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SUNDAY CONTRACTS.

It may be of interest to many to know that in common law Sunday contracts are valid. And in consequence all Sunday contracts are effective **UNLESS THEY COME IN CONFLICT WITH SOME STATUTE.**

A contract may also be valid though the contracting parties may be guilty of misdemeonor in executing it.

With these remarks in view our readers may by referring to the statutes of our state discover the true rule.

THE LAND PROBLEM.

The Public of Chicago publishes Tolstoi's latest discussion of the land problem, and it is well worth reading by everybody.

In Europe, in Asia, as in America, the old order is on trial. Political and economic conditions are being **EXAMINED AND WEIGHED AS NEVER BEFORE.**

One of the world's leading present day teachers, its greatest economic philosopher, Leo Tolstoi, in "A Great Iniuity," traced the similarity of origin, the world wide nature, the unfailing operation, the uniform result—even under apparently the most divergent circumstances—which sprung from the **VIOLATION OF A GREAT NATURAL LAW,** and which produces those deplorable economic conditions which obtain throughout the civilized world.

Information, no matter from what sources, which will explain what to so many minds appear as unrelated ing inexplicable phenomena, and because the clarity of his vision, the keenness of his analysis, together with profound morality of his convictions, cannot fail to illumine the subject for all who read it, appealing with added emphasis to those who love justice and would promote it.

WALK AND BE HEALTHY.

No better exercise has ever been discovered than that which the first man took. Adam walked.

Walking combines exercise and fresh air, both of which are nature's great restorers. When in the evolution of the ages man assumed an upright position and began to walk on his "hind legs" he began to amount to something.

Walking is a natural pleasure. Especially so at this season, when there is the touch of frost and tang of ozone in the air.

Don't ride. Walk.

Many a man has kept himself fit physically by this natural exercise. Afterward he got rich, rode in a glass house on wheels—and died. His friend who kept on walking is yet on earth.

What so becomes a man as the upright position and the use of the legs the Lord has given him?

But any morning of the year you may see business men and clerks and professional men—men tied to desk and counter all the day—waiting for minutes at a time for a car unable seemingly to walk for even a few blocks.

Is it any wonder men die in their prime?

Walk—like Adam did in the beginning. It will make you healthy, hearty and happy.—Toledo Times.

TARIFF REVISION.

(Medford Tribune.)

The defeat at the polls of the three congressmen, McCleary of Minnesota, Lack of Iowa, and Landis of Indiana, on the sole question of tariff revision creates no surprise in the minds of the people, in spite of the fact that the press dispatches state of Landis "when the votes were counted, he was the most surprised man in Indiana."

When our congressmen abrogate to themselves the knowledge of what the country needs, whether they are self deceived or the mere agents of the industrial trusts that have at the expense of the people under the inequalities of our present tariff, it is indeed high time that they should receive a surprise. The demand for tariff revision is no ephemeral idea of a few people that those who occupy high places can brush aside or ignore. Every day adds to its strength with the people of this country, and like Banquo's ghost it will not down. The would be law maker who cannot read the signs of the times in indeed unfortunate.

FOR FREE LOCKS.

The Benton County Citizens' league at its meeting this week passed resolutions bearing upon the subject of an open river for the Willamette valley and petitioning congress for the appropriation of a sum sufficient for the purchase of the Oregon City locks or the building of a canal and new locks, to be under governmental control.

The Benton County Citizens' league intends to ask all other commercial bodies in the state to take similar action and to forward a copy of these resolutions to the newspapers, asking that editorial discussion may be given the subject of an open river.

The league is making a vigorous stand for what is right and just and its action in this respect meets with decidedly popular favor here.

The resolutions premise that the taking of a toll is a barbarism under any consideration, and vastly so if it is a waterway on which the exaction is laid. The effect of the 50 cents a ton charge at the Oregon City locks, as relating to rail rates is shown. It is stated the aggregate of this exaction must amount to $100,000 to $200,000 a year, levied on the Willamette region. Figures are given showing what the toll amounts to when expressed in terms of prices obtained for the valley's staple crops, or paid for its staple supplies. It is claimed the necessary works to give the people relief could be built for $500,000. In conclusion the league prays congress to purchase the existing locks or build new ones and maintain them for the free use of the public.

It would be interesting to know who free locks will benefit most. If the state or nation buys the locks the General Electric corporation will get the money. The steamboat companies now pay the tolls. Would it simply relieve them of paying, or would the tolls be taken off the freight?

HORTICULTURAL MEETING.

The State Horticultural society will meet in Portland, January 8-9-10. Two days for discussion. The morning of the 10th is to be a demonstration of power spraying apparatus.

Three gasoline outfits have expressed a willingness to enter, and one compressed gas outfit will be in service. This demonstration will be a valuable feature of the meeting and well worth any orchardist's time.

The fifteen splendid cups to be offered as prizes for the best exhibit of apples, pears, prunes and nuts, will draw a big display of the finest fruit. As most of the cups are given for fruit in commercial packages, the exhibit will be an educational factor of no small moment.

Particulars as to competition and exhibts may be had of the secretary Entries must be made by 12 m., January 8. Only members of the society may compete for cups or awards but any one may become a member by sending his name and address and one dollar to E. R. Lake, secretary, Corvallis.

NEW PASS REGULATIONS.

Executive officials of the western railroads, at a meeting in Chicago, have entered into a new pass agreement of 1906. The roads were unable to agree to the abolition of all interstate transportation, but did agree to abolish all transportation which could in any way affect traffic.

An effort was made to get an agreement to do away with political transportation, but it was unsuccessful. The roads will continue, if they see fit, to issue passes to members of the legislatures and to politicians.

In the main, however, the issuance of transportation is materially restricted.

Some of the roads believe that if they issue state passes and they are used as mediums of interstates journeys the railroads issuing the passes will become liable.

It is a general opinion that the interstate law does not forbid issuing passes within state lines.

SOMETHING GOOD.

When you start out today say something good about the weather.

It won't change the weather, but you will feel better **TO BRIGHTEN UP A LITTLE.**

During the day say good things about your town and its people and the state.

You will have a better taste in your mouth, and your mind will work more freely.

As you pass along through the day say a good word for **YOUR FELLOW WORKERS IN BUSINESS.**

They have their troubles, and it will mentally help lighten their load, and aid your digestion.

Say something good about the fellow who happens to be opposed to you in theory of any kind.

We are liable to be mistooken, and if we think well of others and not alone of ourselves we may escape bumps of several varieties.

MEN ARE NOT BRUTES.

We do not know how Editor Davey feels about it, but this writer does not like Brother Selleck calling the drinking men brutes.

Of course, he limited it to the Germans and the Irish, but he really **MEANT ALL WHO DRINK BEER OR WHISKEY.**

Now, we feel as sorry as anyone can for the man who has made a bad habit of beer or whiskey drinking, but he is far from being a brute.

Brother Selleck didn't exactly mean what he said, and he should study his dictionary a little more carefully, and read his Bible closer.

Man, no matter what his habits, is never a brute. He was created in the image and likeness of God from the beginning.

He may depart from the Truth of Being. He may not always and fully reflect his divine origin. **BUT HE IS NEVER A BRUTE.**

We think we will have to ask Editor Davey to join us and sit down and have a good-natured symposium with Brother Selleck.

We can all learn something, and perhaps we could disillusionize him in his theory of Germans and Irish **WHO DRINK ANYTHING BESIDES PERUNA BEING BRUTES.**

Brother Selleck is a good fellow, and is trying to do good in his way, but he has made a slip of the tongue that will have to be corrected by him some day, when he understands better.

Silverton Items.

A surprise party was given at the home of Miss Gertrude Wolcott last Friday evening. It was given in honor of Miss Gertie's sixteenth birthday. A pleasant time was had by all.

Mr. Earl Woods, of Howell Prairie, was in the city last week.

Miss Ida Edison, one of Mt. Angel's academy girls, visited at her home in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Don't forget the grand ball next Wednesday evening at the W. O. W. hall, at Silverton.

Mr. Ray Maples, of Milwaukie, Oregon, visited in the city last week.

There will be a play given at the opera house next Thursday and Friday evenings.

A reception was given at the university last Friday evening. A large crowd was present, and a social time was had by all.

Skating rink in the opera house Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Ladies free.

Miss M. Right visited at her home in Woodburn last week.

The college girls have organized a P. M. O. club. They meet every two weeks.

Miss Byrd Cooley and brother made the music for the dance at Mt. Angel last Friday evening.

Mr. Willie Sehorn, of Portland, was in the city over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Brosig, who was sick at Salem for a number of days, returned to the city last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shannon and son, Miran, returned to their home in Pendleton, Or., last Monday.

The P. M. O. club met at the home of Miss Jennie Cooley last Thursday evening. The evening was spent in singing and playing games. A good program was rendered. At 11 o'clock lunch was served. Shortly after lunch the members returned to their homes.

The college students have published a college magazine, "The Stylus." If you want to read something good, subscribe.

The number of students enrolled at the college at present is 52.

The "Winged Eyes" gave a reception at the home of Mrs. E. Down last Friday evening in honor of the P. M. O. club. The evening was spent in playing games. Several prizes were given. Miss Pauline Masher won the prize in the first game and Miss Nellie Cavender in the second.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Miller Barkhurst, a seven-pound daughter.

A masquerade ball was given at the opera house last Saturday evening. A large crowd attended and a pleasant time was had by all.

Mr. Wm. Town, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. N. Palmer, at Tacoma, Wash., returned to his home last Friday.

A grand ball will be given at the W. O. W. Hall next Wednesday evening, November 28. All are cordially invited.

Miss Flaidland, who has been working for Mrs. L. C. Russell, returned to her home in Mt. Angel last week.

Mr. Rudolph Haack visited with his parents in the city over Sunday.

Alaska Wants Home Rule.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 28.—The people of Alaska are about taking steps to secure a territorial form of government. It is not intended to demand local self-government for all township and county organizations, as is done in older settled communities, but simply to be empowered, as American citizens, to legislate for themselves. In their efforts for this local self-government, the people are expecting the aid of the state of Washington, particularly of Seattle, the gateway of Alaska, which the trade of the north has done so much to build up. Mr. Thomas Cale, of Fairbanks, Alaska, mine owner, chosen by the people of Northern Alaska to represent them in congress, is the prime mover in the affair. Mr. Cale points out that the mining laws are patterned after those of the United States, but are a mere skeleton, not fitted for local needs. On the skeleton provided the mining states have built up a body of laws that suit the conditions of the respective states, but this has been denied Alaska. The present lack of railroad communication is very bad, while the provisions for schools, away from incorporated towns, is meagre and unsatisfactory, as people in many places have to educate their own children after paying their revenues to the government.

SENTENCE WILL BE EXECUTED

Fred A Shepherd Said By Trail Judge to Be Perfectly Sane

It is not likely that Governor Chamberlain will interfere in the execution of the sentence of death in the matter of the hanging of Fred A Shepherd, of Crook county.

The judge yesterday received a letter from Judge Arthur A. Frazer, of Portland, who went to Crook county to hold court, and who was the trial judge. Judge Frazer said there are no extenuating circumstances. He said Shepherd had a fair trial and that three competent physicians announced him perfectly sane. He is of a low order of intelligence, but sane, and has never displayed any symptoms of insanity. Judge Frazer says the crime was the most atrocious that ever came under his judicial notice, and was similar to those which cause lynchings in the Southern states. He said his greatest surprise is that Shepherd was not summarily disposed of by the men who took him into custody at the Zell house at the time Mrs. Zell came riding back from the neighbors, scared, outraged, wounded and bleeding.

The only real effort to save Shepherd's neck seems to come from a maudlin sentimentality, and it is not considered likely that executive clemency will be used in his behalf.