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Galloway is still declaring the state wet.

Robert A. Booth, behind two banks, with two lumber companies, tied up to privilege-seeking big business concerns, and trying to be put over on the voters as "the peoples' candidate for the U. S. senate. It's a cinch it won't go in Clackamas county.

If by owning its own mail cars the government can save something like \$2700 annually on each car, why not buy the cars?—Portland Journal. And why not buy the railroads, the wire corporations, the cold storage plants, the coal mines?

State Grange Master Spence presented a resolution at the National Grange convention demanding that the U. S. postal deposits should be loaned to farmers and home builders at a nominal interest rate. There is no good reason why these classes of workers should not be given this, and there is every reason why they should. And constant demanding, backed by the votes of the demanders, will get this right some day.

Here's a press dispatch, under a Washington date line: Government ownership of telephone and telegraph systems is under serious consideration by the Wilson administration. Fifteen years ago, when Bryan returned from his trip abroad and advocated government ownership of railroads, the papers and the people called him crazy, just plumb locoed and dangerous. But we change our ideas—eh?

In a two column article in Sunday's Oregonian, Dan Malarkey, president of the senate, proposes ways to protect the people from the legislature, without abolishing the senate. One is not to allow the legislature to convene more often than once in three or four years, and the other to have a commission replace the whole legislature. These will probably come home to roost next year, when the campaign opens to abolish the senate. Coming from the president of the senate, they are pretty warm.

Being asked what he thought of this country getting into war with Mexico, Congressman Murdock of Kansas gave the following sensible reply: "Until I get ready to risk my own neck and my boy's neck to settle the differences of a tobacco government I shall not clamor for anyone else to risk his neck. As it stands I believe the honor of my beloved country has not been seriously hurt—at least not seriously enough to move me personally to miss many meals avenging it. And until a man gets ready to go to war or send his son he should not talk of war."

The Jefferson Review criticizes Judge Kelly for his decision that Phil Livesley is entitled to the office of Mayor of Woodburn. The Review says: "Now what we want to know is: who elected Livesley. The people wouldn't and Kelly couldn't, so it looks as though the old mayor, who had taken an oath to serve until his successor was elected and qualified, should have held on to the job. Anyhow, what kind of a man is Phil Livesley, to use the courts to force himself into the office after his home people said by their votes they didn't want him?"

A PICTURE OF U'REN (McMinnville Telephone-Register) The semi-monthly magazine section of the Sunday Oregonian contained the face of a "typical American," being the composite of four hundred eminently representative men selected from a lot of 52,000 Americans prominent in big business, and in shaping the character and thought of the nation. The Oregonian will probably not be willing to concede it, but many other people will readily concede that the picture is a striking resemblance to Oregon's leading statesman, W. S. U'Ren. A direct photograph of Mr. U'Ren would have saved lots of time, labor and money.

The Panama canal, ready to bring two oceans together and serve the nations of the world, proves the power and possibility of government ownership, government management and effective work by salaried government employees.—New York Journal.

THE PRUDENT FAR-REACHING MAN lays the foundation of a fortune much as a mason builds a brick wall, a brick at a time. The man who will not lay the first brick because it falls short of a completed wall, will not make much progress in acquiring a competency. Many people live up their incomes and decline to save because the amount available to start with appears too small. The greatest financiers are not above caring for the pennies, and this reliable financial institution will gladly aid you in saving yours. Start a savings account with us today.

The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

OREGON CITY'S ELECTION

(Portland Journal)

Members of the legal profession say that as a general proposition, law is crystallized common sense. Judge Campbell seems to have adopted this definition in his decision, refusing to declare void Oregon City's election which resulted in making that city "dry." He held that the county clerk had the right to place the local option measure on the ballot.

This ruling is important in view of Judge Galloway's recent finding that Salem's election on the liquor question was void for the reason that it was not held at the time of a general state city election. The supreme court will decide between the two judges. The issues were the same in both cases. The Salem case was decided by the lower court on the contention that cities whose election occur in December must vote on local option either at the December election or at a general state election in November. Judge Campbell held that the law does not distinguish between a special and a general election so far as the question at issue is concerned.

This difference of opinion is a question for lawyers and judges to decide, but there is a larger proposition in Judge Campbell's ruling which appeals to the ordinary individual. He held that the liquor interests' demand for an order setting aside the county clerk's declaration of the election's result came too late. He said the brewers and saloonkeepers might have had a standing in court had they asked before the election for a restraining order to prevent the county clerk from placing the local option measure on the ballot.

There were no charges of fraud in the election, and Judge Campbell refused to set aside the action of the county clerk or of the county court, holding that in the absence of fraud allegations the presumption is that the law was observed.

This view of the situation follows the dictates of common sense. It is an established principle of law that people must ask its protection at the proper time. If they do not, then law can give them no protection. In the Oregon City case the liquor interests made their first fight at the election and they lost. Then they appealed to the courts in the hope that strict construction of the law would save them from the onus of defeat. Whether or not Judge Campbell has stated the law, the fact is clear that a majority of the people of Oregon City voted for the town to be dry, and that by the only known test it should remain dry until there is another vote.

MAKING WORK

Governor West has called a meeting of the state emergency board for today, and he will ask that \$50,000 be made available to give employment on the public roads to the unemployed workmen of the valley. Tuesday's Oregonian related how 1,000 idle men paraded the streets of Portland, carrying banners and calling attention that they must have work.

There are 8,000 idle men in Portland today, Oregon City is filled with them, and every train on the Southern Pacific is black with them.

There are more men than jobs. This is not only true of the Pacific coast, but the whole country. These men must and will live. They must and will have food and clothing.

Governor West thinks it is better for the state to give these men a living outside of jail than inside.

The governor is right. Men must eat. When they can't get it honestly they will break into jail to get it.

There are far too many millionaires in this country and far too many vagrants.

The ratio is constantly increasing. Improved machinery, new inventions and giant combinations of capital are making millionaires and paupers.

That the state must provide food for hungry men is a certainty. Governor West is meeting it. He believes it is best to give them value received on the public roads than to put the state to a big expense of paying for crime.

The time is coming when every state has simply GOT to provide work for its people, and to Oregon the time is here.

PERHAPS

In a few months another campaign will be in full swing in Oregon. A senator to succeed Senator Chamberlain will be chosen, this time by direct popular vote, a new governor will be elected and several county officers. In upper political circles have been buzzing for some months. According to precedent Gov. Oswald West should be candidate for the senate. But perhaps Mr. Chamberlain is not willing to step aside, and he should be the stronger candidate of the two. Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton will have the toga, but has been waiting for the voice of the people to summon him. Let him listen ever so sharply, he will probably not hear the call—for it is not going to be mad, and if he runs it is not on his own initiative. Walter M. Here and Ben Selling might enter the lists again. But would run strong. But the chances are some new candidates will come to the front—Enterprise Chieftain.

THE LAST GUESS

(Chieftain, Enterprise, Ore.) The high courts of Oregon continue their task of undoing the work of the legislature. Now it is the new registration law, which is declared faulty. "Ignorance of the law excuses no one," is the old saying. But how is a person to know the law? The legislature puts a new act on the statute books and the state goes to great expense to comply with it. Then in the rarified atmosphere of the Supreme court the law is found unconstitutional or defective, and is wiped off the records. Both W. Sheahan has found an authority giving this sage opinion: "The law is the last guess of the last court."

Notice

I am shipping apples to Oregon City market, as my own market cannot use all my apples. They are not "Hood River apples" but are good enough for anybody, and I don't expect fancy prices. My apples may be found at Larsen & Co., and Elliott's. R. S. Gee.

A HINT OF RECALL

(Eugene Register)

The technical objections raised by the "wets" as a result of the Springfield election were given scant consideration by Judge Harris Saturday. He went deeper than technicalities and accepted the will of the people as final, giving his decision in accordance with justice. With Judge Galloway it was different. If the law does not suit this learned disciple of Blackstone, he declares it null and void, regardless of the will of the people. If the result of an election is not satisfactory to him, he sets it aside, with the comment that the people do not know what they want. If some one should start a recall petition Judge Galloway might change his opinions before the vote was counted.

Make It Worth While

Clackamas, Dec. 16. Politics— that which exists in the brain of man and changes from time to time. Politics, left to itself would be nothing at all. The people, according to their understanding, create governments and law is made to keep man from harming his fellow-man. The more civilized people become the less they would have for lawyers or judges.

Normal man is one who goes thru life earning an honest living by giving something in return for that which he takes from his fellowman. Man is not a snail and does not carry his house on his back. Therefore he has to abide with his fellowman.

Man's life is three-score years and ten, and then he may live again. Who can tell? Man dies. He might walk in and find himself born again into his mother's arms. Make life worth living. Viola Burr.

This Proposition Requires Sand

In your columns a few weeks ago appeared an article signed W. A. Daywalt in regard to a warehouse proposition at Clackamas. This is a proposition that I have advocated for years, yet the item of cost seems to be the death knell. I have talked with the man in charge in regard to the matter, with the result that the cost to them was claimed to be, for a lot \$1,400; for warehouse \$1,000; side-track, etc., \$1,000, making the proposition from their point of view, impossible.

Now then, if the different locals want to go ahead with this proposition, they are up against this same question of expense (\$3,400) or have everything inconvenient as a shipping place.

The question of financing a proposition seems to be a great drawback to the success of our society as its lack of organization. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the warehouse would fill a long felt want.

If we have courage we may yet succeed in our undertaking. F. H. King

LOGAN

Quite a lot of influenza is in this vicinity now.

Farmers are still making use of this fine weather for keeping the plows going.

In the report of the Grange Entertainment of Nov. 22d there was one item overlooked. The instrumental music by Miss Winnie Brown and Miss Verna Holcomb, assisted by Mr. Louis Henrich and Mr. Chambers, was excellent and was enjoyed by everybody.

On Saturday, the 20th day of December, a large delegation of Grangers will attend the Grange Meeting in Woodmen Hall at Oregon City to hear Brothers Leedy and Blanchard.

Every taxpayer ought to attend the meeting on the 24th of December, and help in pruning down the 1914 budget. Let us discard some of these old barnacles that are still hanging on like leeches in some of our county offices. Evidently they have the idea that not only the County Court belongs to them, but the tax payers also.

REDLAND

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. and J. H. Hughes took their head of Guernseys to the International Stock Show at Portland last week. Mrs. Hughes returned Friday and reported that "Katrina" took first in his class; "Red Wing" second and a heifer third. It took a full sister of Red Wing from Arizona to beat her, there being nine entries in this class. Katrina has taken first wherever he has been shown, and he certainly had some fancy company for competition.

While at the sale Mr. and Mrs. Hughes invested \$1,200 for 3 heifers to build up their herd. They purchased these animals from F. W. Snider of Arizona, and these heifers are more or less related to the stock they have now and all prize winners at the fair. While at the fair they refused some fancy offers for some of their stock. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes intend to exhibit their stock at the Panama Exposition in 1915. We congratulate them on their successful breeding of Guernseys.

Emery Powers had the misfortune to cut a gash in his leg while dressing a hog. The wound required several stitches, and he is now under the care of Dr. Krues of Portland. Owing to the loss of blood, for he cut an artery, it will be several days before he will be about.

One of the Redland girls made herself a riding habit, but having no riding habit Elmer bought her one at the 15c store, which he will present to her as a Christmas present.

LET AUTOISTS BUILD IT

Trunk Line Paralleling Railroad Will Not Benefit Farmers

Take notice, farmers, the white collared gentry of Clackamas County are getting ready to soak you good. They have held meetings in Portland and Oregon City and have gone on record in favor of a radical change in the building of roads and along lines, which if carried out as per program, Mr. Farmer, you will see the worst bunco game played you that you have had for many a day.

They are advocating hard surface roads, but at the same time advocating building a road leading from Portland to Salem, known as the Pacific Highway. Now if this is done it means a great deal of money spent on a road running parallel with the railroad and river, and is intended specially for the automobile gentry.

Now I have no objections to those fellows building any kind of an automobile road they want, providing they pay for it, but if they are going to take the road tax that purpose I will be on hand with a kick and am ready to join with the farmers to make a kick that will be interesting.

The kind of road which they advocate will cost about twenty thousand dollars per mile. That is what the cost has been in Washington, where their plan has been in operation. One mile near Chehalis cost thirty thousand dollars.

I have no objections to the road districts lying tributary to the Pacific Highway, spending their proper portion of money that rightfully belongs to them, any way they see fit but the balance of the county have road troubles of their own and need every dollar they can afford to be taxed for in their own territory.

Occasionally we see exaggerated statements in the papers about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars being dumped in mud holes each year. No road ever had any such amount in any one year spent on roads. For some years we did raise about two hundred thousand dollars for roads and bridges.

The bridges, culverts and new roads out each year take up considerable of this fund so there is not near as much for actual road building as some people think. Again, there is much money needed to clear stumps etc.

Now no white-collared gentleman can accomplish the work of blasting the stumps or grading roads or breaking rock any cheaper than the men who have been doing that kind of work and know just how to go about it. There is room for improvement and always will be. The last legislature has already put one over on us by appropriating one fourth mill tax for this particular road and in the speeches made in their meetings they have been doing that kind of work and know just how to go about it. There is room for improvement and always will be. The last legislature has already put one over on us by appropriating one fourth mill tax for this particular road and in the speeches made in their meetings they have been doing that kind of work and know just how to go about it.

Now, Mr. Farmer, there is one serious mistake that some of you have been making for years. You have abused every road supervisor you have ever had. Possibly sometimes there was some grounds, but the rule is they have done the best they knew how with the money they had and the conditions they had to contend with. I have personally investigated some of the worst stories told on the supervisor in my district and usually found the stories told as a rule were exaggerated, and sometimes untrue.

If we want the best results we should hold meetings and discuss the different plans of work and figure just what can be done with the amount of money we have. To raise the proper amount of money is the thing to be learned before we get the road business working at its best and I wish every person interested would study the Coney plan of raising the money for that purpose, and when you can show me that it is not practical or that it is not the most sensible plan yet proposed, I will buy you a new hat.

In a nut shell it is this: Bond the county for the amount wanted for the road purposes; deposit the bonds with the government and the government will issue paper money to the amount called for in the bonds. The county pays four per cent interest per year, which is applied on the principle and in twenty five years the debt is cancelled. It has the Jonathan Bourne plan skinned a mile and then some, but some say that the money will not be good. Let us see.

We have a law now where the banker can deposit county bonds and get paper money at two per cent interest. Now if the county bonds are good enough for the banker to get money on, why are they not just as good for the county and the money could be just the same as the banker can get now.

The Bourne plan is a money loaner's plan. They have been working along such lines the world over. The intention is to keep the people in perpetual indebtedness, which means in slavery of the worker and producer. I sometimes wonder how long it will take for the farmer, working-man or anyone who follows the usual occupations in the world, to think for themselves and get out under the yoke that the schemers have from time to time given us to carry. Get busy and be prepared to free your selves. You have the power if you will get together and use it. R. Schuebel.

Individual's Money To Loan.

\$1,000—3 to 5 years. \$1500—2 years. \$1,000—1 to 3 years. \$500—2 to 3 years. \$300—3 years. \$300—2 years. On real estate, terms reasonable. JOHN W. LODER. Stevens Bldg., Oregon City, Ore. President Title & Investment Co., Clackamas County Abstracts.

Aged People

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Rev. Smith's Sunday Services Rev. E. A. Smith will preach the coming Sunday at Highland, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Alberta at 3 P. M. At 7:30 he will preach at Henriki school house. The subjects at Highland: "The Star of the East" at Alberta and "The Bethlehem Manager" at Henriki. The Logan Sunday School will celebrate Christmas next Sunday with appropriate exercises. will be: "The Voices of Christmas,"

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