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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Bible Thought for Today

SURE GUIDANCE.—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:6.

GOVERNOR OLCOTT'S REPLY TO HALL

In a very lengthy statement Governor Olcott has issued a reply to Charles Hall relative to the recount which Hall has demanded. It is rather difficult to get the swing of Olcott's reply, but when analyzed it seems to be an appeal to the entire electorate of the Republican party to see that fair play is given and if a portion of the votes are recounted, as Mr. Hall has demanded, that the entire Republican vote in the state be recounted.

The expense of such an undertaking is estimated at \$50,000, and then if either party is dissatisfied with the result it is probable that further legal procedure can be started and the same thing gone over again provided there is sufficient money raised to defray the expense. It is apparently starting something that has no end.

If the reply was intended for a campaign document the governor had it very adroitly worded for he attacks the volunteer donations made to Hall from supporters in Oregon and from sympathizers in other states. The governor mentions the fact that he is unable financially to combat such a fund, which by inference would lead the reader to believe a free-will offering might be in order to assist in the recount.

This is a bad state of affairs. If we were to drift further into restlessness and discontent by not accepting the results of a primary election, whatever they may be, unless fraud can be determined, then we are at once discrediting our form of government, and saying to the world that we have a system which we will accept when it pleases us and we will reject it and demand a new deal if it displeases us.

DON'T KNOW PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

Railroad officials are unfamiliar with public sentiment if they continue to rest in the belief that they can make the people believe the shopmen are striking against their government.

More men joined the strikers yesterday and it is plain to those who try and keep anything like abreast of public sentiment that the strike has just fairly started.

It is a most regrettable thing that it cannot be settled, but it is doubtful if it ever will be settled along the lines now laid out. With a Labor Board apparently acting as attorney for the railroad companies with every one seemingly directed at destroying the railroad workers' organizations, with the taking of rights and principles which labor has strived for thirty years to gain, the Evening Observer sees little hope of a settlement along these lines.

Not a man working for the railroads, even though now unaffected by present rulings, can feel safe for the future. For this reason the striking shopmen not only have the sympathy of all railroad workers, they not only have the financial assistance of men in railroad work, but sooner or later all rail organizations will come to the understanding that if the shopmen lose this strike and organized labor is beaten, other men in other departments will soon feel the knife, and this nation will be back to the old days when labor had no standing and the wealth of the country dealt with it as it saw fit.

Public sentiment is with the railroad shopmen, and all the claims to the contrary from the White House down to the smallest official of the railroad operating forces, will not change it.

YES, DOWN WITH TAXES.

The cry of Oregon Democrats has been heard before: "Down with taxes." We heard it when President Wilson took his seat as President, yet we emerged from that administration taxed to death and with fine prospects of taxing the general public for the next lifetime to pay off the Wilson administration's extravagance. It seems to us, that the Oregon Democrats who in one breath endorsed President Wilson's administration and in the next breath yell "Down with taxes" are attempting that old trick in ledgerdom of blowing hot and then blowing cold with the same breath.

Postoffice Progress.

Postmaster General Work recently announced a number of changes to the better which have been made in the postal service.

First of all is decentralization. Instead of requiring all inquiries, complaints and requests for supplies to go through Washington these things are to be handled promptly by postal authorities within each state. Antiquated bookkeeping methods are to be abandoned in favor of a more flexible and efficient system. Reorganization on a more efficient basis is taking place in 100 of the largest post-offices in the country as well as in the department at Washington.

Another forward step is the executive council which meets weekly in conference. Through this conference all sorts of problems are presented for discussion. Thus important decisions may be based on quiet judgment, and are more

likely to meet with approval all along the line. Employees and postmasters are encouraged to exchange ideas with each other and to keep in touch with the public.

An extension of the present postage rate to include South American countries is also expected. Newspaper mail is being given special attention for the purpose of speeding its delivery. Constructive criticism from the public is invited.

All this sounds like mighty good business. So, too, does the economy which has been effected. The post-office department, even in its least efficient days, has always stood for rather remarkable services. If that service is now to be made more businesslike, there will be nothing but applause from the public.

At least, it is but to beat the five-year record for losses of its own. That one year in which a hot flash would be a mistake.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



JAZZ. A slam, a bang, a shriek, a crash. A roar, a ruffing rattle. A boom, a boom, a rattle, a rattle. A screech, a growl, a grumble. A beat, a blatt, a snort, a puff. And a wail as gruesome as The banisher's howl—Yee! that's the stuff. That's served to us as Jazz.

A whist, a smile, a lary, a smirk. A swing a sway, a shiver. A whiff, a waft, a jerk, a quiver. A waltz, a slide, a quiver. A squeeze, a stamp, a rush, a thump. A strange ball, a break, a bump. These go with Jazz as dancing!

OUR ENGLISH. This startling misstatement appeared in a town newspaper. The ladies of the First Street church have discarded clothes of all kinds. Call at 41 North First street and inspect them.

Any man is to be congratulated whose neck is so long that he can shave with his collar on.

Just because a man plays golf on Sunday when the wife is at church is no reason to believe that the man's the boss of the household.

"TOMBSTONE NEWS." Stranger, pause as you pass by. As you are born, or come near it, As I am now, so you must be. Step on the ground and follow me.

A tariff is to be laid on nuts. Which indicates that somebody will have to shell out.

"Babe" Ruth seems to be suffering from a bad case of osteoarthritis.

Miss Lavinia Cook recently won a New Year's Winter Garden beauty contest in competition with thousands. It takes a Lavinia Cook to win anything nowadays. Hairdressing is an handsome job.

Every woman knows that she can drive a car through the traffic as well as any man, provided the other drivers stay out of her way.

SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. "Miss, may I have a spoon?" "Not with me," said the pretty waitress. "I'm here."

Every man who is a politician expects more of him than he expects of himself.

THU! "Blah!" "I told you that Robert was the owner of all my affection." "Charles?" "And what did you do about it?" "Why, I killed the man."

ANNUAL FISH FEED WAS A BIG EVENT

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to the general expense of administration.

A. A. Smith, former representative from Baker county and a noted fish expert, spoke directly upon this phase of the fish and game situation. He said the fisheries are for our own use, for our pleasure, for our recreation, for our food and for our industry. He said that the fisheries are for our own use, for our pleasure, for our recreation, for our food and for our industry.

John J. W. Newman and Ed. Hoy spoke in behalf of the anglers as did J. C. Henderson. A vote finally was taken and the following resolutions were adopted: That the fisheries are for our own use, for our pleasure, for our recreation, for our food and for our industry.

Prize Winners Named. Prize in appreciation President J. H. Hanson announced the same which were given to the fishing tournament which included the fish feed.

Ed. Hoy was awarded the Champion fish given by the J. C. Hanson Co. because his 24-inch Rainbow trout was the largest.

E. S. Henderson was awarded a fishing rod given by the Cascade Sportswear Co. for his 24-inch Rainbow trout.

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Advertisement for N. K. West & Co. featuring a 'BIG CLEARAWAY SALE OF MEN'S SUITS' with a 60% discount. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and a list of suit prices.

Article titled 'SAYS REPORTS WERE INCORRECT' regarding the death of Miss Alice Mallett. The article states that reports of her death were incorrect and that she was found alive in a rooming house.

Article titled 'USUAL DANCE IS NOT TO BE HELD' regarding a dance at the Zuber Hotel. The article mentions that the dance was cancelled due to the strike.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank, featuring the slogan 'Take Care of Your Dollars and Your Dollars Will Take Care of you.' and listing the bank's capital and surplus as \$265,000.00.

Advertisement for Kodak cameras and Red Cross Drug Store. It features an illustration of a woman with a camera and text promoting Kodak products and the drug store's offerings.