

MR. HENRY PECK AND HIS FAMILY AFFAIRS

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HENRY JR. SAYS



THE KID HAS NOW FOUND OUT THAT SILENCE IS GOLDEN HENRY PECK

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CITY OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

THE STATE BAR association has struck the keynote of the litigation troubles, not only in the federal courts but in every other court of the state. For years, the costs of litigation have been prohibitive for the man with small funds and he has been placed at a disadvantage in making the fight against his richer and, consequently, more powerful neighbor.

This is a condition that should not be. The small pocketbook should be able to get even and exact justice in the courts of this country in the same way that the heavily laden pocketbook can get it. Able counsel are employed and cases rushed through the courts for the benefit of the rich while they drag through the labyrinth of justice when the interested party to the action happens to be a man who is not able to meet ever increasing expense as the suit progresses.

In condemning the present system in this state and coming out for a stringent reduction in the fees, the state bar association has taken a step that, it is hoped, will tend toward the simplifying of legal procedure and will make it easier for the poorer litigant to have his troubles properly settled by the courts.

The association believes that the courts should direct their efforts, not to the discouragement of litigation, but to the simplification of the procedure and the reduction of the costs of suit. There are so many things that are good in the recommendations of the association and the reports of the committee that the whole report is worth study and commendation.

The statement of the committee upon which the association has acted follows:

"Congress should at once eliminate the double fee system in those states now burdened with it, should put the clerks on a flat salary proportioned to the duties they have to perform, and should revise the scale of fees charged for their services as well as those in the marshal's office. All unnecessary and exorbitant costs should be, and can quite easily be, abolished.

"Nothing makes for disrespect and contempt for law and the processes of the courts more than the present extortionate fees exacted. Nothing would tend to reestablish confidence in legal institutions more than a real effort to make the accessibility of justice independent of the wealth of the litigant.

"Instead of trying to discourage litigation by making it expensive

Americans Waste With Lavishness That Is Ruinous

Untold Riches Would Have Been Ours Arouse Public Opinion To Stem Loss of Wealth



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By WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Secretary of Commerce

FOR preventing fires restrictive and regulating laws are good. The appointment of proper officials with broad powers is right, but two things about these good and right things are true—namely, that they may all be done without getting at the root of the trouble. Unless these laws and these officials are SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC OPINION they will be useless.

THE AWAKENING OF PUBLIC OPINION IS, THEREFORE, THE ESSENTIAL THING AND THE MOST DIFFICULT. WE HAVE BEEN SO WASTEFUL A PEOPLE IN MANY WAYS THAT IT HAS BECOME A HABIT. WE WASTE ON EVERY SIDE WITH A LAVISHNESS THAT WOULD MAKE US AS A NATION RICH BEYOND THE DREAMS OF AVARICE IN A FEW DECADES IF WE COULD GET WASTE WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS.

No thought of safety measures occurs until some such great disaster as happened when sixteen hundred lives were lost on the Titanic and when one hundred and thirty-six perished with the Volturno. It is then that the people begin to consider that additional safety regulations are needed.

Arouse public opinion THROUGH EDUCATION. Such education can be imparted by a staff of demonstrators who would go through the country addressing legislatures, labor unions, schools and civic organizations.

the efforts of the courts should be in the opposite direction. The wealthy litigant has, irrespective of court costs, an enormous advantage over his poorer opponent in being able to employ able counsel, secure witnesses, and to await without inconvenience the outcome of the case. There is no valid excuse for making that advantage greater than it must be. Congress and the courts ought to put forth every effort to make justice cheap and accessible.

"In the opinion of your committee the fees and compensations paid and exacted in the federal courts should be overhauled at once and put on such a basis that the amount will bear some relation to the service performed. They bear very little now.

"Clerks' fees—No adequate reason appears for exacting from the litigant in Oregon, Nevada, California and Montana exactly double what is charged in Washington, Idaho, Arizona and the other 41 states for identically the same service by the same officials.

"Marshalls' fee—Any justification for doubling them in Oregon and a few other western states, that may have existed in past years on account of the particularly arduous nature of the marshal's duties has now disappeared. No fair minded litigant will contest that the marshal's office which is maintained very largely in the interests of the government, should be sustained by fees paid by private litigants. The marshal has now been placed on salary basis. The exorbitant and in many cases unreasonable fees demanded are a relic for former times and should no longer be endured. * * * The situation is in the hands of congress and the department of justice.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY has appointed a roadmaster with absolute power of administration over all of the roads of the county and over all of the county employes in the road division. He will serve without pay and will have the direction and supervision of everything that is done for the benefit of the county roads.

That county, too, has declared that it would construct no roads in its territory unless it was able to build hard surface highways. It has reached the point where it does not believe that cheap, temporary roads are a paying proposition. The fact that the thousands of tourists from the east are coming overland to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco has stimulated the people of the metropolis to hurry their road construction and to prepare for the reception of the visitors.

In appointing John B. Yeon, the county court of Multnomah has selected a man who has been for years an enthusiast over good roads. He has made the matter a study and has seen the improvement that comes to every section of the country with the coming of hard surfaced and permanent highways. There is no foolishness or hobbyism in the make-up of the new roadmaster of that county and the work that is done hereafter under his supervision will be done in a way that will bring into the pockets of the taxpayers a full return for every cent that is invested.

Such a man is worth something to the community in which he lives for he shows his public spiritedness when he undertakes to spend his time and effort in the management of a public project of this character and expects no return from the taxpayers for his service. He will now practice what he has preached for several years. During the time that he has been identified with the good roads movement of that county, he has urged the county courts to build hard surfaced roads and has taken a leading part in all of the campaigns that have been waged for the betterment of the road conditions.

Portland estimates that at least \$3,000,000 will be spent in that city by tourists during the pre-exposition days. It is also estimated that 10,000 parties will come overland to the west and that they will average at least five members to the party. Figuring a profit of 20 per cent, this would give to the people of Multnomah county \$600,000 or more than enough to cover the cost of the road construction that is now planned and still enable them to plan for further extension work on the hard surface roads of the county.

If Portland figures that these parties will pour through the city in such numbers during the year before the exposition, it is certain that some of them will visit Oregon City and Clackamas county and that good roads here would bring to this section of the state more than enough to meet whatever construction cost a complete highway through the county would entail.

These tourists are not merely sight-seers. Many of them are investigating the resources of the county through which they pass. Most of them are interested in the development of the west. It is to be expected that a large percentage of them will make their homes in the western states and that Oregon will receive its share of these visitors. It behooves, therefore, every county in the state to make some sort of preparation for the tourists when they come. For years we have advertised our resources. We have sent special trains whistling through the middle west and the far east with samples of the wonderful products that we raise in this state. We have aroused the interest of the east in our resources and have called the attention of the factory worker and the man with money to the advantages that this country has to offer.

Isn't it rather inconsistent, then, that we should bring them out here and show them our mud puddles and our sink holes and have to explain to them that it costs this county—Clackamas county—alone, \$240,000 every year merely as a mud tax?

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BITHIAHS ARE ENTERTAINED FOL DE ROLS TO GIVE A DANCE ON FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 28. ST. JOHN'S SEWING CLUB MEETS Annual Bazaar to Be Held Monday and Tuesday—Mehr Licht Club Studies Luther—Lodge Meeting

(By Meta Finley Thayer) The Bithiahs were delightfully entertained Monday evening by Mrs. W. E. Johnston at her home in Gladstone. After a short business meeting, reviving music and refreshments occupied the evening. Those attending were: Misses Elva Blanchard, Sayde Ford, Ivy Ford, Nettie Kruse, Geneva Young, Erna Draper, Myrtle Cross, Anna Meyers, Wilma Meyers, Kathleen Harrison, Daisy Mollert, Hazel Humphrey, Nellie Swafford, Alice Bailey, Adah Hulbert, Mollie Rose, Mina McDonald, Anna White, Miss Perkins.

The Mehr Licht club met Monday evening with Misses Alma and Florence Moore at their Greenpoint home. Interesting papers were read, as follows: Land of Luther... Miss Alma Moore Reformation... Miss Daisy Larson The Lutherans in America... Miss Alice Larson Mrs. Angus Matheson sang "Luther's Cradle Hymn"

Refreshments were served at a large table centered with chrysanthemums. Those present were: Mrs. F. J. Tooze, Miss Alice Larsen, Miss Gertrude Hamilton, Miss Todd, Miss Daisy Larsen, Miss Crowley, Miss Wood and Mrs. Angus Matheson. Mrs. F. J. Tooze will be hostess of the club at its next meeting.

The Ladies of St. John's Sewing club will hold their annual bazaar in McLaughlin hall on next Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25. Luncheon will be served both days from 11:00 to 1:30 o'clock and dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 o'clock. Useful as well as fancy articles will be on sale at the numerous booths and entertainment will be given in the evenings. Mrs. Frank Champion is chairman of the committee in charge with Mrs. J. R. Hannay as assistant chairman, and no pains are being spared to make the affair a social as well as financial success.

The Fol de Rols have decided upon Friday evening, November 28, as the date of their second hop of the season, for which attractive invitations are being prepared. A large number of college students home for the Thanksgiving vacation will be in attendance, as well as a number of visitors from Portland and Willamette valley towns.

The Knights and Ladies of Security lodge No. 813, held a social meeting Monday evening, the feature of which was a chicken dinner. The members passed a merry evening with music and informal dancing.

Crosslocking. August Bebel, who was one of the greatest of anti-militarists in Europe, was himself the son of a noncommissioned officer. The harsh disciplinary methods applied to privates in the German army sixty years ago made an indelible impression upon his boyish mind. "More than once," he said, "have I witnessed how young and old men who were to receive extra punishment had to submit to the hideous process of 'crosslocking.' The delinquent had to lie down on the floor on his stomach and had his left hand fettered to his right foot and his right hand to his left foot, across his back, and in that position he was left for two hours."

Shooting Fish. The shooting fish, a native of the East Indies, has a hollow cylindrical beak. When it sees a fly on plants that grow in shallow streams it ejects a single drop of water, which knocks the fly into the tide.

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Heart to Heart Talks By CHARLES N. LURIE

THREE THOUSAND ARTIFICIAL LEGS. From Europe comes a bit of news well calculated to make an American grateful for his citizenship in this country. It brings vividly and forcibly to mind the atrocities of warfare such as that of the Balkan states. It makes the old man here think of the time when he or his friend and comrade came back maimed and mutilated from the battlefields of the civil war.

Here is the item: A "government now engaged in war" advertises in a German paper for 3,000 artificial legs. They are wanted to replace those torn off by shrapnel and shell or smashed by rifle bullet or ridden over by artillery wheels or the terrible hoofs of charging cavalry. Three thousand artificial legs! Think of the aggregate of misery they represent! Once there were 3,000 natural legs which bore their possessors proudly to war. They marched away from home, just as you and I, reader, leave our own homes to go to our daily toil. Now the legs lie rotting on Balkan battlefields with the bodies of thousands who, perhaps more mercifully, have been spared the pain and perils of continued lives with limbs lopped off.

As careless boys, unheeding of insects' pain, twist and pull off the parts of insects, so these limbs of men have been twisted and torn off to gratify the warmakers, the lusters after territory, the proud and ambitious. Think of those 3,000 artificial limbs! Was Sherman right in his characterization of war? "But we do not make war," the readers say. "It is made by the statesmen who do not send men to death and wounds unless there is no other way open."

The other way is opening. It leads men along the path of international arbitration, of discussion of differences. In this highest and most honorable of national and international pursuits our own government is a leader. Statesmen and kings and governments do not nowadays make war. It is waged by the people themselves, and theirs is the final decision in the momentous question, "War or peace?" If the voice of a nation is unmistakably opposed to war no president, king or emperor will coerce it into the ways of slaughter of fellow men. Only the people themselves can take that road. In the cause of international peace all can help.

If throughout the world the people of hamlet and village and town and city join with one voice in denouncing war there will be no more war. An Inexpensive Son-in-law. The old gentleman showed a good deal of displeasure. "It seems to me," he exclaimed testily, "rather presumptuous for a youth in your position to ask for my daughter's hand. Can you advance any good reason why I should give my consent?" "Certainly, sir!" promptly replied the suitor. "What?" pressed the old man. "I am comparatively modest and economical in my personal expenditure," replied the suitor, "and I think, sir, that altogether you will find me less costly to maintain than almost any other son-in-law you could select." Boston Globe.

Not Much of a Sport. You are losing interest in life when a thermometer is able to qualify as a pastime.—Aitchison Globe. Administrator's Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of Clackamas county, Oregon, and has qualified as administrator of the estate of Jacob Spaglia, deceased, late of said county and state. Persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified according to law, with my attorney, C. H. DYE, at the southwest corner of 8th and Main streets, Oregon City, Oregon, for adjustment and payment, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated November 12, 1913. CHARLES F. SPAGLIA, Administrator. C. H. DYE, Attorney for Estate.

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