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Our Nick Is Spilling Oratory in Congress.

Speaking of Nick Sinnott's recent speech on Crater Lake the San Francisco Bulletin remarks that not since the day J. Proctor Knott delivered his celebrated, albeit, too lengthy panegyric on Duluth, which although intended as a slam at an appropriation for the development of that great lake port, really proved the best advertisement the place could have had, has there been anything recorded in the pages of that sterling, conservative publication, the Congressional Record, more exciting than the recent speech by Representative Nick Sinnott of Oregon, in which he described Crater Lake in the following language:

"Crater Lake, cauldron-like and circular, 7000 feet high, is perched amid the peaks. Perpendicular sides of slaggy lava rise over a thousand feet from waters of indigo blue six miles across and 2000 feet deep.

"To the scientist, a mighty volcano collapsed within itself, Mount Mazama, 15,000 feet high, telescoped.

"To the poet, 'the sea of silence,' a lake of mystery."

"To me, a shell-hole of a war of words—who knows?"

"Could the great blind poet have seen this marvel ere his pen had Lucifer and his host of rebel angels— Hurled headlong flaming from the ethereal sky,

With hideous ruin and combustion, down—

in Miltonic imagery here he'd found the impact."

This is certainly a graphic description of "Where Lucifer Lit" and if Representative Sinnott's effort cannot be described as putting apples of gold in pictures of silver, refining pure gold and painting the lily, then there is no such thing as hyperbole.

Will our own John D. Raker of Modoc, with its majestic lava beds and other evidences of the time when chaos struggled with entity; "Where long ago the Titans fought and hurled for missiles mountains;" will our own Congressman Church, whose district embraces the wondrous asmetite, permit this to stand as the solitary tribute to only one of the many areas of grandeur the Pacific coast can boast, or will they give California its meed of publicity through the same medium and by more graphic description of its greater wonders draw attention to their existence?—San Francisco Bulletin.

To which the Klamath Falls Evening Herald replies:

"There is only one Sinnott and Oregon has him and is proud of him. Our California neighbors may coax their congressmen to 'talk' about their Yosemite and their lava beds, but they must worship at the Sinnott shrine for a long time before they will be able to acquire the artistic touch of our beloved Nick."

The national congress is composed of mostly ordinary men as things now go to show. We are battling away at Washington, getting no place. The president is still in Europe and at home the mice are playing. Slowly but surely we people of America are awaking to the fact that there is a screw loose somewhere, and it would seem that it is in the kind of men we are electing to office. This is not meant in any personal way, but in a general way. Those of us who were once converted to a direct vote of the people are being confronted with the fact that the people as a whole will not vote; that officers are chosen by minority voters; that the ablest are in business and personal callings and not

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taking a hand in the greatest of all professions—that of government. We are drifting to some change, what it will be, no one knows at present. But there must be a change before many years.

Let the people of Union and Baker counties beware also they will find the hard-surface state road running south from Pendleton through Grant county and east to the state line. This is no time to sit firmly back and await for things to fall to us. The road-building period is on in Oregon and it is up to Union and Baker counties to be on the watch every minute. We have had the inside call on the through hard-surfaced road due to work of some of our citizens, but we will not hold it unless we get busy and take care of our own. Wallawa county awoke to the mistake it made by not supporting the road measure when Representative Ashley was in the house and Wallawa county is regretting the matter very much. Oregon is to have roads. Do we want to be in on the improvement or do we want to sit back and wait until they go by us?

The Observer does not share the belief of some that adding Little Beaver creek to our city water supply will be sufficient. Remember Little Beaver there is never enough water in it to have a community foot-washing. What La Grande needs and must have is a permanent water supply, and there are but two ways to acquire it—(1) by increased storage and the other is by running the Grande Ronde river

salaries are not large, but there are also thousands of people in business and in other walks of life who have had no benefit from war-time prices. There is always recourse for the man in office who believes he is worth more money—he can resign.

If Senator Thomas would get down to sincere work in the legislature and not try to camouflage his good roads record of two years ago, some might have confidence in his utterances. He belongs to a very select few in Oregon who are always looking for someone to jab in the rear, and he is disappointed because no one seems to take the time to do the jabbing. Probably a sharp stick would hold the wily senator. Anyway he needs something to wake him up and make him understand that he is fooling no one but himself.

The Parent-Teachers' association met yesterday for the first time in many months, and its meeting brought forth good. The meetings always do, for the organization is a good one and means a great deal to the welfare of the city. Although Chief of Police Christiansen already had regulation signs ready to install warning auto drivers to slow down in front of the different schools, the advice of the association along that line will have a tendency to strengthen the movement, and hereafter we will have less fast driving in front of school buildings.

The military police is getting an awful drubbing in the legislature. But at the time the military police was formed the whole water front in Portland was in jeopardy. Strange the Multnomah delegation cannot remember a favor granted them only a few months ago. "But such is life in the selfish city."

Here's to the O-W. band. Those lads can toot a horn with as much accuracy as they run a lathe or rehabilitate a broken-down locomotive. La Grande is glad to have this new organization. You are welcome, music makers, welcome to every home in the city.

Bill Hanley says, "there ain't no use hitchin' the horse before the cart. These packing trusts must be controlled before we ask the soldiers to raise stock." All right, Bill, but there's a lot of us think you have done very well in raising cattle and fighting the packers at one and the same time.

The state legislature must brush up a bit. Fine talk about "what yer gwine to do" is all right, but Oregon as a state wants to see you do it.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels' son, while a plebe in the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., was severely flogged by first classmen. Recently he resigned from the academy, and hunted up his chief persecutor and gave him a beating.

A Chicago druggist fired a shotgun at burglar who entered his store putting the intruder to flight and thus saving about \$175 in his cash drawer, but smushing with the shot a \$250 showcase and \$250 worth of bottles.

Hiram Johnson will never be another Roosevelt. Hiram is a big man, but he can't say it with the punch that Teddy could.

Portland will insist on wearing the mask. Maybe Portland people will feel better when taking Eastern Oregon money if they have a mask on.

If Portland would build better boats she might have a steadier market for them.

REWARD
Reasonable reward given for return of keys picked up at postoffice January 14th. Jack Oliver. 1-22-19

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