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COLUMBIA COUNTY RECOGNIZED

Elsewhere in the Mist is published a letter from Charles Childs, veteran member of the legislature, in praise of service. His letter tells of the faithful, conscientious work done by Representative Edison I. Ballagh and the high esteem in which he is held. Through Ballagh's service in the legislature, Columbia county has gained recognition. It appears that Mr. Ballagh's good service for the county and state writes him in the support of Columbia county voters in order that he may continue the good work which he has begun.

FETTERED BY MOVEMENTS

Efforts are made every now and then by groups of people representing special interests of one sort or another to sponsor new political parties. These groups proceed upon the time-worn theory that the "old political parties" have been outgrown, and that the time has come to spring something new and original.

These two so-called "old political parties" comprise a membership of something like ninety per cent of all the voters of the United States. One of them is 125 years old, and the other with the parties from which it sprang, the Federalist and Whig parties, dates back to the beginning of our government. If they are out of date, it is plainly evident that the people who belong to them are behind the times. And if this be true, by what process of reasoning do these factions into which the remaining ten per cent of the population is split, hope to save so many people from themselves?

Political parties are presumed to be organized on a representative basis. This has been supplemented in recent years by the primary system, under which parties are directly governed by the voters who go to make them up. Whether or not the system has improved the government of political parties is a subject of controversy, but at one in the right mind will claim that the membership of these two great political parties is shut off from participating in the control of their affairs. If the government of these political parties is a failure, then popular government is a failure.

Considering, for the sake of argument, that they are failures, steps toward what is the basis for the belief that new organizations, similarly organized and governed, will better succeed? The belief may be based on the superior wisdom or honesty or patriotism of the persons who launch the sundry schemes for new parties, but after stating up the outside one cannot be at all sure about this. As a matter of fact the people have not been called in to assist in the launching or directing of these movements. The leaders are self-constituted and represent only their own opinions.

The only feasible form of popular government is through and by political parties. That there are abuses in the party system is true, but they are not abuses due to the system but to machinations of individuals and the indifference of the mass of voters; that continuation will produce abuses in any system.

Minor parties in a political campaign correspond to guerrillas and band-whackers in military warfare. They shoot indiscriminately into both contending armies and the net result of their activities is nothing.

Friday the people of Oregon will choose the men who will serve them for the coming two years. The ballot is a matter over which careful consideration should be given. Do not put the X before a man's name unless you believe he will make a good officer and has at heart the interest of the people and the enforcement of the laws with equal justice to all.

The exaggerated ego in politics and public affairs is something more than a nuisance; it is a menace. The man who gets it into his head that he is the one and only person competent to fill a job is a candidate for the lunatic court instead of for office.

Chairman Cummings accuses the republican party of "moral leprosy." If the gentleman is going to use up his diseases so early in the campaign, what's he going to do for adequate epithets along late in October.

PUBLIC FORUM

A TRIP OVER HALF THE CONTINENT

In traveling from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City by the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad one passed through Riverside to San Bernardino (a distance of about seventy miles) through a country dotted with orange and lemon groves. After that the country becomes more hilly and

barren and an elevation of 2000 feet is reached at the summit. It was the 21st day of March and a number of snow covered the hills which had fallen while it had melted down in the valleys, but the snow disappeared as we reached some elevations and covered the great forests of Eastern California. At South the Nevada line is crossed and for 270 miles there is nothing but barren, scrubby plants dotted with a few sage-branded hills, a few cedars and Spanish bayonet, the being the street and road signposts made in the Union. At Las Vegas, the lower end of the last range crossed, there are some springs and natural meadows. This was during the gold rush of 1859-60 a "spring place" for the weary traveler where water and food and feed for the stock could be obtained which was much needed after traveling through the dry, hot desert a long distance. The highway crossed a scrub-covered and flat 27 miles the way, rugged and many-colored, some walls are covered on both sides of the railroad. At Caliente we pass over the mountain range and we must take our horses ahead at least, the same as we did during the "dark night" times. We have also been reached the upper end of the Rainbow canyon and for over 200 miles we are taken over the Eastern Sierras. At Inyo the state line is first crossed. A number of snow peaks covered the plains and as we proceeded a few scattered shrubs appeared and a few more knowing of superstition and limiting the white dry grass they could find, which much reminded me of the past times in the plains of Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado and I thought much of all these poor homesteaders gone through hardships such as we had experienced.

As we got nearer Salt Lake City the scenery changes to better looking and more productive, where water for irrigation can be obtained and Salt Lake City with its varied resources and adjoining fertile lands is something unique in the midst of the barren Sierras, where over 25 inches of snow had fallen. After leaving over in the city for a few hours we continue our journey via Lehigh and Salt Lake City. In a week's western journey, so much the Oregon line is crossed and after an hour's travel we reach Grand Junction in the lower south canyon of Colorado. Passing through canyons and winding around hills we reach the continental divide at Tennessee Pass where we are as high up as the top of Mt. St. Helens and Leadville which is the highest located city in the U.S. which we also pass in a short time and from there we follow the Arkansas river down through the much-graded Royal Gorge where the perpendicular stone walls are thousands of feet high and bridges are hung on the rocks to get the railroad through the narrow gorge over the rapid river. Then we roll into Canon City, Colorado (located for its apples), and after a 48 mile ride further we find in Pueblo, which has been called the Pinery of the West on account of the many orchards and apple works located there which makes that town very wealthy. Then a night's ride over the great plains on the eastern slope of the Rockies and we land in Lincoln, Kansas, where the Berkman college is located and which was the "old center" for the state and where the Nevada territory by Hinkle is considered by a chorus of 125 voices and a 44-piece orchestra at Elmer every year and large crowds from that and other states gather there at these occasions. Then Monday evening up good Friday witnessed large crowds at the concert but Easter night had so many could attend on account of a severe blizzard on Saturday which made the roads impassable and crippled train service.

Kind greetings to all readers of the St. Helens Mist.

C. J. LARSON

COMPLAINT FROM SCAPPOONE

To the Editor of the Mist:
What is the matter with the Scappono school? Three weeks more

of school and there hasn't been a flag at the schoolhouse this term, and I don't think there has been a flag raised on the building for two years although we have a flag five or six feet high in front of the school. This matter should be looked into as the law requires all school buildings to display the American flag.

GEORGE W. DEAR

WINTER STREET TO COLUMBIA BEACH

Editor of the Mist:
Two or three years ago many of our citizens signed a subscription for the extension of the highway along the line of Winter street to Columbia City. On an attempt to estimate the question of raising such an enterprise in the city of the citizens of St. Helens, the whole plan was abandoned, and most unfortunately switched off to Beardsley street—several blocks further west. This made the proposition impracticable, and it was finally voted down. But the fact remains that the Winter street road should be extended as far as Columbia Beach, at least, at once. This beach contains a very pretty recreation ground, and an attractive swimming place, and the only existing road is from Beardsley to Beardsley street, and for more difficult and dangerous than is necessary.

A continuation of the Winter street road, north, for about seven hundred feet, over a natural or over grade, would reach a system of service of small lakes, imbedded in the level or decomposed basaltic rock. Following, at that point, the proposed road should follow the left bank of the head of these service almost due north, until it emerges into the present road at the foot of the hill, about three hundred feet from the beach.

There are no ledges or boulders in the way of this road, but the rocks are not sufficiently crushed for a suitable road-surface. They average from one to five pounds in weight. But a suitable dressing may be found under the surface, on the slopes however, I am satisfied that a suitable top-dressing could have been located and placed, in addition to other work of this road, at far less expense than the present road represents to the community. I would advise a thorough survey along this line before additional expense on it is laid out.

A FURNICER

CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

This is to notify the public that I am a prospective independent candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Columbia County, at the election to be held in November.

I was not prompted to take this step by the solicitation of a host of admiring friends, on the contrary the idea was entirely original and unaided. Of course the question will arise, "Why did you not enter the primaries?" And I will answer candidly, "I did not think of it in time to get my name on the ballot."

But I am giving notice of my intention early in the game, so should it happen that I have any friends in Columbia County they will have plenty of time to tell others what a mighty good fellow I am, and those who do not take kindly to my hunting in will have equally as long a time to hunt up the shady spots in my past life and warn the best people of the great calamity that would befall them should they elect me to this important office.

Yours without any strings on

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EDISON I. BALLAGH

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS REPRESENTATIVE



Ballagh made good. He is a faithful, honest and capable representative and should be returned to the legislature. Paid Advt

The State Road Bond Measure

Means Finishing State Highways NOW Without One Cent of Extra Taxes or License Fees

A FEW FACTS RELATIVE TO THE 4 PER CENT ROAD BOND LIMIT TO BE VOTED ON FRIDAY, MAY 21ST.

Oregon has 90,000 automobiles today, compared with less than 35,000 three years ago—an increase of nearly 250 per cent. And at the same time, license fees have been increased to still better roads, so that the State Road Fund now has an income of more than \$2,000,000 a year.

This enormous and sudden increase in the number of automobiles in Oregon and elsewhere means simply that good highway systems MUST be built NOW, because the day of the automobile and the truck as a big factor in transportation is here.

Now, it is a plain business proposition for any concern with an income of more than \$2,000 a year to borrow capital and build itself a "plant" which will take care of its suddenly increased business. And that's just what the State of Oregon proposes to do—borrow money to build highways which will permit its "business"—its automobile traffic to increase.

The beauty of it is, these completed highways will be an investment which will have paid Oregon big returns soon after they are built. They will attract tourists who will spend their money here; attract people who will make their homes here; increase the values of property for miles in every direction.

WE PAY FOR THE ROADS ANYWAY—WHY NOT HAVE THEM?

Another thing: If we DON'T pass this measure, we will lose \$2,629,555 in cash which the United States Government is now holding for Oregon roads. The government can't turn it over to Oregon until Oregon matches every dollar of it with a dollar of her own for road purposes. And we can't match that government money unless we pass this 4 per cent Road Bond Measure on May 21.

The St. Helens Chamber of Commerce heartily endorses this measure. For the development of Columbia County and other neighboring counties, the Chamber of Commerce will cast its vote in favor of Good Roads. Remember, there is no property tax, the autos pay it. VOTE FOR GOOD ROADS AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT.

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