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"PLEDGE SYSTEM" AND ITS FRUITS.

From the way in which the great majority of the members of the Legislature "line up" in support of the "more salary" bills it becomes evident that "Statement One" was by no means the only object on which pledges were made before the election. Men anxious to go to the Legislature apparently have promised and pledged all increases of salaries that have been asked by officials or candidates. These pledges, clearly, were exacted as conditions of support and election, and the fruits are now appearing in the general rush of the "more salary" bills, some of which now for the first time appear, while others were arrested two years ago by the Governor's veto, and now are being passed over it.

Men who want to go to the Legislature often will promise anything or pledge anything for support. They allow themselves to be intimidated by portions or factions of the electorate, and since the "Statement" has come into vogue and the pledge it authorizes is common, the practice has become a precedent for all other pledges and promises—to do in the Legislature whatever personal or selfish interests may require of the member. It is an abominable system, at variance not only with representative government, but with the rights of the people and with honesty and decency and economy in the public service.

Yet it is argued that the "pledge system" is right; that it secures and enforces the will of the people. But no pledge ever is exacted by the body of the people, or in the interest of the body of the people. For that really is not necessary. On political questions members of the Legislature in general will act with their party, and are expected to do so; in other matters there is always some private interest against which all ought to be on their guard. A frac-

tion of the people is not the people; a faction of a party is not a party. The "Statement" pledge was a mere factional expedient and effort, which in its results has completely defeated the will of the people, not merely in the election of Chamberlain, but in the election of Bourne as well.

Pledges of candidates for the Legislature to salary grabbers have produced a most immoral combination for extortion in the shape of "more salary" bills in all parts of the state, and for the creation of a great list of unnecessary and hitherto unknown offices.

Perhaps the time is coming when the state of Oregon will signify that it has had quite enough of this system, and will put an end to it, from "Statement One" down the whole line. For it cannot long be pleasing to the people to find that their political rights have been bartered away by pledges which elect men to the highest political offices who do not represent their principles at all, and that the revenues of the state, paid by a drastic system of taxation, are "pledged" in vast sums for increase of salaries and creation of an additional horde of officials. The pledge system is indeed bearing its fullest fruit.

And to clinch the pledges as to salaries and offices the "emergency" clause, which in these cases is merely an assumption as false as impudent, is freely used, so as to cut off the referendum and avert the sure rejection that would be the fate of the jobs if the popular vote were brought to bear upon them. Might it not also be suggested that each of these acts, in order to provide sure protection for the various jobs, should declare that the initiative never should be used for their appeal.—Oregonian.

The envelope was invented in 1653 and was in disfavor for a long time.

The United States has the greatest variety of postage stamps.

A SURPRISE FOR THE OLD MAN.

One of those big, hardy men who got into the pine woods early, endured the hardships of a pioneer, finally made a fortune, and then came to Detroit as one of the favored spots on earth in which to live, has a young son who aspires to athletic honors and has a big room in the barn equipped as a gymnasium. The old gentleman was a powerful man in his day and had to deal with refractory woodsmen, who yielded to nothing but muscular suasion. It is difficult for a person like him to realize that age draws on strength and activity.

One afternoon last week the father went by special invitation to see the gymnasium. The first thing to attract his attention was a punching bag, one of those arrangements that comes back when you hit it, and comes back harder the harder you hit it. When its uses were explained to the old giant of the woods, he promptly announced that he'd either "bust the thing or knock it through the ceiling."

Drawing back as if to fell an ox, the father let go, and there was a thud as though a trolley car had collided with an elephant. Before the air had ceased to quiver there was a quick but subdued "biff." The bag had come back, driving the puncher's cigar half way down his throat, filling his whiskers with hot ashes, and starting the claret from his prominent nose. With such a whoop as used to awaken the echoes of the North woods the old gentleman went at the bag. And the bag stayed right with him. It was literally give and take, the maddened puncher tearing around as if he were fighting bees and throwing a ton into every punch. The coachman and the stable-boy had to be called up to help part the old man and the punching bag. Then the son had to hide the shotgun, for the puffing, used-up father vowed all kinds of vows that he would get even with that "automatonic slagger."—Detroit Free Press.

INTERESTING FACTS.

The Hong Kong harbor has a water area of ten miles, and is regarded as one of the finest in the world.

An Englishman has invented a bicycle for the blind. In reality, it is a motorcycle, carrying twelve riders, led by a seeing person, who does the steering.

According to the delegates to the national opticians' convention in Philadelphia, women's eyes are weaker than men's and more of the fair sex wear glasses.

It is not a hundred years ago since staves for women were composed not of whalebone or hardened leather, but of bars of iron and steel from three to four inches broad and eighteen inches long.

England has 3400 milch cows.

The British salmon is said to be worth \$550 per ton.

An ordinary locomotive is composed of nearly 5500 pieces.

Intended to refute the statements of Police Commissioner Bingham, of New York, a report prepared by the clerk of the city magistrate's court has been just made public showing that Jews do not head the list in the number of crimes in New York as Bingham observed. The report classifies the foreign-born Jews as "Russians" and gives the following table from the court records: Offenders born in the United States, 39,931; Russia, 12,192; Italy, 10,680; Ireland, 9,809; Germany, 6,045; England, 1,656; France, 1,609; Greece, 7,528.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, December 24, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that John J. Rahm, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, on January 9, 1907, made Homestead Entry, No. 3705, (Serial No. 9393), for as amended, the E 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 10, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 21, T. 38 S., R. 10 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk, Klamath County, at his office, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 8th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: J. N. Pine, Frank Irish, John Shepherd, Arthur Kelley, Roy Kinsman, H. W. Keesee, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

J. N. WATSON, Register.

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The only reason we object to other people doing as they please is that it is bound to conflict with us in doing as we please, which latter we intend to hold out for.

The less sense some of us have the more we talk about it and advertise it.



The less intellect a man has the more noise he makes about it.

Women have a great deal of curiosity because observation has taught them that men have a great deal of secretiveness, and so a sort of game is developed.

There may be things that money cannot buy. If so, it is likely that most of us have had them in stock a long time and we would like to try the money.

It is the unanimous belief of the peripatetic brethren that audaciousness should not be forgotten if it will stand for either a touch or a handout.

The work of the various national conventions is in the nature of a prize quadrangle contest, and various gentlemen are absolutely positive they alone have the right answer.

A good joke depends entirely for its success upon the time, the place and the individual it is aimed at.

EXPERIMENTAL MATRIMONY.

Trial Marriage is the Rule Among Many Peoples.

Among many people of the world trial marriages are the accepted custom. Among the Greeks marriage is considered only as a temporary convenience, not binding on the parties more than one year; the consequence being that "a large proportion of the old and middle aged men by frequent changing have had many wives, and their children, scattered around the country, are unknown to them." Evidence of similar practices of experimental matrimony and connubial variety are found among many of the American Indian tribes on both continents.

In parts of Greenland six months is the trial dead line, husband and wife separating if the "two hearts-two minds" theory develops discord instead of harmony.

Marriage among the Botocudos, according to Keane, is of a purely temporary nature, "dissolved on the slightest pretext or without any pretext at all merely through love of change or caprice."

"In Tasmania," says Dr. Milligan, "trial marriages result in a succession of wives."

In Samoa the wife's tenure of office is frequently limited to a few days or weeks, and marriage is sometimes only an excuse for the feasts and festivals so dear to the hearts of the pleasure loving natives.

In the Indian archipelago it is a common practice for formal marriages to be limited, sometimes for only a month and at others for a period of several years.—Schoolcraft.

New York City.

There are thirty-two lines of ferries plying between Manhattan Island and nearby shores, carrying a daily average of 268,800 passengers.

New York city has 113 public parks, varying in size from a few square yards in the angle at the crossing of streets up to Pelham Bay park, containing 1,756 acres.

A large restaurant is planned in New York for Broadway and One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, almost ten miles from the original Astor House, which the wisecracks of 1830 declared "too far uptown."—New York Herald.

Flippant Flings.

What suburban life needs is an automatic bundle bearer.—Baltimore Sun.

The peach crop hasn't been destroyed yet. What's the matter? Are the pessimists all dead?—Toledo Blade.

King Alfonso's job has its compensations. Fellows are not bothering him all the time to insure his life.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

"It is a difficult job to name a horse," says a prominent sporting editor. Still we have heard some men call a losing horse all kinds of names without very much apparent trouble.—Washington Post.

It is safe to presume that those people who are always talking of the joy of giving are well established with the slaves of the lamp or some other genius who joyously furnishes the whine withal.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, December 14, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Maud Hayden, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, Nov. 30, 1908, made Timber and Stone Application No. 0882, for NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 29, Tp. 37 S., R. 9 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk Klamath Co., at his office, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 26th day of February, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: Albert Harrison, A. M. Jamison, John G. Schallack, Ben Carlisle, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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