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BOYS OVER HERE—OVER THERE

Interesting Facts About Oregon City Boys In The U. S. Service

Clyde Fromong is home for a ten days' furlough. He is stationed at the naval training camp at Seattle, and is much taken up with his work.

Private Walter Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Young, who has been stationed at Camp Fremont, Cal., for several months, was heard from Tuesday morning. "Scoop,' says that he was on his way, didn't know where, but hoped for France, where he could get into the 'fight.' Says he was at that time in Nevada, and was in the best of health. He is a member of Company C, Eighth Infantry.

Ivan Goldsmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goldsmith, who has been stationed at Fort Scott, Cal., a member of 47th Coast Artillery, has been transferred to Fourth Company Artillery Replacement Division.

B. Scott, who was one of the well known salesmen of Portland, making weekly visits to Oregon City, and representing the Crescent Paper Company, is at the officers' training camp at Camp Fremont, Cal. Mr. Scott, or "Scotty" as he is familiarly known by his many friends in this city and in Portland, will soon go to Siberia.

Edgar (Ned) Mitchell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Sandy, who recently advised his parents and his sisters, Miss Mary Mitchell, of this city, and Mrs. Joseph Justin, that he was determined to enter the service to do his bit with his three brothers, Harry, Roy and Arlie, has entered the training camp at Pullman, Wash. His brother, Harry, has been stationed at Quantico, Va., but is now on his way to France. He is with the Eleventh Regiment, Third Battalion and Company K.

Robert Ewalt, one of the well known Clackamas county boys, whose other two brothers are also in the service, is in France, in the aviation service. He recently wrote his brother, Lloyd, that he would like a strong field glass or telescope to use while up in his bombing machine over the enemy lines. The young man has been in France for about two months. Lloyd is now at Fort Winfield Scott, California.

Guy Schafer son of Mrs. Fred Schafer, of Molalla, is in the best of health. He has learned enough of the French language so as to make the boys understand him. He says his two best friends are his gas mask and his rifle. He is with the 112th Engineers, Company E, P. O. No. 763, France.

Corporal Ambrose Brownell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Brownell, whose home is at Concord, is among those to receive a remembrance from the Patriotic Edition of the Morning Enterprise. He is a member of Company B, Twenty-Ninth Engineers, S. & F. and his address is Am. P. O. 714, American Expeditionary Forces, France. Corporal Brownell is one of the popular boys from Clackamas county, and a former student of Reed College. He was among the first to arrive in France, and his letters of his travels are of much interest.

Leon Perkins, of Lewiston, Idaho, a cousin of E. Loney, of this city, is a member of Canadian army, and has been in the Canadian service since the war commenced. He is one of the first men to use a machine gun, and is believed to be the only survivor of the original company with which he went to France. He is now in a hospital in England, with a wound in his ankle. He has two brothers in the United States service, while Loney has a brother serving on the Battleship Missouri, and one in the merchant marine service. A number of interesting letters from Perkins appearing in the Lewiston Morning Tribune, show what the gallant young soldier has experienced.

Mrs.E. Milsted, of this city, is the mother of three sons in the service, with the fourth son, Johnny, 12 years of age, anxious to enter the service, and to do his bit for his country Sergeant J. R. Milsted is a member of Company K, 11th Regiment, and is stationed at Quantico, Va. His brothers, Private Maurice C. Milsted, a member of Battalion F, Sixth Field Artillery, is with the American Expeditionary Forces over-seas, and Private Henry Milsted, with the Marines, is a member of Company B, Third Sep. Battalion, also over-seas. The boys serving their country overseas are among those from Clackamas county, who is remembered by the Patriotic Edition of the Morning Enterprise, and will receive a little remembrance.

Word has been received by members of the committee of the Women's Patriotic Edition from Private Fred A. Gio, of Company E, 411 Telegraph Battalion, who is stationed in France, saying that he had received his remembrance in the form of a greenback and his newsy letter from home. In his letter Mr. Gio says in part: "I was very glad to receive the remembrance and your newsy, long letter. Here is one of the soldiers, who appreciates what you did to help us out in this manner. I thank you one and all, and will do what you said and a lot more to the Kaiser before we come home."

In a letter received by Dr. and Mrs. George Hoeye from their son, Emerson, who recently returned to New York from France on the U. S. Northern Pacific, he tells of some of his experience while making the trip over the sea.

A portion of the letter follows:

New York, October 14.

"Dear Mother and Father:

"We arrived in port yesterday, and last night I went over to see Joe Miller.

"We sure had lots of excitement this trip. On the way over the Great Northern was rammed by a British tramp and four soldiers were killed and two more were lost overboard. When the tramp backed away from the Great Northern she left her anchor and three fathoms (eighteen feet) of clain in the latter's hold.

"The following day we just got out of the way of a submarine in time to reach France. We reached our destination a week ago last Saturday, and left the following day at noon, so we did not get to go ahsore.

"We brought back Secretary of War Baker, also Mrs. Irene Franklin Green, the great singer. We dodged two submarines while making the trip back.

"About 5 o'clock this morning the U. S. S. America sunk at her pier here. We were right alongside of her, and as she started to list our way you should have seen us get out of there and to a different pier before she sunk us too.

"The Germans have renamed the old Northern Pacific. They call her the 'ghost ship.' They see us and then they don't, and it get's their 'goat.'

"I met one of the Dailey boys on the way back. He had his right leg shot off at the hip."

"EMERSON."

CLACKAMAS SCHOOL CHILDREN THANKED FOR SENDING PITS

R. G. Scott, county agent of Clackamas county, who has had charge of collecting the pits of the county to be used in the manufacture of gas masks for our soldier boys in France, is in receipt of a letter received Wednesday, acknowledging the receipt of 300 pounds of pits. He also shipped 400 pounds to the Portland headpuarters Thursday morning.

The following is the contents of the letter:

R. G. Scott, Oregon City, Ore.

In reference to your letter of October 10, "with bill of lading enclosed," showing that you have shipped five sacks of peach and prune pits weighing 300 pounds, which had been gathered by the school children of Oregon City and surrounding country:

This office requests that the school children who have collected the above materials be advised that this office in behalf of the Government of the United States wishes to express the appreciation of their efforts. These materials are of vital importance in connection with the manufacture of carbon for gas masks, and it is requested that they continue their good work. If this office can be on any service we trust you will advise.

By authority of Depot Quartermaster:

JOHN H. ROBINSON,
2nd. Lieut. Quartermaster Corps
Conservation and Reclamation Officer.

FRANK E. JOHNSTON WINS CHAMPIONSHIP AND OTHER HONORS

Frank E. Johnston, one of the well known Gladstone young men, who left for California three months ago to enter the service, and is at Camp Fremont, has just won the light weight championship in boxing in his company. Johnston is a member of the S. O. S. section, Thirteenth Infantry, and has been at Camp Fremont since entering the service. He expects to leave soon for France, and is one of the Oregon boys who is anxious to get a "shot" at the kaiser. Johnston is now qualified for a sharpshooter. He is a former student of the Gladstone school, and is a son of Mrs. Emma Johnston, of that place.

FOUST CASE DISMISSED

The case of Edwin J. Foust vs. John Romig, set for trial in the Circuit Court Saturday, has been dismissed upon motion of the plaintiff.

Our Boys Across the Sea

Our soldier boys across the sea,
Are fighting for home and liberty,
To save our land from the cruel Hun,
Who drenches with blood the places he's won.
Let us help the cause with might and main,
That our heroe's blood be not shed in vain,
And our flag spell freedom wherever it floats.

May the allied flags in triumph wave
O'er the warring lands we're helping to save;
And the boys in khaki come sailing home,
To the dear ones longing for them to come;
While the dove of peace shall fold its wings
O'er the fallen thrones of the kaiser and kings.

Our thoughts go daily across the blue
To our soldier lads with hearts so true;
May a cheering message from those at home
Be wafted to them across the foam
We'll do our bit as soldiers all
To help our boys as they stand or fall,
And pray for their safe coming home

Lucy E. Sherman, Jennings Lodge.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken from the Oregon City Enterprise October 24, 1868.

The Willamette Valley was visited by a pleasant rain shower on the night of the 22nd.

Mr. Jacob C. Mann returned to Oregon last week, having made the distance from Springfield, Illinois, in thirteen days to Portland, overland.

We understand that the P. T. Company invited a few friends to go on the trial trip of the "Dayton" to Dayton. The trip was highly enjoyed.

J. P. Walker, who was recently burned out at Portland, is making all arrangements to complete his new sash, blind and door factory this winter. He brought the best machinery he could buy with him from the East.

The East Side Railroad Company, so called, but the O. C. R. R. Co., of Salem, proper, has been designated by the Oregon Legislature to receive the lands granted to Oregon by Congress, in aid of railroads in the state. There are 125 men at work blasting and grading in Oregon City. A large mill, capable of cutting two ties every minute, is being put into readiness for work below Oregon City, making the second mill of the company.

An entertainment given at Washington Hall in this city on the evenings of the 20th and 21st, was the most successful of any ever held here. The receipts were $123.50, to be applied for the benefit of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, Order of Eastern Star in Adoptive Masonry. Citizens generally lent their efforts but the principal credit is due to Mrs. C. M. Cue and Mr. J. A. Smith.

Mr. Thompson takes exception to what we said last week respecting his conversation with Mr. William Barlow that no bill was up to designate the East Side. This is true, we all knew that, and as Mr. Thompson voted to designate the East Side on the 17th perhaps we were hasty in regarding him as opposed to such a measure.

A terrible earthquake visited California on the 21st, something near 100 fine buildings were either ruined or damaged in San Francisco, several lives lost, and the streets opened to fissures. The severest shock occured at six and a half minutes before 8 o'clock, but there were frequent other shocks until 7 P. M. Woodland, Petaluma, Healdsburg, Centerville, Santa Rosa and Marysville were places principally effected. The vibrations were from north to south.

ESTACADA HAS NAMED TICKET FOR ELECTION

ESTACADA, Or., Oct. 22.—The citizens of Estacada at a mass meeting named the following ticket to be presented to the voters at the coming municipal election: For mayor, E. W. Bartlett; recorder, S. E. Wooster; treasurer, Mrs. Jessie M. Bartlett; for councilmen, L. A. Wells, James Smith, U. S. Morgan, J. V. Barr, John Osborne.

Deacons Go Fishing
Luck Was Very Poor
Pastors Go Hungry

As there were no church services Sunday morning or evening, owing to the ban on all pubic meetngs on account of Spanish influenza, many of the church-going people took advantage of the fne day, and motored, while a large number even went so far as to go fishing. A number of deacons of the churches promised their pastors fish for breakfast. Pastors were disappointed in not having fish Monday morning, as luck was poor in all cases, at least the deacons reported it so.

A number of the deacons in the church will not report where or how they spent their Sunday, although they were seen going at an early hour towards the Clackamas river and the Columbia river highway. They said they had a good time, but it was their own business how they spent it. This is what they told the reporter of the Enterprise Monday, who was inquiring what kind of a time they had on the Sabbath since there was no church.

SPECIAL DEPUTY OF IDAHO ASKS PEOPLE TO ELECT WILSON

OREGON CITY, Oct. 21.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—Will you kindly permit me to express a few words through the columns of your paper to to the voters of your county

I am told that Mr. W. J. Wilson is a candidate for sheriff of Clackamas county. In the name of common sense elect him! Give Wilson your vote without fail. Elect him on the biggest majority you can. Show your appreciation of honest service—and here are my reasons:

First, Mr. Wilson does not know that I am writing this—maybe he does not even remember me. But during June, 1917, I was a special sheriff sent from Lewiston, Idaho, to Reno, Nevada, to bring back one of the most notorious forgers known, and while on my return, this prisoner jumped off the train, out of a window, near Oregeon City, at night, about 9 o'clock, so I went into Oregon City, a stranger, needing a good live bunch of officers to help me catch the prisoner. Wilson was naturally at home with his family, it being late, but upon notice, he got busy with a man by the name of Long, and with their car, they were out on the trail of our prisoner within one hour, and run him all night, and all next day, catching him at six next evening—all day, all night, without rest, when he did not have to do so, but with one view in mind, his sworn duty to enforce the law and help us. It was a big thing for the state of Idaho—and I am sure the people of Idaho, if they had the chance you voters have, would elect Wilson, by a tremendous majority, because he has made good.

Show your appreciation by electing him, make it a big majority. Wilson had a chance to take advantage of our statement to "send in his charges," but he was honest and square in every way, and did not over charge our state of Idaho.

In his chase afteer our prisoner, Wilson showed splendid executive ability; and a good planning head; he was not afraid of the Devil himself He got right out in the road, where if our prisoner could have run on to him, he would have been wholly exposed for the fight, and that is the kind of a man you ought to elect sheriff. So elect J. W. Wilson, and if you don't I certainly will tell every body how ungrateful your voters must be for splendid service such as Wilson showed me, a stranger, with a lost prisoner, to catch.

FRED L. ULEN,
Acting special deputy sheriff President Lewiston College.

MORE NURSES WANTED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR RED CROSS WORK

In connection with the school census that is now being taken, information as to the number of women with experience as nurses is being obtained in Oregon City by Mrs. Ray Cooper, the enumerator. This information is being obtained under the direction of the American Red Cross Society for the government as a call has been issued for 25,000 nurses for army work by June 1 next. On the last call for 25,000 nurses, only 19,000 were secured. It is believed that thousands of women, who are skilled or graduate nurses, are now employed in private institutions and homes, and that their places may be taken by practical women who are not recognized graduates, and the governmeent also believes that there are married women, without dependents, who could be used as nurses. The epidemic of Spanish Influenza has made an extraordinary demand for trained nurses.

DAIRYMEN MEET TO CONSIDER INCREASE IN PRICE OF MILK

A meeting of some of the dairymen was held Monday evening, at which time the subject of increasing the price of milk in the city was discussed. There were a number of the dairymen as well as the consumers at the meeting, and the decision was left in the hands of the distributors, L. Hartke, who purchases much of his milk from nearby dairies, and the dairymen who are supplying him with the milk. A number of dairymen are confident that they can dispose of their products in Portland at a better price than they receive here.

The present prices for milk is $3.72 per quart when paid in advance, or when paid at the close of the month $4.50, while by the pint milk is bringnig 8 cents in advance or at the end of the month 9 cents.

DR. HEMPSTEAD TO SOON LEAVE FOR FOREIGN DUTY

Captain W. E. Hempstead, who has been stationed at Fort Stevens, Oregon, left Sunday for the East, and will embark for France. Dr. Hempstead had a fine lot of soldiers with him when he passed through Vancouver, and was given a warm reception by his many friends who had gathered to bid him farewell.

Captain Hempstead was formerly coroner of Clackamas county and a well known physician of this city. He was one of the most popular officers at Fort Stevens. Captain Hempstead was also stationed at Fort Canby for some time.

DR. GUY MOUNT TO REPORT FOR SERVICE SOON

Dr. Guy Mount, well known physician, had orders yesterday from Washington, to report at the Medical Officers' Training Corps at Fort Riley,

Dr. Guy Mount

Kansas, for duty with Ambulance Company No. 14, and to proceed within 15 days. Dr. Mount has been commissioned a first lieutenant. He applied for service some months ago and has been expecting orders to leave for more than a month.

Dr. Mount is a member of the local war board, and he will be succeeded in this work by Dr. M. C. Strickland, county health officer. Dr. Mount's nephew, Major Frank Mount, is now in France with the medical corps of the United States army.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

A. E. Borthwick to Alice C. Borthwick, 20 acres in section 36, township 1 south, range 4 east, undivided one-half interest in 4 acres of land in section 27, township 2 south, range 7 east, lots 8, 9, block 9, Brightwood, lots 1, 2, block 12, Sea View Villas $10.

W. A. Jones to C. S. Allen, lots 1 2, block 35 First addition to Estacada; $10.

Minnie Rose Lewis to Anthony B. Rose, lot 2, block 4, Mount Hood View addition to Oregon City; $10.

James and Carrie B. Duncan to John MacDonald, 49 acres in section 1, township 4 south, range 4 east; $10.

Ada G. and James Sykes, lot 8, block 107, Oregon City; $10.

John W. Loder and Grace Loder to Sarah Balcom, lot 2, block "H," First addition to Canemah; $100.

Portland Railway, LLight & Power company to Edith K. Freeman, tract of land in Robert Moor D. L. C.; $10.

Winnie E. Jenkins Jones to H. F. Gibson, 80 acres in section 13, township 4 south, range 3 east; $450.

Elmer Coleman et ux to Martin Lennartz et ux., tract of land in section 26, township 2 south, range 5 east; $10.

Frank J. DeLano to Carl Kummel, lot 7, Beutel tracts; $10.

H. E. Grasle et ux. to Ursula Meister, lots 2 and 4, lbock 33, Milwaukie Heights; $1.

John and Emma M. Hartzler to Gust and Alla L. Frederickson, 24.187 acres in section 32, township 4 south, range 1 east; $110.

Gust Frederickson to Zeno and Edna M. Schwab, 80 acres in section 32, township 4 south, range 1 east; $1.

Zeno and Edna M. Schwab to Gust and Alla Frederickson, 80 acres in section 28, township 4 south, range 1 east; $1.

J. Dean Butler and Charles T. Parker to George H. Dedrick, tract of land in Oak Grove; $1000.

Stephen Carver et ux to Josephine Link, lots 20 and 21, block 2, Carver; $175.

John T. Brown et ux to Harry H. Gardner et ux, lot 1, block 13, 1st addition to Barlow; $10.

Elizabeth Grim et vir to A. Labrache et ux, W .50 feet of lots 10 and 11, block 5, Brightwood; $10.

Harry H. Gardner et ux to J. T. Brown, 1 acre, L. S. Seely D. L. C.;$10.

Arthur I. Needham to Alice A.Meade, lot 49, Sellwood Gardens; $649.70.

Cyrenius R. Grim et ux to John O. Harrison, tracct of land in 1st subdivision of Oak Park; $2000.

Jane A. Crawford to P. M. Murray, 1 acre, William Holmes D. L. C.;$1000.

Ascenath Tracey Reed to James and Albert Tracy, 11 4-160 acres, G. W. Jackson D. L. C.; $623.

H. F. Bushong Tr. to Emma P. Case, 47 acres, L. D. C. Latourette D. L. C.; $1.

Albert C. Burns to Christ and Lina Kochlin, 10 acres, S. 31, T. 1 S., R. 3 E.; $10.

Jessie Bernice Wendling to Elmer G. Wendling, 3.18 acres lot Whitcomb D. L. C.; $1.

C. E. and Hulda J. Rick to N. F. Nelson, lot 7, block 97, Second subdivision of a portion of Oak Grove; $10.

James Reddaway to John Lennenmaier, part of lot 8, block 162; also part of lot 1, block 162, Oregon City; $10.

I. N. and Mary B. Commons to E. H. Sloan et ux., 102.04 acres in Stephen F. Farrow D. L. C.; $5000.

Charles S. Bard to Perry T. and Flossie Monroe, 40 acres in John and Sarah Stephenson D. L. C.; $10.

INSTITUTES CLOSE

CONDON, Or., Oct. 21.—The Teachers' institute, attended by instructors from Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties, closed here on Friday evening with appropriate exercises, attended by a large crowd. Despite the fact that it was reported Condon was closed on account of Spanish influenza, not a case has appeared here, and schools, churches and other public gatherings continue as usual.

WEEKLY SOLDIER LETTER

J. A. Staggs, of this city, iain receipt of a letter written by Private Reg. Vowles, a former Oregon City young man, who left Oregon City a year ago last July to enlist in the Canadian army. He was born and reared in London, his mother having died there, and his father later died in America. The young man, true to his country and birthplace, at once enlisted in the Canadian army when reserves were caled for. He was for five years an employe of the Oregon City Woolen Mills, and his star appears on the service flag of the manufacturing company.

The following is the letter, which was written September 17:

"France, September 17, 1918.

"Dear Jay:

"Am just dropping you a few lines to let you know that I am now in France, and have seen enough of it already.

"My new address is Private R. Vowles 525358, of the Seventy-second Canadians, B. E. F., France. After I had joined this Battalion about two hours, we were sent into the line and went 'over the top' a couple of days later. It was a long day. I shall never get as long as I live. We lost quite a few men with machine gun fire, but it had the effect of making the Germans retire several miles. I came through without a scratch, though it seemed a miracle at times. So many forge as long as I live. We lost quite me. We stayed in the line we had taken another two days until we had picked up all our dead and when we left there, there were still many lying around who were members of the Battalion, and they were in all shapes and conditions. Some of whom were unrecognizable, while others were blown to bits by shells. 'Fritzie' continued shelling us and the road near were killed and wounded all around make an awful crash and a jagged piece of shell hit on the rim of my steel helmet, and made me feel 'silly' by until we left. Some of his shells half inch thick, and had it hit me in the body no doubt would have made a nasty wound. We can always tell when a shell is coming by the humming sound that it makes in the air. Sharpnel is the worst of all. It explodes right overhead and makes a crash like a hailstorm, only a thousand times as great and steel bullets.

"That, with 'Fritzie' dropping bombs all night, it quite got on my nerves and I was glad to see the last of it for a day or two.

"We are now resting several miles back out of the range of the guns though we can see the flashes like 'lightning on the sky line.'

"All the house are shot to pieces, and everything has a dreary look, nothing but barb wire and shell holes.

"I often dream of my little place, and wonder whether I will ever see it again. It seems a long way off, yet it often seems near, especially when the shells are whirling over the trenches.

"It does not seem very painful to die from the looks on the faces of some of the fellows lying around(some were mere boys), many with a half smile on their faces,and others seemed less bleeding that I thought there would be. A man mortally hit generally falls on his face and lies still.

"I suppose we will be going in again soon, but the good weather has broken up, and drives will have to be postponed.

"Well, I suppose you will soon be digging 'spuds,' and I wish I was with you again, but something seems to tell me I have a lot to go through with before I ever get back.

"I will say goodbye for the present, hoping it will not be the last, but we never know in this God forsaken country, and hoping that all the folks are well and good luck to all.

"Your old Friend,
"REG. VOWLES."

"P. S.—Any local and Portland papers will always be thankfully received, as newspapers from God's country are eagerly looked for."

Miss Iva Harrington, county clerk, is in receipt of a letter from David C. Moore, of the Medical Department, 116th Engineers, stationed in France. Private Moore was a deputy in the county clerk's office before entering the service.

The following is the letter:

"Angers, France.
"Sept., 1918.

"My Dear Miss Harington:

"I was very glad to receive your letter and can tell you that old Clackamas county stationery certainly looks good. It reminds me of old times and you can guess just how much I would like to be back again. Ten months in France is a long time, and I am begining to feel very much at home, but realy the time flies so fast over here. I can't realize it has been so long. I suppose being busy all the time helps one to forget the time. Am sure if I hadn't very much to do the time would drag dreadfully. I like my work. It is very interesting and that helps a lot. Of course, we get a little restless at times staying in one place so long, but to think it over, we are doing our bit, and must be satisfied for the present time. I have gotten acquainted with some very nice French families and spend some very enjoyable evenings I can tell you the real French people are hard to beat. Their hospitality is great. One family in particular, who lives in Angers, has a summer home down at one of the fashionable resorts and insisted that Sergeant Sutton, "my buddy," and I should spend a few days with them, and after some difficulty we obtained four days' leave of absence, and what a time we had. There was nothing too good for us. Eat, drink wine, ride. Well, it is this way, people absolutely refuse to let you drink water, they laugh at you and claim it is injurious to health.

"Am just as fat as I look in the picture I am sending. I have often heard of people going abroad for their health and didn't think much about it, but it has sure done wonders for me, for I never had better health in my life.

"Well, how is the bunch I know you all have had plenty to do this last year. We all have.

"Give my regards to Marie and Naomi; also Fred and luck to his future term as county clerk.

"Wish best wishes.
"Your Friend,
"CARL."

PRESS IS ABUSED BY THE JOURNAL

Jackson Takes Unfair Advantage to Promote His Bills

Through force of circumstances the newspapers have, to a large extent become lawmakers in matters of direct legislation. More and more the voter neglects to study measures for himself and relies upon the advice of his favorite publication.

This has been remarked by prominent citizens of opposite extremes of political thought. Yet but one newspaper in Oregon has ever drafted a bill, paid the cost of its intiation and made the bill its own.

The Portland Journal has in the past initiated and fathered measures, its publisher is said to have expended upward of $4000 to force upon the ballot this year two bills relating to newspaper advertising.

The corrupt practices act places certain restrictions upon the expenditure of money by corporations in the interest of candidates. Yet a newspaper, if it determines to use its influence and its organization to foster legislation of particular type, can go farther toward attaining its ends than any railroad or bank or manufactory in purchasing candidates for the legislature.

The large newspaper's organization is state wide. It has employes in every town and in nearly every hamlet. These it can require to do its bidding on penalty of dismissal.

The newspaper has space on its pages which it will not sell at any price to advertisers. This preferred space it is at liberty to utilize for its own ends.

If a newspaper will it, there may be constantly at its door a group of sycophants ready to do whatever it desires, in return for small crumbs of publication. No matter what its devious course, it seems also to be true that any newspaper can attain a following which believes implicity anything it may publish.

Here are elements sufficient to create kaiser or czar out of any newspaper of large circulation in Oregon which may elect to devote them to its own ends.

The Journal has manufactured an issue out of nothing. It has paid to put the issue before the people. It has put its employes to work scanning the books of every county for material that may be twisted into an argument in favor of its position. It is devoting space that no other lawgiver would be permitted to use at any price It is searching out those persons who believe it, or fear it, or merely rejoice in notoriety to interview in behalf of its policy. While complaining that the country newspapers term its publisher a czar and do not discuss the merits of the bill, it has never yet, on its own account, published an honest statement as to the present law which it seeks to amend or an honest statement as to what its bill would do. Its attempt is plainly a desire to illustrate or prove its power as a czar.

It is withal a gross abuse of journalistic power and ethics and a betrayal of such confidence as is reposed in that publication. If there should ever come the day when the Oregonian, the Telegram, the News, the Voter, the Labor Press, the Journal and every other newspaper big or little, has its own pet bill, made in its own office, and circulated by expenditure of its own money, on that day the people will doubtless rise and smite the initiative and referendum out of existence.

It is a proper thing to point out the abuse of the power of the press in this instance. The issue is a far greater one than the merit or demerit of the particular measure so unscrupulously presented.—Portland Oregonian.

CALLED HER A FOOL, NOW SHE WANTS DIVORCE

Grace C. Prudue has filed a divorce suit against Wiley B. Prudue, to whom she was married at Kalama, Wash., June 2, 1819, charging him with having a quarrelsome, nagging and disagreeable disposition. She says he struck her several times in the face and called her a blank fool, so that she has lost all love for him.

Divorce decrees were entered Monday in the suits of Carl S. Williams vs. Viola Williams, and Myrtle M. Baker vs. George D. Baker, the plaintiff in the latter case being given the custody of two children and $15 a month alimony.