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THE LITERACY TEST.

The economic changes which will occur after the war can only be guessed. It would seem rather an easy matter to forecast the conditions affecting this country and others, but prophets are unable to agree. Europe will be poor, America relatively rich; that is certain. Will Europeans stay at home and lower the world's market values by feverishly turning out manufactured articles at cheap prices to barter for the necessities produced on this side? Will credit solve the problem, and a scarcity of men keep up the standard wages abroad? Or will there be a pell mell rush for our shores when the remnants of Europe's male population are released from military service?

Many fear that, after fighting hard for their respective nations, the soldiers of Europe will leave impoverished homes and seek prosperity here, that there will be so many of them that wages will be lowered and our own welfare jeopardized.

The literacy test is designed to answer the demand for a check on immigration. Perhaps it is the best measure devisable, but it goes against the American grain. The qualifications of an immigrant cannot be determined by his familiarity with any language; the men we need for the development of our agricultural lands may have lacked educational opportunities; the sharpeners and parasites are too often superficially learned.

Of course, the immigration problem may never arise in acute form. But it is well to prepare to meet it, one way or another. It is only to be regretted that so clumsy a device as the literacy test is regarded as the best filter for the expected stream of new comers.

THE ROMANY ROAD.

All the romance is leaving life. Soon nothing will be left to quicken our imagination or feed our illusions. What was more fearfully alluring in our youth than the gypsy camp by the roadside, with its travel-stained wagons and their mysterious content. The dark, silent men smoking by the open fire, the black eyed girls with their dangling earrings and gay ker-

chiefs, and the voluble women who sought us to have our fortunes told, promising to disclose the future for the dollar we didn't have. Then came George Borrow and his "Romany Rye," and the gypsy pitteran—the road to Romany—became a wonderful path beset with the magic of romance.

The automobile has laid its spell on the Romany and the gypsy van is doomed. A band of gypsies in motors recently visited Michigan. At a gypsy meet at Fresno, Cal., a bride traveled in her \$2,000 car, a wedding gift from her gypsy husband. "King John" of the Romany dynasty, chartered a Pullman to take his hand from Omaha to Chicago. The next step will be to hotels, then to houses in town, and the mysterious people who probably had northeastern India for a birthplace, who through eleven centuries of wandering up and down the earth have retained their physical and racial characteristics and language, may, by a new way of living brought about by a changed mode of transportation, become merged in the great American melting pot and we will thus lose a picturesque element of our composite life. It is an open question, however, whether the nomadic instincts that have held them through so many centuries can be obliterated. The gypsy may become that more prosaic figure, the tramp.

Maj. Gen. Goethals and scientists assure the country that the Panama canal henceforth will behave itself. Their firmness in the belief must mean that they have nothing less than a sworn promise from Culebra not to slide again.

It is said that certain diets develop criminal tendencies. The world has long been aware of the fact that the steady consumption of garlic for example, would cause a man to become an enemy of society.

Villa is a man without a country, but here and there he has a country retreat.

In some parts of the country the monotony of floods is broken by an occasional tornado.

HUGHES NAME FOUGHT.

Republican Convention at North Yakima Is Spirited. North Yakima, May 6.—Serious attempts to gain endorsement of Justice Hughes for President have threatened to precipitate acrimonious fights in the Republican convention this afternoon. Printed circulars against Roosevelt were distributed. A majority of delegates prefer an uncommitted delegation though it is believed they will favor Roosevelt on a showdown.

Charles Hibbard of Spokane was made temporary chairman and is slated to be permanent chairman. Non-partisanship adherents promise a fight. The platform committee is recommended preparedness and woman suffrage as well as constitutional convention planks.

Woman Drowns in Well.

Hillsboro, Or., May 6.—Coroner Barret yesterday held an inquest on the death of Mrs. Rozina Feldt, who lived near Schofield, in the north-

western part of this county, and was found dead in the well at her late residence Wednesday afternoon. She was the wife of William Feldt, and was about 44 years of age. The investigation showed that the couple resided on the homestead for many years, that the woman had enjoyed good health until the last few months and that recently she had complained of dizziness and fainting spells, and the supposition is that she fell into well while drawing water, as she was alone at the time. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to accidental drowning, caused by a fainting spell.

The Holy Spirit don't want to take a bath of beer and swim around in booze. Not on your tintype.—Billy Sunday.

Up to fifteen a boy can be appealed to through his stomach and then through his heart but not through his head.—Sir William Osler.

Avoid Spring Colds.

Sudden changes, high winds, shifting seasons cause colds and grippe, and these spring colds are annoying and dangerous summer cough. In such cases take a treatment of Dr. King's New Discovery, a pleasant Laxative Tar Syrup. It soothes the cough, checks the cold and helps break up an attack of grippe. Its already prepared, no mixing or fussing. Just ask your druggist for a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. Tested and tried for over 40 years.

Executor's Sale of Real Property.

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an order of the Honorable J. F. Phy, County Judge for Union county, state of Oregon, I will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at private sale upon premises sold, on or after the 22nd day of May, 1916, at the hour of two (2) o'clock in the afternoon of said day, the following described real property, belonging to the estate of J. G. Johnson, deceased, to-wit:

All of the west half of lot two (2) in block eight, of Coggan's addition to the city of La Grande, in the county of Union, state of Oregon.

The first publication of this notice is April 24, 1916, and the last publication hereof will be May 22nd, 1916. That the publication hereof will appear in the issues of the La Grande Evening Observer, on Monday, of each week, from and after the date of the first until and including the last publication as above set forth.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 20th day of April, 1916.

F. S. IVANHOE, Attorney for Executor.

J. A. WOODRILL, Executor of the Estate of J. G. Johnson, deceased. D.—April 24 May 1-8-15-22. Adv.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Paid Advertisement.)

For Representative. Direct vote of People is law with me. Republican primaries May 19th. PAT FOLEY.

For Prosecuting Attorney. This is to announce that I am a candidate in the Republican primaries for the office of District Attorney for Union county and if nominated and elected will faithfully perform the duties of that office. EUGENE ASHWILL.

For Sheriff. Candidate for Republican nomination for sheriff of Union county. H. C. (HAL) REES, Deputy Sheriff.

For County Superintendent. I wish to place my candidacy for nomination in the hands of Union County Republicans and ask that a thorough investigation of my record as superintendent shall be made before they render their decision. My entire time is given to the school work and I sincerely believe that the schools of Union County have continued to strengthen during my administration. MRS. A. E. IVANHOE.

For Sheriff. Democratic candidate for sheriff of Union county, Ore., subject to primary election, May 19, 1916.—"For the people." LEE WARNICK.

For Public Service Commissioner. I hereby announce my candidacy for Republican nomination to the office of Public Service Commissioner for Eastern Oregon district, asking the support of all Republicans. ED. WRIGHT.

For Sheriff. I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff, subject to the primaries to be held on May 19, 1916.—"Competent and faithful service." T. H. WILLIAMSON.

D. H. Procter. Republican candidate for county clerk desires the aid of the voters for that office. If nominated and elected will continue to give best services to the county as he has in the past as County Recorder. KENNETH McCORMICK.

For County Clerk. I ask the Republicans of Union county to consider my candidacy for county clerk favorably at the coming primaries. I have been deputy county clerk under Mr. Wright for some time and am familiar with the work of the office. KENNETH McCORMICK.

For Representative. In complying with the wishes of my friends I announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Joint Representative of Wallowa and Union counties. I solicit your support. Yours respectfully, H. B. DAVIDHIZER.

For Representative. To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce my candidacy for representative of this county. If nominated and elected I will stand squarely and openly for the rights of the common people. I am a defender of the Oregon system; I believe in the initiative, referendum and recall, and shall do all in my power to perfect these channels of popular rule and to prevent their discredit by abuse. I believe in liberal compensation to producer and in justice to labor; I shall gladly give my support to every just measure in the interest of organized workers and producers. I pledge opposition to legislative extravagance and will fight for lower taxes. ALBERT SMALL.

Prosecuting Attorney. To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce myself as candidate on Republican ticket for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Union County, Oregon. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to enforce the laws without fear or favor and to prosecute the guilty as well as protect the innocent, ever mindful of the rights of the tax payers of this county. Your support is respectfully solicited. RODNEY J. KITCHEN.

For Sheriff. I wish to announce to the Democratic voters of Union county that I will appreciate their support for the nomination to the office of sheriff at the primaries on May 19, 1916. Being familiar with the work in that office and having a record of service to stand upon I ask favorable consideration. TOM B. JOHNSON.

For County Clerk. I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for county clerk on the democratic ticket subject to the decision of the primary election on May 19, 1916. J. A. GATES.

For District Attorney. To the voters of the Republican party: If nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, conduct the affairs of prosecuting attorney with the very least possible expense and along business lines; ever appreciative of the majesty of the law and mindful of the rights of the people. "Conscientious and Intelligent service." H. E. DIXON.

For County Commissioner. In response to many requests to be a candidate for County Commissioner I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination to that office, subject to the primary on May 19th. W. M. COUGHANOUR.

For County Superintendent. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for School Superintendent of Union County, subject to the Republican primaries, May 19, 1916. If elected I will faithfully serve the best interests of Union County schools. Your support of my candidacy is earnestly solicited. AUBREY G. SMITH.

For County Representative. (Subject to Republican Primaries). State Government Is Not Politics. It is the People's Business. If elected I will work for simplification of legislative procedure, more efficient and responsible administration of state affairs, fewer and better laws, lower taxes, consolidation of related commissions, rural credits, protection of labor's rights, and a state highway through Union County. Having always been a supporter of the Oregon System and of State Prohibition, I will labor to prevent any changes in these laws unless clearly in accord with their basic principles and for the general betterment of the people of Oregon. I favor no radical legislation, at this time, aiming either at new changes or a return to old conditions, and I will follow the advice so generally given to the public. "When in Doubt, Vote No." GEORGE HUNTINGTON CURREY.

For Joint Representative. I wish to announce my candidacy for Joint Representative for Union and Wallowa counties subject to the will of Republicans of the two counties at the primaries on May 19. My reference are any reputable farmer or other business man in Wallowa county. FRED S. ASHLEY.

For County Assessor. I am now serving my first term as county assessor. During that time I have endeavored to conduct the affairs of the office, as economical as consistent with good service with the special view of assessing all property on an absolutely fair basis and believe the records of the office will bear out the claim. I ask for re-nomination at the hands of Republicans on May 19th and pledge continuation of my policies if nominated and elected. U. G. COUCH.

For County Commissioner. Having served as County Commissioner by appointment to fill an unexpired term and become acquainted with the county business I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination to that office subject to the will of the Republicans of the county at the primaries on May 19th. W. J. TOWNLEY. 4-8-16.

For State Senator Twenty-first District. I wish to announce my candidacy for renomination to the office of State Senator for the Twenty-first district comprising Union and Wallowa counties, subject to the will of Republican voters at the primaries May 19th. I stand firmly opposed to bonding either the state of Oregon or Union and Wallowa counties, and I ask that my record during the past term as senator be carefully investigated by all voters. "Careful business management of State affairs and against bonding propositions." ED. E. KIDDLE.

L. Denham. Candidate for District Attorney subject to the primary nomination.

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Just Received an Assortment of Hich New Silks
A REMARKABLE FIND CONSIDERING THE SCARCITY OF GOOD SILKS IN THE MARKET.
BEAUTIFUL COLOR SCHEMES THAT HARMONIZE AND ARE ENTIRELY NEW IN THEIR EFFECTS. AWNING STRIPES—BLACK AND WHITE EFFECTS—SOLID COLORS SELF STRIPES AND PLAIDS.
PATTERNS THAT ARE BEAUTIFUL AND SUITABLE FOR DRESSES, SKIRTS, COATS AND WAISTS.
36 INCHES WIDE, EVERY PIECE OF EXTRA QUALITY AND OF GOOD WEIGHT
PRICED, Per Yard \$1.50 TO \$2.00
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(Paid Advertisement.) Fair and Equal Assessment.

Upon the platform named above, I hereby announce my candidacy for assessor of Union county, on the Democratic ticket. The vote of the Democratic party at the coming primaries, is respectfully solicited. W. A. MAXWELL.



I respectfully ask the support of Union County Republicans for the office of County Clerk. Kindly mark your ballot "64 X Cass M. Humphreys," at the Primary election May 19th. "A Dollars worth of service for every dollar spent."

For Sheriff. Candidate for Republican nomination for sheriff of Union county. H. C. (HAL) REES, Deputy Sheriff.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK

At La Grande, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business May 1, 1916.

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, U.S. bonds deposited to secure circulation, U.S. bonds pledged to secure deposits, U.S. bonds pledged to secure Postal Savings, Other bonds, securities, etc., owned unpledged, Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank, Less amount unpaid, Banking house, Furniture and fixtures, Other real estate owned, Due from Federal Reserve bank, Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities, Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities, Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11), Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank, Outside checks and other cash items, Fractional currency, nickels and cents, Notes of other national banks, Lawful money reserve in bank, Total coin and certificates, Legal tender notes, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent in circulation), Total.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid, Circulating notes, Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29), Demand deposits: Individual deposits subject to check, Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days, Certified checks, United States deposits, Postal savings deposits, Time deposits: Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days, Total.

Total \$1,078,837.05

I, F. L. Meyers, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1916.

H. A. ZURBRICK, Notary Public of Oregon.

FRED J. HOLMES, A. T. HILL, H. S. BROWNTON, Directors.

The Careful Man knows that if he Banks his money he will have a Happy Old Age
Why don't you Start a Bank Account?
YOU SEE THIS PICTURE? THIS IS NO FANCY, IT'S A FACT. YOU CAN'T GROW A TREE WITHOUT A ROOT; YOU CAN'T BUILD A HOUSE WITHOUT A FOUNDATION; YOU CAN'T BUILD A FORTUNE WITHOUT PUTTING MONEY INTO THE BANK TO GROW. AND IT IS MIGHTY COMFORTABLE TO HAVE A FORTUNE WHEN YOU ARE OLD. START ONE NOW. BRNK SOME OF YOUR EARNINGS. BANK WITH US. WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST
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LA GRANDE, OREGON
Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00
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