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THE PIERCE PLAN

In yesterday's Observer the plan for irrigating the Grande Ronde valley as suggested by Walter M. Pierce was given, and it seems to be a most feasible idea. But before this is started it will be necessary to hold meetings all over the valley and discuss the matter down to the smallest detail. Ranchers who are making money on land that does not absolutely need irrigation have a right to investigate the proposed plan with the closest scrutiny which will give light on the matter and without doubt show that Mr. Pierce has given this great study, arriving at a conclusion that seems a satisfactory one.

In this as in other public matters Mr. Pierce has kept the welfare of the valley uppermost in his mind, for this is his home and he would rather see the Grande Ronde valley advance than any other part of Oregon. In the past he has been a man who has accomplished large undertakings. This insures a solid foundation to the new irrigation plan. His judgement is good and many will be guided by it at least to sufficiently interest themselves in a way that will develop all sides of the question. That is what this valley wants—a thorough discussion of the merits of every plan that is outlined. We need to have this irrigation proposition talked over at the fireside of the home, at the grocery store, in the lodge room and elsewhere. No community can deliberate too carefully on an undertaking that means so much for the future as irrigation means to the Grande Ronde.

WHY NON-PARTISAN?

Down in Portland there is a great agitation just now for a non-partisan judiciary. We do not understand exactly what the term means and never have had it explained to us.

Does it mean that a man who is chosen judge must be one who has no alignment with political parties? If so, deliver us from such a judiciary. Or does it mean that the man sitting on the bench must not inject his political views into his opinions rendered? This does seem likely for there are only a very few judges who would be guilty of so flagrant a violation of the public's feelings as to do such a thing.

Then what is a "non-partisan" judiciary mean?

There is strong reason to believe that Will R. King, who is now on the supreme bench through the good graces of a democrat who was governor and had the appointing power

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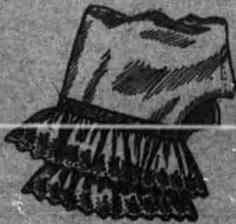
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GOLDEN RULE PRICES.

at a time when a republican legislature trampled the state constitution under foot and added two more judges to the supreme bench, is the chap who is behind this "non-partisan" rot. Will R. King is an avowed politician. He is next to the wily George Chamberlain when it comes to a democrat bamboozling a republican state, and according to our way of thinking King is playing the game all the time. He probably knows a ticket would mean a defeat for him—that a campaign on the democratic self and he wants to remain on the supreme bench. The next best move is to raise a hue and cry about a "non-partisan" judiciary and while the people are agitated he will enter the smoke house and carry off the ham.

There is absolutely no reason for a non-partisan judiciary. If a republican is too narrow to be judge he should not and will not be nominated. And the same holds true of the democrats. All of this "non-partisan" flim flammung has brought Oregon into a chaotic condition politically, and now Will R. King and a few more would entangle the courts in the same mess.

Give us a republican for judge if he is all right and if we can't have a republican, give us a clean cut democrat or socialist who is not afraid to say he is a democrat or socialist and the reason for being one.

In appointing Governor Hughes as an associate justice of the United States supreme court there was no

very big men of this nation. He has done a wonderful work in New York to straighten up matters, and yet Hughes never could be called a reformer in the sense which that word is usually used. He is a great man with a broad mind and does not center on any one thing as his pet theory. This country is fortunate that the appointment was made for Gov. Hughes would have left public life rather than run again for office. His statement to the effect that the office of governor had lost him money is without doubt true and he further stated that he would be obliged to retire in order to earn a livelihood for himself and family. With such men as Hughes on the bench there need be no agitation for a "non-partisan" judiciary.

The Portland commercial delegation that is taking a junket into the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon expressed itself as delighted because Salem turned out in great force to greet the visitors. The tale about Salem waking up seems to be coming true all right.

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S. A. D. Pater is soon to fall of another land conspiracy, according to a story from Portland. It would seem that Pater would soon get through divulging this inside information for he has been at it now for these many months.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms in a quiet home place, close in. Mrs. H. R. McDonald, 1616 Sixth Street, Phone Black 463.

FOR SALE—The building formerly used for an electric light plant at Oro Dell, the same is thirty by one hundred feet and thirty-eight feet high, and contains a large quantity of lumber and heavy timbers. Bids for the purchase of this building will be received at the office of the EASTERN OREGON LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

ROOM and BOARD—1617 Fourth St.

Die In Vinegar Tank.
Watsonville, Calif., April 28.—August Groenfeldt and Roy Phillips were suffocated last night in a vinegar tank Phillips had entered the tank for the purpose of cleaning it and Groenfeldt attempted to rescue him. The men were found dead in each others arms.

Standard Oil Hearing On
New York, April 27.—Neither the Standard Oil company of Charles B. Morse are connected with this prosecution, declared United States District Attorney Whis today in opening the prosecution of Augustus Heinz, charged with over-certification of checks while president of the Mercantile National Bank. In addition to the bank charges, the prosecution must prove the existence of a pool to manipulate the price of copper stocks and prove that Heinz was a member of the pool, according to the ruling of Judge Hough today.

Cotton Probe Promised
Washington, April 27.—The Department of Justice issued the following announcement today: "Action of the government in instituting the New York investigation of the

alleged cotton pool should not be construed as a legislative attack on operation of any cotton or produce exchanges throughout the country. The proceedings being held before the grand jury cannot be discussed now." The federal grand jury at

New York has been investigating charges against the so-called cotton pool and a dozen witnesses have been examined by the government attorneys. The feeling has been general that the government plans to put the cotton exchange out of business.

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We know that you are as anxious as anyone that every person in La Grande should be listed as a resident of La Grande.

Be sure that your name is listed and that every member of your family is listed. Ask your neighbor to fill out a blank and be ready for the census man.

FILL OUT THIS BLANK AND LEAVE THE INFORMATION AT HOME.

Fill out this blank, leaving it at your home or rooming place to assist in giving the necessary information to the census enumerator. It will not be necessary for him to see you if your answers are helpful.

HELP LA GRANDE SHOW ITS GROWTH.

Full name with initials.....
Sex? Race? Age last birthday.....
Single, married, widowed or divorced.....
Number and years of present marriage.....
Number of children (if mother)..... Number of children.....
Place of birth (give state or foreign country).....
Place of father's birth (give state or foreign country).....
Place of mother's birth (give state or foreign country).....
Year of immigration to United States?..... Naturalized or alien?.....
Able to speak English?..... If not, what language?.....
Trade, profession or any particular kind of work done by person, as spinner, salesman, laborer, etc?.....
General nature of industry, business or establishment in which person works, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc?.....
Whether employer, employee, or working on own account?.....
Whether out of work on April 15, 1910?.....
Number of weeks out of employment in 1909?.....
Able to read?..... Able to write?.....
Attended school at any time since September 1, 1909.....
Home owned or rented?.....
Owned free or mortgaged?.....
Farm or house?.....
Survivor of Union or Confederate Army or Navy?.....
Whether blind (both eyes)?.....
Whether deaf or dumb?.....
It would be well to cut out the above form which was authorized by the La Grande Commercial Club and fill out the same, leaving it with some responsible party who will see that it is properly filed.—Editor

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