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CAN ONE BE CANDID?

Mark Sullivan, formerly editor of Colliers, but more recently a freelance writer on political questions, whose stories are carried by many papers recently presented one in which he discussed the impossibility of being candid, when discussing matters political.

To the average layman that may seem a strange statement of the facts. There are many who will declare that it is easy to be perfectly candid; and add that they always are.

But are they? Do doubt they think they are, because when stating their opinion of political conditions, they, nine times out of ten, are declaring to be facts, conditions as they would like them to be.

How many people are perfectly candid in discussing politics with their friends, when those friends are of the opposite political faith?

Theoretically it is easy to be candid, and it is the only way for a newspaper to be; and most newspapers especially in their news columns make an effort to be candid, though often they do not succeed.

On the editorial page every newspaper has the right to discuss the issues of the day from the individual view point of the editor, for that page is properly labelled and the readers of American papers have long been educated to the partisan attitude of the vast majority of publications. Therefore the public does not have to read, nor having read to agree with the sentiments of the writers. There is no ground for accusing a paper of deception if the statement is made on its editorial page, but when editorial comment creeps into news columns it is no longer news, but propaganda.

From now on the public will be regaled with partisan news in some of the publications. Attempts will be made to indicate how public opinion stands. There are many ways of doing this, some of which are legitimate, and the discriminating reader will be able to recognize them. Statements made under the signatures of well known writers may be taken for their face value, if the writer has earned a reputation for veracity, good judgment and political insight which entitles him to that consideration; but not otherwise.

VOTE EMPHATICALLY NO

The one safe thing for Oregon voters to do this fall so far as initiative bills is concerned is to vote No.

This especially is true concerning the proposed Roosevelt Bird reserve bill which is Finley's last attack on the prosperity of Harney county.

If this bill is approved by the voters it means the end of progress for Harney county. It means that there never will be any development in all that great region. It means that there never will be any need for the building of a railroad across Central Oregon for all that it will ever be used for is a nesting place for fowls and a breeding place for jack rabbits and coyotes.

And what is more the bill as drawn now is a subterfuge. It is misleading for its terms are such that federal fanatics back in Washington and the men of the Finley ilk in Oregon will be able to raise the issue that the so called includes the streams that drain the valley, so that by deeding the lake the people of Oregon will in fact be deeding practically all of Harney county and setting that vast region aside for a bunch of migratory birds.

The people of Malheur county should not be fooled. They are in a better position to realize what this bill will mean than the people of Western Oregon. Over there there are many who do not realize what an injury they will be working up on Harney county by voting for this bill and that is but another reason why every man and woman in Malheur county should vote emphatically NO on this bill.

GET READY FOR ACTION

The time for a municipal improvement is that time when commercial activities are quiet. If civic improvements were so planned to dovetail with commercial stagnation then the problem of reasonable labor would to a large degree be solved.

While there is no reason for believing that commercial activity will slump badly next season, there is reason to believe that it will not be as active as in the past two years, and therefore this is the time to consider what can be done to assist in maintaining work at a reasonable level.

If every community laid off on its

improvement program now. If all commercial building were to be reduced to the positive minimum business men of America would be doing just that which would bring on hard times. But if the forward looking men, who realize the need for keeping America employed will set their mind to it there is enough work that needs to be done to keep the nation prosperous.

This is one of the reasons that makes this the ideal time to consider the Owyhee Project and to get the lineup for its construction. It is a worthy project. There is no question about that, and next year with even a slight reduction in the prices of material and labor it can be built at figures that will make the water right under the project a reasonable one.

Ontario at last is to have a fire truck. This indeed will be a good word to send out to the fire insurance men who make the rates for the city and state.

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In The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For Malheur County.

H. P. Rowe, Plaintiff,
vs.
Nettie Atwater being one and the same person as Nellie Atwater; Edwin H. Atwater being one and the same person as E. H. Atwater; Rosella Smith formerly Rosella Mack; Clara Mack Crouch being one and the same person as Clara Mack Couch; Jareb G. Culver being one and the same person as Jacob G. Culver; Mary Lewis a widow, Richard Mack, Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Mrs. Thomas Waldie, Mrs. Paul Schnoker, Mrs. John Waldie, and Mrs. L. W. Mason and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, being all of the heirs at law of the Charles Mack, deceased, and all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title or interest in and to the property described herein.

Defendants.
To: Nettie Atwater being one and the same person as Nellie Atwater; Edwin H. Atwater being one and the same person as E. H. Atwater; Rosella Smith formerly Rosella Mack; Clara Mack Crouch being one and the same person as Clara Mack Couch; Jareb G. Culver being one and the same person as Jacob G. Culver; Mary Lewis a widow, Richard Mack, Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Mrs. Thomas Waldie, Mrs. Paul Schnoker, Mrs. John Waldie, Mrs. L. W. Mason and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, being all of the heirs at law of the Charles Mack, deceased, and all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title or interest in and to the property described herein, defendants above named:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

You are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against, you, in the above entitled

suit, on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof, plaintiff above named will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, on file herein to-wit: For an Order and Decree of the Court that you and each of you have no right, title, interest, claim, lien or estate in and to the Lots 11, 12 and the North Half (N½) of Lot 13, all in Block 127, of the City of Ontario, County of Malheur, State of Oregon, and for an Order and Decree quieting plaintiff's title against each and all of you, in and to said premises, and for such other and further relief as the Court may see just and equitable.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. Dalton Biggs, Circuit Judge of Malheur County, Oregon, duly made and entered on September 30th, 1920.

R. W. SWAGLER,
Attorney for Plaintiff, Residing at Ontario, Oregon.
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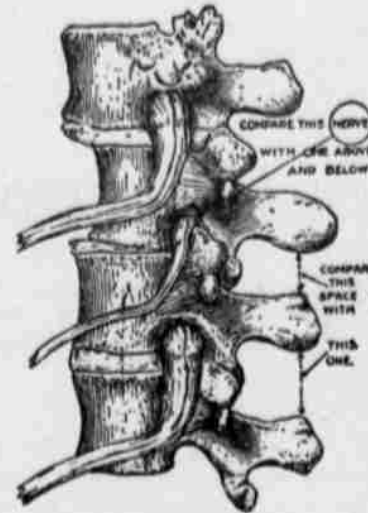
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Bonds and warrants	144,415.84	Circulation	12,200.00
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