicates that spite work is at the bottom of affairs. If the Grand Jury found anything wrong why was an indictment not returned against the guilty parties? The report is certainly a remarkable document in many ways, and to have it given general circulation indicates a desire on the part of certain individuals to "get even." The end is not yet, and no doubt our unhappy neighbor will gain much unpleasant notoriety before all the interested parties gain their ends.

The Portland Telegram cries out in anguish concerning "the enormous waste which marks every Legislative session." If the Telegram would submit an itemized statement we wonder how much of that "enormous waste" would show to have been expended in Multnomah County. According to the metropolitan press any appropriation for a "cow country" is enormous waste, but when Portland and vicinity receives an apportionment it is for a worthy object and a judicious expenditure of the public funds, as witness the effort for a bridge across the Columbia at Vancouver.

A Portland paper demands the passage of an act requiring goat-meat to be labeled as such. What's the matter with labelling "bull beef," stags, and the like? A similar act might apply to pork as well. The princely tutehers throughout the State would then be compelled to let loose of some of their ill-gotten gains, or rather could not impose upon the poor customer who is now compelled to take his word as to the kind, sex, age, condition in life, etc., of the meat offered for sale.

ADDITIONAL BRIEFS

Our popular County School Superintendent C. E. Oliver was the recipient of a very handsome and appropriate valentine. That he is extremely proud of the trophy is evidenced by the fact that he has posted it in a most conspicuous place in his office room in the court house.

Deputy Sheriff Rinehart and force had collected up to Wednesday evening of this week the sum of \$3,239 of the 1912 taxes since February 1. Nearly all the taxes that have come in thus far have been on O. V. L. contracts. The total amount on the rolls for collection this year is \$97,322.35.

The salaries of circuit judges in this state will hereafter be \$4,000 per year instead of \$3,000. The governor permitted the Forbes bill, H. B. 31, raising the salaries of circuit judges, to become law without his signature. The bill as passed by the house and senate was filed with the secretary of state.

"Grandma" E. H. Taylor celebrated her 83rd birthday last Friday at her home on Dawey street. A number of friends gave her a most pleasant surprise by calling upon her in the afternoon. She was presented with a birthday cake which was partaken of and enjoyed by all present. A delightful afternoon was spent by the elderly ladies and they all returned home feeling young again despite the many years of usefulness they have already served.

Governor West, the state's highest executive, let his anger get the better of his dignity and entered into a fisty combat with Frank L. Perkins, a newspaper correspondent, last week in the capitol rotunda. The governor accused Perkins of muckraking him in the columns of a Portland evening paper and a few hot words brought on blows. They were soon separated by members of the legislature, among whom was Senator Thompson of Lakeview.

Robt. L. Weir who recently returned from Alturas where he was soliciting orders for calendars representing the Examiner Publishing Company, states that it is reported the Hill railroad has promised to furnish farmers of the section below Alturas with seed wheat for this year's crop. He says our neighbors of the south are feeling very jubilant over the rumor, as they take it as significant of Hill's interest in this territory and of his intentions of giving us a railroad in the early future.

NEW PINE CREEK ITEMS

(By Staff Correspondent)

Mr. B. Williams of Davis Creek Sundayed with relatives here.

D. C. Berry purchased the Mrs. Reeder residence property last week and will soon begin to improve the entire appearance of things.

Mrs. A. F. Simmons is visiting home folks here for a while from her home in Lakeview.

Mrs. Reeder and son, Emmett Wade expect to leave for Rochester, Nev. soon to engage in the confectionery business.

Ebb Follett and D. W. Thomas were business visitors in Lakeview Monday.

An enjoyable time was had by all at the masquerade ball at Opera House February 14.

Mrs. Anna Blurton and son, Crystal, returned from lower California last week, also Norris Bethel.

We think some of the highest grade of moving pictures were exhibited at Wendt's Theater, last Sunday evening, that has been shown here for some time. They seem to grow better all the time. He will secure special films for Easter if possible.

One of the most pleasant afternoons was spent at the home of Mrs. Carr last Friday afternoon, where a goodly number of the helping club met. The devotional services were conducted

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in an able manner by the President, Miss Libbie Cannon, followed by prayer by Mrs. Robt. Wade. The program consisted of several nice selections as follows: Select reading, Mrs. Mary Miller; Recitation, "Crossing the Bar," Mrs. Blanche Cannon; Reading, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Wade and Mrs. Thomas, after which several selections were played on the Pianola by Mrs. Carr, which were enjoyed almost as much as the delicious lunch served by the hostess. This consisted of salmon and cheese sandwiches, olives, doughnuts, coffee and nut cake with an abundance of whipped cream. The shades of evening drew to a close almost too soon for us to have to leave without regrets.

A large crowd is expected tomorrow evening from Lakeview to attend the Band Dance. Prof. Darnell assures us some fine music and it is likely that there will be a big time for all.

Prof. Richards and Miss Simmons, had the pleasure of entertaining County Supt. Oliver of Lakeview last Wednesday. The entire school enjoyed the visit very much. We understand he is to honor us with his presence at our splendid entertainment to be given in memory of Washington's birthday, Saturday evening, Feb. 22, in connection with moving pictures at the Opera House.

Three of the Cannon children who have been very low with typhoid fever have been removed over in the Dr. Patterson residence in Cal. where Mrs. Madden, a splendid trained nurse, is in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freeman were entertained last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher.

We understand that Butler & Moffitt our butchers are soon to put in a cold storage plant. Good news boys!

Some new side walks have been put in lately and more are to be put in in the future. What we need is more shade trees. Let's all get busy this Spring and plant trees. We can have one of the prettiest towns in the state. All we need is to pull together and boost.

Henry Wendt, Jr., of the Wendt Candy Kitchen, just had a large refrigerator made. He is better prepared than ever to serve the public this coming summer with ice cold soda drinks.

(The Examiner received the following items too late for publication last week.)

Miss Laura Simmons, our splendid lady teacher of the Primary Department of Oregon school spent Sunday in Lakeview with relatives.

We are pleased to note that one of our enterprising poultrymen secured 5 prizes on his thoroughbred Rhode Island red chickens which he sent to have an exhibition at the Nevada poultry show, his advertisement will appear later.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freeman, entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. Plumer, also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leonard of Willow Ranch Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Fanny Williams and children are visiting with her parents for an indefinite length of time. Their little son, Glenn, is still under Dr. Amsden's care.

We failed to note last week about the pleasant manner Mrs. Jessie Carr, our Union S. S. Supt., entertained a number of her pupils with a fine hours sleigh ride, after which they returned to her home, where different sports were indulged in then the hostess served a delicious lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Carr certainly are splendid entertainers, and the writer feels safe in extending thanks to their many friends who they so kindly took sleigh riding this winter.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Vinyard last Friday evening. The evening was spent in games after which delicious refreshments were served consisting of ham sandwiches, olives, pickles, cream cake, coffee and whipped cream. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thomas, Miss Eva Spargur, and Mr. Herschel Fleming.

Don't fail to attend the splendid program in connection with the motion pictures, Feb. 22, at Wendt's opera house. It is given by the Oregon school and you certainly will be pleased.

We understand that Mr. Robert Kelly has been quite poorly lately. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

People who are interested and also who have great faith are beginning to return to the High Grade mines to be ready for the spring work.

Don't forget the big ball on Feb. 21st, given by Darnell's Band of Lakeview. A big time is sure to be had.

Miss Opal Reid is staying with Miss Libbie Cannon evenings.

Settlement Effected
Jas. G. Venable, after spending several weeks settling up the affairs of the Eilers Music Co. with the company's local representative, C. O. Roe, departed for San Francisco Saturday. This closes Mr. Roe's engagement as Lakeview's representative for the Portland branch of the Eilers music company, and after several weeks visit in California he will return and enter into the piano business for himself.

The amount of business the company has done during the time Mr. Roe has been in their employ amounts to about \$4000, and his final accounting with the company was made to balance to a penny. Mr. Venable had been instructed to effect a compromise with Mr. Roe on the salary side of the balance, but after it was found that their agent's statement was correct and instead of settling by paying out \$2.22 as they had figured on a compromise, they finally paid Mr. Roe the amount actually due him, \$114.79 a difference of \$112.48.

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