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AN EFFICIENT OFFICER.

County Clerk Ed. Wright will ask the people of Union county to review his official career, and as endorsement of his methods and policy of conducting the office, re-elect him.

Different from many candidates in these days, Mr. Wright recognizes the taxpayers as the people who put up the money for public administration, and he therefore considers them his employers. When it has been possible to curtail an expense in the county affairs Ed. Wright has done it. Probably he has said little about the many economies put into practice for he holds to the belief that an official's every act will in time be inspected by the public, and has always been willing to rest in the belief that his effort is appreciated by those who carry the burden of taxation.

It is a matter of state wide knowledge that Union county has a clerk whose efficiency ranks at the top. A number of counties have adopted Union county methods in their procedure, which methods have been originated and put in practice by Ed Wright. This makes him more than a local man, for in reality Ed. Wright is of state size today. He is known to public officials from Coos county to Imnaha and has been consulted many, many times by officials from other counties as to improvement in handling county business.

Throughout Union county not a word of criticism is heard regarding the county clerk's office, and on the other hand every taxpayer feels perfectly at liberty to consult Ed. Wright for in him they have the personal friend combined with the efficient official.

In speaking of Mr. Wright the Elgin Recorder in its review of his administration, remarks: "In addition to his experience Mr. Wright has proven to be one of the most courteous and conscientious officials ever elected in Union county, not only before or just after election, but at any and all times during his term of office." And the Union Republican in mentioning the probable candidacy of the present county clerk says: "Ed. Wright is considered one of the best county clerks in the state, has more than a mere mechanical knowledge of the duties of his office, and many friends are urging him to make the race again."

LABOR UNIONS AND MUNICIPAL WORK.

The city of South Omaha, Nebraska, has a provision in its charter that only union labor may be employed on public works. The supreme court of Nebraska has rendered a decision in which it characterizes this provision of South Omaha's charter as "undemocratic in plan, in conflict with the state law and contrary to the spirit of the republican form of government." In other words, that the charter made the city the partner of the unions.

There are several cities in different states where by ordinance or charter provision similar laws are operating and the principal objection raised to them up to this time has come largely from labor leaders themselves. From the labor leader standpoint, it is argued that an ordinance requiring union labor on city or state work established a precedent for the establishment of state religions and for the extension of special privilege to groups not only of workmen but of

capital and that such action is in violation of the principles for which union labor has been fighting for years. Commenting on the Nebraska decision the Chicago Inter Ocean says: "These laws say in effect that if any body of men is able to show great political strength, either because of members of organization or for any other reason, the government will pander to them. This is the quickest and easiest way to undermine the republic."

REFORM IN SCHOOL "EXAMS."

Dr. Harlan H. Horner, who as head of the examination division of the New York state educational department, should know his ground, has called for a reform of the school examinations in subjects like drawing and nature study, and would abandon what he calls the machine-like methods of recording credits in reading and writing. He believes, too, that examination papers should be read by some authority beyond and above the teacher, and that knowledge thus acquired in regard to the work done should be used to improve the institution.

New York is accredited with being more strict in the selection of its teachers and more precise in its methods of school credits and school examinations than most of the other states of the union. Its teachers all must undergo the most careful training and pass the most exact examinations and its regents examinations have been looked upon as a model by all other states. That Dr. Horner should doubt the ability of teachers in New York schools would be surprising and it is not believed that this is the proper interpretation of his statement. His idea, undoubtedly, is not that the teachers are incapable of passing upon the papers but that the work should be centralized so that the knowledge gained from them may be put to advantage in future work. To a certain extent this has been done in New York state, for the regents examinations are all passed upon by the state board of regents after the teacher has finished with them. Undoubtedly Dr. Horner proposed to extend this to all school examinations.

New Jersey clans are preparing to exterminate the mosquito. If New Jersey would exterminate the trusts that breed there, it would be more to the point.

If they keep on building trolley lines around Jerusalem, Wall street may take a notion to study up a little about that city.

Chicago has three times as many telephones as London, but that is no sign that she is any happier.

FOR SALE.

Ott Estate Land for Sale. For the purpose of closing up the estate the heirs offer for sale 320 acres of splendid timber land in 40 acre tracts, at \$20.00 per acre.

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ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Mrs. James Dobbin, who was in the city the guest of her parents, returned to her home in Union this noon.

Fred Schoner of Ontario, arrived in the city to look over prospects for an opening in the meat business. He is thinking of locating here.

Mrs. W. J. Walker, of La Grande, went to North Powder this noon to be at the bed side of her sister Mrs. Brant, who is not expected to live.

Miss Dorothy Lindsay of La Grande, left this noon for Baker where she will be the guest of friends for a number of days.

H. Mason, of Baker, passed through the city this morning on his way to Elgin, where he will transact business for the day.

Mrs. F. A. Day and daughter Helen of this city, left this morning on the branch train for Island City where they will visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCall for the day.

Levi Griffin, of Asotin, Washington, passed through the city this morning on his way to Joseph where he will be the guest of friends for a number of weeks.

Dave Clark, of this city, and A. R. McKenzie, representing Balfour & Guthrie, grain buyers of Portland, left this morning for Elgin in the interest of the grain business.

Miss Edna Wissler, popular young lady of this city underwent an operation yesterday at St. Anthony's hospital for appendicitis and is reported to be quite ill.—Pendleton E. O.

Mrs. G. C. Scheurer and son Gerald of North Powder, are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Moran, and calling on old time neighbors.

Mrs. Ethel Coleman and children, who have made their home, in La Grande for some time, left today for Portland where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. C. T. McDaniel and son Donald of Wallowa, left this morning for Portland where they will be the guests of Mrs. McDaniel's sister-in-law, Mrs. E. Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanley of La Grande, left for Union this noon where they will make their home for an indefinite time. They have not definitely decided where they will reside and may return to La Grande.

Mrs. Merta Densler, who has made La Grande her home for the past few years, left today for Enterprise, where she will live in the future. Mrs. Jane Spencer of La Grande, accompanied her and will visit in Enterprise for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schermerhorn, of Detroit, stopped off in the city this morning to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Goebel, recent arrivals in La Grande. From here they will go to Portland and Los Angeles making a tour of the southwestern states before returning home.

Henry Crause, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., representing the Chippewa Shoe company, left the city this morning after leaving several orders for loggers' shoes in the city. Mr. Crause is well known in the city and supplies most of the camps here with shoes through the local retailers.

LOBBYIST CONFESSES.

Big Fees Paid by Shipbuilder Merely for Attending Meetings.

Washington, March 12. — Charles Lecknight made a flat admission to the senate lobby committee today that he had received a thousand dollar fee and a contingent fee of four thousand for merely attending the committee meetings of congressmen. He neither spoke to the senators nor the congressmen. He is an anti-canal tolls lobbyist and swore that he was paid by the Ford River Ship Building company, of Quincy Mass. His sole duty was to take notes.

Jury Hears Leaguers.

With members of the city council, members of the law and order league, members of the police force, ministers of the gospel and a goodly number of alleged lawbreakers subpoenaed, the grand jury is in the midst of its vice probe today, says the Pendleton E. O. of yesterday. However, reports coming from authoritative sources have it that a number of witnesses considered important have left the state for the time being in order to avoid examination by the jurors.

Having completed the investigation of the criminal cases before it, the grand jury this morning commenced listening to evidence having bearing upon the charges that gambling, bootlegging and prostitution have been flourishing in flagrant violation of the law here in Pendleton. Many witnesses have been examined and many others are upon the waiting list.

Among the witnesses examined this morning were Rev. C. A. Hodshire, Rev. S. L. Grigsby and Rev. G. W. Gelvin. Rev. T. F. Weaver was called this afternoon and Rev. E. J. Bulgin, the evangelist who publicly made the charges, is subpoenaed to appear this afternoon.

Councilmen John Montgomery, Charles A. Cole and John Siebert, constituting the police committee, were among the witnesses examined this afternoon. Patrolman Alex Manning and John Russell of the police force, were witnesses today also but it is understood that Chief of Police John Kearney has not yet been subpoenaed.

Other witnesses in the crowd outside the closed doors of the jury room this afternoon are Si Reetz, one of the members of the executive board of the law and order league, and Jack Childreth, said to be one of the detectives hired by the league.

Mrs. Mitchell Dead.

Mrs. Lucinda Mitchell died today at the home of her son-in-law, B. Owsley, and the funeral will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock from the Owsley home. Interment will be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Henry & Carr are the undertakers in charge of the funeral.

C. E. Happersett Laid Up.

C. E. Happersett, a member of the switching crew at the O.-W. yards, injured one knee and leg quite badly yesterday at the freight depot and will be out of service for a few days.

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War and a Window.

In the days when Louis XIV., "Le Grand Monarque," was dazzling Europe his minister, Louvois, was superintending on the king's behalf the building of the palace of the Trianon in the park at Versailles. Louis inspected the buildings one afternoon and declared one of the windows to be out of shape and smaller than the rest. This Louvois denied, and the king had the window measured, with the result that he was proved to be right, and he openly before all the court ridiculed Louvois.

But the minister had his revenge for, with the angry ejaculation that he would find better employment for a monarch than that of insulting his favorites, he embroiled France by his insolence in a quarrel with the powers, which only ended years later in the peace of Hyawlek after a war which entailed the loss of many lives and the expenditure of large sums of money.

English Prizefighters.

There was a time when nearly every prominent prizefighter had a nickname more generally used by admirers than his real name, and some of these were picturesque. William Perry, a famous fighter of early Victorian days, was "the Tipton Slasher." William Thompson, who won the championship in 1835, was known as Bendigo. The Australian mining town was named after him, and although some of the inhabitants managed to have it re-baptized Sandhurst, the new name never caught on. Other nicknames borne by heroes of the ring were "the Gasman," "the Sailor Boy," "the Chelton Snob," "the Bold Smuggler," "the Great Gun of Windsor" and "the Pride of Westminster."

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