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## THE ITEMIZER IN REBUTTAL

### SPEAKS FOR ROBINSON

Like Everybody Else Thinks Attempt Is Made To Make Mountain Out of Mole Hill

The Observer sees fit to charge that Asa Robinson is not a good clerk. In all it has to say on the subject there is nothing to prove that he has not made a good clerk in every way, and it is simply attempting to make a mountain out of a mole hill. Some of the assertions are true and some are false. It is true that Mr. Robinson did not go to the trouble daily of entering up in his ledger just how many hunting licenses or fishing licenses he had issued that day, with some other inconsequential similar records, but left them to do some evening when he had time to spare and could be free from the numerous calls there are upon his time during the day. Nine out of ten business men do the same thing—leave the posting of their books to a time of comparative leisure and freedom from interruption. When the time came to send out these reports he did employ Tracy Staats to assist in the work, the same as that gentleman has been called on to assist in other offices in the court house when a rush of work was on, and the same as Mr. Smith hired extra help when he needed it. In Mr. Smith's case, however, he never had anything like the volume of business to transact that Mr. Robinson has had since he took the office. The one item of registration alone has been almost doubled since the women have been given the right to vote. The assertion that Mr. Smith did the work with less help than Mr. Robinson is not a fact, as exactly the same number of deputies were employed by both county clerks, and paid for by the county. The assertion that Mr. Robinson did not keep the necessary records in a clerical manner is made out of whole cloth and can clearly be disproved by all those who are doing business with the office every day. Ask any of the attorneys of Polk county if in any way they have found the records of the county clerk's office erroneous or incomplete, or if, from their positive knowledge, the public's interests have been jeopardized.—Dallas Itemizer.

## SCANDAL IN CHURCH CHOIR

"Tale of the Hat" Causes Excitement; Curious Public Will Soon Learn All

The Monitor has been informed that the Methodist church choir will soon sing "The Tale of the Hat." It has been verified by several phone calls to this office and removes all apprehension that it might be the Tale of a Shirt. We have not heard or can we learn just what kind of a hat it is. It may be a stovepipe hat, a stiff hat, a slouch hat, a cowboy hat, a straw hat, or one of these hats with a brick under it that you kick at on April 1. Then it may be a ladies hat, one marked down from \$30.00 to \$29.29, or a new design made by ingenious fingers out of a yard of bluish, a bird cage and a rooster feather. Then it may be the old time bonnet with the blue ribbon on it. But it must be a hat with a history lest how could there be any scandal about it and why should a whole church choir become so interested in a hat that they would sing about it.

## ONLY MERIT COUNTS

It is to be regretted that a number of republicans have announced their intention of "going down the line" for the whole democratic county ticket because Asa B. Robinson Jr. has been made the victim of an unjust attack. John Orr, Fred Holman and the other republican candidates, we think would be rather inclined to condemn than endorse the attack. While we know that the Dallas Observer is attempting to get the people to swallow the whole republican ticket as a unit which of course includes W. C. Hawley and at least one other unworthy, we are inclined to believe that the individual merits of the candidates will be considered for each office and a choice made regardless of a controversy over candidates for another office.

## A GERMAN'S VERSION

"Vell, now den. Dis iss idt. Shermans iss knocking der stuffs out of Roosians about effry day. Also undt jestzt, der Shermans iss licking like a house afire der French good-fer-noddings all ofer der sout' vest. Undt, as for der Britisher fellers, dey iss yoozt as if dey neffer vere nott in idt. Ve lick dem all der times. "Aber, nun undt vot I dondt verstehe iss dis. Vos iss it mit dos allies fellers? Effry vonce in er vile dey lick us. Yah, yah, if idt vossent fer dose tam allies us Shermans vud be der whole cneese all ofer before dis; aindt idt?"—Portland Telegram.

## MONITOR ED. PLEADS GUILTY NEVER BEEN IN DALLAS

### But Just Same He Knows "A Ant Haint No Elephant" Expert Gives Clerk O. K.

The editor of the Monitor pleads guilty to the fact that we have not lived in Polk county very long (but a few weeks longer than the editor of the Dallas Observer) and neither have we ever been in Dallas. If our memory does not error we have no recollection of ever being in Peedee or Skunk Hollow, but should we ever visit Dallas we do not propose to take a magnifying glass with us and skulk around in some county office and locate an "i" that has not been dotted or a "t" that has not been crossed, and then labor under the impression that it was a sufficient reason for depriving some official of a second term to which he was entitled rightly and justly.

Rather than make a personal examination of the books and accounts of the county clerk and pose as an expert when as a matter of fact we are not competent in that capacity, we will trust to the superior judgment and knowledge of Max Crandall, an expert accountant of the firm of Crandall & Roberts of Portland, who for eight years has been employed by the Polk county court to dig among the figures of all county officials. Mr. Crandall has just issued a sworn statement in which he said that the reports to the Insurance Commissioner were all right with the exception of one slight error which was not the fault of the clerk and further to use his own language: "That I prepared a statement from the warrant exhibit record filed with my report, and which shows that the expenses of the office were no larger than in previous years, although the volume of business done in and through the office was much greater. That I found the work of the office as performed by Asa B. Robinson, Jr., county clerk, done and performed in a careful and competent manner, and above the average of a county clerk with one year's experience in the office."

Fortunately the Monitor is not obliged to gain a subsistence by feeding at the public trough. Neither is the Monitor a party paper that is obliged to be the dumping ground for all the political litter that party managers may bring in and dump. The Monitor may give the devil his due or the angels their praises without asking permission of any political party or politician on the face of the earth. The Monitor is free and its own master. It is because this is so that it can speak for a fair deal even in political affairs. It has said and will say again that Asa B. Robinson has made an excellent county clerk and should be re-elected. Whether he is a republican, democrat, progressive, prohibitionist or socialist makes no difference. One good term deserves another.

## CROW TO SING

Ben Claire Crow will give a public recital in the Christian church next Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, to which all the public is cordially invited.

## BUENA VISTA KIDS DO WELL

"Home Credit" Work They Enjoy; Also Have Band of Fourteen Members

(Special to the Monitor)—For the third year in succession the students of the Buena Vista schools have taken up the Home Credit work and refuse to give up their interest in the home. Parents endorse the plan and the teachers feel that the system is a means toward the uniting of the school and the home.

The Buena Vista Brass Band of fourteen pieces has re-organized and is practicing in earnest. The organization meets twice a week in the Odd Fellows' hall.

## EDITOR ACCUSED

The editor of the Monmouth Herald, who is a continual laborer for prohibition, is accused by a minister of his own town of accepting a bribe by "publishing lies for the wets." Says the minister in an article appearing in the Herald: "License money is a bribe to get you to vote for something you would otherwise vote against. No worse than the bribes taken by our Oregon newspapers for publishing lies for the wets." To which the editor editorially replies: "In the 'church notes' this week, the editor of the Herald, together with other Oregon editors who publish the Hop Growers' advertising, are designated as bribe takers. This is very unkind, it seems to us, and coming from a minister of the gospel, it has a harsh ring that is not freighted with the love that should characterize the gospel of Jesus Christ. We shall take up the charge in our next issue, and debate as to whether we are 'bribe takers' or not." We are sure that he will be able to prove his complete innocence of the hideous charge.

## DISRESPECT

The speaker of the lower house of Congress appointed Representative Hawley as one of the committee of forty-eight members who were to attend the funeral of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Hawley declined. A terse telegram to the speaker announced his departure for Oregon, on matters of grave import. Lafferty was also absent. Only the presence of Sinnott preserved Oregon from the disgrace of implied disrespect—for the speaker appointed Sinnott in Hawley's stead. Where was Hawley? Not in Oregon—but in Denver, attending a conclave of the board of managers of an insurance society, for which service he drew the alluring wage of \$5 per day and traveling expenses. The sorrow of the nation in President Wilson's great grief did not concern one congressman. His action shames Oregon.—Salem Messenger.

## ON TWO TICKETS

By taking part of an article from the alleged humorous department of the Monitor, the Dallas Observer makes it appear that we ridicule the idea of Frank Morrison being a candidate for sheriff on two tickets. We see no possible objection why Mr. Morrison or anybody else should not be a candidate for office on as many tickets as they can. It was no dishonor or disgrace but rather we would term it a compliment. Should the editor of the Monitor desire to be a candidate for president or constable, he would much prefer being nominated by both republicans and democrats rather than by only one of them.

## MCLAUGHLIN WRITES

The Monitor this week publishes a letter from the pen of C. A. McLaughlin which will be read with interest by everybody. While some may not agree with "Mac's" deductions, all consider that he is an authority and all that he has written will be duly considered and taken into account.

## DEMOCRATS INVADE CITY SURRENDERS TO THEM

### Governor West and Doctor Smith Speak Hollister Here Chamberlain Coming

This has been democratic week in Independence and ten democratic candidates have been here. Unheralded and not advertised Governor West came to town Tuesday night and delivered one of his characteristic speeches to a crowded house. He was given careful attention and liberal applause. The governor pleaded for the re-election of Senator Chamberlain and the election of Dr. Smith as governor. He explained at length political conditions in Oregon as he sees them, roasted the Oregonian, and told of his own efforts in behalf of good government.

Dr. C. J. Smith, candidate for governor, arrived yesterday and though very few people knew he was to be here, addressed a fair sized crowd. Dr. Smith wants a "business" government in Oregon even if he has to take the governorship to get it. Many were pleased with Dr. Smith's personality.

Fred Hollister was also here for a few minutes. Altho tired and worn out, there was the same vim and push about him that has won him so many friends, regardless of party, and which has undoubtedly elected him to congress. Mr. Hollister is a pusher and a booster and he will be heard from at Washington and for the first time in eight years at least, the First district of Oregon will have some one of ability and influence to look after its interests.

It is said that Senator Chamberlain will be here next Wednesday afternoon and will probably make a speech. The senator is going through the state like a whirlwind and has never yet been defeated. There are some who say this is his last race and others that he will win again as usual. Conservative prophets, however, declare that the outcome of the senatorial race is hard to guess at. Just what figure Bill Hanley will cut is unknown and his presence in the race is worrying both Chamberlain and Booth men. Not that they expect him to win, far from that, but who will he get his support from?

## POLK COUNTY'S POPULATION

Oregon, with 61,188,480 acres has only a population of 8.8 to the square mile, according to a census just compiled by the Oregon Immigration commission, although since 1910 there has been an increase of nearly 200,000 in population. The population of Polk county is given at 17,437, and the square miles at 709 which gives it a population of 24.6 to the square mile.—Dallas Observer.

## BELT FOR JUDGE

Of the two candidates for circuit judge, take Harry H. Belt.

## RE-ELECT BRUNK

Thomas W. Brunk as a member of the last legislature made a very creditable record and should be re-elected. His opponent did not file for the place but took the nomination to fill out the ticket.

The Monitor always leads.

## DOCTOR RETURNS MARRIED

W. R. Allyn and Miss Bertha Williams of Eugene Wed In Seattle

Dr. W. R. Allyn, who has been visiting in Kentucky for the past six weeks, returned home Tuesday but not alone. He was married one day last week to Miss Bertha L. Williams, of Eugene, the ceremony taking place in Seattle.

## SOME LEMON

Dr. Hewitt has demonstrated exclusively that he can grow lemons in his office. From a shoot taken from a tree in this city, he has a fair sized orchard started in his office and the other day in looking over his crop for the year, he discovered that he had one lemon that was a corker for size. The Monitor did not learn the exact size as it seems to enlarge every time we hear it told about but judge it is nearly as large as a foot ball.

## TIT FOR TAT

As the Dallas Observer has declared that the editor of the Monitor has never been to Dallas to find out whether or not what the Observer is saying about county clerk Robinson is true, it is entirely proper for the Monitor to inquire if the editor of the Observer has ever been to Washington to find out whether all it is saying about Senator Chamberlain is true or not.

## DAVID OLIN DIES

David Olin of Antioch, who was kicked by a horse on Tuesday of last week, died in a Dallas hospital last Friday. He was operated upon in an effort to save his life but peritonitis set in and he succumbed.

## OVERWORKING GOAT

The local Rebekah lodge had a "big" time Tuesday night. Not only were seven candidates butted around by the goat but there was a spread of good things to eat including pumpkin pie.

## WAYNE D. HENRY

Wayne D. Henry is a progressive farmer and is backed by a large number of republicans in his race for the legislature.

## IF BUSINESS INTERFERES WITH POLITICS THEN

### Cut Out the Business And Get Into the Political Game It's All the Rage

For the next ten days politics will be all the go and you are supposed in order to be a good American citizen to not let your business interfere with it. But seriously you ought to take one day off and study the numerous proposed constitutional amendments that appear on the ballot. Every voter ought to vote "yes" or "no" on every one of them. Some of them are very good and ought to be carried while some of them are very bad and should be defeated.

The Monitor this week is loaded to the brim with political advertising, having more than any weekly paper in the state. It will have considerably more next week and if "legitimate" news is crowded out, please excuse it. Election comes but once in two years and the editor has his eye on a swell little Ford car in Fitchard's garage.

## NOT TO BUILD

Homer Lodge No. 45, K. of P., of this city at a meeting Monday night decided not to build a hall at the present time. Later, the project will be revived and probably meet with more success.

## STRANGE ED. IN TOWN

A. M. Dalrymple, of the Salem Messenger, was in Independence yesterday and mingled with the politicians. The Messenger is a good, well edited newspaper with but one fault. It isn't large enough.

## ACQUIREMENTS.

Every noble acquisition is attended with its risks. He who fears to encounter the one must not expect to obtain the other.—Metastasio.

## CHARLES J. SMITH, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR



Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic candidate for Governor, resides in Portland, where he is well known as a physician and successful business man. He was a member of the State Senate from 1902-1910, and stood close to Governor Chamberlain. He has also been a member of the State Board of Health and the Board of Higher Curricula. Dr. Smith spent his early years on an Ohio farm. He has been a resident of Oregon since 1891. By those who know him he is said to be an indefatigable worker and a close student of public affairs. He has twice traveled to Europe to study foreign government at first hand.

"GUESS I'LL SEE AMERICA FIRST."



—De Mar in Philadelphia Record.