

COOS BAY TIMES

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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE?

"NO MAN is a hero to his valet," runs an old saying; and equally old is the retort that the reason is, not that the man is not a hero, but that the valet is not a manly man.

A new form of the old idea is furnished by the question of a San Francisco judge, "Can a married man be a hero? Can any man be a hero to his wife?"

The cynic, remembering Punch's advice to those about to perpetrate matrimony, "Don't!" retorts that the mere fact that a man is married demonstrates the possession of heroism.

The inspiration of the inquiry sheds a dim light on the standard of heroism in husbands. A woman had sued for divorce. Her husband was that "in size, grace and daring husband did not measure up to the standard of heroism so evident in the leading male figures of historical novels."

On this ground, "who of us shall 'scape whipping'?" We may as well prepare at once for the inevitable and reconcile ourselves to the certainty that when wife has read enough "Quo Vadises" and "Lorna Doones," whose heroes were combinations of Apollo, Hercules and Lord Chesterfield, she will sally to court and send us our legal "conge."

CALL OF THE COLLEGE.

"Oh, why be farmers, stockmen, sawyers?" the college clamors, loud and clear; "why not be editors or lawyers, and wear fine linen all the year? Why soil your hands with loathsome labors? Why carry swill to cow or hog? Rise, rise above your tolling neighbors, and be a fourth rate pedagogue! Why wear duck overalls and curry the hump-backed mule and bridled steer? Come to the college in a hurry, and learn to be a bank cashier!"

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING All things that speak of heaven speak of peace.—Bailey.

PEOPLE OF THE DARKNESS

I wander through the busy street, and see on every side Dim, painted wraiths of people who are living, yet have died; A world of brooding sorrow lies beneath each painted face; The people of the Darkness these; the outcasts of the race.

I wonder down a side-street through an unfrequented way To find a little sunless court where ragged children play; Of childhood as we know it they have nothing but the size— But ah! the age-long misery that slumbers in their eyes!

The people of the Darkness, all, "who did not start aright"; Who "stumbled" on the weary way, who "wandered" in the night; We pity them, and yet, I think, before a Judgment Bar. 'Tis we will need the pity—we, who made them what they are.—Charles M. Mackintosh.

Once in a while you find a married woman who does not need a servant as long as her husband is around.

Mrs. J. N. Hill, Homer, Ga., has used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for years, and says she always recommends it to her friends. "It never fails to cure our coughs and colds and prevents croup. We have five children and always give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for a cold, and they are all soon well. We would not be without it in our house." Lockhart & Parsons, the Rexall store, "The Busy Corner."

TELLS ABOUT SINGLE TAX

Charles H. Shields Declares That Plan Would Bring Disaster to State.

Chas. H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, addressed a large audience in the Odd Fellows hall last evening on single tax. Mr. Shields condemned the proposed equal tax plan, which will be voted on at the coming election, as a menace to the welfare of the state.

He is a clear, forceful speaker and discussed taxation, and especially the U'Ren single tax amendments, in detail. He was introduced by Dr. E. Mingus. During his address he invited the audience to ask questions about points that were not clear to them.

Mr. Shields has made a trip through the Coquille valley delivering several addresses there. All his meetings were largely attended and he expressed himself as pleased to find so much interest in the question.

That graduated single tax and the various single tax measures offered in Multnomah, Clackamas and Coos counties were nothing more or less than plain single tax was one of the earliest statements Mr. Shields made. "You will find," he said, "in every communication that Mr. Cridge, one of the Pels paid workers, has sent out, he has declared this statement of mine to be untrue. However, I can back it with proof, for not only do the single taxers stand wholeheartedly for Henry George, who declared that the purpose of single tax was the absolute and entire confiscation of land by the state, but I can also prove my statement by Mr. W. S. U'Ren. Rather heedlessly the other day in a letter to the Oregonian he admitted this to be true. This is what Mr. U'Ren said:

"The single taxers have presented two single tax measures, one is the local county option law for Multnomah, Clackamas and Coos counties. The other is the graduated specific tax exemption amendment. "This is the first time Mr. U'Ren has ever made such an admission, and while he admits writing this letter, every other paid single tax worker says his statement is not true. I leave you gentlemen to judge for yourselves."

The speaker gave the history of the single tax movement in Oregon. He told of the \$16,000 spent here two years ago in putting through the "trick home rule measure."

"This measure was offered," said Secretary Shields, "because the single taxers saw straight single tax defeated, and it was their idea to get the favor of the small landowner and the small home-owner by the exemptions offered in the graduated single tax measure. This is a purely single tax measure. The graduated exemption used is just a trick. It has but one object, that of restoring privately owned land back to the state."

"The taxpayer," declared Shields, "should be the man with the ability to pay. Graduated single tax ignores this, and its purpose is to make the man pay who cannot pay. And when he cannot pay, it will confiscate his land to the state. Graduated single tax is not a revenue getter. My single tax friends will tell you it will break up large land-holders and thus reduce the price of land."

"This may be true. It may not be true. We can only tell by experience. But if it be true, the revenue which the single taxers figure will come from the land owners will then not be forthcoming, for you remember they say large holdings will be broken up. In the meantime you have exempted personal property. Still your taxes must be paid. Who is left to pay them? Just the small lot owners, the small home owners and the small farmer, and when they cannot pay their land will go to the state."

"He continued: "All land values under graduated single tax must and will decline in value. The selling value and the rental value will be destroyed. When the full rental value is taken by the state the state's means to raise funds will be by leasing, for there will be no value on which to place a tax. To you, ladies and gentlemen, it will be a case of pay your taxes or get out."

"Do you want to get out? If so, vote for single tax. U'Ren of course promises you that if you don't like the law you can repeal it. This argument does not appeal to me. Does it appeal to you? Do we want failures? Do we want an era of depression, for that is what declining land values and no market for your land will spell? As land values decline, the mortgagee will foreclose your mortgages. An era of land communism and land socialism will be upon you."

"On the ballot in November," went on the speaker, "you have offered three measures by the state tax commission, Nos. 304, 306 and 308. These will give you a rational system of tax reform, and with absolute assurance I leave them to your consideration."

\*\*\*\*\* AMONG THE SICK. \*\*\*\*\* H. R. Hyde is reported quite ill at his home in South Marshfield.

Neptune Young, of Lakeside, is reported critically ill at Mercy hospital.

Henry Le Mieux, of Marshfield, underwent an operation at Mercy hospital this morning and is reported to be getting along nicely.

George Cool, an employe of Smit-Powers Camp No. 7, is at Mercy hospital with a broken arm and other injuries sustained in an accident there this week.

Mrs. Guy Warner, of Marshfield, who is visiting relatives in San Francisco, entered a hospital there Saturday for an operation. No word has been received from Mr. Warner, who is with her, since as to the outcome of the operation.

Ken Kelley was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis yesterday morning and underwent an operation at the Mercy hospital in the afternoon. He is reported to be doing as well as can be expected. The young man is employed at the Eastside mill and resides at Eastside with his parents.

Referee is taking testimony at Portland in Famous Action. PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Taking testimony in the Oregon-California land grant cases was resumed in the United States district court this week. Miss Margaret A. Fleming acting as referee. This is the fourth and probably final hearing in this case, which is said to involve the largest amount of property value ever concerned in a single legal action in this country. The land in dispute includes 2,500,000 acres, with a money value in excess of \$100,000,000. This property was donated by the government in 1866 to the old Oregon & California railroad company under certain conditions as to settlement and sale. The government contends that these stipulations have not been carried out by the railroad company and is seeking to recover title from the Southern Pacific railroad, successor to the Oregon & California.

So far as the taking of testimony is concerned the case is nearing its conclusion. Whichever way the court may decide, the case in all probability will be taken to the United States supreme court.

Bartlett pears \$1.50 per box at STAUFF'S GROCERY.

SAYS CAPITAL WAS SCARED

W. A. Bantz Writes That S. P. Frightened Financial Syndicate.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2, 1912. Editor Times:— I ask the privilege of correcting statements contained in your issue of August 20th, when Phil Mettschan, Henry L. Pittock and William A. Bantz were presented to the public as having improper motives in certain Coos Bay development work.

The men named therein were never officers in the Glasgow Townsite Company, or the Glasgow Company, never procured a railroad from Eugene to San Francisco, and never sold any lots on Coos Bay. The gentlemen named with myself were officers of the Pacific Coal and Transportation Company, which concern did compel the Southern Pacific to start work on the Drain road to the sea. It was the starting of this work by the Southern Pacific which drove away the financial syndicate that was behind the Pacific Coal and Transportation Company.

These same men did not stop in their serious development effort for Coos Bay, when they were temporarily defeated by the Southern Pacific through the Drain project. They soon organized the Coos & Coquille Valleys Railroad Co., which forced the Southern Pacific to buy the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern railroad. About this time there were so many paper railroads being projected that capital hesitated, and did not want to enter the Coos Bay territory along the lines of the work indicated. Because of this condition, we let the railroad business lie idle until 1909, when the Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho Ry. Co. was organized by people on the Bay. The concern was about to fall when capital from the outside took hold and had the survey made to Roseburg.

I have no interest in Coos County, but I have a big interest in the State of Oregon, and I say to you people on Coos Bay: If you vote to let the Southern Pacific bridge the Bay, you will kill the Bay for big commercial business.

Capital is today waiting to have this bridge question settled for good. Think well before you act. Don't lock yourselves up for one railway. Respectfully yours, WM. A. BANTZ.

ADVISE TO COQUILLE. Owners of real estate in Coquille should not make the mistake of inflating the price of property offered for sale because of the great increase in industrial activity soon to be firmly established. Encourage the home seeker by giving him a square deal.—Coquille Herald.

RAND DANCE at EAGLES HALL Saturday night, September 7.

W. A. Smith, Bridgeton, Ind., had kidney trouble for years, and was so crippled with rheumatism he could not dress without help. He started using Foley Kidney Pills, and says: "I began to get better at once, and now all my trouble has left me and I do not feel that I ever had rheumatism. I rest well all night and tho' 59 years old, can now do the work of a man of 35 years. I would like to be the means of others getting benefit from Foley Kidney Pills." Refuse substitutes. Lockhart & Parsons, the Rexall store, "The Busy Corner."

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION of FLANAGAN & BENNETT BANK MARSHFIELD, OREGON, At the close of business, September 1, 1912.

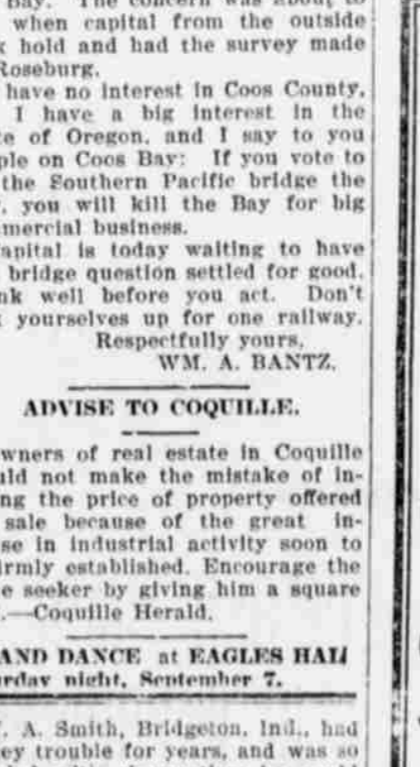
RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$455,211.47 Banking house 50,000.00 Cash and exchanges 307,835.44 Total \$813,047.21 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00 Surplus and undivided profits 59,552.47 Deposits 703,494.74 Total \$813,047.21

CONDENSED STATEMENT Of The First National Bank of Coos Bay At the close of business, June 14, 1912.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts \$238,516.70 Bonds, warrants and securities 78,131.25 U. S. bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00 Real estate, furniture and fixtures 81,011.34 Cash and sight exchange 188,652.81 Total \$611,312.15 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00 Surplus and undivided profits 10,548.43 Circulation, outstanding 23,800.00 Deposits 477,963.71 Total \$611,312.15

In addition to Capital Stock the individual liability of Stockholders is \$100,000.00.

INTEREST PAID ON TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS. W. S. CHANDLER, President. DORSEY KREITZER, Cashier.



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Advertisement for Union Meat Market. Includes text about buying meats.

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