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PORTLAND JOURNAL IN SPASMS

The people of Oregon have witnessed the spectacle of what might have been a great daily paper that worked itself into a frenzy over what must have been a guilty conscience.

The Oregon Daily Journal, has been attempting to make one grandstand effort followed by another for weeks, to create public sentiment, coerce, force, drive, compel and otherwise influence the Oregon legislature to jump through the hoop which the Journal held, in view of the people, by abolishing the tax publication law.

Since it is known by all our readers that The Crook County Journal has been and is now publishing the tax list in this county, we have felt it best to say nothing on the subject until the issue was decided. As the bill has been passed, not the Portland Journal's bill but a better one in our judgment, we will say a thing or two.

Had the charges that were made by the Portland Journal been as truthful as they would lead the legislators to believe, no power on earth could have prevented the passage of the bill they seemed to wish passed. The facts are however that when the members of the legislature found that the best interests of the tax payers are served only by some kind of a publication law, handled in an honest manner by an honest county court, they did not line up just because the Portland daily wished them to and passed the bill considered the best for the people, the ravings of the Journal to the contrary notwithstanding.

The fight put up by this organ, finally evolved a principle that would make the Portland Journal the controlling power in the politics of the state, and while they exposed some things in connection with the publications in some counties that affected heavily against officials who prepared the copy and paid the bills for at least one of these publications, most of the charges made against publishers were no doubt greatly exaggerated or false altogether.

The collection of taxes is a matter that everyone feels keenly, and no unnecessary expense should be connected with it. The protection of every man's title is a duty the state owes to the individual and no other effective way seems to have been

devised but the present system. The addition of the clause which calls for a postal card notice before the publication of the list is a good one, and its adoption is due to Representative Forbes, for which he is entitled to great credit. It will no doubt mean a great saving, and the final publication of the lists will at the same time protect the delinquent.

IS NOW HISTORY

The legislature has adjourned, and the people can now set about the task of finding out just what new laws have been written into the statute books.

Some excellent measures have passed. Just how they will work out remains to be seen.

The dry laws, of which there are two or three instead of one, as many people suppose, are the most stringent that any western state has yet seen, and no doubt will make the use of liquors expensive and very inconvenient for anyone in the state.

A man was arrested and fined because he came into Klamath Falls with a flask in his pocket one day last week, which shows that the work of enforcement is already on.

An anti-cigarette law which makes the practice of smoking by minors very dangerous and providing for the punishment of the minor and the party supplying the means of his smoking as well, was substituted for a bill that abolished that practice by persons of all ages only after the fact was discovered after the last mentioned bill had passed, that it was unconstitutional.

Two sterilization laws were passed, both fine constructive pieces of legislation, and some other reform measures that show that Oregon is going ahead rapidly and sanely.

A long list of other bills was passed of course, but the above were of a kindred nature, and will have the greatest moral effect on the state that can be imagined.

DRY IN 1920

The national house of representatives has passed a bill asking for the submission of the nation dry measure at a general election, to the people.

The measure will perhaps not get to the senate this session, but will pass that body without a doubt we are told by those in a position to know.

It is quite easy to make a prophecy, and we believe that this matter will be an issue for the consideration of the voters at the national election in 1920, and if so, a dry United States is practically certain at that time.

Sentiment has been in favor of the national issue in the west for a long time, and there is little doubt about the result once the measure gets on the ballots of all the people.

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BIDS ON 16 INCH NAVY SHELLS

No Chance For Profit in Them Under Present Tests, Grace Says—Possible Explanation of the Prices Made by an English Firm Which Bids Under All American Manufacturers.

Speaking recently before the Terrapin Club of Philadelphia, Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, said in part: In a peculiar sense Bethlehem Steel serves the American people.

For example, though we have been able to obtain in Europe almost any price, we have adhered, in our charges to the United States Government, to the basis of prices established before the war began.

We agreed—if the Government would abandon its plans for a Federal plant—to make armor for our Navy at any price the Government itself might consider fair.

Our ordnance plants are at the disposal of the nation at a fair operating cost, plus a small margin, thus saving the Government investment and depreciation.

One of the special needs of the new navy is sixteen-inch guns—guns sixty feet long and capable of hurling a 2000 pound shell with such power and accuracy as to hit a 50 foot square target fifteen miles away.

We have undertaken voluntarily to construct, at a cost of \$4,500,000, a plant fitted to build sixteen-inch guns.

Under no conceivable circumstances can orders which we may receive for this plant pay even a fair return on the investment.

Considerable comment has been made upon the fact that a British manufacturer recently bid less than American manufacturers for sixteen and fourteen-inch shells for the navy.

I am unable to state the basis upon which the English bid was made. It should be remembered, however, that this bid was for a specific shell, samples of which are being sent over for test—a test not yet made.

Two years ago we took an order for 2400 fourteen-inch armor-piercing shells at a contract price of \$768,000, to be delivered within a certain time or we had to pay a large penalty.

The only specifications for making these shells are that they shall be of a certain size and must pierce armor-plate at a certain velocity on impact. It is impossible to foretell the exact conditions of the tests.

We had made large quantities of shells in the past which had been accepted. But in placing this particular order the Department altered the angle at which the tested shells must pierce armor-plate. The result, however, has been absolute inability on our part to produce in any quantity, shells which will meet these novel tests. In fact, we know of no process of projectile-making through which it is possible to produce in quantities shells which will conform to the requirements.

The result is that up to now on that contract of \$768,000, we have put into actual operating expense \$447,881, and have been penalized for non-delivery \$465,744, a total of \$913,625, with no receipts whatever.

Such was the experience in the light of which we were called upon recently to bid for sixteen-inch shells.

We bid on these shells at approximately the same rate per pound as that of a fourteen-inch shell contract of one year ago upon which the Government awarded contracts.

We have not the slightest idea what profit there will be in the making of these shells. We do not know that there will be any. There is no certainty that it would be possible for us to deliver a shell to meet the test.

For officers in the Navy to assume that any bid made under such conditions is "exorbitant" is utterly unfair.

We bid on the new battle-cruisers sums which Navy department experts, after examination of our books, found would yield a profit of less than ten per cent. We agreed to assume risks for increased costs of materials and labor, that made it possible that these contracts might yield no profit whatever.

The costs run beyond the amount appropriated by Congress on the basis of the cost estimates made a year ago.

And because shipbuilders could not alter the inexorable cost facts and reduce bids to early estimates of the Navy Department, the prices are called "exorbitant."

It would be a real advantage to be relieved of this naval construction. The profit from it cannot possibly amount to much, and the responsibility is enormous.

We have determined to make this offer to the American Government.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 16th, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that HARRY L. VAN METER JR., of Prineville, Oregon, who, on September 27th, 1912, made Homestead Entry, No. 012668, for S 1/2 NE 1/4, Section 15, Township 16-South, Range 15-East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Lake M. Bechtel, U. S. Commissioner, at Prineville, Oregon, on the 24th day of March, 1917.

Claimant names as witnesses: Alier Grant, George W. Wells, James A. Moffitt, Aida G. Brown, all of Prineville, Oregon. H. FRANK WOODCOCK, Register.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR CROOK COUNTY.

Mary, E. Penland, Plaintiff, vs. James H. Penland, Defendant.

To James H. Penland, the above named defendant—GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON

You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed in the above entitled cause of action against you on or before the 7th day of April, 1917, and if you fail to so appear and answer or otherwise plead to the complaint of the plaintiff herein, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the above named Court for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant; granting and awarding unto the plaintiff the sole custody and control of Charles Avery, adopted minor child; granting unto the plaintiff her costs and disbursements herein and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable in the premises.

This Summons is published pursuant to an order so to do made by Hon. T. E. J. Duffy, Judge of the above named Court, said order being made and entered on the 14th day of February, 1917.

DENTON G. HURDICK, Attorney for Plaintiff. Date of first publication February 22nd, 1917. 1247c

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