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POPULAR CITIZEN ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are glad to be able to print this week the formal announcement of Oscar Steelhammer, as a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Assessor.

The office of County Assessor is one of the most important county offices that the people will be called upon to fill at the coming primary election, in that the duties of that office are such as vitally effect the interest of every taxpayer. Marion county has too long elected to important offices, politicians who have proved inefficient in the performance of their duties by reason of their political prejudices and favors, which were used for the political advancement of the office holder and at the expense of the unfavored who were forced to bear the unjust burden of over taxation.

Mr. Steelhammer is a young man, and this is the first time he has ever been a candidate for any elective office, and he has no political friends to reward, nor enemies to punish. He has had six years experience as chief deputy in the office which he seeks and consequently is familiar with the work in its every detail, and is capable of and will render efficient and impartial service if elected.

Mr. Steelhammer has been a resident of Marion County for 30 years and is a son of A. G. Steelhammer, the honest, respected, hard working blacksmith of Silverton. Although never active in politics, he has always been a strong Republican and a staunch supporter of the candidates and principals endorsed by the G. O. P.

With no feeling of animosity or ill will towards any of the other candidates for Assessor, we must declare ourselves as being unqualifiedly in favor of Oscar Steelhammer and his nomination and election signifies an efficient and impartial administration of the office and a square deal for every tax payer in Marion County.

Lost---One North Pole

Now that Peary is dead, what has become of the North Pole? We do not notice any mention of it in the settlement of his estate, and just as like as not it has got away and gone back to the land of ice cream and frost-bitten veracity.

Doc Cook still maintains that he has it, packed carefully away in moth balls, but then Doc associated so many years with the Esquimaux that his veracity is like Morgan's money--tainted. The only testimony we have to support Doc is that of the little fur-clad niggers of the frozen north, and the Esquimaux, understand, never heard of Ananias, and don't care a darn if he did. Although more or less human, and a manly and courageous race along purely physical lines, it is authoritatively stated that a barrel of gumdrops would corrupt the whole of Greenland, including every ice rouse abutting adjoining or thereunto appertaining. The Esquimaux, even under normal conditions, never even pretended to tell the truth. He is a prevericator by any old wrist watch, sans hands, crystal and intestines, including stem-wind and mainspring. He knows nothing of sextants or chronometers, latitude or longitude,

NATIONAL BANK TO BE STARTED IN OUR GROWING TOWN

Mr. F. N. Austin of Maxwell, Nebraska, arrived in Stayton, Thursday, and contemplates putting in a National Bank in our growing town.

He says the field looks very good for a second bank, and he knows the community will grow bigger and better with competition that two banks will give. He has been in the banking business in Nebraska fifteen years and carries some good letters of recommendation.

Etoile de L'Est Club Elects New Officers

The Etoile de L'Est Club met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Mayo with Mrs. Hobson and Mrs. J. C. Mayo assisting.

During the short business session officers were elected for the next 6 months as follows:

Mrs. Grace Niebert, Pres.; Mrs. Nina Ringo, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Emma Sloper, Sec'y.; Mrs. Eliza Taylor, Treas.

The afternoon was planned as a "Mad March Hare" party and it was greatly enjoyed by all present, after which the hostess served a dainty luncheon.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

I formerly announce my candidacy for the nomination of County Assessor for Marion County, on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held on May 21, 1920. My campaign will be conducted upon the platform of fitness for the office, based upon six years experience as Chief Deputy. I solicit and will appreciate the favorable consideration of the Republican voters of Marion County of my candidacy for said nomination.

Oscar A. Steethammer

Taxpayers Meeting

The Marion County Taxpayers League hereby issues a call for a general mass meeting to be held at the Marion County Courthouse Saturday, March 20th at 10 o'clock a.m. This meeting is to afford citizens and taxpayers an opportunity to learn more about the tax measures placed on the ballot at the special election in May next, which if sustained by the people, will increase state tax levies over one hundred per cent, over and above the state levy already made for 1920. You are invited to come to this meeting and consider whether the proposed increase should be authorized at this time.

If the "Father of His Country" could come back and take a look around any large city, and note the three foreigners to one American, and listen to their jabbering lingo about tearing down the government he fought for, he would wonder what in the blazes he was father to.

only what he is told, and that for not more'n a minute.

Well, anyhow, if Doc Cook can't produce the pole or the evidence, it is a cinch that, loving Peary as he does, he will stoutly maintain that the latter swiped it and took it along with him to ward off or alleviate climate conditions verging on the other extreme.

John A. Hess Claims But One Wife Wife No. 2 Affinity Only---Both Deney Marriage at Vancouver

John A. Hess, formerly residing at 1703 South 13th street, Salem, has been arrested on a charge of Polygamy upon the information by his wife Maude A. Hess. It is reported that Hess and his wife separated last fall while working at Livesley's hop yard about four miles south of Salem. It is reported that the trouble between them in part was one Nora Dennis, also known as Nora Blakely, formerly of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Gossip has it that this woman came to Organ from Texas in August, 1919, upon some kind of matrimonial adventure. Seemingly she later changed her mind and found employment at Salem where she met Hess. She had lived in the home of Judge J. B. Grier in Stayton for a while and after her alleged marriage to Hess they came to Stayton presumably to spend their honeymoon, during which time they were guests at the Grier home. They represented that they had been married at Vancouver, Wn. Things went well for a few days and then the whole romance was broken like a bubble from a new clay pipe.

Hess was arrested by the sheriff of Marion county upon a warrant charging him with larceny by bailee, and was taken to Salem where he was lodged in the county jail. It appears that he was charged with stealing a suit of clothes he was wearing. His defence was that he had only borrowed the clothes to get married in and intended to return them. He claimed here that he had purchased a wedding suit, but it did not fit just to suit his taste, and that while it was being altered, he borrowed the suit he was wearing.

Mrs. Hess, No. 1, who is employed in Salem, got word of the trouble and discovered that her husband claimed to be married to another woman, although he was not divorced from wife No. 1. She had him arrested on a charge of Polygamy. When ar-

ranged in the justice court he waived examination which puts the matter directly before the grand jury for investigation. He and wife No. 2 now claim that they were not married.

Mr. Hess while in Stayton on his (honeymoon?), claimed that he was a member of the fire department of Oakland, Calif., and was only up here on a visit when he met the woman whose name is "Dennis," although it is now known that he has lived in Salem for several years last past and has a wife and child also living there. Hess and the Dennis woman both claim to be childhood friends and met here by accident. This story seems improbable in view of the circumstances. Mrs. Hess No. 2 seems to be a woman of forty years of age, although she claims to be only 26. Hess is 28 according to his own statement.

There have been some stories circulated that Mrs. Hess No. 2, is a wealthy woman, owning over a thousand acres of land in Texas and interests in several oil wells. Her conduct indicates that she has a child's mind. Her representations of wealth may have had some bearing upon the situation as it has now developed. Hess, although not living with his wife is a proper subject of censure, however, this woman, who is reported as having been married more than once, is deserving of the same punishment that will probably be handed out to Hess.

Secures Divorce

Joseph H. Klecker was granted a decree of divorce from his wife, Elizabeth Klecker, by an order of the court yesterday. The papers state that the couple were married in Stayton, August 29, 1914. Mr. Klecker claims that his wife deserted him in April of 1916, and since against his will, has lived apart from him. The divorce was granted on a basis of desertion. — Statesman.

If You Like Us Let Us Know It

If with pleasure you are viewing any work we have been doing,

If you like us or you love us, tell him now;

Don't withhold your approbation, 'til the parson makes oration

As we lie with snowy lilies o'er our brow;

For no matter how you shout it, we won't really care about it;

We won't know how many teardrops you have shed;

If you think some praise is due us, now's the time to slip it to us;

For we cannot read our tombstone when we're dead!

More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny

And the hearty warm approval of a friend;

For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver,

And it gives you heart and spirit to the end;

If we earn your praise, bestow it; if you like us let us know it;

Let the words of true encouragement be said;

Do not wait till life is over and we're underneath the clover,

For we cannot read our tombstone when we're dead.

BAT-INFEST-ED BELFRIES

It does seem as if we poor microbes here upon earth just had to have some sort of hallucination rainbow to chase after and if it is not one kind of a bug in our bonnets it is another.

The occult is always alluring, because we know nothing about it, and the less we know about such things the more many of us want to be stirring up their dry bones and rattling their skeletons. Some religious creeds are based upon superstition, and thus attract the superstitious, while other creeds are based more upon common sense and attract the sensible.

Some tribes worship the sun, and others worship snakes, while one back in Wall street worships golden calves and one is about as sane as the other. Some people believe sins can be forgiven after death while others believe sins must be forgiven before death, and it is barely possible that both are right. Those who are dead have a habit of staying dead a long while and not coming back to put us wise about all these things.

That is, not until lately. We understand they come back every few days now and make manifestations and talk politics and other interesting things to those who sit around a ouija board with fingers on the board, feet upon the chair rung and brain pan entirely empty. The dispatches are stating that men and women of supposed sanity and intelligence, some of them noted, educated and enlightened, are putting in no end of valuable time conversing with the spirits by medium of this ouija board and that one of them has just offered \$5000 cash for positive proof of communication with the spirits. Scores are after the coin, (spiritual mediums usually are,) and declare they will produce the proof.

If spirits enjoy a joke they must get a few smiles out of the fact that these deluded mortals think the spirits have no mors sense than they have.

This sort of thing can hardly be accounted for upon any other hypothesis than that nearly every mortal has some kind of a crank in his mentality, some sort of bug in the bean, some variety of bat in the belfry, which if it does not manifest itself in one way will, sooner or later, in another.

If there are any spirits "over yonder" probably they are as apt to be everywhere as anywhere, but we should think they could find something more profitable to be doing than monkeying around a ouija board.

We have seen spirits, ourself, in the olden days before prohibition got stylish, but they were not the ouija board kind. That kind had red eyes, saw teeth and sixteen tails, and they done a shimmy dance up and down the footboard of the bedstead. They were likely spirits, superinduced by beverages not drawn from Nature's pump, and akin to the snakes people used to have to empty out of their boots.

One can see a goggle-eyed Joss any day or night in New York or San Francisco, sitting cross-legged in a joss-house, sbitting red fire and ready all the time to put anybody in touch with the spirit world upon two-bits being dropped into the copper kettle nearby. And Chinamen come in frequently, pay the price and get

LLOYD RIGDON TO BE CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CORONOR

Lloyd T. Rigdon, member of W. T. Rigdon & Son, undertakers, today filed his declaration of intention of being a candidate for the republican nomination for county coroner of Marion county, in the primary election on May 21. Mr. Rigdon has never been a candidate for or held any political office, except as a member of the Salem City council, which office he resigned early in 1918 to enter the service of Uncle Sam. Upon his return from the army he assumed active management of the underlying establishment, and has conducted it since.

Lloyd Rigdon is a native of Marion county, attended the public schools and University in Salem and is a graduate of the Capital Business College and the Cincinnati School of Embalming. He has been associated with his father in the undertaking business for ten years, and is eminently qualified for the position of coroner. He is 29 years old.

On his declaration of intention Mr. Rigdon states that he will "perform the duties incumbent upon the office in a straightforward and economical manner." He also claims to stand for "honest and faithful service; economical administration."

The office of coroner has been held in this county for 24 years by A. M. Clough of the Webb & Clough company. — Capital Journal.

OBITUARY

Mable Smith, daughter of Martin E. and Elizabeth Smith, was born in Ohio in 1888. She came with her parents to Oregon in the fall of 1891, they settled in the Waldo Hills district four miles north of Sublimity.

Here she attended school in the Oak Grove school house and in that vicinity she grew to womanhood.

She was married in the fall of 1911 at the Catholic church in Sublimity to Joseph G. Etzel, and with the exception of a few months spent in California, has resided in the Waldo Hills district.

She died at her home on March 7th of Influenza, having been sick only a few days and her death was a severe shock to her many friends and relatives.

She is survived by her husband and a number of relatives in this vicinity.

Funeral was held from the Catholic church at Sublimity, March 9th, with Rev. Father Lainck officiating, interment was in the Catholic cemetery there.

The pallbearers were: Joe Shreve, Joe Zuber, Michael Benedict, Amil Schott, Martin Zuber and Philip Steffis.

H. B. Jones, who has been running a summer resort up on the McKenzie, for some time, was in Stayton Thursday visiting his cousin, Jack Jones. This is H. B.'s first visit to Stayton for eighteen years.

down and tap their heads several times on the floor, as an evidence of good faith or something.

We never drove down any nails in the floor with our ivory dome that was, but after all is said and done, what is the difference between some such spiritual scheme as that and the ouija board?