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PORTLAND POLICE METHODS

The police of the city of Portland appear to be imitating the methods of the dark ages in their attempt to secure proof of their pet theory that Martin is the murderer of Wolff. Martin is addicted to the use of morphine, and when persons so afflicted cannot secure the drug they suffer terrible torment, and, as a rule, will do or say anything in order to secure a supply. Taking advantage of this wellknown fact the Portland detectives refused to allow Martin to have any relief from his nerve torture until they supposed he had reached the limit of his endurance and then they offered him a supply of the drug provided he would make a statement that he was the guilty party. The deliberate fiendishness of this method stamps the men perpetrating it as worse criminals (morally) than the man they accuse, even if he is guilty of the crime charged. Wolff never suffered half the torture the Portland police deliberately inflicted upon Martin, and it is marvelous that he did not confess any and everything his torturers wished him to admit. The Portland police are wedded to the theory that Martin killed Wolff. They do not want to see justice done nearly as much as they want to see their own theories confirmed, and this dogmatic self-conceit on the part of the police has often proved to be the safeguard of criminals, and it has been proven in Chicago and elsewhere, that professional detectives have sworn innocent men into the penitentiary in order to justify their pet theories.

But Martin did not confess. With his nerves wrung by the torture he still maintained his innocence, and by so doing he convinced very many of his innocence of the crime charged, for torture that as a rule would compel innocent men to accuse themselves would, it seems probable, have wrung confession from a guilty man. Confession would have been no proof of guilt, though it might have enabled the police to secure confirmatory evidence, but the refusal to confess certainly strengthens the legal presumption of the accused's innocence.

Many criminals, however, do not use drugs, and, therefore, in dealing with them, the Portland police force is at a disadvantage. If they are to be permitted to torture opium users as they tortured Martin—if this is Mayor Lane's idea of the manner in which Portland's department of justice should be conducted—then provision should be made for torturing criminals other than drug fiends. The thumb screw, the duce, and all the approved accessories of justice that were used during the days of the Spanish Inquisition should be provided, and the police duly instructed in their use. None of them were more fiendishly cruel than the method used to extort from Martin an admission of a crime of which there is strong doubt of his being guilty.

THE MIST'S POSITION

The Mist wishes to do no injustice to any candidate for public office, but simply to put the facts before the people and let them decide for themselves. It has not said or even intimated and does not now believe that the Republican nominee for county judge or assessor entered into any agreement with timber owners of Columbia County to favor them to give them anything more than a square deal. These gentlemen assert that they will do their duty by the whole people. What the Mist asserted and still asserts is that the full power of the tax dodging timber owners of this county was exerted to defeat in the primaries those candidates who had made

THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA.

W. J. Bryan, who will in all probability be the Democratic nominee for President is one of the most genial, pleasant men imaginable. He is a good citizen in every respect, and a man of great ability. Were he to be elected President there is no doubt he would have great influence with both houses of Congress, though of course that influence would be exerted along Democratic lines. He would advocate Democratic tariff measures, Democratic foreign policies and Democratic financial ideas. It is, for the sake of argument, admitted that he is a more able man than Mr. Tait, or Mr. Hughes, or Mr. Roosevelt. Then, according to the logic of our Democratic brethren, we all, as good citizens, should vote for Mr. Bryan; or is it the idea that there is but one office in the United States that has a direct influence upon the country's political policy, and that, in determining for whom we should vote for all other positions except that of President, we should consider only the personal and social qualifications of the nominees and altogether abandon party lines? This appears to be the doctrine of our Democratic friends—at least it is the idea they are endeavoring to have Republicans adopt in Oregon, and it must be admitted they are meeting with considerable success.

Chamberlain is a good fellow. He is an able man. By his good fellowship and ability he could "get things" for Oregon, and therefore Republicans should vote for him.

That is the sum and substance of the argument. We admit the facts but not the deduction. The prosperity of the State is interwoven with that of the Nation. Appropriations for public improvement will not bring prosperity if accompanied by a Democratic fiscal policy and a tariff measure framed on the lines of the never-to-be-forgotten Wilson bill. Mr. Chamberlain being an honest man and a man of ability, would use his best endeavors to support the leadership of John Sharp Williams and to in all ways hamper and defeat measures advocated by the Republican majority in the United States Senate. Viewed from the Republican standpoint the more able he is the more dangerous he would be to Republican principles.

It seems astounding that any considerable body of Republican voters can be expected to support a thorough going, able, opponent of the principles for which Mr. Roosevelt stands.

Are our Democratic friends sincere in their advocacy of this extreme doctrine of non-partisanship? Do they preach it in Democratic States? Or is it only for use where there is a Republican majority?

an open fight for the equal taxation of all property, without regard to its ownership. They succeeded by methods that were a disgrace to American citizenship, and, which should place some of them in the penitentiary. Unfortunately, there is no law that will reach them, though the people will have an opportunity in the coming election to vote for a measure which, if it were now upon the statute books, would make some of them hard to catch, provided, however, there were a district attorney with stampl enough to do his duty. When an employer "gangs" his men and instructs them how to vote he commits a moral crime, and with the passage of the proposed measure, such conduct will become a statutory crime. The measure referred to is known as the "Corrupt Practices" Act and will be No. 330 on the Australian ballot. The title is "A law to limit the amount of money candidates and other persons may contribute or spend in election campaigns; declaring what shall constitute corrupting use of money and undue influence in elections, and punishing the same."

Don't forget to vote for this law, as it will take from the "interests" a great deal of the power they now possess and do not hesitate to use against any and all who stand in the way of the accomplishing of their selfish designs. One of the live issues of the present in the United States is whether the "interests" or the people are to control. It is greater than any individual or any party, and is by no means confined to national or State affairs, but enters into the affairs of every municipality and county in the United States.

FREE PAMPHLETS—The Houlton-St. Helens Commercial Club, by its secretary, M. C. Gray, will furnish free pamphlets advertising the resources of Columbia county, to all who desire to send them to friends in the East who may contemplate moving to Oregon. Now is the time to put these pamphlets where they will do the most good. They will just fit a business envelope

Dirt is flying at a lively rate on the Hillsboro extension of the Oregon Electric.

Mr. Harriman got his \$100,000,000 bonds at the Salt Lake meeting. Oregon will get a godly share of the new money.

DeWitt's Little Earley Risers are small, safe, sure and gentle little pills. Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

COLUMBIA COUNTY EXHIBIT.

Editor Oregon Mist:

I would most respectfully ask for space in the Mist in which to urge upon the people of Columbia County the importance of growing and preparing something for the county exhibit, at the State Fair this fall.

Our exhibit last year was very deficient in the display of vegetables; wholly lacking in such common varieties as turnips, rutabagas and cauliflower, and was poorly represented by a very small and inferior display of carrots, parsnips, beets, etc. We grow all these different kinds of vegetables to perfection, and of a superior quality to those grown in other counties of our state; but the people who attend our fairs and exhibitions are all "Missourians" and have to be shown before they are convinced. The only way to do this is for all of us to take a little pride and interest in our county, and collect a dozen or so of these different vegetables, put them in a crate a day or so before the fair opens, and send them by express to me at the fair grounds. I will get them fresh and in nice condition for display if they are shipped in this manner.

It will soon be time to begin collecting an exhibit of grains, grasses, etc. When you find a nice sample cut and preserve it, by tying up in bundles and banging up on the wall with heads down in a dark, dry place, so the samples will not bleach out. Cut all samples for display close to the ground. Heads on grain counts for more than tall straw. Be sure to notify me what you have, so that I can call and get it or have it sent to me at the court house basement in St. Helens. Remember your commissioner can not be in all parts of the county at the same time collecting samples, so this matter devolves upon you individually, and I most earnestly ask your hearty co-operation in this work. I shall try to visit and collect samples from every section of our county, but in the meantime would ask that you write and tell me what you have for the exhibit, or for any additional information on this subject.

Yours for success,
W. J. FULLERTON,
Commissioner.
Warren, Oregon, May 13th, '08.

Mr. John Riba, of Vining, Ia., says, "I have been selling DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills for about a year and they give better satisfaction than any pill I ever sold." Sold by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Charles English, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed Executors of said estate by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia and have duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same to said executors at the office of the County Clerk for said Columbia County, Oregon, in St. Helens, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified as required by law, within six months from the date hereof.
Dated and first published hereof February 7th 1908.

DAVID B. ENGLISH,
JOHN A. ENGLISH,
Executors of said Estate

For County Assessor

U. W. CLARK

A Fair and Non-Partisan Administration of the Office.

For County Judge

James Dart

Well known to all old residents of Columbia County as a man who has proved himself able and trustworthy in the administration of all private and public business entrusted to him.

TO THE VOTERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

I urge the utmost publicity of all business brought before the Board of Equalization, that the vote of each member be a matter of record. I pledge myself to give a personal assessment if elected in June, and give fair warning that timbermen, lumbermen, corporations or farmers will receive no favors as I shall assess property on a uniform and equitable basis regardless of persons. I am associated with no ring or combination and will give the people, as I have heretofore pledged myself, a just, honest, and equitable assessment and I mean and will do just what I say.

ALFRED S. HARRISON,
Republican Nominee for Assessor.

Vote For

W. J. FULLERTON

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

A Native Son of Columbia County.
A strong supporter of **Statement No. 1**, Advocate, and if elected, I pledge myself to the support of the following measures:
The election of road supervisors by the people.
State aid for construction of good roads.
The abolition of all stationary fishing gear in the Columbia River and its tributaries.
An amendment to the constitution allowing each county to fix the compensation of its own officials.

When your food seems to nauseate take Kodol. Take Kodol now and until you know you are right again. There isn't any doubt about what it will do and you will find the truth of this statement verified after you have used Kodol for a few weeks. It is sold here by A. J. Deming and Scappoose Drug Co.

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ST. HELENS, ORE.

D. EDWIN ROSS.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned as executor of the estate of James Muckle, Sr. deceased, that he has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County the final account of his administration upon the estate, together with his final report of petition for distribution thereof, and that the Hon. R. S. Hattan, Judge of said court, has appointed the 16th day of May, 1908 at one o'clock in the afternoon of said court in St. Helens, Oregon as a place for the hearing and settlement of said account, report and petition, which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and object to in writing to the same or part thereof. JAMES MUCKLE, Executor.

Notice to Bidders

Plans and specifications for special work in road district No. 8 will be found at the Mayor's postoffice, Delena postoffice, and with Ira Pacher, and at the Hudson postoffice.

R. S. HATTAN,
County Judge

Steamer Irada

C. I. Hooghstra, Master

RAILROAD TIME

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