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LOYALTY TO THE LAWS.

Address of Stephen A. Lowell Before Congregational Conference.

The general Congregational conference is in session at Salem. Among the many addresses before that body none was more interesting than that of Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, which was delivered last evening on the subject, "Loyalty to the laws of the Country."

Judge Lowell is a lawyer and jurist, is clever and conscientious and having given his subject deep thought, covered it ably in every detail.

Owing to its length, space cannot be given it in full, but a few extracts serve to show the lines under which the gentleman handled his subject.

The Philippines.

In an able introductory in which he reviews the fundamental principles of the land and the value of nations and citizens living loyally to it, he incidentally refers to the Philippine question as follows:

"There can be no shrinking, no backward step. We are in the Philippines and there we must stay until the flower of civilization shall bloom in its beauty, and until the principles of liberty there planted shall enable the thought of every islander and inspire the hope of every tribe. If we fail not in our duty the mantle of American justice will ultimately whiten the mighty continent where man was born, and he will be born again into newer liberties and higher aspirations.

"Greater responsibilities, either moral or political, never rested upon any nation, ancient or modern. We shall prove equal to them, because failure belongs not to America, but there must be an arousing of public moral sentiment to keep the nation to its pledges, and a renewed political activity among men who would hold the government above the level of commercialism. We can never reach the full measure of our work abroad until we perform our whole duty at home."

Laws Not Enforced.

He cites a number of laws on our statute books that are practically dead or ignored. He enumerates the following:

"The gravest danger which confronts this country is the multiplicity of laws in the various states which are dead upon the statute books, laws to the unceasing breath of which the public gives tacit assent. We are in an age characterized by lawlessness in law enforcement, a sort of recrudescence of savagery, and there is arising a silent contempt, insidious and ominous, for those things which ought to receive both public approval and support. The open breaking of one law soon causes disregard for all laws, and the influence of existing conditions is conducive to crime and productive of criminals.

"The statutes of the state which protect the Sabbath, prohibit gambling and the social evil, and impose a penalty upon bribery, are impressive monuments to the purity of the past, but are recognized today only in short spasms of public virtue or the vengeance of some political boss or private prosecutor.

"Laws for the protection of the sanctity of the ballot exist in state and nation, and yet to the knowledge of every observing man, primaries

are debauched, conventions controlled, and elections carried by shameless, almost open, use of money.

"Licenses are granted to saloons under clear and salutary restrictions as to permission of gaming, sale of liquor to minors and habitual drunkards, and the maintenance of an orderly house, but although officials and public know that such restrictions are daily ignored, the cancellation of a license is almost unknown.

Likewise Ordinances.

"Our cities pass ordinances prohibiting vice and crime of every character, but they are generally enforced only so far as may meet the pleasure of affect the profit of municipal rings, or secure votes for the party in power.

Officers are Lax.

"Officers are elected to enforce the law. They seek their positions and take the oath of office with complete understanding that the spirit of the statute requires them to actively seek out and prosecute offenders of every degree, high and low, rich and poor, humble and influential, but it is patent to every observer that the average peace officer fails miserably in his duty, and that certain crimes and criminals are exempt from his official attention."

The Remedy.

"Law in itself is an important, inoperative thing. It must always be vitalized and sustained by public sentiment, and it dies when that power forsakes it. Law breaker, official delinquents and political obscurants know this, and fear nothing so much as organized public sentiment. They realize their own weakness, and depend invariably upon the apathy and division of the forces of right.

"The demand of the age, the supplication of the weaker races of the earth, the need of America, is the coronation of justice. The recession of arrogant wealth, the subsidence of the conscientiousness parvenue, the retirement of the shuffling official, the cleansing of political life, and a renaissance of unselfish citizenship.

"The comprehensive plans of the Almighty will be carried to their consummation, the law will be fulfilled—by us, let us hope, but in any event by a people loyal at once to the immutable moral code, and the God who declared it."

THE FOREST RESERVE.

How Prominent Men of Grant County View It.

(By a Staff Writer.)

The forest reserve question is agitating the minds of the people of Grant county. Everybody is discussing it and a large majority of the citizens evidently oppose it on the plan as now laid out.

Many have written on the subject and they are conversant with the situation and discuss it intelligently. They do not show over-zeal, but show a spirit of liberality. I had an extended conversation with Mr. John C. Luce on the subject. He is known as the "unterrified middle-of-the-roader." He has a fine farm near John Day and is a wide-awake, well-posted citizen.

In reply to my question he said:

"What do I think of the proposed forest reserve? Well, I think it will ruin Grant county. I also think it is a gigantic graft—a huge steal engineered by some land sharks who have bought up school lands and wish to have a reserve created including their holdings so that they can get land scrip for their \$1.25 land. The difference in value of the school lands, the timbered Sumpter valley railroad lands and the land owned by The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company and the land scrip they will be given in lieu of their holdings will be over half a million dollars in favor of the land scrip. Land scrip is worth \$6 or \$7 an acre. Most of the land for which it will be given is worth \$1.25 an acre or less. It is a measure in the interests of outside sheepmen. It includes much agricultural land and much land of no use as a forest reserve.

"You will find the sentiment of this county unanimously against the reserve as now outlined."

I have talked to scores of leading men in all occupations and all are against the reserve as now outlined, though most of them favor a reserve of the higher altitudes above the heads of the streams.

The whole question, in my mind, is one of the best action for the greatest good of the greatest number and the future good of the country. If the motives back of the reserve are dishonest, if created merely to enrich land pirates and is a detriment to the country in place of a benefit, it should be defeated. If on the other hand, it is a wise thing and the opposition arises from persons owning sawmill sites or men controlling grazing areas who care only for their own interests, then it should be created. After an investigation from a purely unprejudiced standpoint, I believe the reserve is excessive, as it includes lands suited for agricultural purposes and land perfectly destitute of timber. I do believe, however, that the higher ranges should be reserved by the government.

Overstocking should be carefully guarded against. When the range is overstocked and the complaint is everywhere heard this year—of the scarcity of feed—the sheep will browse and thus injure the young growth, not only by trampling, but by eating the tender young growth. I have seen young pines nibbled where

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