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THE SLANDERER.

OF ALL the creeping, infectious, coward—and damning ills the human family has to contend with the slanderer is the most insidious, the most deadly and the hardest to catch up with, in all the list of social evils we know of.

But once the author is detected, punishment rarely falls of instant and adequate application.

It is a pitiable fact that we are all, more or less, slanderers; for every time we say an unkind thing or pass on a mean suggestion, of another, in the absence of that other, we slander, and what is more, we know it when we do it.

It is not sheer thoughtlessness; we are too willing to fall in with the tone of the talk of those with whom we are for the moment thrown; it is a common weakness and a vicious indulgence. We fail to realize to what proportions our contemptible insinuations will grow in their further travel on the tongue-route and before we know it we are conscious of having been party to the conspiracy that wrecks some career and blights a dozen lives in its collapse.

Every community suffers, deeply and continuously, from this thing, and Marshfield is no exception. The tongue of evil wags here all the time, as shamelessly and meanly as anywhere else and to the same miserable ends.

The stranger settling here soon learns to know and like the people in whose society he is thrown and begins to take comfort in the thought of having won the friendship and society of those worth knowing and cultivating, when suddenly his pleasing estimates are shattered, or at least most unhappily qualified by the more or less lying tongue of the slanderer; and the stranger is not always in a position to go about the unravelling of these vicious tales and must perforce let them rankle in his mind to the detriment of the man and woman he would have honored and to his loss of peace and confidence. It is one of the hideous complexities of the social sphere and as old as life itself. What is needed is the frequent and wrathful evening-up of some of these outrages at the hands of those of its victims with courage enough to meet and dispose of the wrong.

HARLAN GETS PLACE

To be Named Interstate Commissioner Again (By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—President Taft announced today that he would send to the Senate probably Thursday the name of James S. Harlan, interstate commerce commissioner, to continue in that position. Harlan, who is a son of Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court, will be renominated for the seven year term.

AID PORT ORFORD REEF.

Appropriation for Lightship on Dangerous Rocks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Nearly two and one-half million dollars in appropriations for lightships and lightships in a general plan of improvement for aids to navigation is asked in the estimates of the Department of Commerce and Labor, sent to Congress.

New projects not appropriated for last year are included.

Other improvements suggested as "resources permit" include: Orford Reef lightship, Oregon, \$150,000.

Necessity for the establishment of a lightvessel at Port Orford Reef long has been recognized by Coast mariners running out of Portland and by officials in the local lighthouse service. Recommendations for an appropriation for this purpose were made by Henry L. Beck, inspector of the Portland district, and his predecessor, Port Orford Reef has been the scene of a number of marine mishaps in the last few years.

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Too Much Water as Bad as Not Enough.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—"Too much water is as much a blight to the land as none at all," was the pith of an address at the nineteenth annual session of the National Irrigation Congress today by delegates interested in the reclamation of swamp land. That overflow lands located chiefly in the southern and some of the Pacific coast states should be drained and made habitable and that the river courses should be regulated has, according to B. A. Fowler, the president, become as much a part of the propaganda of the congress as the irrigation problem. It was stated that there are eighty million acres of swamp land in the country which, if drained, will support ninety million people.

PACKERS ON TRIAL.

Hearing of Chicagoans Charged With Trust Conspiracy Begins.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—No apparent further attempt to delay the trial in the United States district court was made by the counsel for the packers when the case was called before Judge Carpenter today. All the defendants expect J. Ogden Armour were in court. Attorney J. S. Miller asked that a plea of not guilty be entered for each of the packers. The extreme penalty in case of conviction is a fine of \$5,000 or one year in jail, or both.

ROCKEFELLER TO TALK.

Oil Magnate Given Chance to Answer Merritt Charges.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—John D. Rockefeller and Fred. D. Gates, manager of the Rockefeller charities, today were invited by Chairman Stanley of the House Steel Trust Investigating Committee to appear before the committee next Monday, if they care to do so, to reply to the charges by the Merritt brothers of Minnesota, concerning the \$20,000,000 Masaba ore properties in Minnesota.

ADD PACKERS' R6. J. Ogden Armour reached the court room shortly after court opened.

RATE CASE IS UP.

Commerce Court Passes on Long and Short Haul.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The Commerce Court denied a motion to dismiss further proceedings before that tribunal in the famous transcontinental and inter-mountain long and short haul freight rate cases. The motion was made by the counsel for the Chicago Association of Commerce just before the arguments were begun today on the motion to make permanent the temporary injunctions granted several weeks ago. This probably will be granted as the government already has appealed the case on the temporary injunctions to the Supreme Court of the United States.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND

Premier Asquith to Try to Force It Through

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the government would use all the constitutional means at its disposal to pass the Home Rule bill for Ireland during the life time of the present parliament. The Premier, by his announcement, means that he will undertake to force the Home Rule bill through the three consecutive sessions necessary thus making it become effective in spite of the opposition of the Peers.

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FORMER BANDON WOMAN A SUICIDE

Mrs. Belle A. Kolp, Well-Known in Coos County Real Estate Circles, Commits Suicide.

Mrs. Belle A. Kolp, well-known in Bandon, and a sister of editor Axtel, of the Lodi, Cal., Sentinel, who was recently convicted of murder in the first degree, ended her own life a few days after the trial, by taking morphine. After taking the dose, Mrs. Kolp penned a few words to her friends in which she said she could not endure the disgrace brought upon the family and that she did not care to live longer.

The first that was heard of the tragedy here, was when it came out in the daily papers that a sister of Axtel's had attempted suicide, but that she possibly might recover. However, later developments proved fatal, and it was learned that Mrs. Kolp had passed away. The affair came as a great shock to Mrs. Kolp's friends in Bandon, and much regret was expressed by Bandon people.—Recorder.

GET ELEVEN JURORS.

Progress Made in Trial of Ten Chicago Packers.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—Eleven men were in the jury box today when the court convened for the trial of the ten packers indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

OF COOS BAY, at Marshfield, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 5, 1911.

Resources.

Table with financial data: Loans and discounts \$229,329.87, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00, Bonds, securities, etc. 73,161.50, Banking house, furniture, and fixtures 81,472.94, Due from national banks (not reserve agents) 6,478.38, Due from State and Private banks and bankers, trust companies, and savings banks 835.30, Due from approved reserve agents 76,774.97, Checks and other cash items 4,318.48, Notes of other national banks 2,295.00, Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents 93.45, Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie \$48,701.40, Legal-tender notes 385.00, Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation) 1,250.00, Total \$550,096.29

Liabilities.

Table with financial data: Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00, Surplus fund 5,500.00, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 5,297.39, National bank notes outstanding 25,000.00, Due to state and private banks and bankers 6,248.88, Individual deposits subject to check 338,757.94, Demand certificates of deposit 9,403.02, Time certificates of deposit 59,558.29, Cashier's checks outstanding 330.77, Total \$550,096.29

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State of Oregon, County of Coos,

I, DORSEY KREITZER, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DORSEY KREITZER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 1911.

ARTHUR K. PECK, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: W. S. CHANDLER, W. U. DOUGLAS, M. C. HORTON,

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Condensed financial statement table with Resources and Liabilities sections.

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