



TOMORROW, SATURDAY

The Last Day of a Most Successful Sale

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Merchant & Kammerer's

Laboring Man's Week has been a big drawing card in our Gent's Clothing and Furnishing Goods Department.

Everybody well pleased with the special inducements we have offered for the week. Don't miss the last day.

Following are some of the items on sale: Working Men's Shoes, Underwear, Shirts, Hosiery, Rain Coats and Pants, Wool Jerseys and Sweaters, Overalls, Suspenders, etc.

Men's Suits and Cravenette Rain Coats \$15.00

We have made a special effort to give our customers the best possible garment at the price \$15.00, and we have been fortunate enough to connect ourselves with the best manufacturers of popular priced clothing on the market. We claim that we can fit you out in the best Suit, Overcoat or Cravenette in Marshfield for the price.

\$15

For our very best, Hart, Schaffner & Marx is the kind we brag about. We claim this make to be the peer of them all for style, workmanship and general appearance. We carry the line from A to Z and will positively guarantee every garment we sell. Remember us for your Full Dress and Tuxedo Suits, complete stock of sizes on hand.

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CIVIC LEAGUE OPPOSE BONDS

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levy for the first year of the Straw administration was but 3 mills, the second year 3 mills and the present year 3 1/2 mills, while in previous administrations it had been five mills or more, making a big reduction in taxes. He said that the city must pay the outstanding debt even though some might not want to pay the \$20,000 or thereabouts that exceeded the \$25,000 limit and if it wasn't done by bonds, the council had the right to fix as high as a two per cent tax levy to do it with. He said that if the citizens lacked confidence in the council, they should remember that they had two councilmen whom they had confidence in and would elect two more at the coming election as the reform movement could not be defeated on account of the public sentiment that had been aroused in the last eight months. He said a bond issue could be floated at about four per cent interest, two per cent less than the warrants bear.

Albright Replies.

Carl Albright replied to Mr. Liljeqvist. He said that an examination of the records at the end of the Sengstacken administration showed the city was in debt \$9,000, of which \$1,000 was for previous administrations and \$8,000 for the sewer built by the city in North Marshfield. As to Mr. Liljeqvist's claim of a reduction in taxes, he said that taxpayers knew better than that. He said he owned property at Fourth and B' streets, and during the Sengstacken administration when Mr. Liljeqvist said the tax levy was five mills, he paid \$15 taxes. On five mills, he paid \$15 taxes. Under the Straw regime, when Mr. Liljeqvist said the levy was but three mills, he had paid \$45 taxes on the same property. This was accounted for by the increased assessed valuation. Mr. Albright said that he was opposed to voting bonds now, one reason being because voting for bonds would place the stamp of approval on the present administration. He criticized various expenditures that had been made.

Dow Wants Outside Money.

F. S. Dow said that he favored the bond issue as the best way of getting out of the hole. He said that it wasn't necessary to talk about how the money had been spent as the city was responsible for the debt and the thing to do was to make the best of it. He said that if bonds were issued, it would mean that outside money would be secured here to take

up the debt and the local men who now hold the warrants could use the money they would receive for them in further development of the city. He said it was necessary for the matter to be adjusted now as it was getting so that the warrants are not saleable and that if the city wanted anything, it had to pay high prices on account of the depreciated value of the warrants.

If the bonds are not issued, Mr. Dow said it would be necessary for the council to stipulate when the warrants will be taken up.

I. S. Smith Talks.

The audience called for I. S. Smith and he responded. He said that he was opposed to a bond issue now and would oppose any one who favored bonds. He said that it was up to the present administration to solve the problem that their reckless expenditure of money had brought on. He said that a year ago city warrants had been selling at a premium and if they were selling below par now, there must be some extraordinary reason for it. He urged the people to elect two good councilmen this year to give the city a business administration, the two to be elected, he said, with the two already on the board giving them a majority. Mr. Smith said to vote bonds now would empower a poor council to again run the city into debt and in a few years, the city would again have to vote bonds to pay its current expenses. He said that business men at the head of the city would regulate its expenses so that the income would take care of them and then there would be no trouble.

Other Views.

J. A. Luse said that the last call for city warrants had been issued over a year ago. He said that because the bond issue was turned down now, it didn't mean that the city would repudiate any honest debt. He said that with a good business administration, public confidence would be restored and the warrants would again reach par or a premium.

Mr. Cople said that he thought it would be well to wait until the coming election before voting a bond issue. If the right councilmen are elected, why it might be all right to vote a bond issue to take up the warrants, he said.

SPRING CHICKENS, just what you want for a fine home Sunday dinner at Stauff's, the grocer.

MASQUERADE BALL at Sumner Saturday evening, October 31.

"MAIDS OF ALASKA" at Masonic Opera House TONIGHT.

FRESH COOKED TOKE AND OLYMPIA OYSTERS at the O. K. Chop-house by the pint or gallon.

WHEAT at \$2.00 per cwt at Haines

TONIGHT—"Maids of Alaska" at Masonic Opera House.

NOW IS TIME TO HUSTLE

Only One More Week In Times' Grand Prize Voting Contest.

We will run a big special coupon in Saturday's paper, good for 50 votes. Leave orders for extra copies at the Times' office not later than 12 o'clock tomorrow.

Our great special offer is shaking things up lively and all candidates are striving to do their best. Friends of nearly all of the candidates who have been enrolled have hopes that their candidates will be among the victorious, and will not admit defeat until the final returns will have been counted, and this remarkable contest brought to a glorious conclusion. The daily number of votes cast increases day by day, and all expectations have been surpassed. Votes are being received in such greatly increasing numbers that it would be absolutely impossible to forecast with any reasonable degree of accuracy the total number of votes that will have been cast when the contest is over. But the candidates can all rest assured that they are striving for a prize that is well worth the effort. While the contestants and their friends have been working hard, they have in the meantime been preparing for the grand finish. The candidates have been carefully measuring the strength of their competitors, but now they are in readiness to step into the thickest of the fray and see it through until the contest comes to a close. Remember, you may win one of the prizes. Just keep a hustling for votes, and the time until the closing of the contest will astonish you by the quickness of its arrival. "Keep pace" with the other candidates, let the watchword be. The interest shown by the many candidates and the excellent work they have so far done is appreciated by the contest managers. Let the good work go on. The bunch of energetic workers that have made the contest slip along with such little friction deserve the praise of the contest manager. They certainly have done grandly. Their efforts have borne fruit. They shall enjoy the pleasure of the result of their labors. Remember, you may be one of the successful candidates. The stayer wins, whether the weapon be brawn or brain. The best work is done by hard work.

ROYAL ROAD TO FORTUNE

Strange Tale of W. T. Kerr's Part in Curry County Land Deal.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—The Telegram says: "From a driver of a stage in 1902, when he first met Richard D. Jones, to the position of a dealer in general merchandise at Coquille in 1908, with a stock of goods which he admits at this time to be worth more than \$8000, the owner of a block of ground and a home, said to be furnished in sumptuous style, is the record of William T. Kerr, one of the alleged conspirators in the case now on trial in the United States Court, wherein certain Curry County and Los Angeles citizens are charged with a conspiracy to defraud the United States of timber lands.

When the trial began, Monday, October 12, Kerr was one of the defendants to plead guilty. He was the first witness for the government, and stated that he entered into the conspiracy with Jones under the belief that it was a straight scheme. He said he pleaded guilty because he was too poor to employ an attorney, and for the further reason that he had withdrawn from the job as soon as he ascertained it was a crooked deal.

Drops Poverty Stand.

Yesterday afternoon Kerr was recalled to the stand and in answer to questions admitted that he now owns one-half of a general merchandise stock and considerable other property.

Every witness who has thus far gone upon the stand has shown that in some manner he or she had dealings with Kerr. He either solicited them to locate lands for the benefit of the company or received and located those sent on from the offices of the Pacific Furniture and Lumber Company, paying them money to file or giving it to the land officials himself.

The first witness this morning was T. W. Newman, of Los Angeles, who loaned the company \$7000, taking as security 7000 shares of stock and mortgages upon five timber claims in Curry county. Jones then sent him up to Oregon to locate a claim, which he did with the assistance of Kerr, but paid no fees. He did not know who paid them. The company refunded his expenses upon his return, and he was to turn the land over to the furniture concern. He consulted an attorney who advised him to drop the matter and he did not patent the land. His testimony

showed that he made the loan through Hynes and Jones, and that Smith signed all the checks received by him in payment of interest, expenses and a salary as manager of a lumber yard which never existed.

Yesterday afternoon evidence was received from B. W. Dean, A. J. Marsh and Stephen E. Marsters, editor of a newspaper at Gold Beach. Marsters testified he had been a stage driver, and had served four years as Sheriff of Curry county. He said that in 1902 he owned a homestead adjoining the timber belt.

Kerr came to him and told him what was going on in the timber business, and he agreed to take a claim adjoining his homestead. When he went to file on it he found that Kerr had placed another man on the land, but was holding another piece for him. When he registered a kick Kerr advised him to not make any trouble, because "the government is watching us pretty close."

Didn't See Agreement. Marsters also alleged that when he made final proof before Huntley, defendant, the latter failed to read the question relating to the making of any agreement for the sale of the land, and that he would not have signed it if he had known of that provision. He never got the money promised him for the claim because Kerr said "Jones was being watched and could not come through with the money."

The last witness of the day was L. C. Marsters, a brother of the editor. He took a claim at the request of Kerr, who was to see him through with the money. All that witness ever paid himself was the sum of \$1. All of the evidence thus far adduced goes to show that Kerr secured the appointment of Ames S. Johnson as a deputy county clerk, and placed him in the store at Port Orford as a clerk. In that position Johnson received the entries of the entrymen and many times the final proofs. He has pleaded guilty."

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"A STATESMAN WITH A CONSCIENCE."

Description of the Republican Presidential Candidate by Senator Borah of Idaho.

(From Senator Borah's Boston Speech.)

"Now, it seems to be conceded by friend and foe that few men have been nominated for the presidency whose experience, whose training and whose sound and wholesome fashion of grasping and dealing with public questions were equal to those of William H. Taft.

"He is not a crusader, he is a statesman with conscience. He has won his present position through a cheerful, unhesitating and undeviating devotion to duty, through actually achieving things on the open field of action, through an intelligent conception of the strength and worth of our great government with its checks and balances; and the strength and capacity of our citizenship with its loyalty and its patriotism.

"No man ever had a deeper regard for the fundamental principles and precepts upon which this government is founded, and no one ever had a firmer conviction that the constitution is a sufficient chart by which to measure all rights and obligations and to gauge all the demands and all the aspirations and restrain and control all the recklessness of this indomitable race of ours. Trained in the law, eleven years on the bench, he explored well the sources of jurisprudence and carried away from his work an everlasting devotion to order and justice.

"Under all circumstances and under all emergencies, he has proved himself a brave, clean-minded, self-poled and courageous statesman. No man can put his finger upon a little or cowardly act, an incompetent or questionable piece of public service—no stain upon his private life, no shadow upon his public career. And standing now in the full fierce light which beats upon a throne, with eager eyes scrutinizing every act of a long and arduous public career, no doubt arises as to his experience and ability, no challenge comes to his fine sense of duty or his patriotism."

I believe our strong party with its great principles is only in its infancy. Our glory as a nation has but just begun. There are mighty problems yet to be solved, grave questions to be answered, complex issues to be wrought out, but I believe we can trust the Grand Old Party and its leaders to care for the entire future of our Nation and of our people as it has cared for them so well in the past.—Hon. James S. Sherman.

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