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A BREATHING SPELL

The several cities in Columbia county have budget committees to confer with the tax levying bodies as to the amount of money to be raised for municipal purposes.

NEWSPAPERS, JURIES AND COURTS

Judge Bingham, trying the noted murder case against Dentist Brumfield at Roseburg, Ore., sensibly ruled that reading of newspaper reports should not disqualify prospective jurors.

"A person has the right," said Judge Bingham, "to believe that what he reads in a newspaper is true. All intelligent people read the newspapers, and they may form an opinion from them, but if that opinion can be disregarded and if they are bound by oath to decide the case entirely on the evidence, such opinion can not disqualify them."

All intelligent people read the newspapers. That is a fact that courts must accept. The non-readers either are illiterate, or else they are persons whose understanding of society, affairs, law, customs and progress is dull, imperfect or distorted.

The newspaper is not infallible, of course. No human agency is; but the fact stands out that, in the large, newspapers are made by men and women trained to that vocation, that accuracy and truth are their breath of life, their stock in trade, their merchandise by the sale of which they thrive.

So the constant endeavor, with here and there perhaps a few exceptions that prove the rule, is to serve the public with reliable news. A reporter or writer on any well-established newspaper who might attempt to foist fake items upon it would be summarily discharged.

An impression lies in some minds that newspapers are often short of true news and must resort to tricky methods to fill their columns. The exact converse of that is the fact. Every well-established newspaper is under the daily necessity of throwing a great deal of its news into the waste basket.

Classes in journalism in high schools and colleges are rendering good service to the public by dispelling the erroneous conceptions about the reputable newspapers and teaching students the truth, but the old untruths persist in many minds, and even find occasional expressions in courts of justice, where attorneys and judges, above all others, should know and proclaim the truth.

THE IDLE AS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE UNEMPLOYED

The really serious aspects of unemployment are not to be judged from the parades and similar public demonstrations that we are beginning to hear about. Neither should a person take too seriously the groups of men in front of employment agencies and on the street corners.

At the free employment bureau in Spokane one day this week 199 men were sitting about showing no interest in the 75 jobs the bureau had to offer. Yet these men would have joined in with great gusto if any one had suggested a parade to the city hall or something else of that sort.

This is not to deny that unemployment may present a serious problem during the winter. It will be most serious, perhaps, in eastern industrial centers where manufacturing is quiescent. There are many men out

of work who honestly want to work, and who will take anything they can get.

But there are at the same time many men who drift from city to city taking jobs that suit them, making their idleness conspicuous and always ready to take part in any fuss that may arise. No sympathy should be wasted on this type.

This week we had a chance to get rich. A New York broker offered us an opportunity to join the ranks of the Wall street capitalists.

Sam Kozer, of Clatsop county, by the grace of the people Secretary of State for Oregon, made a hit with us when he told the bunch at the Seaside hotel Saturday night, in unnecessarily diplomatic language, that instead of centering their wrath upon the officers of the law, who do not seem in any single instance to have exceeded their duty, they should co-operate with the officials to secure law observance.

The triple plant for Armistice Day including, as it does, the beginning of the Washington conference on the limitation of armaments, the burial of an unknown doughboy in Arlington cemetery and a country-wide popular demonstration in favor of the nations taking long steps toward lasting peace, is big with possibilities.

We have just celebrated the anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, a very notable feat in its day, but, as the Englishman, who found it took him six days to cross America, remarked, "How the bloody 'ell could he have missed it?"

When government expenses are cut to the bone prosperity and contentment will go hand in hand.

The lawyer who defended Jack Dempsey is going to defend "Fatty" Arbuckle. He is one of California's most successful lawyers.

A new item states that 42.7 tons of loganberries were taken from a field near Newberg. Without a doubt the grower made a handsome profit.

Multnomah county through its Budget Committee has come to the conclusion that it is wise to lower taxes. It is a wise decision and should be emulated by other Oregon counties.

When Hughes talks, the foreign diplomats listen and then show signs of a willingness to toe the mark. Hughes commands respect for the United States and gets results.

Unless Brumfield remembers something more than his "lapse of memory" his case will always be a deep mystery.

Attending church is a habit, a mighty good one and one easily formed and hard to break.

This is the season of falling leaves and shedding of B. V. D.'s.

States Share in Forest Funds

Washington has just received \$77,180.59 and Oregon \$102,489.51 as their share in the annual receipts from the national forests located in these two states.

In all twenty-eight states have received checks totaling \$619,993 from the national forests for the fiscal year ending June 30. An additional \$247,997 of the receipts has become available for road and trail construction by the Forest Service within the national forests of these same states.

The amounts are considerably smaller than for the previous fiscal year, when the total was \$1,652,088. This is due largely to the concession made by Congress to stockmen, whereby they are allowed until December 1 to pay their grazing fees due last spring.

also to a falling off in timber sale receipts of the forests due to business conditions.

Only states within which national forests exist share in the receipts. By Act of Congress, 25 per cent of the funds derived from timber sales, grazing fees, special uses, etc., are returned to the states for roads and schools.

President to Deliver Oration At the amphitheater, where the

Forty-four members of last June's graduating class of the University of Oregon are now teaching in Oregon, the women mostly in the high schools and many of the men as principals and superintendents.

Grain seeded late will not germinate so well nor stand so freely as that seeded early. From 10 to 25 per cent more seed, therefore, should be used in late seeding.

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