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THE DIFFERENCE

The final measure of all officers of the county must be taken by their promises or by their personal declarations of their fitness for stewardship.

Seldom does it occur that a single incident will act as a measure of the ability and worth to the county of two officials; but last week something occurred in this county that shows without any vestige of a doubt the relative merits of District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges and Sheriff William J. Wilson.

When Mr. Boysen was indicted by the grand jury and arraigned his first plea was one of "not guilty." He made preparations to fight the charge against him, engaged counsel and probably looked over such witnesses as he might be able to summon in his defense.

This same case, on the other hand, is a plain indictment of Sheriff William J. Wilson. By pleading guilty to the indictment charging him with selling liquor to minors, Mr. Boysen admits that he violated the law.

It might be said in extenuation of this that the sheriff could not be expected to be everywhere at once, and that the violations in the Boysen place occurred while he was elsewhere.

Wilson has from time to time been called to the Boysen resort, by people in all walks of life. And when asked if he had investigated the place, the sheriff has dodged the issue by saying that the Boysen resort was in the incorporated city of Milwaukie, and that he had no jurisdiction there; and that if Milwaukie didn't care to act, it wasn't his place to but in.

Sheriff Wilson has been repeatedly told by the Courier that there were many automobile parties within the Boysen resort on Sunday. The sheriff was asked to "guess" what they were there for, and he "guessed" they were getting drunk.

And now the sheriff has been hoist by his own petard. The grand jury took action where he didn't; Mr. Boysen has pleaded guilty to the charge that the grand jury preferred.

What of the sheriff? His own answer shows how he feels about it. He says he will be a candidate for reelection. He has the consummate gall to go before the people for another term, after being "shown up" in no unmistakable manner by "friend Fritz" entering a plea of guilty.

MAIL ORDER FRANKING

Every now and then there comes along some example of the abuse of the congressional franking system that makes us sit up and take notice.

When it comes to sending broadcast "leave to print" speeches, there is doubt of the justification; but when the congressional frank and the mail-order house get together and both get busy at once, one must wonder just how far the bounds of propriety may be passed without bringing trouble.

Some weeks ago the Courier received, under the frank of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, a copy of the report of the Hon. David Lubin on rural credits and national marketing organization.

But in the same mail came also an envelope, in the upper righthand corner of which was the frank of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, and in the upper lefthand corner of which was the legend: "United States Senate, Public Document, Free."

slightly the place its members have honorably held in our history; but it is a history of which every American may be proud.

The United States Marine Corps was authorized by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775, and therefore has the distinction of being the oldest branch of the service.

Lieutenant P. N. O'Bannon, of the United States Marine Corps, hoisted the first American flag ever flown over a fortress of the Old World, when Derne, a stronghold in Tripoli, was taken by assault on April 27, 1805.

Under the command of Robert E. Lee, later the commanding general of the Confederate Army, the United States Marines captured John Brown at Harpers Ferry in 1859.

A battalion of Marines under Captain John L. Broome occupied New Orleans upon its surrender and hoisted the American flag on the custom house on April 29, 1862.

A battalion of Marines (646 officers and men) commanded by Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Huntington, was the first American force that landed in Cuba in 1898, when it established a base for Sampson's fleet at Guantanamo, holding their position against Spanish regulars who were estimated to number 7,000.

form letter that began "Dear Sir," and that ended "Very truly yours, Duncan U. Fletcher."

No doubt Senator Fletcher thinks the Lubin report on rural credits ought to receive wide circulation, but it strikes us as peculiar that this circulation should be secured through the United States mails under senatorial frank WITH THE ADDRESS LIST OF A CALIFORNIA MAIL ORDER HOUSE.

To say the least, this looks like gross carelessness on the part of the California mail order house that uses the frank of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher.

WORTHY OF SUPPORT

Included in the scope of his "preparedness" plans, President Wilson has asked congress to authorize an increase in the United States Marine Corps of 1500 men. This is an increase that is eminently proper, for probably no other branch of the nation's military service does such constantly excellent work as the American "soldiers of the sea."

A brief summary of the history of the Marine Corps will show only

The United States Marines of the U. S. S. Oregon, Captain John T. Myers commanding, were the first American troops to enter Peking just before the Boxer insurrection broke out in 1900.

A battalion of Marines under Major L. W. T. Waller were the first to enter China after the outbreak.

Lieutenant Colonel Neville's Marines have carried their colors into action in Tripoli, Egypt, West Africa, the Fiji Islands, Sumatra, Hawaii, Mexico, China, Uruguay, Paraguay, Alaska, Panama, Formosa, Korea, Nicaragua, Cuba, Santo Domingo, and now in Haiti.

TIME TO FORGET

Unless we are all of us rank hypocrites, this is a good season of the year to forget all about Christmas except as a festival for the children and as an occasion when good friends may remember other good friends with some little token of regard.

To drag the religious side of Christmas into the foreground, to rise and sing "peace on earth and good will towards men" is hardly the suitable behaviour for the Yuletide of 1915; though doubtless many well-meaning and short-sighted ministers will do this as in years heretofore.

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WHY EXPECT MORE?

Commenting on the report of Congressman W. C. Hawley, who misrepresents this part of Oregon in the national legislature, the Woodburn Independent criticizes the Hawley plan of rural credits.

"This plan does not surprise us after viewing the personnel of the committee, although it will prove a bitter disappointment to the farmers throughout the land.

It can readily be seen that this venture is but a makeshift and will prove a fizzle. The farmers will not subscribe and will be told that they do not want rural credits, or the banks will be under the domination of the money power and used to advance its interests.

court in appropriate parts of Spain. The bill, submitted to-day is modeled, in a general way, on English statutes.

The court will be presided over by a judge, who will be assisted by one or more lay judges, and will have jurisdiction over delinquent children under 15 years of age.

The bill is a decided innovation in Spanish jurisprudence, and shows that the spirit of progress is not entirely dead in the old world.

Eight more days, and then you can't get it in Oregon.

Hurry up and do that Christmas shopping in your home store; there isn't much time left.

"Oregon City Income Will be Decreased" says the Journal, in a headline. Is this a prophecy?

Get a red tag for your auto before the first of the year, or you'll have to leave it in the barn till you do.

Taft is no optimist; he says LaFollette has no more chance of getting the republican nomination than he has.

Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College promises to be something worth while. Are you planning to go?

Having discovered that they were looking for an innocent man in the trunk murder case, the Portland police will now start over again.

With the exception of hay, wheat and potatoes, the Oregon farmer is getting more for his product this year than the average national price.

Germany now says England is to blame for continuing the war. As long as England didn't start it, why not accept the blame and quit, for the sake of the world?

It is a safe bet that the escaping prisoner who fell over a Salvation Army drum in Portland, and so was caught, doesn't think much of the "soldiers of the Lord."

"Uncle Billy" Mattoon now announces emphatically in his home paper, the Estacada Progress, that he will not be a candidate for reelection. "Safety first," maybe?

Portland boosters say tourists should give up two or three days to seeing the sights of the Oregon metropolis. Why so much time when the sightseeing car does it all in two hours?

Oregon City's council ought to go to Estacada and shake the city duds of that community by the hand. Judging from reports, it is just as popular to be a councilman in Estacada as it is in the county seat.

Maybe it will snow by Christmas. The beauty of Oregon weather is that the worst may always be expected, but usually the worst doesn't materialize. In any event, Oregon weather is preferable to the Eastern kind.

The Carver Line may now feel that it is a real railroad. It has settled its first claim for a cow. And as nine-tenths of the Carver line operates through precincts where cattle are permitted to run at large, there may be others.

The Enterprise, being greatly desirous of seeing the filtration plant sold, announces that the "solid five" will railroad the deal through before the new city administration comes in. Threats like this are the best things in the world to defeat the Enterprise's desire.

OPPORTUNITY. Don't nurse opportunity too long. Take it into active partnership with you at once, lest it leave you for other company.

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REMARKS FROM STARK

A Courier correspondent laments because a statue of Jesus was not permitted to be placed in a San Francisco park. Why should the "quake" city want a statue of Him who had no place to lay His head?

The Oregonian in an able editorial tells us of a noted doctor who gave up his pleasant surroundings to go to the war zone to assist in healing the wounded. This act is regarded as a wonderful touch of humanity.

The Oregonian has heaped ridicule upon Ford as going on a fool's errand in his attempt to bring about peace. It requires more optimism than I have on hand to expect success for that undertaking.

On the other hand the activities of this doctor will at best result in a prolonging of the struggle; providing he should be neutral, that is, should attend to the wounded in both armies. The effect would probably be that the wounded soldier would soon be bale to go to the firing line and be wounded again, to be cured again and again—or be killed.

This is exactly what is proposed by Ford. Stop shooting! Of course that would interfere with dividends, and dividends are the greatest aim of patriots. In fact, all wars are fought for dividends in some form.

Were you to deliberately smash your finger and go to a doctor to have it treated he might attend you once even though he believed it was done intentionally. If you returned again with another finger smashed willfully he certainly would sign commitment papers for the asylum.

Did you ever give the Courier a trial on your stationery? You will find that they have the most up-to-date faces of type and are right there with the punch in getting up a suitable design that will please you—and please others.

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