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REGISTRATION AND THE VOTE

The Oregonian mourns because the democrats register as republicans and then do not support the republican ticket. It is distressing no doubt, but hardly justifies calling all doing so perjurers. The lines between the parties are pretty well obliterated, and many a voter hardly knows which party he belongs to. There are numbers of democrats who register as such, yet who at the election will not support certain of their party candidates. The same is true of all parties. Many register as republicans from habit and because the party is the strongest, and it is natural to desire to be on the winning side. Again the progressive party has practically disappeared, says the Oregonian, and this vote has no doubt largely registered this year as republicans. If a progressive is not nominated for president, will these all, or nearly all, vote the republican ticket? That, of course, remains to be seen, but it is highly probable they will not. That many of these under the conditions suggested will vote the democratic ticket is a certainty. Yet they can hardly be classed as perjurers.

There is a large element of voters that are rather independent, whose political affiliations have been with the republican party, who especially in selecting state and county officers cast their votes for the man rather than the party, for the reason that there is really no politics in the state or county office.

In order to vote they have to register and naturally register as belonging to the party with which they formerly affiliated. In fact there are many conditions and circumstances that will explain the difference between the registration and the final vote.

OREGON FLAX FIBER IN DEMAND

Now that it has been demonstrated that we can grow flax, and the best flax too, here in the Willamette valley; and that it is further shown there is a demand for the fiber, it looks as though all that is needed to make the industry a success is to grow more of it. It gives promise of solving the problem as to the best crop to grow in the valley. It not only will bring good returns to the grower but will be the means of establishing factories here and giving Salem a pay roll such as it has never dreamed of. America is learning the lesson of being self sustaining, and with the flax fields of Belgium devastated there will be an ever growing demand for flax products. Indeed the demand now has gotten far ahead of the supply and unless Oregon comes to the rescue it will be a long time before conditions in this line become normal again.

There never was so favorable a time for getting the industry on its feet, for prices will remain high indefinitely. Not only the state officials in charge of the flax experiment, but the Commercial club and every citizen of Salem and the Willamette valley too, should use every effort to get the crops raised and factories located here for working up its produce.

It is a crop that requires much hand work and will give employment to a small army in the fields and another larger one in the factories.

Ohio expressed its choice for president Tuesday, in no uncertain terms. Her favorite son Theodore E. Burton was so far ahead of the balance of the candidates they could hardly be considered "also rans." The dispatches say "Roosevelt received slight indorsement, a few writing his name on their ballots." Henry Ford also received a few votes on both the democratic and republican ticket. It might be better for the two to get together on one ticket. Mars carrying the dove cote, would make a fine cut for the ballot, and an artistic motto, would be "Pax vobiscum."

Owing entirely to the fact that it is 300 years since Shakespeare was born, the question as to who wrote the plays credited to him, has temporarily side tracked that other perplexing question which has never been satisfactorily settled, concerning the identity of the man "who struck Billy Patterson"

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Silverton is a wideawake thrifty little city with lots of vim and a promising future on that account. It does not want to rely very heavily though on the discovery of an "aluminum mine" near it. As a matter of fact aluminum is the most abundant of all the metals and if the white clay lands through the valley could get rid of it they would be the better therefor. Aluminum is the basis of clays and its cost is due not to its scarcity, but to the fact that no cheap way has been found for extracting it from its surroundings. When this is done it will be the cheapest of all metals. It is difficult to do things with too, that other metals will stand for. It for instance, cannot be welded like most metals for the reason that the moment it is exposed to the air after being heated it is covered with a coating that prevents its welding.

Harry C. Hammond at present serving a three year sentence at McNeil's Island, federal prison, recently wrote a long letter to Captain Thomas of the secret service in an effort to secure a pardon. He stated he had had a change of heart and wanted to lead a clean Christian life. To show his good faith he unbosomed himself, told of all the prisons he had done time in, and the crimes he had committed. The letter should have, according to the way stories usually are told, awakened sympathy and secured his pardon. That the way it does in romances, but Thomas was not romantic, and so is taking steps to have Hammond sent up for life as an habitual criminal. Bobbie Burns covered the case in a line or two: "The best laid schemes of mice and men, gang aft agley."

Massachusetts sends its delegates to the republican national convention unpledged, but it took care to select only stalwart members of the "old guard" for the job. So far Teddy seems about in the condition of the boy who was chasing a mouse around a corn shock, and who to an inquiry as to what he was doing? replied, "catching mice." "How many have you caught?" was the next question. "Well," said the boy as he made a vicious swipe with a corn stalk: "when I catch this son-of-a-gun and two more I will have three."

Holland is eating "war bread" for the first time. This it is said is caused by the difficulty in getting wheat owing to the German submarines, and the sinking of Dutch ships. They may stand for the bread being made short but if those submarines ever interfere with the sauer kraut supply there will be things doing at The Hague that are not down in the diary of William Jennings Bryan or known in the dove cote where Ford keeps his specimens.

A cartoon in Wednesday's Oregonian shows Uncle Sam in Crusoe's garb standing on the sea shore, and around him tracks made by people of many foreign lands. The cartoon is true to fact; for any foreign nation that lands on American soil will turn most of its attention to "making tracks."

Cummins got the majority vote in Nebraska, with Ford a close second, but Hughes got twelve of the sixteen delegates pledged to vote for him. This illustrates the difference betwixt the name and the game.

Home rule for Ireland would be all right if the Irishmen could decide among themselves which represented the "Home" and was for this reason entitled to rule.

"It's just one blamed thing after another," remarked the Salem woman as she climbed the fish ladder leading to the hurricane deck of a Salem street car.

By the way didn't Ford send a party of peace delegates to Europe some time or other? Are they still where he sent them or have they come home?

Maybe the man who leaves his estate to his widow on condition that she does not marry again is after all a philanthropist and a humanitarian.

The German fleet was safely bottled up until a day or so ago, when fermentation, or something, caused the cork to blow out.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason



THE PIPE DREAM BOY


"My son," I heard the father say, "the boys are playing ball today, so, prithee, cease your round of toil, your delving in the fertile soil, desert the onion and the bean, and join the lads upon the green. For growing boys should romp and play, and not plant squashes all the day." "Oh, father dear," the boy replied, "I take more pleasure and more pride in raising pumpkins which will wear blue ribbons at the county fair, than I would take in playing ball, which is but trifling, after all. What shall it profit any youth to make a three-base hit, forsooth? Let idlers all such games pursue, and entertain an idle crew, while I am raising things to eat, the prune, the nutmeg and the beet, the little early riser pea, the wiener and the banyan tree." The father bumbled for a spell, and then he tottered to the well, with feeble, slow and halting tread, and there awhile he soaked his head.

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SENATORS TO OPEN SEASON ON SUNDAY WITH BABY BEAVERS

League Season In Capital City Begins With Promise of Good Exhibition

If the sun smiles for a day or two at the end of this week the Senators will open the baseball season on their home grounds next Sunday against the Baby Beavers, of Portland, and celebrate the advent of the Senators in the Inter City League. Jerzuan Park, at the end of State street, is badly soaked at present but the grounds will be put in first class shape if the weather man is generous and the season will open with the strongest possible lineup for the Senators.

Cole of Stayton, or Barham, of Dallas, will be on hand to do the twirling. Cole showed in last Sunday's game against the penitentiary team, that he had plenty of smoke and a good assortment of curves and that he has the class to make him a regular winner in the Inter-City League. Bazaine is an old hand at the firing line and will have no trouble in holding his own in the league. With dependable hitters, and a veteran infield the senators will be able to stir up a heavy hitting outfield that will make the other Inter-City League travel some to raise their measure.

Secretary Ray Baker promises a good game and his post reputation as manager of the 1915 Senators indicates that he will make good his representations. The Senators are handicapped by a late start, but when they once get going they intend to keep one eye on the pennant and the other on the ball and land on both.

OPEN FORUM

SUMMER MUSIC

Editor Journal: If what I read in this morning's "Statesman" concerning this summer's public music is true, I am satisfied the music committee has acted arbitrarily—and without consulting the wish, if not the need, of the people, musically.

According to the "Statesman's" correspondent the vocalists are not to be retained this year. This is surprising to the writer, as by far the best part of any musical concert is that period when the hum-drum and melody of brass and reed are to give way to the poetry of the sounds of that greatest of all instruments, the human voice.

It is difficult to believe that any musical committee could be so short sighted as to eliminate the most important feature of a musical program without motive, and, inasmuch as this committee presumes to represent the musical interests of the community, I can not reasonably believe it would permit "motive" to enter into its deliberations.

Who compose this musical committee? Let them come forward and make a plain statement of the facts. I, too, am a music lover. Do "music committees" arrogate to themselves power to determine the public's musical taste?

There was a time when a man who had wares to sell told the public to "take it, or leave it," at his price. That day is gone, for this is the day when the people determine what they shall have. "The cat will mew, the dog will have his day," you know.

It is the belief of the writer that the "Statesman's" correspondent is correct—and I am unwilling to believe it, the musical fortunes of Salem have entered a period of decadence.

ANOTHER MUSIC LOVER.

Animal Husbandry Class of O. A. C. Is Here

The junior class of animal husbandry of the O. A. C., represented by 18 students, arrived in the city yesterday for their annual trip of inspection and study and this morning called on the governor to pay their respects. The morning was spent visiting the asylum horse barns and the cottage farm.

This annual trip is made by the students for practical study, stopping at farm houses and noting the general conditions of livestock. The students left Corvallis last Monday in charge of Prof. O. M. Nelson, dressed in the regular negligee roughing outfit.

Monday night they camped near the farm house of J. B. Strump at Monmouth, Tuesday night with Fred Koser of Bicknell and last night at the fair grounds. Tonight, their last night out, will be spent near Jefferson.

This afternoon they inspected the stock at the farms of J. W. Kinsey and J. W. Miller. During their five days of hiking and studying stock, they have been in Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion and Linn counties. The seniors of the animal husbandry class are also out on their annual studying trip, going north from Corvallis.

Just as a little recreation, the boys formed a line party at the Oregon state and appeared to enjoy themselves, notwithstanding the fact they were not dressed exactly in their society clothes.

grains and mill food stuffs remain the same as yesterday.

Portland reports a little weakness in the egg market, but grocers are paying 20 cents each, which has been the price for the past week.

Florida celery is now on the market, quoted at \$4.

Grains	
Oats, vetch	\$17.00@17.50
Wheat	17.00
Oats	50c@30c
Roll'd barley	\$35.00
Corn	\$35.50
Cracked corn	\$37.00
Bran	\$26.00
Shorts, per ton	\$28.00

Butter	
Butterfat	20c
Creamery butter, per pound	20c
Country butter	20c@25c

Eggs and Poultry	
Eggs, case count, cash	20c
Eggs, trade	21c
Hens, pound	1.50
Roosters, all, per pound	30c@35c
Broilers, under 2 pounds	22c@25c

Pork, Veal and Mutton	
Veal dressed	9 & 10c
Pork, dressed	10 1/2@11c
Pork, on foot	8@8 1/2c
Spring lambs, 1916	8c
Steers	6@7c
Cows	4@5 1/2c
Bulls	3 1/2@4c
Ewes	4c
Wethers	6 1/2c

Vegetables	
Cabbage	\$3.50
Tomatoes, Florida and Cuban	\$4.00
String garlic	15c
Potatoes, ext.	\$1.25@1.50
Potatoes, new	6c
Beets	\$1.00
Asparagus	8c
Broccoli	75c
Radishes	40c
Green onions	40c
Green peppers	25c
Green peas	7c
Egg plant	15c
Carrots	\$1.00
Onions	\$2.00
Apples, Hood River	75c@1.75
Rhubarb	40c
Florida celery	\$4.00

Fruits	
Oranges, Navels	\$2.25@3.50
Lemons, per box	\$4.00@4.50
Bananas, pound	5c
California grape fruit	\$3.50
Florida grape fruit	\$5.00@6.00
Cranapples	7 1/2c
Honey	\$3.50
Strawberries	\$2.00@2.25

Retail Prices	
Eggs, per dozen, fresh ranch	25c
Sugar, cane	\$8.25@8.45
Sugar, beet	\$8.05@8.15
Creamery butter	35c
Flour, hard wheat	\$1.00@1.50
Flour, valley	\$1.30

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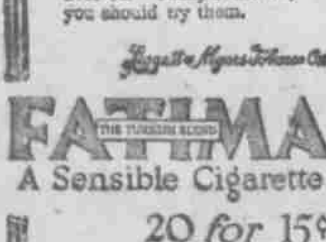
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The following prices for fruits and vegetables are those asked by the wholesaler of the retailer, and not what is paid to the producer. All other prices are those paid the producer. Corrections are made daily.

Wheat is showing considerable firmness and today commission houses and the mills are paying 85 cents. Other

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