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HANDS OFF

As the boiling of the political pot begins to be in evidence, the MAIL will suggest that the Republicans of Coos county manage their own affairs this trip. There seems to be no good reason why the Republicans who "have always been Republicans," who are Republicans "from principle and not from policy," should not be able to manage the affairs of the party without very much assistance from ex-Democrats or ex-Populists, whose conversion lies under the suspicion of having been mainly dictated by self-interest. The assistance and votes of all converts are welcome and are highly appreciated, but when it comes to the management of party affairs, let them be attended to by the "tried and true."

In this connection it may be in order to remark that the Republicans of Coos County need no advice from any Kansas ex-follower of Sockless Jerry, who has been in the country just long enough to find out that the Republican party is in the ascendancy and therefore desires to pose as a Nestor in Republican councils.

Before any man attempts to discuss the joint senatorship he should inform himself as to the situation sufficiently to know that the candidacy of Schiller B. Hermann for the joint senatorship, if successful, would be a stab in the back for Binger Hermann's chances for the congressional nomination.

So far as the ex-Pop referred to is concerned, his power for evil is exceedingly limited, and the MAIL only mentions the incident to illustrate the point under discussion.

BOOST OR BUST

(Tulare Advance)

The advice contained in the headlines is good advice for any people in any community. There is scarcely a community that does not contain more or less of the "knocker" element and despite the good work the "boosters" of the community may do the "knockers" spoil it all by their work. It is interesting to note that Oakland has founded what is known as the "boosters club" and they propose boosting Oakland and that city's industries in good shape and will knock the knocker on an unlimited degree of unpleasantness so long as he continues his knocking. May great good result from the new organization. At a recent mass meeting held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and upon the walls of the hall were the following mottoes:

"Have you signed the 'BOOSTERS' roll of membership yet? Call an usher and sign now."

"Every member of the Oakland Board of Trade is a Booster in the practical sense of the word. Are you?"

"Committee on membership EVERYBODY. That's you."

"If you cannot speak well of Oakland without jarring your conscience, mention that fact to the Committee of the Rope. They have a sure cure for such a malady."

"If you did not enjoy yourself on the trip to Los Angeles, just mention the fact to the committee of the Rope."

"Boost-er Bust."

The by-laws of the boosters club are interesting reading and are in part as follows:

Article 1. Any resident of Oakland or vicinity, having the welfare of the city at heart, may become a member of the Oakland "Boosters" Club—if approved by the membership committee—on signing the by-laws of the club.

Article 2. The requisite qualifications for membership shall be that the applicant can prove to membership committee that he or she speaks favorably of Oakland whenever opportunity affords.

Article 3. Any applicant for membership in the Oakland "Boosters" Club who cannot subscribe to the following agreement shall be declared ineligible to membership.

I do hereby agree to use my voice, services and means for the advancement of Oakland.

I will protest against all defamatory utterances when directed against Oakland when spoken within my hearing.

I will not only "boost" Oakland whenever opportunity affords by stating its manifold opportunities to others, but will myself evince a greater interest in the prosperity of Oakland than I have heretofore.

Article 4.—If I cannot "knock" a "knocker" either by a good tongue lashing or by an exhibition of physical force, I will hand his or her name to one possessing either a larger vocabulary or stronger arm than myself.

I hereby subscribe my name to the above and agree to speak well of Oakland at all times and upon all occasions, and to do all in my power to advertise Oakland in such a manner as will attract capitalists, home-seekers, manufacturers, professional and business men to become residents of this city, and thereafter to join the Oakland "Boosters" Club.

AS OTHERS SEE HIM

(Salem Journal)

In the Coos-Curry district Hon. R. D. Hume is liable to prove, the strong man for joint-senator. He is a man of the right kind of ability to serve southern Oregon well.

So far as the rest of the state is concerned, it has a deep interest in the selection of men like Hume who have convictions that are not for sale.

He is a man who cannot be terrorized by Harvey Stott or fooled by any of the sharp politicians, and that kind of a man can accomplish about as much for his constituents as those who are easier to work.

The Republicans of that part of the state will strengthen the influence of their section by sending a man to the Senate who has had the experience that Hume has, and who don't take dictation from any faction.

(Salem Statesman)

As a wholly disinterested observer, the statesman ventures to express the opinion that the voters of Curry and Coos counties would do a very wise thing if they return Hon. R. D. Hume to the Legislature this year, and to the upper branch of that body. It is of no

more concern to people living in this portion of the state than that the personnel of the law making body of our state government is a matter that affects the entire people and the desire to see intelligent and effective men sent there is general. Mr. Hume has shown himself to be a wide-awake legislator, of unusual force of character, in a heavy taxpayer and few men command a better standing among his fellow legislators than he. He is a pioneer business man of his section and would make a first class representative in the state senate in every way. Of course, there are other good men in that part of the state but the selection should be made carefully.

The above disinterested endorsements of Hon. R. D. Hume illustrate the point already made by the MAIL—that he is a man of established standing and influence throughout the state. The utterance of ex-Governor T. T. Geer should certainly have an influence with all Republicans, coming from the pen of one of Oregon's ablest Republicans, one with national reputation and who speaks his true sentiments at all times. Ex-Governor Geer knows whereof he speaks when talking of such matters.

Another Precinct Heard From

To the Editor of the COAST MAIL.

Marshfield, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I see that an effort is being put forward to enter Schiller B. Hermann in the race for Joint Senator for Coos and Curry counties. The writer has always been a staunch supporter of Binger Hermann and he has done some work for Coos County, but no more than his constituents were entitled to. I am in favor of returning him again. I may be a delegate to the convention that nominates the next Congressman, and would be more than pleased to return him to Washington. There is no reason however, that any other good man could not serve us as well. Mr. Tongue did much for Coos Bay during his short stay in Congress.

S. B. Hermann has served us one term in the lower house of this state and now he has announced himself as aspiring for the position for Joint Senator for Coos and Curry. This is not as it should be as Mr. Hume has the floor according to good politics. Schiller Hermann, by doing this, injures his father's chances of being renominated by putting at bay as true a friend as the Hermann family ever had, R. D. Hume, and who has probably done as much for Coos Bay as any legislator ever has, while acting as Joint Representative. Mr. Hume has put more money into the Coos County campaign, whenever he has been a candidate, than all the rest put together, and helped the party win out gloriously during the last election.

Now young Mr. Hermann should stand back for one term, accept the nomination for representative to our legislature, where he can serve us fully as well, and not cast the stigma of "hogging it" upon himself. The Hermanns are all right but ought to know when they have enough. Mr. Hermann owes enough to his townsmen to not stand in their way. Several good men are seeking plums at the hands of the county convention, which should at least be given consideration.

A LIFE LONG REPUBLICAN.

Coquille City, Ore. March 19th, 1904.

"THE ONLY" JUDGE

There is much talk among the Republicans, (more of it to them, than by

them) about Judge Hamilton and his good qualities as a judge, and how much money he saved for the poor downtrodden taxpayer of this district.

Judge Hamilton has only done his duty as any judge should. Granting all his friends say for him is true, the fact does still remain that there are good, able and conscientious, legal lights in the district, who are Republicans, and as well qualified to be judge as Hamilton.

As Republicans we do not owe a Democrat our support when a Republican who is qualified to fill the office is on the ticket.

There is no good reason why in a Republican district there should be found enough Republicans to elect a Democratic judge.

In Coos county the majority of the attorneys are Democrats and Judge Hamilton has been praised to the seventh heavens by them, while he has only been an ordinary judge. His praises have been sung so much by his Democratic friends that even many of the Republicans are talking Hamilton.

One of the most prominent attorneys in Oregon was heard to express his views not long since. Among other things he said "His reputation was made by the praise of the Democratic attorneys in his district."

Republicans, pull yourselves together and stamp out this policy. Do not allow hot air to perpetuate a Democratic judge.

The good Republicans who talk for a Democrat has a motive other than true Republicans. Surely no good Democrat would do as much for a Republican judge, and to elect a Democratic judge in this district it requires Republican votes.

In sizing up the qualities of a judge it is well to remember what he is there for. Courts are supposed to be established for the administration of justice; not, primarily, to get rid of the business that may come before them in the quickest possible manner.

The head and front of Judge Hamilton's excellence seems to be that he is a "rasher" that he pounds business down the line, making the terms of court short, and thus "saves expense."

Those who laud Judge Hamilton to the skies for this quality seem to lose sight of the fact that courts are established to administer justice; not, primarily, to save money for the taxpayers.

Litigants are entitled to have their cases tried in a court of justice, not in a sawmill. The fact that an attorney happens to incur the displeasure of an extremely irascible judge is no good reason why his clients should not have a fair hearing.

It is true that the general public are highly edified when a lawyer gets set upon good and hard, by the court. It is also true that lawyers are hard people to sit upon, and are amply able to fight their own battles. At the same time, when an attorney is not allowed to properly present the case of his client it is a rank injustice to the client, and this no judge has any right to perpetrate.

Grand stand plays are out of place on the bench.

HUME AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY

On an interest of vital importance to this section, the fishing industry, this part of the state is much indebted to R. D. Hume as the father and principle promoter of the canning business.

The fishing bill of 1901 contained a section of especial importance to the

people of Coos county, as it prevented the destruction of young salmon in the tide waters, and was in response to the petition of the people of Coquille. Much could be said of what Mr. Hume has done for Curry but that better be left to the Republicans from there who will give their own verdict. The state at large owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hume for what he has done in the way of the propagation of salmon, besides having written and talked on the subject for thirty years, and not always from a selfish standpoint as is intimated by the Oregonian. Not alone Oregon, but the fishing industry of the whole Pacific coast and Alaska has received an impetus from his efforts in that direction. The Fish Commissioner of Washington stated before a joint legislative committee that he had received the most of his knowledge of the salmon industry from a little book written by Representative Hume on the subject.

Another Republican Speaks

Editors of the Daily COAST MAIL.

Marshfield, Oregon.

Referring to the article from your life long Republican friend at the County seat, I do not fully concur with the entire argument, yet I am willing to admit that some of his points are well taken. It is a recognized fact that in years past the republican of Coos and Curry counties have always been in line for the Hon. Binger Hermann's re-election as a representative to the lower house of Congress, it is also a realized fact that the solid delegation from the above named counties have stood solidly and voted for his advancement to the position of United States Senator. We all recognize that he has been the best friend that Southern Oregon has ever had, has worked harder and accomplished more than any other man that we could have sent, there is no question but what, if left to this portion of Oregon, would always be solid for the Hon. Binger. We all are free to recognize his worth and certainly must appreciate what he has done for this section.

Now concerning his son Hon S. B., he also has been identified and a staunch worker in our ranks. As a member of the lower house of the legislature was an honor to his constituents. We all feel proud of his record and fully appreciate the fact that Coos had furnished such material. I appreciate the fact that every Republican voter in this county recognizes his ability, yet the question arises, do we wish to jeopardize his father's chances in the coming district convention. There can be no doubt that the voters of this county would gladly and willingly consent to his renomination, which would guarantee his re-election. The question arises would it be in keeping with party principles to advance the young man at this time, whereby he will probably antagonize his father's interests.

ANOTHER LIFE LONG REPUBLICAN.

WHAT'S THE USE?

Our esteemed contemporary down the creek, makes the statement that the MAIL censured R. D. Hume for his attack on Judge Hamilton. Our files are open and we will give \$5 to the first man who will point out the "censure" referred to. There is no more truth in the assertion than in some sworn circulation statements.—DAILY COAST MAIL, Mar. 17.

Our contemporary in beginning states that we accused them of censuring Judge Hamilton, and liberally offers five dollars of boodle money if some one proves such to be true.—Our Esteemed Contemporary down the creek.

What's the use of arguing with a person who can't understand English—even though he has run for county school superintendent in Kansas—on the Populist ticket.

WHO WROTE IT?

A bitter and lying personal attack on R. D. Hume appears in the columns of our esteemed contemporary down the creek. It appears as an editorial but is

the product of some other pen than that of the editor, the only thing about the article originating with that former leading educational light of Kansas being the manner of spelling "paid"—"payed." He always spells it that way.

As for the article of unknown (?) authorship, it is so well answered in a communication just received from a resident of North Bend, which will appear tomorrow, that it need not be discussed here.

FIGHTERS IN GOOD SHAPE Ten to Six Odds Offered By Backers of Corbett

San Francisco, March 24—With both men in grand shape, though a few ounces over weight, but little work remains for Corbett and Britt before going into the ring tomorrow night.

The little fighters were up early this morning, both anxious to take advantage of every minute possible and work themselves into better condition if that is possible.

After breakfast, which was a hearty one, Corbett loaded down with sweaters and blankets hit the road for a ten mile run. Mentally and physically his condition could not be better and he is more ardent, Corbett's chief worry seems to be fear that he will go into the ring a heavier favorite than he is today. He thinks that even would be about right. He's a ten to six favorite this morning and betting men predict that the odds will be two to one before the men get together.

Britt could go into the ring tonight prepared to put up the fight of his life. He will be down to weight before going to bed tonight. All his hard work is over and from now until the hour of the fight tomorrow night he will take only sufficient exercise to keep from becoming stiff.

PERJURERS SENTENCED For False Swearing in Fair Will Case

Paris, March 24:—The court, hearing evidence in connection with the Fair case today, condemned Frederick Masse and Louis Moranne, the cyclists who gave false evidence at the hearing in New York, to three years in prison and a fine of fifty francs each.

The men testified that they had seen the Fair's killed, and that Fair was the first to expire. It was proved that the men were not at the scene of the accident when it occurred.

Three Asphyxiated

New York, Mar. 23—Otto Grossman, aged 65, Minnie, his wife, aged 35, and Rosa Longseldon aged 33, were found dead in their apartment in a tenement this morning exphyxiated with illuminating gas.

Thirteen Killed

Berlin, Mar. 24—The Flora Variety theatre, which was being demolished, collapsed today and thirteen men were killed.