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THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT DECLRED A FAILURE

The San Francisco Chronicle is opposed to the adoption of the Australian ballot system. It claims that our American system is better, and among its reasons are the following: "It must be assumed that the secrecy of the ballot is to be maintained under any system that may be adopted; that is, that the honest voter shall have the absolute right and every facility to cast a secret ballot This being conceded, it becomes apparent that the numbering of each ballot and the numbering of a corresponding stub or counterfoil will not do, for that is certain destruction to secrecy. The ballot is secret when it goes into the ballot-box, but not secret when it is taken out and counted, for if ballot No. 248 is issued to a voter, and his name recorded when he casts ballot 248, is it not evident that the counting of the ballots makes a complete record of how that particular voter voted? What becomes of the secrecy of the ballot if all the clerks and judges of election, and even the watchers and lookers-on, can tell just how a particular man or any number of men voted? The numbered ballots certainly cannot be adopted if the secret ballot is to be preserved.

The bargain being made beforehand, the voter who has sold his manhood and his honor goes to the polling booth, obtains a ticket and retires into his cubby-hole to fix it for deposit in the box. He has previously been supplied with a facsimile or a close imitation of the ballot which he is to receive, and instead of voting the ballot he votes the counterfeit, tucks the ballot in his pocket and carries it out to the vote-buyer. Then the whole thing is settled, for the buyer marks the ticket to suit him, hands it to the next man who has sold himself and instructs him to vote it and bring back an unmarked ticket as evidence that the bargain has been carried out; and this is repeated over and over again until the supply of purchasable scoundrels has been exhausted. The purchaser has a constant check upon the seller, the production of the unmarked ballot being the only kind of draft to be honored at sight.

It is because the ballots are procurable at one place only that this scheme is so feasible. Under our law, where ballots may be procured almost anywhere outside the 100-foot line, the buyer can have no assurance that the ballot which he placed in the seller's hands has been voted, for the seller may have had a dozen others about his person, all folded up and ready to be voted, and this is what is meant by the "vest-pocket vote." The purchaser has nothing to rely on but the word of the voter that he voted as he was instructed, whereas under the Australian system, as has been shown, he has evidence in the production of the unmarked ballot.

Another weak point in the system, we think, is the printing of all the names on a single ticket and requiring the voter to put a cross opposite the names of those for whom he wishes to vote. This might do were there only a few offices to be filled; but suppose an election in this city, with five parties in the field and sixty offices to be filled. That would make a ticket containing 300 names, and it is morally certain that honest, but slow and and unintelligent voters, would make a muddle of the whole thing. This has been demonstrated by elections on constitutional amendments, where the ballots have contained the words: "For the Amendment," and "Against the Amendment," the voter being expected to cancel one line or the other. The result is that nearly one-half of the ballots are cast without any cancellation at all, the voter not seeming to grasp the idea that he is to draw a pencil through one line or the other.

Again, with a long ticket, the voting would be very slow and the count slow. Some one has asked how it would take any longer to count sixty names on a long ticket than on a short one. If he will try the experiment of picking out sixty names designated with a cross opposite them from among 300, he will see what a slow process it is.

The truth is that the Australian ballot system has not been put to anything like an adequate test. Where it has succeeded in the East there have been, as a rule, but two parties, and a few offices to be filled. Possibly it may work well under such circumstances, but we are certain that it is not so well adapted to elections in California as our own law, and that it opens the door to the purchase and sale of votes, as our law does not and cannot.

ANY corporation, says the Seattle Press, which builds a railroad or runs a steamship line through an undeveloped section of country need not fear that it will have to operate at a loss for many months. The axe and saw of the logger will follow close on the heels of the tracklayer, the farmer will join the procession, and the sawmills will keep him company until a new railroad will soon be lined with rich cultivated and pasture lands and growing towns.

A CERTAIN "good singer" of Salem is disgusted and will be heard no more. It must be sad for one who has thought himself a sweet singer in the past to feel compelled to "throw up the sponge." Lamentable, indeed!

SOME of the heaviest transfers of real estate in Seattle and Tacoma are now being made on the wagon wheels of those cities, and on the feet of weary pedestrians. In fact, the mud is knee deep and of the richest variety.

Oregon Matters at Washington.

[Regular correspondence Capital Journal.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senators Mitchell and Dolph are continuing the introduction of Oregon bills in order to get such measures a place at the top of the senate calendar and secure their early consideration. To-day Senator Mitchell introduced a bill appropriating $100,000 for the improvement of the Umpqua river between Scottsburg and its mouth and between Scottsburg and Harts rapids, near Elkton.

Also a bill appropriating $100,000 for the improvement of the Siuslaw river and Siuslaw bay. He also introduced bills to pay Green Arnold $7561, and W. C. McKay, of Pendleton, Or., $19,942 for damages sustained by Indian depredations.

Senator Mitchell is much interested in the extension of the free delivery postal system to small cities. To-day he secured the adoption of a resolution directing the Postmaster General to transmit to the senate a statement of the cost of extending the free delivery system to cities having 3000 inhabitants or where the post office gross revenue was $5000 for the past fiscal year. If the cost of extending this service comes anywhere near a reasonable figure Senator Mitchell intends to push a measure making provision for it.

Senator Dolph yesterday presented in the senate the following petitions and memorials from the Oregon state legislature:

A petition praying for the forfeiture of the Northern Pacific land grant between Wallula and Portland. A petition praying for the purchase and maintenance by the United States of the canal and locks on the Willamette river at Oregon City. A petition praying for the refunding of the double minimum excess of $1.25 per acre to people who purchased land and settled within the grant of the Northern Pacific railroad between Portland and Wallula. A petition praying for the condemnation of a strip of land in Washington along the Columbia river from above Celilo to below The Dalles.

Senator Mitchell presented the following resolutions and memorials of the legislature of Oregon: A senate resolution asking congress to reimburse settlers who bought lands granted to the Oregon Central railroad in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties, and upon which no railroad was ever built. A senate joint memorial praying that justice be done the survivors of the Indian wars of Oregon and that they be granted the same pensions and benefits granted to Mexican veterans. A house joint memorial praying congress to pass an act providing for the final adjustment and prompt payment of all duly established claims arising from Indian depredations, Umatilla Indians, and provide for the sale of the remainder to actual settlers.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in the senate making it unlawful for any Chinese laborer, whether he has never been in the country, or once having been here and departed therefrom, to enter the United States for the purpose of transit across its domain or for any other purpose. Senator Mitchell says in this connection it is the belief of residents on the Pacific coast that under the ruling of the Secretary of the Treasury many Chinese laborers who make such claims do it merely to remain in opposition to the exclusion act.

A senate joint memorial representing that the interests of the people of Oregon would be better subserved by a re-classification of the public lands so as to make a distinct class of those large tracts which are wholly pastoral, not adapted to any use except for grazing and only at that in larger tracts than the law at present permits to be acquired. A house joint memorial praying to provide for the survey of certain lands to enable settlers to perfect their titles.

A senate joint memorial asking congress to strictly enforce the exclusion of Chinese laborers. A house joint memorial praying congress to facilitate the allotment of lands to the United States for transit only, fail to depart therefrom and thereby the exclusion ac is defeated It is to cure this defect that the bill was introduced Senator Stanford, of California, has introduced a bill in the senate appropriating $23,000,000 for a system of coast defences on the Pacific coast, mainly at San Francisco.

Senator Mitchell has introduced bills aproppriating $100,000 for the improvement of Tillamook Bay; $3,000 to pay A. F. Fitzhugh and $6,000 to pay Jerome McKinley for Indian depredations in Oregon.

NORTH WEST.

AN UGLY DISCOVERY.

A Report that Should Be Read.

"A recent analysation in Philadelphia by a celebrated chemist of ten popular brands of Sarsaparilla discloses the astonishing fact that these ten samples of blood purifiers (?) contained in the aggregate *sixteen* different minerals, eleven of which were active poisons. Iodide of Potash was discovered in every sample, mercury was found in all but two, while arsenic existed in six of the ten brands. Not one brand was the pure article."

A reporter took the above clipping to E. W. Joy, the manufacturer of Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. Mr. Joy exhibited no surprise. He said druggists knew it. He said he long ago saw the crying need for a safe and absolutely pure vegetable preparation of Sarsaparilla, hence his was named Joy's *Vegetable* Sarsaparilla, because it contained nothing but pure syrup of sarsaparilla, combined with the pure juices of California's vegetable alteratives. Unlike potash sarsaparillas, it does not force impurities through the skin, but stimulates the various secretive organs, thereby correcting functional derangements and eliminating all impurities through the natural channels —*San Francisco Examiner.*

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Miss Mary Anderson has decided to live in Rome during the greater part of this winter. She will go there shortly from London, accompanied by her mother and sister. Miss Anderson has not yet made any arrangement for her return to the stage. Her health is excellent—and this is pleasant news to hundreds of friends.

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