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SAYS THE MIST MISTAKEN

The Mist has received the following letter from Don. H. Upjohn, secretary to the governor of the State of Oregon:

State of Oregon, Executive Department, Salem, Sept. 28, 1920. Editor Mist, St. Helens, Oregon.

Dear Sir: My attention has been directed to two editorial references in your issue of September 17th to the pardon of John A. Pender, in which I consider you do the Governor an injustice.

You have quoted the Governor at length in language which he never used, but which was taken from the report of the State Parole Board on the Pender case. Copy of such report is being attached and a notation is made showing the language in question, which was used by the Board and not by the Governor. You also state that the Governor quotes Judge Eakin, which is incorrect, as he made no reference whatsoever to Judge Eakin in his statement. I am writing this on my own initiative and merely to correct an error. At no time to my knowledge has the Governor ever made any statement from which it could be inferred that Pender was railroaded to the Penitentiary.

The statement of the Parole Board, which is signed by myself and others, and which you fasten upon the Governor, was made by the Board independently, not at the Governor's dictation, and not with his knowledge at the time it was prepared. As a member of the Board I wish to say that we have no apology for the same.

Very truly yours, DON H. UPJOHN, Secretary to the Governor.

The report of the Parole Board of which Mr. Upjohn was a member was attached to the letter from Mr. Upjohn. A portion of one paragraph said: "John Pender was arrested at a time when public sentiment in Columbia county was at white heat."

This statement was credited to the governor. It should have been credited or dis-credited to the Pardon Board.

Our readers will note that Mr. Upjohn states, as a member of the Pardon Board "we have no apology to make." So far as we can learn, no apology has been asked and it seems strange that "apology" is uppermost in the mind of Mr. Upjohn.

In view of the report he, as a member of the Pardon Board, made it would appear that twenty-four men who comprised the two juries which passed on the Pender case, should make an apology and the people of Columbia county who were at "white heat" should also make an apology.

The Mist yet contends that statements emanating from the governor or his secretary relative to the Pender case were misleading and that the people of Columbia county were misrepresented.

HAVE PATIENCE

A party came into our office Sunday and complained as to the detour from Honeyman around through Houlton. It "was so much longer," he said. We have heard other complaints on the lower highway as to detours.

A few years ago we remember that when going through West's Lane near Seapooose, it seemed to us like fording the Columbia river, and we can also remember that two years ago it was practically impossible to go via auto or team to Astoria.

Several years ago, we couldn't reach Rainier except by train or boat. Between Portland and Astoria, there is not to exceed 10 miles of detour, and the detour roads are much better than the main roads of several years ago.

It takes time to build hard surfaced roads and if the autoist will stop to consider that each time an auto is allowed to pass over new construction while such construction is under way, there is a loss of time to the paving crews and consequently delay in the completion of the hard surfaced highway, we believe he will have a little more patience and aid the road builder in the completion of the road instead of kicking about being held up for a few hours. Better wait a few hours now than to wait several months later on.

The truth of the matter is that we have been spoiled by having 90 miles of hard surfaced road and 10 miles of macadam road, and we don't want to wait for the completion of the remaining 10 miles and we have forgotten that only a few years ago it was 100 miles of macadam road, that is, if the roads then could be called roads.

Let's have a little more patience and such patience will soon be rewarded by having a completed road. The road builders and contractors are anxious to finish the job; just as anxious as we are to have it finished, but the trouble is that we are not co-operating with them.

UNCLE SAM'S AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Uncle Sam is not especially interested in autographs, but in his big library at Washington he has a good many letters and papers signed by some of his most distinguished nephews. All these manuscripts, which were not well cared for until a few years ago, are now intelligently classified and preserved. There are twenty-five thousand documents of

importance.

The Washington papers are the most valuable. They include documents written and received by the first President, the reports from the secret service agents during the Revolution, letters from Rochambeaus and state papers.

The John Paul Jones papers fill eight volumes of the special kind of letter file in which the national collection is arranged. There are thirty-five volumes containing the proceedings of the commission formed for inquiring into the losses, services and claims of American loyalists. Another interesting Colonial relic is of much earlier date, the record of the Virginia Company covering the years of 1619 to 1624.

New England is well represented. Mayor Peter Force of Washington sold his great collection to the Government. The West is represented by the literary remains of Schoolcraft, secretary to Gen. Lewis Cass, and some papers and letters of Cass himself.

Uncle Sam has also the letter books of President Monroe kept while he was our minister at London, the papers of Gen. John Sullivan, the letter books of Gen. Nathaniel Greene and the papers of Col. Ephraim Baine.

Senator Harding, observation leads us to believe, has created a strong impression of earnestness, sincerity and a high sense of duty. His utterances are marked by a studied moderation; he exhibits no arrogance of opinion, and has made no extravagant promises of a millennium to be created by proclamation; he seeks rather to express the national spirit than to impose a doctrine of political infallibility. And there is an unmistakably a growing view that Governor Cox is a shifty opportunist, superficial in thought, reckless in appeal and irresponsible in statements.—Philadelphia North American.

A Portland boy choked himself to death while blowing up a toy balloon. Now the social welfare experts and reformers in general should see that a crusade is started against the manufacture and sale of the dangerous toy balloon, and that a commission is established to insure enforcement of the prohibitory statute. That is the way we are doing things now.—Eugene Guard.

Some eastern professor is looking for somebody to make a trip to the moon in a skyrocket. Might consult Cox the morning after November 2 on that skyrocket feeling, and thereby obviate the necessity of shooting some poor cuss through space to get the thrills.

Cox says that his interest in the cause of education "will never lag." It shouldn't. A better education would have helped him a lot.

The check that Bryan has given to the Cox campaign is much more effective than Wilson's.

PUBLIC FORUM

WHO MAKES THE LAWS

Editor of the Mist: I noticed an article in the Rainier Review and the Clatskanie Chief of last week as to "Too Much Legislation" and I agree with the papers as to this.

During the past six years two of the three Representatives from this county to the Legislature have been lawyers. If "fewer and better laws" are needed it seems to me that it would be wise to send a business man or a farmer to the Legislature instead of sending more lawyers to make more laws.

Many Oregon counties like Columbia county have been represented by lawyers, and possibly that is one of the reasons why we have so many laws. It has been said that the lawyers need the laws more than do the people.

Being a candidate for the Legislature myself, I feel that I owe to the voters of this county a statement with reference to my desire to represent them.

The State of Oregon for a great many years through its Board of Control has been assisting in the issuing of bonds for the development of nearly every section of the State of Oregon with the exception of the logged off land districts, which is of most vital importance to us. It was for the purpose of securing state aid for the cut over and logged off land that prompted me to become a candidate for the Legislature.

In closing I beg to state that I have no interests to serve other than those that are of interest to the county from which I derive my livelihood.

Very respectfully yours, SHERMAN M. MILES.

WILL LIVE IN BURGUNDY

Editor of the Mist: Your editorial in issue of Sept. 24th is like nearly all your editorials, highly praiseworthy and sound.

Years ago the practice of beclouding the main issue was the usual practice. Party organs utterly failed to see any good in the aims or leaders of the opposing parties.

As your discriminating editorial implies the issue in this campaign is the return of an able business administration. As to Cox's reputed predilection for "wet" legislation, it is plainly to be seen that the prohibition pendulum is swinging back.

It is the part of good citizenship to keep it swinging in some reasonable arc in future.

This coast country is destined to be a wine country. We'll all be living in Burgundy bye and-bye.

STEVE STEBBINS.

WANTS A BUTTER KNIFE

Editor of the Mist: Might I be permitted to make a little suggestion that often occurs to me while traveling about in this western country?

Wouldn't it be a lot nicer if at hotels and restaurants care were always taken to provide special sugar spoon and butter knife.

The quantity and quality of the food in your local restaurants are so pleasing and the breeze from the noble Columbia gives one such an appetite.

PRISCILLA.

AUCTION SALE

On Wednesday, October 20, 1920, I will offer at public sale at my farm two miles west of Deer Island, the following named personal property: 1 work team, weight about 2500; 1 grade milch cows, all of freshen soon, 2 yearling heifers; 1 Millburn farm wagon; 1 mowing machine; 1 hay rake; 1 2-seated hack; 1 Anchor-It cream separator, 500-lb capacity; Hercules stump puller, with lines, blocks, etc.; 1 disc harrow; 1 2-section drag harrow; 2 single cultivators; 1 1-section spring tooth harrow; 1 Cahoon seeder; 1 Planet Jr. garden drill; 1 12-inch and one 8-inch walking plow; 1 cider mill; 1 Diamond feed mill; 1 spray pump, mounted on barrel; 1 slip scraper and other miscellaneous articles.

Terms—Under \$20 cash. Over this amount six months time on approved notes. Lunch at noon. Sale, rain or shine.

FRED GILL, Owner.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

In The County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County

In the matter of the estate of Frank W. Johnson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Minnie Johnson, executor of the above entitled estate, has filed her report and final account, and petition for discharge as executor, in the above entitled court; that said court has set Monday the 8th day of November, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon at the time, and the County Court room at the court house in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, as the place for hearing upon said re-

port and final account. All persons desiring to object to said final account will file objections, or appear in person or by attorney at said time and place.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, October 7th, 1920.

Minnie Johnson, Executrix of the last will and testament of Frank W. Johnson, deceased.

LOYAL M. GRAHAM, Attorney, Forest Grove, Oregon. 43-5

AIRPLANES AND DUCKS

Evidently Edison I. Ballagh, former member of the legislature and nominee for the mayorship of St. Helens gave the "Come and Go" man of the Oregonian a nice pair of Mallard ducks when in Portland Monday, for the Oregonian had this to say:

"Airplanes will ruin the duck hunting, predicts Edison I. Ballagh of St. Helens. Wherever there are good duck grounds and airplanes have appeared the ducks have taken alarm and abandoned the neighborhood, says he. Mr. Ballagh forecasts the time when the lakes along the Columbia river will be as destitute of ducks as they are of wapatoes, because the fowl will be scared away by the air boats. Meanwhile he feels somewhat optimistic because the lakes just now are filled with ducks and everyone who could half way handle a gun has been bagging the limit since the season opened. It will interest Mr. Ballagh's former colleagues in the legislature to learn that he has not smoked since last June. He got such a bad case in his mouth trying to operate his power boat with coal oil during the gasoline shortage that cigars lost their flavor, so he quit smoking."

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