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BLOWERS BLIGHTS OUR SPIRITS.

This writer very much doubts whether Lawrence N. Blowers, who admits that he is conducting an active campaign for governor, knows what a tender-hearted, modest person I am. I feel certain that if he realized how biting criticism causes my naturally exhuberant spirits to wither as if struck by a blighting noonday desert sun, if he knew how I shrink from the spotlight, he would not have emblazoned to the world the unkind things he has recently seen fit to say about me over his signature in papers of the state, some of such things being really unbecoming from a candidate for the highest position within the gift of the electors of the state.

Some weeks ago, observing that The Oregonian's prescient political observer and gubernatorial Warwick was paying considerable attention to those who might be candidates, while giving no attention whatever to one who was actively a candidate, and being also loyal to a candidate from my own county, especially when I considered that candidate sincere, upright and fully as qualified for the office sought as may others who have sought it, I did the best I could to advance that candidacy by sending out a news story and by publishing the fact in The Sentinel.

Straightway I received a letter from Blowers thanking me cordially for the story and complimenting me upon the witty way in which it had been handled. I was elated to think that here at last was a candidate who was appreciative of a kindness. Imagine the laceration of my fragile feelings when I read a few days later a statement by Candidate Blowers in which, among numerous things, he accused me of being a reactionary (which seems to be some superlative term of opprobrium), of having treated his candidacy lightly, and of being one of three who had arranged a succession to the gubernatorial job that made his candidacy undesirable.

These dastardly thrusts have so drawn upon my vitality that I am unable to reply as vigorously as the exigencies of the occasion seem to warrant, so I shall content myself by saying that if a virile imagination is a necessary qualification in a gubernatorial candidate, others than Blowers should withdraw while they may do so gracefully, and by suggesting to Candidate Blowers that one who takes a receptive position so far in advance of the primaries at which he expects to be nominated should refrain from making statements which he will find it impossible to substantiate or even weakly defend.

Candidate Blowers ululates about members of the legislature who carry away copies of the code to sell at a pittance, and of others who dip into the state treasury by one method and another.

Inasmuch as Candidate Blowers does not name the legislators who have sold the codes at a pittance, and does not name those who have raided the state treasury, and as I do not chance to know of any legislator who has carried away his code and sold it at a pittance and have not myself received anything from the state treasury except for actual service rendered, I am not in a position to discuss the issue which Candidate Blowers has raised. If he will be more specific we may make some headway.

However, I have never known a legislator who got more than he earned even if he did carry his codes home with him. I am certain that Mr. Blowers, when a member of the house of representatives, membership in which he now ridicules as only fit for knaves and fools, fully earned the extra two dollars which he says is the going price for codes carried home by legislators.

Inasmuch as those who have been members of the legislature are among the prominent men of a large proportion of the communities of the state, Candidate Blowers' gratuitous assault upon their integrity is going to make it difficult to get for the Blowers candidacy the consideration to which he believes it entitled.

SPECIALIZATION OR STAGNATION, WHICH?

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., June 26.—(To the Editor.)—A movement of far reaching significance for the welfare of this city and its business interests has been launched under the fascinating title of "Special Boosters." The ideal embodied in this name is a new one for the city, and promises to stir the community from end to end, in an effort to create a spirit of loyalty to our home town, and make our dollars do business in the place where they are earned.

A large group of the outstanding business men have lined up behind this organization, and new things and modern methods will be employed in the program as outlined in the publicity being prepared. This group will not supplant any of the existing groups that are working in the same direction but will endeavor to give new life to all and show consistent leadership, in turning that large stream of dollars now going out of our city into our own productive business.

That we all get into ruts is axiomatic and the difference between those who are in the rut and those who are specializing is that the rut leads nowhere, while the road of specialization will lead to the top of the mountain of success.

Every person in the city who is anxious to boost for Cottage Grove and our home town products, should get behind this scheme and give it the boost necessary to put it over in a really large way.

It is a good thing to stand off and get a view of our surroundings and see them from a new angle. A man became dissatisfied with his house and put it in the hands of a real estate firm to sell. In the local paper the firm published a description of the man's home. He read it. He rushed to the telephone, called the firm and instructed them to take the house off the market at once. When asked why he replied, "I have been looking for ten years for a place just like you have described, I have had it all the time and didn't know it." We have the ideal place in Cottage Grove, outsiders speak of it, let us get real civic pride and boost with the boosters.

SPECIAL BOOSTER.

STILL RED-BLOODED AMERICANS.

(Benton Independent.)

Some persons claim that young people today are short in their moral standards. This is a mistake. They may be freer in their actions, but they are better informed on social pitfalls than were their brothers and sisters a generation ago. We read about slick-haired shieks and flapping flappers but we overlook the army of wholesome young Americans who are interested in manly and womanly sports.

Artificial civilization has not taken away from the majority of us the delight in the primitive things of life—camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding and mountain climbing. A large percentage of magazines and books are devoted to stories of action, adventure, frontier happenings and deeds of heroism.

WE WIN FIRST ROUND.

Elbert Bede puts in a stirring plea urging that the University of Oregon be moved from Eugene to Cottage Grove. It is probable, however, that his impassioned appeal will fail to move officials of the institution—Bend Bulletin.

Well, we dunno. Our usual policy has been to oppose proposals for removal of the university, but Cottage Grove—well, if the university is ever removed we record our vote here and now for Cottage Grove. There is no finer town in Oregon or anywhere.—Eugene Register.

Speaking of the meteor which fell Sunday night the Eugene Register quoted several persons who saw the entire "phenomena." It must be that the Eugene country is not completely "dry." Down here we saw only a "phenomenon."

"IN THE PAPER."

(D. G. Bickers in Ukiah, Cal., Press.)

He put it in the paper when the little ones were born.
He made a local of it when one early autumn morn
They started off to school and when the holidays came 'round
He had a little story, and when Joe and May were found
To have led their classes there it was reported in a squib
That they were just "the brightest kids" that ever were—the fib!
And when they went a-visiting, right on the pers'nal page
Was mention of it neat and nice, and until they grew to age
The paper told their birthdays; and when Joe and May agreed
To be married, the announcement it was printed with a meed
Of the finest sort of compliments! And so year after year
The paper spoke in friendly way, would mention them . . . It's queer
They never once have thought to call with word of commendation,
In person give the paperman their real appreciation!

CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

C. P. O. BOX NO. 1234, SHANGHAI, China, May 20.—(To the Editor.)—Wars in China suggest sending you "Wu-ti," the Chinese god-of-war. He is seated. Behind is his armor-bearer. The general idea about Wu-ti is that he delights in war. That is not the Chinese idea of him. Once as a man nine feet high he performed great exploits in war, yet he is best known for his loyalty to friends and for protecting the weak. Officials and scholars worship him as the ideal of loyalty, soldiers do it to make them brave and protect them in battle, and the people worship him to protect them from war's horrors. He's called "Peace Bringer, Protector, Great God of Loyalty." But he makes not peace, nor protects nor makes loyal, so is a failure. He's also called "Warrior Prince." As to that name he's a great success! In spite of the claims of Nanking that China is united wars break out constantly, the Chinese war lords fighting each other—not fighting for patriotism nor for freedom but for money—to squeeze money from rich and poor alike. The most fighting is where the loot is richest. Reports make this war mess a real Chinese puzzle; but keep it in mind it's just a big scramble for money and power—then there's no puzzle about it except the puzzle as to how men can be so cruel as to bring such havoc and pain for money. But they know not Christ. We must stay and preach—not run.

Recently I have received letters from America suggesting that since "China has altogether gone to the bad and the Chinese are absolutely impossible" and since our "work among them has gone for nothing" then I should "quit and come home." I hope you don't think thus. The masses of Chinese though reminding one of "dumb driven cattle" are still friendly as ever. The war lords, the nationalists, the reds, the bandits, wars and evil propaganda are disturbing elements; but they are not China nor the Chinese. Terrible they are; but they do not represent the Chinese and their attitude toward us. Most of our Christians have kept loyal and have stood by us in time of real danger. This is true not only of Christians; but of many heathen too who have helped and protected us at much risk to themselves. The troubles in China have come from a fiercely aggressive and noisy minority, who make the great mass suffer untold hardships. The Chinese are not "impossible" and what Christianity has done for China during all these years has not "gone for nothing" but is planted deep in myriads of hearts of men, women and children. Shall we desert the Chinese because a comparatively few are wicked? A thousand times no.

Not only for Christianity's sake but for humanity's sake the Chinese common people's need calls us today. The wars and bandits have made sad havoc in many places and the famines, caused in some placed by too little rain and others by too much rain, have brought millions to starvation. The Chinese government has made a wonderfully great show of helping on paper but has done comparatively nothing to save the starving. The Chinese Red Cross and famine relief people are working hard but their efforts and their funds are hopelessly inadequate for the task. And for some reason very little help has come from organizations abroad, so that the famine-stricken people are indeed in an exceedingly bad way. I have never known a time when the lot of the common people was as hopeless as it is today. Oh that I were a multimillionaire and were a thousand young men so that I could throw myself into the breach and help save at least the mothers and children who are dying like flies in many places in China. I am not in a place ravaged by famine but should any readers of your excellent paper desire to help save life they can send gifts to me by draft, personal check, P. O. money order or by U. S. notes in registered letter and I shall do my best to see that they go to the most needy places in the famine districts, and so their gifts will all go to feed the hungry and relieve suffering. Best wishes and kindest regards. Yours in Christ's glad service.

(REV.) H. G. C. HALLOCK.

BRODIE TO STAY HOME.

Political writers sadly put to it to fill a certain amount of space each day have listed Envoy Extraordinary Brodie of Oregon City as a candidate for the position of national republican committeeman held by Ralph E. Williams. While it is not beyond the range of possibility that Envoy Extraordinary Ed might consder being a candidate for such a position in case there were a vacancy in the position, Ed is not a candidate for Ralph Williams' job, and will under no circumstances be such a candidate.

In the first place, Ed has never been accused of being lacking in political prescience, and he knows there is eminent satisfaction with the kind of job Ralph Williams is doing and no desire on the part of republicans of the state to make a change.

In the second place that is not the kind of job that would best suit Ed. He is not at present a candidate for any position, but should he seek a political plum he would be inclined to the diplomatic service, in which he has already served with some distinction.

However well qualified Ed may be for either one or both of these jobs, we are happy to know that he has just built a splendid home at Oregon City and is evidently a permanent fixture in the state. We need men like Ed in Oregon fully as much as the diplomatic service needs them.

The Albany Democrat-Hearld is worried for fear that it may make a mistake and shell out a $500 bill in place of a five-spot. Anyone who worries about making a mistake of this kind hasn't much need to worry.

We are pleased to have our exchanges quote from The Sentinel but we must object to arbitrary and unwarranted changing of words with intent to make a philological correction. The Siuslaw Oar changed "purpose" to "propose" in a recent quotation. The Oar may "propose" any kind of a retraction it may wish, but we do not "purpose" to let these things go unnoticed.

Take away hope and everyone would be a pessimist.

Nearly all mothers hope to bring up their boys with a few improvements on the immediately preceding generation, but before they get done a lot of these mothers would be satisfied if the succeeding generation had all of the old man's good qualities.

There is no sense in abusing those whose opinions differ from yours—besides you would have no excuse for expressing your opinions if there were none to disagree with you.

Thirty thousand watches were pawned in the United States in one year. There is a lot of valuable time wasted.

A safe camp fire is rather to be chosen than great catches of fish.

Just So!

The weaker sex is often the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.—Exchange.

Famous Steeplechase

The Grand National steeplechase is run at Aintree, England, and is considered the world's most famous steeplechase. The course is nearly 2¼ miles long, and a double circuit is made. There are 32 jumps.

Q. E. D.

"What fo' you name yo' baby 'Electricity,' Mose?"

"Well, mah name am Mose, and mah wife's name am Dinah, and if Dinahmose don't make electricity, what does dey make?"—Tit Bits.

Columbus' Chains

Columbus was carried back to Spain after his third voyage and during the trip he was such a sorrowful figure and the captain of the vessel had so much respect for him that he wanted to remove the chains, but Columbus refused, saying that they were put on by orders of their majesties and they must be removed the same way. Of course, when he reached Spain and was ordered freed, his request that they be given him was granted and his grandson writes that they never left him. It was his dying request that they be buried with him, and this was done.

Wails and Whales

A certain club possessed one member who was notorious for grumbling. Wet or fine, warm or cold, he always found something to grumble about.

One evening he was holding forth as usual about his bad luck.

"I'm a Jonah and a Job rolled into one," he complained, "only I don't happen to possess the patience of Job."

"Never mind, old man," murmured his victim, preparing to make his departure, "you've sthi got Jonah's wail."

Beetle Vindicated

Experiments show that while the beetle and other insects were being blamed for the destruction of public buildings, they are not guilty. Their jaws are quite unsuited to a diet of stone. All they do is to make their homes in the erosions made by the more deadly bacteria. Even hard, smooth marble does not come amiss to these bacteria, and, incredible as it may seem, experiments reveal that they will make an erosion on the hardest marble in three weeks.

Folly

In Judge Wilson's court recently, a middle-aged man protested vehemently against a heavy fine imposed on him for an act he had committed just in fun.

"I imposed that fine," stated his honor, "because you are old enough to have known better. Some kinds of fun are like insurance. The older you are, the more it costs you."—Los Angeles Times.

First Road Bonds

As early as 1894 New England issued bonds for road building, according to the American Automobile association.

Haste makes waste — specially true when you're leaving your camp fire.

America's Great Debt to Alexander Hamilton

Without any question it was Alexander Hamilton who laid the foundation for the material prosperity of the United States.

He was the founder of our whole financial system. As our first secretary of the treasury in President Washington's cabinet, Hamilton devised the governmental funding system, the internal revenue bureau, the sinking fund, the national bank, the federal mint and currency system.

He was the father of the protective tariff and was the first to propose and vigorously defend the doctrine of the "implied powers of the Constitution."

He was the first to advocate internal improvements and the building of roads and bridges.

Talleyrand, one of his old friends, passing Hamilton's window very late one night, wrote:

"I have seen a man who made the fortune of a nation and labored all night to support his own family."

After his death his private affairs were found to be in a terribly tangled condition and it was only through a special act of congress that his widow was supplied with funds.—Thrift Magazine.

Scientists Not Agreed as to Color of Moon

The moon is not white, it is brown; Mars is not red, it is green! These are the latest sugestions of astronomers. A committee of the Carnegie Institution, in Washington, reports that the apparent silvery whiteness of moonlight is due to contrast with the darkened sky. The actual color of the moon, they believe, is the dull brown of weathered rocks. This suggests that surface of the satellite may have been weathered by oxidation at some previous time, although the moon is known to have no atmosphere now.

Mars, according to E. J. Gounod of the Amateur Astronomers' association, may be covered with green vegetation like the earth. The reason it appears red, he says, is that the light rays have to pass through the atmosphere of both Mars and the earth before they reach our eyes. These atmospheres filter out the blue and green rays but allow the red rays to pass. The three reasons most often given for the red color of Mars are that the planet is "rusty" with iron rust, that its soil and rocks are red or that it is red vegetation.

Mahogany's Blossoms

The mahogany tree bears panicles of small white or yellowish flowers that sometimes turn reddish.

Baffles Scientists

The remarkable electrical phenomenon sometimes witnessed at sea, and generally termed St. Elmo's fire, never has been satisfactorily explained by science, says H. J. Andrews, in the White Star Magazine.

It is a luminous body which can be seen on wet nights perching on or skipping about the masts and rigging of a ship. Sometimes there are two such flames, and the ancient Roman sailors gave the name of Helena to the single light and termed the double one Castor and Pollux. Helene, in Greek, signified a torch, and Castor and Pollux were the twin sons, in classical mythology, of Jupiter and Leda.

Will Learn From Expert

Jud Tunkins says he has made money enough to give him a hankering for social position. So he's going far away from home for a while and get a job as a butler, so's to learn what good manners are really like.—Washington Star.

Ignorance Is Bliss

Probably the most trusting nature is that of the person who goes from house to house with a sample case, trying to get orders for something, and thinks no one is at home because the bell isn't answered.—Ohio State Journal.

Scenting Teas

Tea is scented artificially by exposing the dried leaves to the blossoms of such flowers as the sweet scented olive, the gardenia, rose and jasmine.

The Rule

"It seems very strange to me that you editors refuse articles when written on both sides of the paper," remarked Bacon. "Now there's Kipling; he wrote on both sides of the Atlantic, and yet editors did not reject his stuff."

Better a dead camp fire than a dead forest.

Service Draws Big Congregation.

A large congregation attended the union church service held Sunday night in the Christian church. Several special numbers were sung by a union choir and Rev. Duncan P. Cameron of the Presbyterian church preached on "An Angel Standing in the Sun."

Rev. W. J. Morrow of the Methodist church will preach at the union service at 8 o'clock Sunday evening in the Baptist church and his subject will be "An Essential in Christian Living." Special music will be furnished by a union choir.

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Newspaper's Job Plant Serves Whole Community

"Well, Joe, so your daughter is going to be married! Got an invitation today. Some class to the announcement, too. Where did you have them done—out of town, I suppose."

"I should say not! Why should I pay extra to have the work done away from home? I went to George Stone over at the weekly office, and his printer ran off the invitations on their job press for much less than I would have to pay out of town."

"Of course, I might have known that. Especially when George does so much job printing for me. The weekly office gets out all my advertising handbills and circulars, as well as my letterheads, envelopes, statements and other printing. It costs very little, too."

"Yes, the weekly's job printing plant is a regular public utility to this town. Though it is privately owned, it is of as much service as the electric light plant or the telephone company."

"Not only that, but the weekly office really understands the art of printing as well as the business of typesetting and press operation. They turn out some beautiful jobs. Do you remember that handsome Christmas announcement they printed for my store? Done in colors on the best paper, and at very low cost."

"It is because of their fine work, I guess, that they are doing all the work for the community."

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