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## POLITICAL PROMISES ARE THE BUNK

The name of Judge John S. Coke, of Coos county, has been recommended to the senate for appointment to the office of United States district attorney for Oregon, which means in fact, that Mr. Coke is to be selected to fill this very important office. It has been known for some time that Mr. Coke was a very likely candidate for the federal plum, and his appointment is no surprise to those who have been in touch with political affairs in Oregon for the past several months.

Judge Coke is a man of excellent standing and has made a very efficient and popular circuit judge. He has a faculty of gaining friends and is well known throughout the southern part of the state.

But as United States district attorney, compared to District Attorney George Neuner, who long ago was slated for the federal appointment, Mr. Coke is in no way a contender. Mr. Neuner has more real ability and is more aptly fit to fill this important office than any man that has so far been mentioned in connection with the federal appointment.

Another thing in Mr. Neuner's favor is the fact that he is as straight "shooter" in politics as he is in his every day professional life. He is, and always has been, as sincere and truthful in politics as an honest man would enter into an honest business transaction with his fellow men. If Senators Stanfield and McNary had been half as sincere in their statements and promises as their loyal supporters throughout this section of the state there would have been no question upon whose shoulders the appointment would fall.

But the two senators listened to the pleadings of wily politicians and their minds become perverted—reversed over night, and a hurried appointment was the result. Something had to be done at once. They had double-crossed Mr. Neuner. Absolutely denied and refuted previous promises they had made and now go on record as peers in the senatorial arena as a couple of fine example of misrepresentation—two political acrobats—the equal of which this state has never before produced, probably never will again, thank God.

District Attorney George Neuner was given a rotten deal. However, the treatment accorded him at the hands of Oregon's two senators places him on a higher plane than ever before, now that the true character of both these representatives has been made known. With the facts at hand no credit would rebound to any good citizen to accept favors from the two senators who have displayed such wilful disregard for truth and veracity.

No wonder the republican party has fallen into disrepute in this state. The worthy are shunted aside for others of less ability to keep party ties intact, but in reality means the weakening of the entire structure and has honeycombed the republican party in the past, as it is doing today, with men wholly incompetent to carry out the duties assigned them.

Just so long as the republicans of this state put more energy into building up a state machine composed almost wholly of incompetents and office-grabbing politicians of little worth it will be held in disrepute by the great majority of thinking people.

As above stated Mr. Coke is a good and sincere official, but as a state prosecutor George Neuner can throw rings all around the Coos county judge.

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It is a difficult matter to draw the golden mean between conservatism and radicalism. Many people begin to hurrah for every new idea suggested for political and economic reform. The theoretical arguments for such innovation look plausible to them, and they never think of possible objections. They agitate violently for such ideas, and condemn politicians and parties if their proposals are not promptly accepted. Other people go to the opposite extreme. They regard the world as a pretty comfortable place as it is, and view new ideas with hostility. Both attitudes are wrong. The country is full of evils that need reform. Peopeople must examine suggestions with a hopeful and open mind. But before rushing to the support of every new idea, it is well to ask how they have worked in practice, and how they fit in with ordinary human nature.

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As a sample of what moonshine booze can accomplish, we call your attention to the Coos county tragedy where a man, 60 years of age and filled with the stuff, choked his wife to death, then filling up with more of the poison, took his rifle and shot to death a neighbor, and would probably have gone on with his slaughtering of human life had it not been for the fact that he was overpowered and tied by superior strength. There is no other excuse for the horrible crime other than the over indulgence in moonshine whiskey.

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Attorney James Brand, of Marshfield, a brother of Hon. Chas. A. Brand of this city, has been suggested as the probable successor to Circuit Judge Coke, appointed federal district attorney. This would certainly be excellent recognition of the worthiness of a mighty fine young lawyer. He would be a credit to the judicial bench of the southern part of the state and well qualified for this important office. Here's hoping "Jimmy" will get the appointment.

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It will soon be time for making your New Year resolutions. And you had better make them short and snappy, for they are hard to keep, usually.

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We think this is about the finest weather going for the New Year period. Just moist enough to make sledding easy.

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Quite a few alleged popular politicians have dug their own graves during the past few months.

# PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G BATES

HOWDY FELLERS—

We feel like bawling
Our eyes out because
This a. m. we picked up
Our friend Hayner's
Sutherlin Sun and noticed
A little squib where the
Former postmaster razzed this
Paper for wishing our
Twenty thousand readers
A merry Xmas and all we've
Got to say is:
It's a dern sight cheaper
To wish 'em a
Merry Xmas than to buy
Each of 'em a necktie.

Nineteen twenty three is going to be a homdinger if all the forecasts of same are any ways near true. If we remember it right, the forecasts read just about the same for 1922.

A READERS' EDITION

Prune Pickin's is planning a "Readers' Edition" of this colyum and we invite all readers of this great uplift department to send in their favorite gag for the publication. If you can make up a short pome or squib out of your head, go to it, because its your colyum for one day and ye ed. will lean back on his luxurious davenport and munch caramels.

The best way to end the old year is to go to church tomorrow.

Johnny Alexander, who admits Glide as his home, was in the village today to get his mustache trimmed.

As we passed down the main drag this a. m. we sneezed a couple times and Undertaker Ritter stopped and looked at us out of the corner of his eye and we kinda turned pale and gulped and walked on.

A philosopher is a bird who peddles bunk which he doesn't really believe himself.

The usual Sat. eve shindig will be held at the armory tonight for the purpose of giving the local sheiks an opportunity to oil their dancing pumps and hair.

Quite a few of the local business men are nursing sore fingers as the result of too much hammering last night at the Boy Scout headquarters.

OUR 1923 FORECAST

We predict that the vets of the world war won't get a national bonus next year.

Little drops of water
Little grains of sand
That's the weather nowadays
It pours to beat the band.

Izzy Katch, who wears a star concealed beneath his coat tapel, reports nothing unusual on his beat today which is nothing unusual.

If ye ed. ever gets pinched for violation of the law we've got a hunch that the town cops and Bill Whipple and Judge Gawge Jones will conspire to place us behind the bars for a few weeks. That's the trouble with publishing a colyum like this—you have to pick on the officers and when they get a chance to pick on you they dig deep.

Don't bring me posies
It's broccoli seed that I want.

Jever see Harry Pearce getting a hair cut in a barber shop?

Friends and fellow countrymen we come not to bury the old year but to make excuses for it.

After the first touch of chilblains we're always glad we're not a centipede.

The good cop paid our sanctum a very pleasant visit yesterday and as a result our accelerator foot is not so active.

Well folks, shop early. It's only a year till Xmas.

The Elks are going to stage a soup and fish dance one of these days it is rumored and the dress suit owners request that those who have borrowed their attire return 'em in time for the grand occasion.

A feller who has lived
In this burg for nigh onto
Forty years and who
Never got outside of
The city limits took
A trip to the metrop
The other day and when
He returned he was so
Het up about his trip
That he hasn't talked about
Anything else since
And we're glad to see
The old duffer get a
Kick out of life and
We wish we had the dough
To send a few more of
The old boys down
For a thrill.

"It's a great life if you don't weaken" used to be an army saying and it still holds good.

"A New Year watch party don't amount to much unless you've something to keep you awake.

Homefitting Mail orders given prompt attention. Singer Store N. Jackson St.

## State Press Comment

### OREGON'S SCHOOL LAW

The public school is the glory of our country!

It is the very embodiment of democracy!

It draws into a homogeneous body and upon absolutely equal terms all races, sects and nationalities, the Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, White, Indian, Negro and Japanese.

In the curriculum of the public school there is no hint of creed or dogma.

How can any sane person contend that this will create strife or hatred?

On the contrary, it will draw these little folks, these future citizens of our country, closer together. They will have a more intimate understanding and will be far better friends.

Religious strife in Oregon has been brought to a near crisis thru years of pampering religious schools at the expense of the American public school.

What there is of religious hatred and strife in this world is due solely to the fact that it is encouraged by the clergy.

Just as race hatred is encouraged by the ruling classes of Europe, so is religious strife and hatred made possible by keeping the sects apart and by educating them in separate schools.

In a like manner is race hatred made possible by the misunderstandings that arise by maintaining the barriers of separate languages.

Every citizen, regardless of race or creed, should watch closely the subtle attacks being made upon Oregon's newly enacted compulsory education law.—Coos Bay News.

### AMERICA AND EUROPE

American "isolation" has become a term to denote the lack of interest of the United States in affairs of Europe. The term, however, is misleading for at no time since the war has America been isolated from Europe. It is true that we have not taken part in the League of Nations have not attended their economic conferences and have not allowed them to cancel their war debts. The United States, however, has taken an active interest in the rehabilitation of Europe. President Harding called a disarmament conference at which more results were obtained than could have resulted from several European diplomatic sessions.

The United States should not cancel her war debts, by making the European nations realize that they have a debt which must be paid and can be paid only through hard work, they may settle down to a little honest labor instead of hiring their diplomatic corps to try to talk Uncle Sam into being a philanthropist much against his will.

The United States has always had a policy of keeping out of affairs that concern Europe alone. Where these affairs touch the United States, no such aloofness can be noted. The American people realize that to take part in every European quarrel would be disastrous, after casting a single glance over the history of Europe for the past hundred years. Americans have learned the value of peace—therefore their "isolation."—Grants Pass Courier.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL ECONOMY

(Coos Bay Times)

Marshfield in common with North Bend, Coquille, Bandon and many other Oregon towns is facing the problem of providing new buildings for schools. Additional room is not merely desirable but becoming absolutely essential if the children of the city are to be given an education. Any suggestions and ideas that will aid in the solution of this problem without a too great an increase will doubtless be welcomed by school board and taxpayers alike. The following from the La Grande Observer as a contribution to the discussion will prove interesting.

"While the state is feverish, and rightfully so, over needed economy, it might as well be stated that the economy desire spreads over all departments including education which to a large extent in the past has been sanctified to a point that no one should mention cutting down appropriations that affected schools or colleges.

"La Grande school district is right up against more new buildings. The city is outgrowing everything it has building these schools. This being a known truth, there comes the question of how can La Grande take care of more students without increasing her buildings and without adding a lot more expense to the taxpayers who already have a load to bear that is of no small proportions.

"A ray of light has come out of Gary, Ind., where an entirely new plan is tried out with success relative to public schools. Instead of having school plants and equipment idle a goodly portion of the day, the school board of that city conceived the idea that by beginning the school day earlier two sets of pupils could use the same buildings and the same equipment and the same teachers. Another advantage is having the child do his class work in a half day is that he has the other half to help his parents or to work at something that will aid him in making a living.

"How well it works can best be explained by the fact that New York city is attempting to copy the plan and is paying a high salary to the man in Gary who originated the plan for two visits a month to New York to direct the progress of the experiment in that city.

"The Evening Observer does not know enough about the plan as yet to say that it is the proper thing for La Grande, but if it proves practical there would be a decided advantage in its application here.

"It would mean that the present school buildings would be sufficient for years to come, that the equipment and teaching force need not be increased, and one of the very best features would be that pupils could do their school work in a half day and work the other half.

### WASTING MONEY

That in 10 months the consolidation of boards and commissions in the State of Washington resulted in dropping 284 employes and saving appropriations of more than $1,700,000 is a statement in a newspaper in that State.

It is natural that a simplified system costs less than a complicated system. The method by which administrative government is conducted in Oregon never was a plan. It is a patchwork system that has been added to and rarely if ever subtracted from for generations. Under such a process of construction, what else could it be but a topheavy, bunglesome system?

Systems so contrived cannot be effective. There is too much lost motion. There is too little direct and simplied action. There are too many bureaus and departments that are too far removed from and too little under the surveillance of those who are directly responsible to the people for government and its costs.

That sort of thing means a constantly increasing overhead. It means that fees and revenues of all kinds are too much absorbed by the growing cost of operation. The tendency under the Oregon arrangement is for the unsupervised departments to run wild, to have little regard for simplicity and economy of administration and to waste a lot of public money.

No private enterprise would run its business as business is run at Salem by the state of Oregon. No private business could stand up under the cost bills. Nor is it here meant that one administration is more wasteful than another. What is meant is that the system is costly because it is unorganized, uncoordinated and unbalanced.

Governor-elect Pierce says he will urge the legislature in his message to consolidate the boards and commissions, reducing the mass to a simple and efficient form of government. It is a part of the plan that he proposed to the people in the campaign. The election returns show what the people thought of it. —Portland Journal.


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## AT THE CHURCHES.

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The First Baptist Church, corner of Lane and Rose streets; H. L. Caldwell, minister. 9:45 a. m., church school; O. P. Coshow, superintendent. Finish the old year by a good expenditure of the last day of the year. Bring the children to Sunday school and help to teach them the Word of God. 11 o'clock, morning worship; message by the pastor appropriate to the season; good music; come and worship with us. 3 p. m., Junior B. Y. P. U. All children between the ages of 7 and 15 will find this a good place to be. Parents may help by helping the children to get started. 6:30 p. m., Senior B. Y. P. U.; Andy Caraway, president. All of the young people are cordially invited. 7:30 p. m., evening worship. Message by the pastor. Nothing extra special will occur, but you will find if you come that the plain gospel service will give you a good start for the New Year. The music will add to the worshipfulness of the service. A cordial invitation to the public.

### Old Flour Makes Best Bread.

Flour (according to scientists) improves with age, the older flour producing a larger and finer loaf. Freshly milled flours do not produce the best of which they are capable. A great advance was made in the milling art by the introduction of a method for treating flour in the mill whereby such freshly milled flour at once took on the properties of a properly aged flour, so that the flour could then go to the consumer in condition to render at once its highest baking value. This state of affairs is brought about in flour by treating it with chlorine, and the general result is known as "maturing"—i. e., the general effect of "maturing" flour—a whitening effect, together with greatly improved baking qualities. The yellow coloring matter of flour is carotin, which is also what gives carrots their color. Chlorine oxidizes the carotin, which then loses its color.


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### "Mugwump."

In a Boston Transcript's "Notes and Queries" is a definition of the word "Mugwump" that perhaps never got into print during the political period when it was used. The contributor says: "I suppose what your correspondent wants to know is why "Mugwump" was applied to the Independents in the Blaine-Cleveland campaign. It was because the name (originally the head of an Indian tent-group next under the sachem, and pronounced with equal accent on both syllables, like 'barn-door') had come in eastern Connecticut, at least, to mean 'boss' or effective controller of any business. It was as familiar in my boyhood as 'boss' is now. 'Do you want a job in the mill? Go and see Jim Walters—he's the mugwump of the concern.' So the Sun used it jeeringly of the Independents as 'self-constituted bosses' of the Republican party, dictating who should be nominated."

### They Were Honeymooners.

She had said something that distressed him and, seeing the look on his face, she exclaimed: "Oh, my darling, I'm afraid I have hurt you."

"No, dearest," he replied, gravely, "the hurt I feel is due to the fact that I know it hurts you to feel that you have hurt me."

"Ah, no!" she said. "Do not let that hurt you for an instant. My hurt is because I know it hurts you to feel that I have hurt myself hurting you."

"No, no, my precious! My hurt is because you are hurt over feeling that I am hurt because you feel that you have hurt me and are therefore hurt yourself and—"

But let us leave them, dear reader. They will get over it in time.—Boston Evening Transcript.

### His Greatest Achievement.

At a dinner in honor of President Underwood of the Erie, an exceedingly modest and retiring man, speeches eulogizing him came thick and fast. When they had ended Mr. Underwood, after thanking everyone present for the complimentary expressions, replied: "But, gentlemen, that for which you have given me credit is not all. You forgot to mention that last winter, when I was in control of the harbor, no ice formed and traffic was unimpeded, the first time in many years that such a condition has prevailed." —Wall Street Journal.

### Bohemian Pearl Culture.

The scientific culture of pearl-bearing oysters has been carried on for a number of years in the Otava river, in Southern Bohemia. The oysters are opened once in eight years. The last examination of the oysters, which took place this year, resulted in the finding of five white pearls that may be classed as precious, 25 less valuable ones and 200 colored pearls.

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In Odd Fellows hall Sutherlin New Years night, January 1, 1923. Good music. Engaged for this occasion. Come and have a good time with us.

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