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A TYPICAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

WHAT the commission form of government will do; its limitations as well as its advantages are splendidly summed up in the following editorial from the Wichita (Kansas) Beacon:

PROPOSING TO WALK BACKWARDS

It is announced by some of the Wichita politicians that an effort will be made to do away with the commission government.

There always have been some people in Wichita, not a very large number, but containing some important and influential members of society, who wanted to go back to the old days.

They call it the good old day.

It was a good old day for some of them. It was a day when the city government of Wichita ran haphazard; when the councilmen were elected in caucuses, and after they were elected to office they swapped the privileges and benefits of the city with each other with a good fellowship that would have done credit to the generous Captain Kidd.

There were some good men in the old days. We have had some good mayors, some good members of the city council, and then we have had some so bad as to make us forget about the good ones that we have had.

The chief fault with the old system was that it was careless, unbusinesslike, the work took care of itself and things went forward in a slipshod, reckless manner.

The new system individualizes the responsibility, causes the men who are elected to stay on the job and gives us a businesslike administration. It is true that taxes have gone up because the city has done in the last five years a tremendous amount of improving.

These things cost money and the only thing for Wichita to consider is as to whether four men, selected with care by the entire community, will take care of the larger fortunes of this growing city in a more businesslike way under non-partisan city government, than the old system of political government by councilmen and mayor elected under a system of partisan politics, some of whose members were good, some bad, and some indifferent.

The commission form of government has not been perfect in Wichita because we have not selected perfect men. Perfect men are hard to find, and you can get poor government under any system with poor men, but commission government has averaged much higher in Wichita than the old form did and it is getting better all the time.

Shouting "Hey, there," might attract the attention of a grass widow. But what's the use?

MANY WANT TO HUNT. Ninety-three hunter's licenses were issued by County Clerk Watson during the first six weeks of the present year.—Coquille Sentinel.

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Sarter's

HOT TAMALES FOUNTAIN DRINKS ICE CREAM HOT COFFEE LIGHT LUNCHES

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Joy of life seems to me to arise from a sense of being where one belongs, of being four-square with the life we have chosen.

THE HOUSEWIFE'S EPITAPH.

Here lies an old woman who always was tired. She lived in a house where help was not hired. Her last words on earth were, "Dear friends, I am going. Where washing ain't done, nor sweeping nor sewing. But everything there is exact to my wishes. For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes. I'll be where glad anthems forever are ringing. But having no voice I'll be clear of the singing. Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never; I'm going to do nothing forever and ever."

Strange as it may seem the battling average of Jupiter Pluvius goes higher as he sends the rain down.

Senator Gore isn't near as blind as he was when he called at that Washington hotel to have a chat with Mrs. Bond.

HOW TO TELL.

When you sit and dully wonder If you're ill or if you're well, And a sort of lazy feeling In your system comes to dwell; When your mind turns toward Ten Mile And unconsciously you wish You could leave behind all troubles, Then, my boy, it's time to fish.

If poor old Adam were alive today he would be tried as a white slaver with Eve as the principal witness for the prosecution.

Anger that I can't erase Comes to me, nor passes off. When I start to wash my face Before I take my glasses off.

A California woman declares that thousands have died from kissing. But the millions who have lived through it are not likely to be impressed by that gob of gloom.

How many magazines I read With wondrous stories in; you'd get just as mad as I, indeed, To read the word (Continued).

CHEER UP!

If you have work to do, Go do it. Do not grunt and groan and stew. Go do it. Smile, and lo! will smile with you. And your Monday won't be blue. If you have work to do— Go do it.

When a girl begins to call a young man by his first name, she has designs on his last.

We imagine that a dumb barber would be even more satisfactory than a dumb waiter.

I. R. TOWER SAYS:

"The pocket book has no show at the automobile show."

Jealousy will not listen to reason, because it doesn't believe there is such a thing.

Many a humble lover makes a lousy husband.

TOMORROW'S BUILDERS.

Born a beggar, born a king. We can choose the song we sing. We can choose who'll lead to us. Tread on grapes, tread in snow; Hand-built roof or white star-places; Eyes of hate or caring faces; Rest, or venturing to the end; Peace, or danger round the bend. Our own destiny's secure. Ours, untouched forevermore. No one makes our joy or sorrow. Each must build his own tomorrow. Many paths go wandering, straying. Many games are ours for playing. Born a beggar, born a king. We can choose what song to sing.

UNFAIR ATTACK ON ROOSTER.

The San Lucas correspondent of the King City Rustler has burst into poetry, and his opening scream, although palpably unjust in some respects, is sufficiently meritorious from an artistic viewpoint to entitle him to enrollment among the syndicate verse grinders of the boiler-plate press. Reading between lines of the effusion, one cannot but draw the conclusion that the rooster is the kind of a progressive bird needed in San Lucas. The rooster should be applauded for the reason that he is wide awake from dawn until dark, although, as is the case with all reformers, he is opposed because he wants to make the whole community wake up and keep moving. But here is the classic:

"Swat the rooster! He don't pay! He's no booster! He don't lay! Nerves are shaken; we can't dream when we waken at his scream! Swat the rooster! He's our foe! Can't get nester his loud crow! Swat the rooster off his legs! He's no booster raising eggs! Folks that utter back him say: 'Swat the rooster! He don't lay.'"—San Jose Times-Star.

Times Want ads bring results.

One Hundred Years Progress in Aviation

FEBRUARY 24, 1914

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times)

THEN

Join Wise, the first aeronaut in the United States, was born on this date 106 years ago today. He began experimenting in Philadelphia in 1835 and in the fall of 1837 discovered that while passing through a thunder cloud the cords of his balloon gave forth musical sounds and he heard voices on earth when he was a mile above it. Twice in 1843 he asked Congress for appropriations for crossing the Atlantic in a balloon, and later tried to get its aid in building airships from which explosives could be thrown at an enemy on land or sea. Up to 1859 he had made 230 ascensions. September 28, 1879, he ascended from St. Louis and never returned. The body of one member of the party was afterward found in Lake Michigan.

NOW

Today, although the Atlantic is still uncrossed by airship or flying machine, the belief that the trip will be accomplished this year is widespread. Rodman Wanamaker is building an aeroboot with which he expects to fly from Newfoundland to Ireland in less than 24 hours, and others are in the field for the \$50,000 prize offered by Lord Northcliffe for the first aerial voyage across the Atlantic.

An even more ambitious project calls for an aeroplane trip around the world in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition. A route has already been mapped out, a sum of \$300,000 proposed as prizes, and a number of aviators have indicated their eagerness to participate in the race.

A SATURDAY SERMON

THIS is but a half hospitable world on whose surface we live. Human life is possible here only through struggle. Gardens of Eden, in which man may go naked and live without work and not be ashamed, are out of fashion these days. We have to dig out living out of the ground. We have to hustle to keep ahead of the weeds; we have to pounce upon the forces of nature, throw them down and tie them to make them serve us, hammer reluctantly yielding materials into useful shapes, and dripping with sweat, half exhausted, half triumphant, eat the bread we have wrung out of the earth. No work, no eat, is the law of nature. It will be the law of society when man obeys the laws of life.

An old Hebrew legend says that when Adam became wise he was ashamed to be naked. When his descendants become wise men—if they ever do—they will be just as much ashamed of laziness as of nakedness.

No wealth is created without labor. Somebody's back must bend; somebody's muscles must ache to produce the simplest articles of use. I wish I could see stamped on every dollar "Some poor devil had to work for what this will buy."

Are you doing your share? If not, why aren't you? I know that society often tries to make idleness honorable, but it cannot make it right. Whether you are a rich man, a society woman, or a tramp, you are a traitor to the rest of mankind if you shirk your share of work. Why should others work hard to support both themselves and you?

Some day society will be so organized that only useful people—people who are prepared to render service—will be respectable.

MILLER IS CANDIDATE.

Chairman of Oregon Railroad Commission Wants to Be Re-Elected. SALEM, Or., Feb. 24.—Frank J. Miller, chairman of the Railroad Commission of Oregon, has announced himself as a candidate for re-election. Miller will seek the nomination at the hands of the Republican party. Miller has been a member of the Commission since 1911, and prior to that he was secretary of the Commission, being elected to the Commission when Oswald West, his predecessor, became Governor.

MANY WERE HURT

In the list of accidents reported to the state labor commission for last week are the following from Marshfield:

- G. J. Hodney, Marshfield, toe bruised, dock. John Larvus, Marshfield, thumb and finger cut, paper mill yard. Karl Lawman, Marshfield, legs burned, paper mill yard. Neils Justin, Marshfield, nail in foot, paper mill yard. Oscar Lehto, Marshfield, finger burned, paper mill yard. J. E. Barrow, Marshfield, leg and hip bruised, paper mill yard. E. Sari, Marshfield, hip bruised, logging.

ELECTORS CAN SIGN MANY CANDIDATES' PETITIONS

SALEM, Or., Feb. 24.—According to an opinion rendered by Attorney

DAYS NEWS IN PLAN TO TAKE POLICE COURT OUT GRAVE

Two Sailors Land in Toils—Few Offenders Have Ready Cash

Two sturdy sailors off the Hardy were arrested by Officers Shoupe and Smith last night and charged with fighting. Both of the disturbers were fined \$5 each by Recorder Butler this morning. One of the sailors en route back to the ship fell on the railroad track, cutting a bad gash in his face.

Alex Carlsson was arrested by Officer Doane last night and charged with drunkenness. In the absence of any real money the officers confiscated Carlsson's gold chain and held it in the municipal loan office until he remits his fine of \$5.00.

A. Larsen was arrested by Officers Shoupe and Smith last night and charged with over imbibing in liquid refreshment.

A search of his person revealed the handsome sum of 15 cents. The blessings of the needy were again displayed when his fortune was returned to him early today and he was charged with "five stones" on the book.

OAKLAND QUEEN TO WEAR EVE'S GOWN

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 24.—Eve's costume up to date, will be worn by Miss May McLeann as queen of the huge May Day festival that will be held in Oakland at Lakeside Park. The queen will be clad in leaves, but in far more of them than Eve wore. Her gown will be full length, and will be cut in the hobble style.

COASTWISE STEAMERS CARRY MANY PASSENGERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Passenger business on coastwise steamers shows an increase of fifty per cent over that of last year, according to the figures of steamship companies here. Usually full lists of passengers have not been noted until April or May. This season it is estimated that coasting vessels will be filled with passengers before March 1.

SHOULD MARRY THE GIRL.

Man Residing Near Oakland Eats A Quart of Pickles Daily.

OAKLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—A strange idiosyncrasy, aided and abetted by a capacious appetite, has been found in a man living three miles south of Oakland, who eats a quart of dill pickles at every meal. Three-quarters of a gallon is his daily capacity.

He himself does not look upon it as remarkable, for it is his opinion that one of the fundamental tastes, which in the case of most people is sweet, in his case simply happened to be sour. Pickles to him are the same as candy to others.

WOULD RECALL MAYOR ALBEE

Petitions Are Being Pressed Very Vigorously

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—Twenty petitions have been placed in circulation for solicitation of signatures demanding the recall of Mayor H. R. Albee and City Commissioners R. G. Dieck and W. L. Brewster. The petitions charge that Mayor Albee has been holding a business position while Mayor, in violation of the charter, and his oath of office. They also charge that he has failed to maintain order and that his policies are weak. The charges against Dieck and Brewster are that they have supported the Mayor in his alleged illegal and incompetent acts.

True love may not run smooth, but it keeps on running.

The pessimist compares himself to the man who is a great success; the optimist to the worst failure he knows.

Times Want ads bring results. Times Want ads bring results.

Extensive Operations Smith-Powers Road This Summer

Plans for opening many gravel pits along the Smith-Powers line near Myrtle Point are being made and it is expected that many thousand yards will be taken out from there this summer. The gravel pits along the road will furnish the material for street work here, in Bandon, Clifton and Myrtle Point, the sand for the Southern Pacific bridge over the local railway, the Smith-Powers and the new line being constructed by the Southern Pacific near the good sand and gravel along the beach and it is about the only way the beach is too fine for any commercial use.

G. B. Datson is planning to set big bunkers along the creek that near the Smith-Powers line and screen it so that the different sand and grades will be sorted. His plan is to put in a big scraper to sweep across the creek, being hauled by donkey engine and thus washing the sand and gravel as it is taken to the screens.

TRAIN ROBBERS ARE NOW KNOWN

SOMEBODY KNOWS WHO HELD UP GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN—WILL GIVE THEIR NAMES HIS WITHHELD.

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—That identity of the bandits who held the Great Northern train and ordered three men to know to persons outside those committing crime, was indicated in an anonymous letter received by agents of the railroad. The letter asked if his name be withheld if disclosed the identity of the bandits. He received assurances it would.

NEW TRIAL FOR BECKER

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Court of Appeals granted a new trial for Charles Becker, former New York police lieutenant. He is under a sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

EAST SKEPTICAL OF COAST

Fake Realty Promoters Are Charged With Responsibility Therefor. PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—The honest advertising of fake real estate promoters is responsible for the failure of efforts to induce Eastern people to come West.

This declaration was made by William Woodhead of San Francisco, president of the Associated Ad Clubs of America, during the course of a short address before the Real Estate Board.

Eastern people have to a large extent lost confidence in the advertisements of Western lands appearing in Eastern papers and literature sent East by Western land dealers," continued President Woodhead. "Eastern people want to come West and they want to be sure of their investment. It is the only solution that I have to offer for this deplorable state of affairs for for such organizations as the Portland Realty Board and other civic organizations in all parts of the Western states to be constantly on guard for fake advertisements and smite them every time they show a head."

Welcome Rain!

THIS IS GOOD GROWING WEATHER

Now is the time to prepare for harvest time and you will need seeds.

We carry the largest and best line of

GRASS SEEDS

on Coos Bay. All the varieties that are best adapted to Coos County may be found here, including

RED CLOVER, ALSIKE, TIMOTHY, ORCHARD GRASS, ENGLISH RYE, ITALIAN RYE, LAWN GRASS SEED, GARDEN SEEDS OF ALL KINDS

And when you prepare the ground for garden or lawn remember we have BONE MEAL FERTILIZER, the kind that makes things grow.

Bunker Hill Department Store

W. H. DINDINGER & CO.,

Phone 32.

Bunker Hill.

The Parisian FASHION'S CENTRE

IRVING BLOCK

If discretion is the better part of valor, think of the big advantage the WELL-DRESSED man has over the chap who is handicapped by common-place clothes.

Here are clothes that are built to grace a gentleman, no matter how exclusive the company he is in.

Let us show you our line.

Prices \$11.25 to \$25.00

We guarantee satisfaction.

PRICES ARE ADVANCED

We have just received notice of the advance in price on all of the unsold portion of Cooston, but this does not mean that the best opportunities are exhausted. On the contrary, the very best buys remain. Most of the out-lying property has been sold, and in view of development for 1914, already planned, this inside property is worth all, and more, than present prices.

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