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THE SECOND STREET VIADUCT.

The citizens of La Grande should be grateful to Commissioners Haworth and Palmer for voting to accept the railroad's proposal to build the second street viaduct over the railroad tracks.

The railroad's proposal was fair. The railroad builds the bridge and the approaches. All the city has to do is to maintain the approaches and provide the right of way.

This is a much needed public improvement.

The Observer is glad that this long drawn-out matter is finally settled and we may soon expect to see completed this bridge which will not only protect the lives of citizens and school children, but also greatly facilitate the operations of the railroad company in handling its traffic.

This is just one illustration of how the city commission by foresight, energy and activity could drive La Grande ahead.

CAME HOME TO ROOST.

It is a sad thing in a way to chronicle the fact that Mr. Hughes lost his own campaign.

The snubs that he gave Governor Johnson of California and Senator Poindexter of Washington came home to roost.

Mr. Hughes had the opportunity of his life to reunite the Progressives and the Republicans. He could have done so very easily by making a campaign that would have pleased both Republicans and Progressives. He chose to line up with the reactionary forces and every Progressive and every Progressive-Republican who loyally supported Mr. Hughes gave a shudder when Mr. Hughes shunned as if they were leperous two such sturdy Progressives as Johnson and Poindexter. That he lost both California and Washington is the result.

The fact is that the Murray Cranes, the Lodges, the Penroses, the Willcoxes, the Sammy Perkinses, the Mike De Youngs, the Ralph Williamses of the Republican party do not understand the temper of the Progressive movement in the United States. They prefer to rule or ruin. With such advisers Hughes naturally made mistakes.

He struck no constructive keynote in the campaign. There was too much criticism, too much fault-finding, too little stress upon the economic needs of the country. The one issue in which the common people of the country were interested—the reduction of the high cost of living—was passed up like a white chip. Almost any one could have been elected President upon this issue alone if he had pounded away on it in a constructive manner.

Instead the Republican leader chose to hammer away on questions of foreign policy, war with Mexico, assaults upon the Adamson law and other matters in which the people were not interested.

We feel sorry that such a splendid, capable man as Justice Hughes retired from the Supreme court—the most dignified and powerful position to which any man could aspire—in order to enter the hurly-burly of politics and become the Judge Parker of the Republican party. He would have made a good President if elected.

The next time he goes into politics—and this also applies to the next Republican nominee for President—it would be a good thing to get a political manager who understands something about politics and the psychology of the American people.

Almost any clever young newspaper reporter would do.

HE NEVER FELL DOWN.

Leander H. Wells, a veteran reporter of the Oregonian staff, is dead. He was a fellow worker with the Editor of the Observer for fifteen years. Quiet and efficient his work was a delight to his employers. He covered the whole East side for his paper. Not an item escaped him. He was always on the job day and night. The city editor never had to worry about the East side. Before he left Portland the editor of the Observer planned a little complimentary dinner for Mr. Wells at the Press club, the date was set, the newspaper men of the city invited. But Mr. Wells took ill. The dinner was postponed indefinitely. But Mr. Wells knew before he died that he had the respect and love of all the newspaper men of Portland.

STUDY THIS PROBLEM.

The Public Service Commission of Oregon has sent out the following notice:

"On Thursday, the 23rd day of November, 1916, this Commission will hold a conference at its office, 252 Court House, Portland, Oregon on the matter of the elimination and protection of crossings of railroads and public highways at a common grade.

"Statistics show that accidents are increasing yearly at grade crossings, and this subject is receiving earnest consideration and attention generally throughout the country In this state there are approximately 2800 grade crossings, 96 per cent of which have no protection other than the ordinary standard highway crossing warning sign. In the last 8 years there have been on these crossings many accidents, 147 of them attended with serious injury, and 40 of which have resulted in death.

"With a view of obtaining information and suggestions looking toward the necessary legislative action to provide for the elimination of these crossings wherever possible, or the installation of more adequate safe guards, we are requesting state, county, municipal and railroad officials, and all who may be interested, to meet with us and lend their aid toward the enactment of such measures as in the opinion of the conference may be advisable.

"We would respectfelly urge that you be present, and solicit the favor of your prompt reply.

"Very truly yours
"PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF OREGON,
"By FRANK J. MILLER,
Commissioner."

The city of La Grande, since this is an important matter and of vital interest to its citizens, should send a representative to this conference.

The Oregonian made a good fight for Hughes. John M. Mann, a prominent Portland printer, was high man on the Multnomah legislative ticket. He is the right man in the right place.

Vice Chairman Neuhausen of the Republican State Central committee is to be congratulated for carrying Oregon for Hughes.

We know one thing—there are a lot of tired newspaper boys in the United States.

Multnomah county and the State of Oregon are to be congratulated at the re-election of McArthur to congress.

Anyway Bill Hanley and Col. Wood didn't stampede Oregon.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Sensible Plan.

Now that the hysterics necessarily attendant upon a national political campaign are over, would it not be well for the people not only of the upper Willamette valley but of all Oregon to turn their attention to the probem of getting the most good roads for the money that is being spent each year?—Eugene Register.

Hearst Papers Barred.

Ottawa, Nov. 11.—(Special)—The Hearst papers have been placed under the ban in Canada. These publications have been prohibited from circulation Saturday next. The heavy penalties of the war measures act will apply to any one having them in possession after that date.

Facilities also are denied the International News Service.

Hood River's Big Apple Crop.

Hood River, Nov. 11.—(Special)—By leaps and bounds the estimates of Hood River's banner 1916 apple crop have jumped from 900,000 boxes, preharvest figures, to a total of over 1,200,000 at the present time, and when all the fruit is finally under cover and in storage plants the figures will probably materially exceed this amount.

Highway Results.

Hood River is having a garage boom. This is a direct result of the Columbia River highway.

Two new buildings will be erected for garages, both 100 feet square. The construction of these will make a nice little payroll for a time during the winter months.

We predict another boom here before many years have passed away—that of the construction of mountain resorts on a larger scale than now prevailing. The mid-Columbia district will come into its own, when the roads proposed have all been built, and tourists by the thousands will throng here annually. Settlers follow tourists, and the population will materially increase as the developments we mention take place.—Hood River Glacier.

Maybe Yes and Maybe Not.

When the next election comes around, the Republican National Committee will probably remember that the United States is not bounded on the west by the Missouri River and will pay some attention to those which stood loyally by the party through years of neglect.—The Oregonian.

Only a Joker.

Only a joker would place Oregon in the doubtful column.—The Oregonian

Accepts the Verdic.

The Oregonian will accept with whatever grace it can command the verdict of the people. It does not feel called upon to express any new view of the Wilson policies, which it has thought have been neither beneficial to the domestic welfare of the Nation, nor expressive of the highest ideals and most noble aspirations of a great people; but it fosters the earnest wish, which it hopes to be able soon to translate into belief, and thence into knowledge, that the President will now be able to determine all questions without any pressure from partisan forces, or attempted coercion in the interest of a class, or consideration of the emergencies of a political campaign, so that his alert, comprehensive and informed mind may reach their correct solution. His capacity for leadership, when he cares to assert it, is very great, and in his patriotic purpose the country should and does believe. A successful administration, justifying the confidence and support of all, is within his powers, and it is from every standpoint to be desired.—The Oregonian.

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The smartest models to be found in New York. Many of these dresses are copies from famous designers. Yet we insist on giving you your money's worth instead of charging a premium for style features.

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THE QUALITY STORE

MR. EBERHARD REPLIES.

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until the June term. At the June term, another application for continuance was made for continued absence of the witness, and, when granting that application until the October term, and no longer, Judge Knowles said he recommended that thereafter all witnesses in prohibition liquor cases be put under bonds to appear as witnesses at the trial. When the October term came, Mr. Lyman had not yet returned to the state, and, under the circumstances of his leaving, could not be compelled to return. That case had to be dismissed. In the meantime, this McDonald case came up. The necessary order was secured holding McDonald as a witness after the first indictment was read to Newlin and a subpoena served on McDonald at Joseph, where he was workin the article, McDonald was here at the trial set for Oct. 11th. He was called back a few days later, when the grand jury met the second time, and took the Joseph train for home the same morning he testified before the grand jury. Later, Newlin was rearraigned, another order holding McDonald as a witness was asked for and allowed; but as McDonald was then in Wallowa county, it was not thought legal to attempt to arrest him there and bring him to Union county for the sole purpose of holding him as a witness. However, as is usual in all cases, a subpoena was issued the very day the case was set for trial the second time, and was served on McDonald at Joseph a few days later. There was no reason to suppose that a man under subpoena would not answer it, as such a thing is not usual, and has happened in no other case during my administration. The Newlin article inquires why I did not hold the witness when I had him, if I thought he was going to run away? The foregoing shows I did not "have him," as intimated, and there was no particular reason to "think he was going to run away," especially when he was under subpoena. McDonald's early appearance in La Grande was unknown to the officers. It will be remembered that Lyman was under neither subpoena or order when he left. Thus, in the Lyman case everything that could have been done was not done; but in the McDonald case nothing that could have been done was not done.

Now, I also note that the article comments upon the trouble and expense I went to in bringing the secretary of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy from Salem here as a witness at the last trial to prove that Newlin was a regularly licensed pharmacist. He thinks, according to this article, that such was unnecessary expense. Well, the state alleged he was such; and most anybody knows it would have had to prove it. But Newlin says that he could not deny that he was such registered pharmacist, if he wished to, as that fact is a matter of record and has been for twenty years. The writer of the article must have overlooked the fact that there is no law requiring a pharmacist to register his certificate and still more the fact that such certificate is not now registered in Union county, a fact which I investigated before incurring the expense. When Newlin pleaded not guilty, I had to prove the allegations of the indictment. That takes evidence and the best evidence. Now, in view of my past experience, it will not be wondered at, I trust, that I did not rely upon a hope that I would not be called upon to prove that fact by the best evidence. Newlin and some patrons may be correct when they think I do not have much "ability," but I do claim to have sense enough to profit by one experience with a man. Therefore, I had on hand for the trial the best evidence at my command to prove a fact necessary to prove but which is not now and has not been of record in Union county for twenty years.

Moreover, this hue and cry about expense from defendants does not worry me, and I claim to know something about economy, too. The acts of the district attorney never suit all defendants; at least I hope mine have not. The people do not have district attorneys in office for that purpose. They are there to bring persons duly accused by a grand jury or by private citizens or themselves of a violation of some law on trial before juries. They are there to do their duty, as they see it, not as some defendant wants to dictate it. According to Newlin's argument, we should leave them alone, and should lock up in jail all witnesses for the state. In the majority of cases, this is not necessary.

Prosecutions under liquor laws are always costly—they were costly under the local option law, have been costly this year and I have no doubt they will continue to be so next year and in those to follow. But that fact has not deterred the people from passing liquor laws more and more stringent, and will not deter me from bringing to trial, and exerting all the power of my office to secure evidence against offenders to bring them to trial, under the prohibition law, while I am in office. Administration of public justice is not to be measured by the mere question of dollars and cents, although that is a proper consideration, but more properly by the fact that the most effectual deterrent to crime is the fact that violations will be promptly prosecuted, and punishment meted out to the guilty, if found so by the juries.

I wish publicly to thank Mr. Newlin for his attack on me. As a public official, I do not court the support and approbation of Mr. Newlin and some of his patrons. That they publicly voice their opinion of me is a matter of much gratification on my part. I consider their every "knock" in reality a "boost".

COLON R. EBERHARD,
District Attorney.

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LOST—Two keys on ring. Between courthouse, postoffice and Hill's Department Store. Leave at Observer office. Hazel Last. 11-11-tf