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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



THE THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee; my soul thirsteth for thee, and my flesh longeth for thee in a dry thirsty land.—Psalm 63: 1.

THE OBSERVER IS NEUTRAL

Apparently a few readers misinterpreted the reasons for the appearance of a county political story in Monday's issue of the Observer, judging from two or three complaints that have been received since the paper appeared.

As a matter of fact, the story was a news story in every sense of the word, and in no way reflected the editorial policy of the Observer in reference to any candidates on either ticket. It did not attempt to say what candidates are best fitted for the offices, nor tell the people how to cast their votes.

The story was written by a member of the news department after talks with many well informed persons from La Grande and from other sections of the county, and was merely an attempt to inform our readers of present political trends. The writer has good reason to believe that the information furnished him is as correct as can be expected, pending an actual vote.

Before every election in the past, similar stories have appeared in the Observer and in practically every other paper in the county, and in most cases these news articles have later proven to be nearly eighty per cent correct, and sometimes more so.

Some of the candidates felt that yesterday's article might turn away some votes that they otherwise would have received. Such is not likely to be the case, however, for the friends of such candidates will be induced to work all the harder if general opinion concedes an advantage to their opponents. If their friends desert them when things look dark, it is better to know it now than after the election.

Again we wish to state that the Observer has no bones to pick with any candidate, that it has not and will not come forth in support of, or in opposition to any candidate in the primary election, and that the article in yesterday's paper was purely news and nothing more.

It is the right as well as the duty of every newspaper to present the news as it sees it, as long as there is no libel involved. In printing the political story yesterday the Observer was acting in accordance with long established custom, and fulfilling its obligation to the public by presenting what appears to be the present trend of voting opinion in this county.

It is a known fact that a trend toward one candidate will sometimes shift definitely even a day or two before election, so there can be no absolutely accurate forecast. But the people have a right to know how the wind is blowing, even though their votes may change its direction considerably when it comes to a final reckoning.

ADS

An "advertising sheet" was once a term of disapprobation. Today, if used, it would create a favorable impression upon the listener's mind.

Not so many years ago newspaper readers complained if, in their estimation, to much space in the family paper was given to advertising. Today the average reader would feel that he wasn't getting his money's worth if the advertising columns were omitted.

It has become an established fact that many newspaper readers who confess, so far as the news matter is concerned, to being headline readers only, find their greatest interest in the advertisements. They find in them both pleasure and profit.

This winning of the public favor is directly attributable to the good sense, the technical skill, the artistic methods and, above all, the honesty of the advertisers. So cleverly is the newspaper ad planned and executed that the reader is unconscious of the combination of influences which attract his interest.

Sincerity, truth, service and consideration for the needs of the buying public are among the ideals of the best advertisers. They are making advertising a science and a fine art. And this explains the change of attitude on the part of newspaper readers toward the advertisements which share the pages with news and headlines.

Monster Sturgeon

The biggest sturgeons in the Great Lakes weigh 200 pounds or more and measure as much as eight feet in length, which accounts for the fact that they are sometimes excitedly thought to be sea serpents.

Uncle Eben

"De man who prides hisself on sayin' what he thinks," said Uncle Eben, "is mighty liable to put too much speed on de sayin' an' not 'tuf power on de thinkin'."—Washington Star.

Other Papers Say:

WHAT WILL LINDBERGH DO?

If Colonel Lindbergh would lead a movement to clear this country of organized crime, stamp out that invisible government of underworld control, that actually rules us, the people would arise as one man, and follow him, wherever he might lead. But it is probably too much to ask of him for any man in his position — at the present time.

While the discovery of his son's body, the removal of the suspense and uncertainty, is easier to bear, than if the baby's fate had always remained in doubt; still to the parents the shock and horror of it all, is something it would take years to overcome. Some wounds of the heart and soul, only time can heal; and there are cases where even time fails.

However Colonel Lindbergh has throughout his career, proved to be such an exceptional character, that it may be that after the first effects of the tragedy wear off, he will regard such a crusade as his life work. We hope so. For no man could lead such a movement, as he could lead it; no man could arouse the country, as he could arouse it. And the first job on that program, would be to hunt down the monsters in human form, responsible for this unspeakable crime, and give them as far as possible—the punishment they deserve. "As far as possible" for there really is no punishment to fit such a crime. The human mind simply stands aghast at such a deed, and gropes in vain for any punishment that could either fit, or in any sense, expiate for it. That must be left to our poor struggling humans, but to some higher power.

But we repeat, the first thing to do, is to get these criminals, if they can be found, and demonstrate to the world that in this country, for such vermin, there is no escape.

The next thing to do would be to clean up this country, make it so hot for every gunman, hi-jacker and second story man that from the lowliest thug, to the most exalted Beer Baron, there would be no place, so dark and secluded, that they could hide.

Serve notice on them, that this country can no more be half criminal and half law abiding, than it can be half slave and half free. And with that as a slogan, fight this war against organized crime until this country is once more a safe and a decent place in which to live.—Medford Mail Tribune.

SPANKING THE PAPERS

Salem newspapers have earned a reputation for frankness. Perhaps they are no more honest in saying what they think than are the majority of Oregon newspapers, but the fact that they are located in the capital city of Oregon keeps them in closer touch with the affairs of government and administration. From this, it might be deduced that they have the opportunity for quicker reactions on official matters. Whether they have the opportunity or not, it may not be gained that both the Oregon Statesman and the Capitol Journal are prompt to give their opinions, and as fearless as they are prompt.

But, however fearless they may have been in the past, they must now quake and shiver in abject terror. Their outspokenness has offended the Governor, and the governor has become outspoken, too. The chamber of commerce, Oregon's chief executive lets it be known, must apologize for the conduct of the Salem newspapers. Lacking such apology the governor will call no more meetings, such as the child health conference or that of the taxpayers' league, for Salem.

What is it all about? Why, the offending publications stated that the governor had spent eight days in his Salem office in April, that Treasury Rufus Holman had been on hand ten days, and that Secretary of State Hal E. Ross had put in 15 days. The newspapers, unmindful of the fact that a primary election is in the offing, declared that the officials were not putting in enough time on the job. Governor Meyer, of course, is not running for nomination, but he nevertheless hastened to the defense of his subordinates. Perhaps he was doing a little for himself at the same time.

Anyhow, the newspapers were spanked. It was not the first time that the governor has spanked the newspapers. But this is probably the soundest spanking he has given. It is hard to see that it was deserved. Surely the people of a state, or a portion of a state, are entitled to receive information as to manner in which their employes are using their time. The number of days spent on the job is a proper part of such information. The newspapers presented this information, and with it the opinion that sufficient time was not being spent. That was their opinion, and they were chastised for it. We hope that each may have had an Oregon blue book hidden under its trousers — if a newspaper has trousers — before the punitive hand descended. And we hope, also, that the governor may learn before the expiration of his term that there are more effective methods of enlisting newspaper co-operation than by either direct or indirect threats. — Bend Bulletin.

for an impression that working for is synonymous with working the government.

"More than 80 per cent of the bonds sold by a big New York bank have defaulted." Perhaps the country suffers from misplaced rather than lost confidence.

A Chicago judge says that women are better drivers than men. Let him interpolate "back-seat" and we'll affirm this opinion.

According to Roger Babson, municipal bonds are due to come back. They usually do when they're due.

Green is said to have a quieting effect on the nerves, but an exception is noted when water-familias tries to trim the lawn with a dull mower.

In Washington

WASHINGTON—Senator Dave Reed of Pennsylvania, whose sharp tongue more than once has startled his colleagues, has done so again with his statement that "if this country ever needed a Mussolini it needs one now." Borah of Idaho and Johnson of California immediately challenged him, causing the Pennsylvania senator to explain that he was not proposing to make a Mussolini of President Hoover, but rather that he saw the need for greater courage in public office.

On the heels of this heated debate on the floor of the senate came the president's direct appeal to the people for support.

In this appeal, President Hoover took a leaf from Woodrow Wilson's book on presidential maneuvering. Wilson was the last president to take his case to the people in a fight with congress. He did so twice in his two administrations.

Each time, however, Wilson went much further than President Hoover indicates as yet of going.

Wilson Toured Nation Wilson took to the stump on nationwide tours.

The first was during the national preparedness campaign in 1916 when he sought popular support for a billion dollar program for expansion of the army and navy. The chief opposition to the project was within the Democratic majorities in the house and senate. And he won handsome victories.

The second time was during the fight for America's entry into the league of nations against a senate controlled by a Republican majority. On that stumping tour Wilson was stricken with the illness that ended his career as an active campaigner.

Hoover Appeal More Modest President Hoover's appeal for popular support is a much more modest effort to drive congress than were either of the Wilson campaigns. It is hampered also by the fact that time does not permit a presidential swing around the circle, or to light fires at home under reluctant legislators, and by the further fact that Hoover himself is a candidate for renomination and re-election this year.

The immediate reaction in house and senate, among the opposition in and out his own party was to charge that both his special messages, the sharpest he has ever written, and his popular appeal was a bit of campaign maneuvering.

However, it was significant that on the very day the president launched his two-barreled attack, a house committee voted the proposed soldiers' bonus into the discard and a senate committee accepted a treasury-sponsored tax bill after weeks of stubborn indecision.

Clark Wood Says

A doctor advises those who would remain young to do as the young do — after which adroit suggestion it is only fair that he should keep fresh magazines in his waiting-room table. The public can hardly be blamed

if there is nothing but a Yellow Dog on their ticket. Is that intelligent use of the franchise? In looking over the names on both tickets, the name of any man who is capable and honest is a bid for the "X," regardless of party. I can conceive of nothing that is better for the people of our form of government than for all eligible voters to make an effort to vote intelligently.

DUNHAM WRIGHT.

Meteorite Showers

In ancient times the name "St. Lawrence lights" applied to meteoric showers occurring between August 15 and September 15. It is common both in Ireland and England.

Sex and Memory

There is no detectable difference in memory abilities between men and women or boys and girls, psychologists at the University of California report.

Can Go Too Far

A man may hang onto money so closely that he gets about the same pleasure from its possession that a slot machine does.—Exchange.

Curse of the Hapsburgs

The Hapsburg curse is a form of insanity said to be in the Hapsburg family and believed to be due to intermarriage.

Old Electric Motor

In the United States National museum at Washington is a model of an electric motor and car dated 1847 and credited to Moses G. Farmer.

Help the Striver

To the man who himself strives earnestly God also lends a helping hand.—Aeschylus.

Russia's Long Waterway

The Yenisei river in Siberia is one of the largest rivers in the world. It is 3,250 miles long.

Concerning Learning

Learning, wrote Pope, is like mercury, one of the most powerful and excellent things in the world in skillful hands; in unskilled the most mischievous.

Giant Frogs

The biggest frogs in the world are the Gollath frogs, whose bodies are about 12 inches long, exclusive of their powerful limbs.

Theory and Practice

Nothing learned from a book is worth anything unless it is used and verified in life.—Will Durant.

No Use Looking for Them

Why waste time looking for city jobs? They are all taken.—Florida Times-Union.

FIND IT HERE

Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m.

J. E. "JIMMIE" MILLIS

Of Cove, Ore. Candidate for County Commissioner. Having served four years as county commissioner in Wyoming during the World War, I feel that I know what the demand is at the present time, and I pledge myself if nominated and elected, to do my utmost to enforce the most rigid economy.

Road Program

I favor and will work for a better road from the Farm to the Highway. As a Fruit-grower and Farmer I am not obligated to anyone, or to any company, and am free to act accordingly, and will not only work for the south district, which comprises Cove, Union, and North Powder, but will also work for the best interests of the whole county, which is rigid economy and roads from the Farm to the Highway, and will consider myself the servant of the people.—J. E. MILLIS.

I am not the only pumpkin on the vine, but I am in earnest. My slogan is, "I want the office." A. H. Perryman for County Judge.

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RADIONIC DISCLOSURES "RHEUMATISM" IN THE KNEE WAS COLON INFECTION

A patient complaining of "rheumatism" of the left knee had been treated by many doctors of various schools, his tonsils had been removed, and most of his teeth extracted. He had taken all kinds of baths, and the knee itself had been treated in every way imaginable, but the "rheumatism" was still there. A thorough RADIONIC examination revealed that nothing really was wrong with the knee except inflammation due to poisons coming from somewhere in the body. The RADIONIC examination disclosed further, chronic colitis in the transverse colon which was depositing its poisons in the knee. The colon was treated to remove the infection and the patient recovered rapidly after many years of suffering. The Radionic Diagnostic and Treating Instrument will do the same for you. (Investigate.)

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