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PUBLICITY THE CURE.

The great cure and preventative for government and corporate ills, abuses and crimes is publicity.

Secrecy breeds law violation, questionable transactions, juggling of accounts, losses and inefficiency.

Secrecy in corporations creates the railroad rebate, the trust, the watered stock, the crimes of high finance, and makes possible the Rockefellers, Morgans and Harrimans.

Secrecy in the conduct of public office creates slush and haphazard methods, misappropriation of public money, high taxes, shortage and embezzlement.

Publicity renders all this impossible. To make known every transaction is to prevent abuse and crime, or reduce it to the minimum in the administration of both corporate and public affairs.

To many, the being found out is a greater sin than the commission of the crime itself. Where there is a regular inspection, if anything goes wrong it is discovered at once. An official who knows that his every act is subject to inspection and criticism is apt to exercise the utmost care. Where there is no accounting, carelessness follows.

The government boasts upon regular inspection of banks handling money owned by a few people by experts. How much more necessary than it is to expert public offices handling money belonging to all the people!

Jackson county's courthouse is chockfull with a veil of secrecy. The condition of the books of the various offices is carefully concealed from the public. Officials seem to think it is one of the people's business what goes on. A defalcation occurs, and the fact is hidden. Complaints are made and smothered. Transparency is made to appear regular and only the little ring of officials knows what is the real condition.

Assessments and taxes are arbitrarily raised. It is none of the public's business. Their business is to vote the ring back into office and pay the taxes cheerfully. What if some of their money is stolen? They will never know it. It will all be covered up.

Taxes keep creeping up year by year. What is done with this money? It's none of the public's business. No expert will be put at work on the county books. He might discover something and no publicity is wanted.

What are you, Mr. Taxpayer, going to do about it? Smile and keep on paying? Support a set of officials who treat you as arrogant masters treat their servants? Vote them back into office to hide more defalcations, to build more "roads" that are unfit to travel, and to put you on the delinquent tax list after you have paid your taxes?

Before the primaries, this paper appealed to the republiques party to turn down the "system," now in control of the courthouse and select new officials. Its appeal was partially successful. It now appeals to the people of Jackson county to turn down this "system" of public office for private benefit, and tear away the veil of secrecy from public business, to try the publicity cure for hidden defalcations and modified tax collections.

GOOD APPLES ARE SCARCE AND BRING GOOD PRICES

"They will be few if any good apples left in the local market 20 days hence," said a dealer, "and such as may chance to be on hand at that time will be held strictly at prices materially higher than now prevail. While the apple trade has not for months shown marked activity, a good deal of fruit has been moved and the trade now looks as if it were a potential crop about the middle of May."

"The apple movement has all along been a slow but a steady one, and the advance in values has been just here to be perceptible. Now there is much to be working off aside from storage stocks, and all the commission houses on the street are drawing on their storage bins for current needs. The general range of prices held now is from \$2.00 to \$3.00 a box, but in some instances there are still a few small lots of choice Medford River that are held at \$2.00 to \$2.50 instead of having fallen off slightly the past two weeks, as is reported by some. I should say that the demand for Jay is a bit firmer than for some time past, and that prices will advance to some extent as the season draws near close."—*Advertiser*.

The total of apples now in storage in the city is variously estimated by the trade. Some dealers say it is not more than 1,000 boxes, while others estimate it at 2,000 to 3,000 boxes. Purchased on speculation.

NOME CLEANUP RUNS THREE MILLION DOLLARS

SEATTLE, April 22.—The spring cleanup in the gold camps in Nome and vicinity may net more than \$3,000,000, according to odds advanced mounted in Seattle by prominent mining men who have interests in the northern gold fields. The news of the rich strike in Alaska brings joy to the hearts of the merchants of the northwest, and also to laborers who have been out of work nearly all winter. The business shipment of the previous winter went to Seattle on the first boats will be superseded by the shipment into Alaska from Seattle of thousands of working men who will find profitable employment in the mines and other business enterprises. There will be a steady migration to the north this spring and there is every expectation that the season now approaching will be a record breaker in every way in that country.

DEATH HAS CALLED**ANOTHER PIONEER**

In the death of Carlos D. Reed, which took place at his home in Jackson Creek district not long since, the section sustained a distinct loss. For many years he successfully engaged in viticulture a few miles west of Jacksonville, supplying this and other Oregon markets with large quantities of superior table grapes. He owned a fine farm located a few miles south of Medford, which he subdivided and sold not long since.

Mr. Reed was a progressive man, a good citizen and highly respected. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Misses Lottie, Kate and Emma Reed.

The remains were interred in the Jacksonville cemetery, Rev. Robert Ennis officiating at the funeral.

STEPS TAKEN TO ORGANIZE**MEDFORD ATHLETIC CLUB**

There was a meeting in the Medford Opera House Tuesday night of the Medford Athletic Association. Ed. M. Andrews was elected chairman and G. H. Johnson secretary and treasurer. A committee of three was appointed to investigate the advisability of building a clubhouse, and a challenge made by William Jensen for a match in wrestling with William West, who is in Medford in the interest of the association, and who is champion wrestler of the British northwest. The match will be put off some time next week, Grimes-Roman style.

Methodist Episcopal Church, B Street.

The Easter services at the above church last Sabbath were a pronounced success. At night a full house was present to hear the fine anthems and solos rendered by musicians who had been for weeks under Mrs. Krause's training. Such music would have done credit to a metropolitan choir. Not one or two, but every number was beautiful. No wonder the audience expressed its appreciation. Not only was the church decorated with flowers, but the arrangement was artistic and tasteful.

In the morning the pastor was greeted by a large audience. The text of the sermon was Isaiah 46:1-4. After a brief meditation the preached an address for his theme, "The Conquering Christ," and elaborated the following thoughts: (1) Christ triumphed over sin; (2) Christ triumphed over Satan; (3) He triumphed over his critics; (4) He triumphed over death and the grave. In his presentation the speaker gave a graphic description of Christ's coming forth out of the tomb, and of his ascension and closed with the following lines:

"Rise, glorious conqueror, rise!

On to the native skies.

Assume thy right;

And where in many a fold

The clouds are backward rolled,

Pass through those gates of gold

And reign in light.

"Victor over death and hell,

Thou art the angels' swell,

The radiant train,

Praise all heaven inspire,

Each angel sweeps his bire

And cloots his wings of fire.

Thus lamb-like slain.

"Enter incarnate God,

No red but thine have trod.

The serpent down;

Blow the fall trumpet, blow!

Wider your portals throw,

Savioch, triumphant go,

And take thy throne!"

SAND AND SULPHUR WATER**KEEP WM. BYREE HEALTHY**

William Byree of Jacksonville was a business caller Tuesday. Mr. Byree was 75 years young April 25. He was born in Clark County, Kentucky, April 25, 1823, and came to Jackson County June, 1854, was married and has resided here ever since. He engaged in the Indian wars of 1855-56, participating in several skirmishes with the various bands of Indians of the Rogue River valley and the Klamath country. He was sheriff and served two terms as sheriff of Jackson county. Presently he is as strong as ever in his life. He says that sulphur spring water which he drinks regularly and sand which he eat, are responsible for his good health.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Anna T. Walker to Mrs. A. Walker and son in residence 18, range 2, E.

W. A. Stewert to J. N. Walker, south 17, range 2, residence 2, west. He had purchased the same 17, residence 17, range 1, W.

Charles Land to W. F. Shaw, west 16 and 17, Belmont Park, W. F. Shaw to W. W. Cheever, 17, east of Belmont.

W. Parker to W. Parker, Belmont, 16, west 1, block 21, Mod. Park.

Charles E. Stevens to W. L. Deacon, 16, west 25, Woodburn, 16, Woodburn.

Charles E. Stevens to James H. Deacon, 16, west 25, Woodburn, 16, range 2, E.

PROBATE COURT

Notice of Probate, Accordingly, for sale, the following items:

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