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M. J. BROWN, - EDITOR

Going, going, gone: Taft, Penrose, Roosevelt, Cannon, Murphy, Barnes, Root. Today you're the big noise, tomorrow you take the count.

Judge Cleton of Portland, for the supreme court; Frank S. Grant, Portland, attorney general; Judge Bennett, of The Dalles and Dr. Charles J. Smith of Portland for governor, are the latest announcements.

One hundred, seventy-two deputies leeching the state under the fish and game commission—and we wonder at high taxes. At the risk of loosing the legal notices for the opening and closing streams, here is stating the whole scheme should be abolished as a gold brick.

Some of the newspapers still think that we should fight it out with Mexico, rather than to let the greasers fight it out themselves, but we note that these critics of Wilson and Bryan have only this one suggestion—and of course they would not do any of the fighting.

Forty-seven years ago, when farseeing Secretary Seward insisted on the U. S. buying Alaska from Russia for $7,200,000, men in congress and in private condemned the deal as wanton waste. Alaska is practically undeveloped as yet, but it has already produced over $150,000,000 in furs, fish and gold.

The trunk line railroads are again at it—giving a rate of $30 from Missouri River points to bring more wage earners to lengthen Oregon's bread lines. Oregon's climate has already advertised this country too well. We don't want any more workmen. We want lower priced land and men to buy it and clear it.

The Banks Herald, commenting on the gubernatorial situation, says should U'Ren decide to stay in the race, he would be most certain to get the nomination. U'Ren has a certain contingent of followers that he can count on, no matter what happens, and this strength, with the vote split up among eight other candidates, would probably give him enough of a majority to elect him.

State Treasurer Tom Kay is verily the watchdog of the treasury. He does not propose to pay out the people's money to please West and promote the governor's political game.—Woodburn Independent.

Yes, Key, Crawford and that bunch are some dogs all right. If they only showed the same watchfulness for the state's interests that they do to block West's moves, this would be a different Oregon.

The Copperfield gang that Governor West cleaned the stables for, want to start a recall, and state they can get the required signatures. No doubt they could. Every pimp would enroll; the red light district would peddle petitions; many saloon men would aid the cause; politicians would boost the game from hiding, and the required signatures could be gotten. But at the election the decent people would bury the recall so deep a scent of it would never work out.

Can't the legislature pas a law with a plain construction? One after another the laws passed by the last session are up for interpretation, and the state doesn't know where it isat. One after another of the laws are referred to the attorney general to define what they mean. Oregon's legislature is a joke. The laws that stick, and the laws the people understand are the initiative laws the people make.

How would you like to do a fifty year Rip Van Winkle snooze and have someone jerk you out of it along about breakfast time in the year of 1965?

This old trust-made world will be going some in that spring, and we wonder how much in excess of the present speed limit things will be running. There is power in man's head to do and undo almost anything, and fifty years from now we will look back at the present achievements about as we look back at Watts. But the most of WE won't be very much interested in things outside the cemetery fence, unless the M. D's wedge in a little more overtime on Why We Run Down. But men go crazy thinking of the whys and possibilities, and there are vague rumors that the Courier editor isn't just right now. Let's forget it and read the latest Mexican development.

WEST

It is related to the Courier editor that when the temperance people went to Governor West and asked him to again be a candidate for governor he told them if all parties in the state would nominate him he would decline—

Because he would HAVE TO.

Because he could not afford to be governor again—that his financial condition would not permit.

That Copperfield alone cost him $1,000 out of his pocket.

Just ahead of this, the tip was passed out to the "faithful" to dump West at the May primaries, if he was a candidate, and all Democrats get together on one man, if necessary, to tip him over.

They figured that the country vote and the women would not turn out to the primaries and the "old line" Democrats could get enough West-haters, and job wanters in line, to give him the axe.

But West says he won't run; that he can't take the office again, and this ends him for governor.

If he was nominated in the primaries or by petition of the people, the Courier knows he would be elected by the people.

West has done things in his own West way, but he HAS done things—he has gotten results—and the things he has done have all been for the good of Oregon.

He has had against him his own party politicians; the state officers, the capitalists.

The whole bunch has come down the line and fought him because they could not control him—could not use him.

They have made life hell for him. They have given him what New York gave Hughes.

He has had to scrap them pretty much alone, and a man of West's means can't hold out for long against these odds.

So West will step down and out:

And it will be some days before Oregon will have another governor with his principles and his "pep."

QUESTIONS

The Department of commerce statistics plainly show enormous increase in importations since the new tariff law went into effect—in the line of food-stuffs.

In cattle there were three times as many imported in the month of November, 1913, than in same month of 1912.

There were 63 times as many bushels of wheat, twice as many barrels of flour, 1200 times as many bushels of oats, 76 times as many bushels of potatoes, and fresh meat doubled.

Now will someone rise and explain why living prices do not come down?

Do demand and supply or combinations and storage plants regulate prices?

Does the government run this country or the capitalists?

IN OREGON

They have a direct way of doing things in Oregon, all along the line, and we suspect that some day the United States of America will be very grateful to this cheerfully experimental state. What the secretary of the governor did at Copperfield, when she declared martial law in order to close the saloons, the voters of the state have been doing in other matters for some time. When a situation arises that calls for action they act. Where an older community would sit around and talk and cite precedents, Oregon writes in a new law while you wait. Blunders happen. But, what is more important, progress is made and the whole country benefits.—New York Tribune.

GOING OR COMING

R. A. Booth, Eugene's candidate for the United States senate, is reported to have been met at the Pendleton depot the other day by a "large and enthusiastic gathering of leading citizens." It is a question whether a man's popularity is shown so much by the number of people who meet him when he lands in town as by the number who see him to the depot when he leaves.—Eugene Guard.

There is a lamentable disparity in the assessed value of property thruout Oregon. It results in a lamentable disparity in what taxpayers have to yield up in payment of their dues to government, some paying vastly more in proportion than do others. It is an unjust and immoral practice. —Portland Journal.

BETTER START NOW

AN early start and a definite plan goes far toward assuring success to the young man or woman starting out in life. No need of being "stingy" neither should you be a "spender." The sensible and easy method of creating a fund for your future needs is to open an account with this bank; deposit whatever you can each week or month. Stick to it, and in time your success will be assured. Better start now; you will never regret it.

The Bank of Oregon City

OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

HIDING A SORE

Letters are arriving from the East inquiring why Oregon is in such a condition that the militia has to be called out by the governor. We have received some harmful advertising thru the antics of Governor West, whose impulsiveness and martial law tactics have undone much that has been done by Oregon in the East. Beneficial publicity has been damaged by the wrong kind of publicity.—Woodburn Independent.

This line of reasoning rattles a little.

Copperfield was about as bad as you find them, and the county and the county and city officials let it remain bad.

West cleaned it up—and the Independent says this was the wrong kind of publicity.

Oregon City has had typhoid at irregular intervals because it has a filthy source of drinking water.

So long as it was not advertised and did not hurt business, the people were apathetic.

But finally as a remedy it was given publicity and the associated press carried it all over the country.

It hurt, no getting away from that, but it is resulting in doing for Oregon City what the governor did to Copperfield.

Hiding a sore isn't good advertising. Curing the sore is.

BACK TO ROOST

Judge Bennett of The Dalles is the latest Democratic possibility for governor. And possibility is about all he will be.

Judge Bennett wrote a letter in 1910. As a judge he should have had better sense.

Now this letter bobs up, and it not only makes every friend of Governor West remember, but it makes of Judge Bennet a ludicrous prophet.

Here is the chicken that comes home to roost:

"I have reason to believe that Mr. West is too close to the corporations, and that he is not in sympathy with progressive Democratic ideas.

"He went before the committee in the last legislature and lobbied in the interests of the corporations—and for this and other reasons, I do not believe him to be the proper man for Democratic candidate for the high office of governor.

HELP KILL IT

It is nearing primaries and Congressman Hawley has come out of his trance.

He wants to go back to congress and has commenced to hand out the bunk.

He has commenced at the southern end of the state and will probably work up—smoothly and systematically.

He would give Grant's Pass a mining experiment station at a cost of $25,000; an engineer at $4,000 salary, a chemist at $3,000 and assistant at $2,000. No doubt his bill in congress provides for dumping this onto Oregon to provide for the eternal following expenses.

Just write a letter to Senators Lane or Chamberlain and tell them if this new commission should by any possible means pass the house to jump on it with both feet in the senate.

And you remember Hawley at the May primaries.

Oregon doesn't need any more parasites on taxation. We have plenty of commission leeches now.

BIG BUSINESS SHOULD WORRY

In the matter of taxation if the the people will pay taxes when they have the power to refuse to pay them, then the people will continue to do so; and the special privileges continue to let them.

There are many farmers in Oregon whose total values are less than $2,000 on the assessment rolls. In Clackamas county the average was less than in 1910.

There are many farmers whose total assessed values for improvements and personal property are less than $1,000. The average in Clackamas is about $750, but let us say $1,000.

The H-Tax Exemption amendment would exempt that last from taxation, and some farmers are afraid of it for fear the taxes would be put back on their land.

As the land of Clackamas county is fully two-thirds the total value, and as this measure would not exempt timber, railroads, mills, factories, water power nor electric lines NOR AN INCH OF LAND it is apparent to any person who ever went to school long enough to count that the tax this measure proposes to exempt could not be put back on the home-owner and working farmer, for he has not in his posession the values upon which it would fall. Those who have these values have not the votes. Why be afraid of them?

Now, a farmer having a thousand dollars exempted from tax would save, let us say, $20. The increase on his land would be one-tenth, possibly. If he had $1,000 of assessed raw land values he would pay $22 instead of $20 on that, and thus be $18 ahead.

Of course the opposition will tell us that it will increase the tax on the UN-exempted property one-sixth. As they generally tell the truth—with about 50 per cent lies mixed in—we can figure from that basis and do very well.

A farmer with $5,000 in land and $1,000 exempted property would still pay precisely the same tax as he does now, if the opposition is correct. If one-tenth is the correct estimate of what would be exempt then he could have $9,000 in land to $1,000 in exemped property and still be even.

Next year the water powers of this county are to be assessed, and also the sites that would give access to them. The Clackamas county farmer should sign up that Exemption petition and lose no sleep over whose land would take up the burden of the exemption it would allow him.

A few dollars are wanted to help defray the necessary expenses of the Home-Tax Exemption League. The securing of signatures is a vital matter. Without them the measure cannot be submitted to the voters, and unless the people take enough interest in their own affairs to reduce their taxes on their homes when they have a chance, then the tax-eater, the special privileged corporation and the absentee land speculator are justified in holding that the working farmers and workingmen of Oregon like to be taxed, want to be taxed more and SHALL be taxed more.

The Courier will receive contributions and has a blank petition any person can sign. Call around and help out.

WHERE'S THE MAN?

(Alfred Cridge)

Some politicians do not seem to realize that it takes time to make a reputation as a true servant of the people in order to be elected to any important position.

There is a splendid opportunity for some assessor of some county in Oregon to mke himself governor of the state, or U. S. Senator within a very few years if he will use a little common sense and daring.

All he has to do is to quit taxing men anywhere in his county for doing what people want them to do.

In every county in Oregon we want people to build homes and rear factories, to clear land and cultivate it. And then if any man does these things we allow the assessor to treat him as a public enemy and mark him down for a fine the next year.

Any assessor who will say to the people of his county: "Citizens, the time has come to enforce the assessment laws with a little common sense. Common sense is the base of all law. It is not common sense to assess people for building and manufacturing and clearing. Hereafter I will assess the improved land as high as the unimproved lot, the cleared field as high as the untilled wilderness along side, and no higher. I have never complied with the letter of the law in making up an assessment roll, and no assessor ever has or ever can do so. The board of equalization has accepted these imperfect rolls and the courts have upheld them in doing so. In the past I have exercised my judgement to the best of my ability, and I confess to you my judgement has been poor and faulty, founded on foolish distinctions and has given the working farmer, the home owner and the workingman in the country and city an unjust load to carry.

"Fellow citizens: hereafter in Hosssense county I shall overlook the little household dunder, the live stock and improvements of the settler struggling to make a living. I will forget his fences and remember his clearings no more. The cottage in the towns will be forgotten and the man who sets up a little machinery to utilize the natural products of Oregon will be encouraged to do it some more for I will assess only his site values, and the fellow playing dog-in-the manger will be given as much of the public load to carry with his unused site along side as the man who helps develop Oregon with his energy, capital and enterprise.

Law? Don't quote law to me. I know what the big speculators and the corporation lawyers have told us, but they have been fooling you—yes, and me—all these years. The law is what you want it to be. So I am going to apply the Houston, Texas plan. If your board of equalization refuses to approve it after I have turned in my assessment roll, then you can either recall them or recall me. I will show you an assessment roll that will reduce the taxes on every working and producing, useful and honorable man and woman in the community. It will increase the taxes on a few land speculators, most of whom live out of the county, and a few big property owners who can afford to pay more taxes because of their privileges and past tax-dodging. If every man who has his taxes reduced stands by me I will be sustained by a big majority. It will be up to you. I am going to do my duty and nothing but my duty, so help me God."

Such a man, if such there be, among the 32 assessors of Oregon, would come through the contest with victory perched upon his banners, as did Assessor Pastoreza, of Houston, Texas; and his political future would be assured. Every county adjoining would be obliged to follow the lead of the Houston assessor.

Where is the man in Oregon with sand in his craw and sense in his head and stiffness enough in his backbone to follow this Houston assessor, and turn things loose?

The times demand men now as much as ever.

A few mass meeting demanding the Houston plan might stiffen some assessor up to it, and a recall of some jelly-fished mossback assessor might wake the remaining 31 to the point of ascertaining what the law was made for. That is for men and not for speculators, tax dodgers and absentee land grant owners.

There is plenty of money to build roads with if the working tax payers go after it right. Mud and wallows in alternating successions with hills and mud flats are not necessary in such a county as Clackamas.

Who among our assessors wants to be governor of Oregon, United States Senator or to occupy any other office within the gift of the people? Let him get busy.

SUGGESTIONS

What is the matter with the city governments of Oregon City, Aurora, Hillsboro, Woodburn, Beaverton, Gervais and other towns through which the band of unemployed passed? Have these towns perfect streets and perfect roads leading to them?

If not, they should have welcomed these men, whom our alert and resourceful governor handled so successfully, with open arms, for we all know in Oregon that our taxpayers hesitate to construct good roads and streets because of high priced labor.—McMinnville Telephone Rgistr.

This is one of the solutions of the unmployed problem, and the whole country is bound to come to it if we permit competition to pour in on every European steamer.

But it will go farther than the cities. It will embrace country roads, public works, public buildings, irrigation projects, etc.

Men have the right to work and live, and if the country has not the demand to meet the right, then each state must make the demand and provide work.

REMEDIES

Rufus R. Wilson, director of the Humbolt Development Co. of Eureka, Cal., is one of a few men who sees what is coming to the Pacific coast in the way of wage earners when the canal opens.

And Wilson is one of a few men who has sand enough to state what conditions will be and to offer remedies.

He says revise the tax laws, tax waste land as high as producing land, and we will double the cultivation, lessen the burden on taxation and develop the whole coast country.

The first Pacific coast state to do this, he predicts, will become richest and most prosperous. He adds that responsible officials of foreign steamship companies say upward of 300,000 tickets have been sold already in Europe for Pacific coast ports, to be used during 1915, and that the prediction is an immigration of 40,000 a week between May and September of that year.

Should half of this emigration materialize the three Pacific states will have some problems to solve—and unless something is done, they may hard ones.

These emigrants must be given a chance to get onto the land, and the waste land must be cheapened in price or it will be impossible.

Wilson's idea to tax dead land so high speculators cannot afford to hold it, and tax labor and improvements so low that it will encourage industry, are along the right lines.

Governor Johnson of California up the proposition, and it is expected and Lister of Washington are taking Governor West will also assist.

IN THE AIR

The future policy of roads in Clackamas county is very much unsettled.

The bonding proposition interest is detracted from by the fact that the new law promises to thoroughly upset the present supervisor system.

The attorney general advises the county court that the new law requiring a road master or county surveyor to make plans and specifications and let work by contract in districts that expend $1,000, is mandatory and must be observed.

Under this law many hold that permanent good roads can be built without bonding, as at least $250,000 will be available.

Many who favor the bonding proposition insist that the Pacific Highway be given an absolute divorce from the deal, and the entire milage be put on county roads, or there will be no hope of its carrying.

The county court, profiting by the experience of many states that have been grafted to the bone under the contract system, is going slow, and looking carefully before appointing engineers, deputies, etc.

On the other hand it is the opinion of attorneys who have carefully studied the law, that no road district has any right to expend a dollor on roads, except in emergency cases, where the district has $1,000 or over, until it is expended as the new law provides.

And it would seem that everything is up in the air until the whole people of the county can get together and agree with the county court on some general plan.

The court does not have to appoint a civil engineer to oversee the roads and make plans and specifications.

It must, however, appoint the county surveyor, and of course this big county is far too big a job for one man to get into shape for a general permanent road contract proposition for this summer.

So the whole matter is very much up in the air.

It is a big responsibility put onto the county court.

On its course the bond proposition is more or less resting.

Should it go ahead, appoint engineers, deputies and the necessary help for a general contract system, and should the system fail, because of inability, or the grafting system which looted New York state, then on the court would be heaped the curses of the people.

Should they refuse to appoint the necessary officials and allow the road making time go to waste for want of plans and specifications for the many road districts, then will their protests and condemnations fill the air.

How would you like to be the county judge or a commissioner for the next six months?

THE SECOND STEP

One of the interesting stories the news dispatches give us is that a municipal store has been opened in Chicago where groceries are sold at absolute cost.

This undertaking is bred of necessity, because of high prices and little work.

Thec ity appropriated $25,000 for the emergency store and the dispatches state if it proves successful a chain of stores will be started in the city.

There is no question of the "success" of a store that will sell goods without profit.

But the success will raise the devil with the stores in the same line, for they can't compete with the one that does not take profit.

But if the wholesalers and middlemen will continue to demand the big profit between the maker and the eater then municipal stores will come and goods will be given to the needy at cost.

first step.

The municipal market was the

The municipal store is the second.

And when the wholesalers and manufacturers attempt to freeze out the municipal stores, then will come the third step.

WEST FOR CONGRESS

The Courier learns that friends of Governor West, since his refusal to again be a candidate for governor, are urging that he be a candidate for congress.

The Courier sincerely hopes this is true, hopes that his friends all over the state will urge him to run and hopes the governor will accept.

If West would allow his name to go before the May primaries he would unquestionably be nominated, or if he would accept an independent nomination by petition, he would be elected by the biggest vote ever given to a congressman in Oregon.

Oregon has two United States senators who are on the job for Oregon every day in the week at Washington.

And this district has a congressman who might as well be in a morgue so far as accomplishing anything of need for this state.

We need a big man like West to work with our senators.

Oregon would be very much on the map with this big three at Washington.

West would wipe the slate clean of Hawley if he would let the people run him for congress.

Colds To Be Taken Seriously

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing and chilliness with hoarseness, ticking throat and coughing, begin promptly the use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance.—Huntley Bros. Co.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

To the Republican voters of Clackamas county:—

Having decided to be come a candidate for county clerk of Clackamas county, I herewith submit for your consideration my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office.

To the best of my judgement and ability I would conduct the office efficiently and economically if nominated and elected.

I believe that a public officer should conduct a public office with same degree of care, efficiency and economy that he would exercise in his private business, and I pledge myself to so conduct the office, if elected, to the best of my judgement.

I would sincerely appreciate the support of the voters of Clackamas county.

S. L. CASTO.

COUNTY COURT

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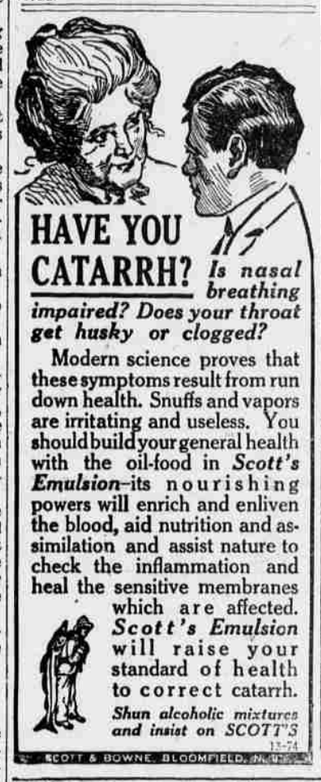
Conference—Amelia Martin, Inez James, Nellie M. Alldredge.

Auditing—Mary E. Barlow, Catherine Walters, Annie Tufts.

Executive—Charlotte Clyde, Almira Brayton, Ellen James, Mary E. Barlow, Gertrude Woodward, Amelia Mattocks, Minnie Donovan.

Relief—Nellie M. Alldredge, Harriet Webster, Mary Brown, Annie Tufts, Gertrude Woodward.

On Lincoln's birthday, February 12, from 2 to 4 p. m. in Willamette Hall, will be given a musical and literary program in honor of Lincoln, to which the public is cordially invited.



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We recently came across a new remedy for increasing strength and building up people who are run down and emaciated. We know that a slight trouble sometimes grows into a serious one, and to stop it in the beginning will save you money in the end. This new compound is called Rexall Olive Oil Emulsion. It is the best remedy, when you are run-down, tired out, nervous—no matter what the cause. It doesn't merely stimulate you and make you feel good for af ew hours, but takes hold of the weakness and builds you up to a healthy, normal condition. It is a real nerve-food, tonic and builder og good blood, strong muscle, good digestion. It contains Hypophosphites, which tone the nerves, the blood and the entire system. Pleasant to take. Contains no alcohol or habit-forming drugs. We promise that if you are not perfectly satisfied with it, we'll give back your money as soon as you tell us. Sold only at the 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only by us. $1.00. Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City.

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Cold and wet feet are a dangerous combination especially to women, and congested kidneys often result. Bachache, urinary irregularities and rheumatic fevers are not unusual results. Foley Kidney Pills restore the regular and normal action of kidneys and bladder and remove the cause of the trouble. Contain no habit forming drugs.—Huntley Bros. Co.

Skin Sufferers—Read!

We want all skin sufferers who have suffered for many years the tortures of disease and who have sought medical aid in vain, to read this.

We, as old established druggists of this community, wish to recommend to you a product that has given many relief and may mean the end of your agony. The product is a mild, simple wash, not a patent medicine concocted of various worthless drugs, but a scientific compound made of well known antiseptic ingredients. It is made in the D.D.D. laboratories of Chicago and is called the D.D.D. Prescription for Eczema.

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