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"Swope is Responsible."

Under the above title the Reporter, a Democratic publication, indulges in some of the rankest nonsense and political rot imaginable. It attempts to show that Mr. Swope is responsible for everything the County Court has done during the last four years, because he has been acting as a deputy district attorney for this county during that time.

Now, as a matter of fact, Mr. Swope has had absolutely nothing to do with the acts of the County Court, except when a legal proposition has been presented to him for an opinion, and beyond this he has never gone; as a matter of fact, he could not go further. As to whether a thing should be done or not, a road laid out or not, or a particular route be followed or not, he had no authority whatever, this being exclusively for the County Court.

The county has had four years of Mr. Stewart as County Judge, and during that time the county ran deeper and deeper into debt each year of his term, to the tune of over \$2000 per annum. This is good business, according to the Reporter's way of figuring; but since Stewart went out of office the debt of the county has decreased annually over \$1300. This is poor business, according to the Reporter's way of figuring. According to his way of figuring, we should keep running deeper into debt each year, and then we would have a business administration.

When Stewart was in office hundreds of dollars of the county's money were thrown away on surveying out proposed county roads where no road was ever established. Take the Depe-Siletz road, for instance, which was to terminate on the Siletz river near Roots. Here the road was surveyed, at an expense of \$112, the reports of surveyor and viewers accepted—and here the matter ended, without an order declaring the same a public highway; hence it never became a county road. This is only an example of other cases where the people's money was wasted without one cent of return.

The Reporter talks of Stewart leaving good bridges scattered all over the county, when, as a matter of fact, the county contained many rotten bridges and bad roads. People who are interested do not forget in four years.

Mr. Swope stands pledged to an economical administration of county affairs and the permanent improvement of county roads. No mistake will be made by voting for him for County Judge on the 4th day of June.

Right under the Democratic ticket this week the Reporter has a lengthy spiel against "politics in county offices." That is also funny. If there is no politics in the game, why doesn't it support some Socialist or Republican in the list of candidates? Is it possible that all the good men in Lincoln county are Democrats? This is queer bait to toss before Republicans and Socialist voters! How many will swallow it? Fact is, the Reporter is fighting strictly as a Democrat. It wants Democrats in all the offices, and is ready to make any kind of wild statement against a Republican candidate. It has failed, however, to show where Sheriff Ross or any one of the present county officials has failed to properly attend to the duties of his office. The people are not to be misled by its slurs and "no politics" nonsense.

Memorial Day.

A joint committee of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. have chosen the following committee for Decoration Day:

- Committee on Speaker—Mr. Hooker and Mr. Collins.
- Committee on Music—Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Emma Croso, Miss Verne Ross.
- Committee on Program—Mr. Sturdevant, Mrs. Center, Mrs. Gannon.
- Committee on Flowers—Misses Ruth Oistedahl, Faith Stewart, Estella Gannon, Winona Hooker, Nora Krogstad.
- Committee on Decorating—Mr. Bethers, Mesdames Espy, Nye, Hyde, Schenek, DeLaurier, Mr. Woods.
- Committee on Martial Music—Austin Rosebrook.

Settle, Please.

All knowing themselves to be indebted to the undersigned for flour or feed will kindly settle the same by June 1. "Short accounts make long friends."

Geo. A. Hall.

Sam Hill of Ona was in the city Wednesday.

Postmaster Roddy and Fred Bailey were visitors from Winant yesterday.

Mrs. J. S. Akin and daughter Iris left yesterday morning for a visit at Portland.

Miss Edith Ross, who has been visiting at home for several days, returned yesterday to Harrisburg.

Presiding Elder Rowland will talk on local option at the M. E. church in Toledo, Monday evening, May 28. Everybody invited to be present.

Mesdames Jennie Arnold and Nellie Gaither will serve tea at Odd Fellows Hall next Tuesday afternoon for the benefit of the cemetery improvement fund.

Conductor Billy Hoefflein and his brother George, accompanied by their incumbrances, were at Coburg the fore part of the week, attending a family reunion in honor of their father's 80th birthday. Chauncey Trapp punched tickets for Conductor Hoefflein during his absence.

Attorney C. E. Hawkins went to Portland last Saturday to defend Butler Fairchild in the Federal Court on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Butler returned Tuesday, having been placed under bonds to appear for trial in September. Superintendent Egbert, Justice Robert DePoe, Jakey Johnson and wife, Louie Fuller and wife and Ned Evans went to Portland as witnesses in the case.

Mesdames Matilda Espy, Ada Soule and Jennie Arnold went to Portland Monday to represent Do Good Rebekah Lodge in the Rebekah Assembly. Mrs. Carrie Macdonald of Newport was a delegate from Rhododendron Lodge, and Owen Graves and John A. Olsson of Newport attended the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. W. F. Wakefield of Eddyville was also among the bunch as a delegate from Elk City Lodge.

Memorial Day.

Following is a synopsis of the program for Memorial Day:

Members of Abe Lincoln Post No. 68, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., ladies of Abe Lincoln Relief Corps, all comrades who served in the Civil War, all comrades who served in the War with Spain, all fraternal orders, citizens and school children are invited to join with the Grand Army on May 30 and help to perpetuate the memory of comrades who died that this nation might live. The comrades, Relief Corps, orders, citizens and school children will assemble in front of T. P. Fish's store at 9 o'clock a. m., form in column and proceed, headed by Rosebrook's martial band, to the cemetery where an informal decoration will take place. All will again meet in front of T. P. Fish's store at 2 p. m. and, led by Rosebrook's band, march to the courthouse, where a program will be rendered, consisting of both vocal and instrumental music, recitations and an address by Rev. P. J. Ruehart of Siletz; after which all will proceed to the city wharf where the Relief Corps will render the service for sailor dead.

Memorial Sunday, May 27—Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. Rorick.

G. A. R. Veterans and Relief Corps will meet at Fish's store at 10:30 and March to the M. E. church.

Memorial Sermon at Waldport.

Next Sunday, being the Sunday before Memorial Day, Rev. C. T. Whittlesey will preach a memorial sermon at the Presbyterian church, Waldport, at 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

THE SCHLAPPI School of Elocution and Oratory is now open. For terms apply to Mrs. MYRTLE SCHLAPPI, at Chestnut Grove (the old Gowell place) Toledo, Oregon.

Strayed or Stolen.

A bay horse, carrying saddle with light quilted seat, one stirrup gone; may also have bridle on. Missing since about May 6; last seen on road between Newport and Siletz. Leave information with Hall Brothers at Siletz and receive reward.

For Sale.

Household furniture, etc. Apply to Mrs. J. Oistedahl, Toledo, Oregon.

Facts in the Case.

Newport, Or., May 18, 1906.

Editor LEADER:

In a recent issue of the Reporter there appeared a scurrilous article relative to the County Court, which is both false and villainous.

The facts of the matter referred to are: J. K. Weatherford filed a petition asking for a compromise on taxes for the years 1900 and 1902, which had become delinquent. He represented to the Court that the land was sold for \$1.50 per acre the year it was assessed for \$2.00, and asked the court to reduce the assessment to the cash value as sold for. The Court did not believe it had the authority to compromise taxes, neither have they ever done so, but to make sure, Judge Brown referred the matter to the Attorney General and the following is his reply:

OFFICE OF A. M. CRAWFORD, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SALEM, OREGON.

Hon. C. M. Brown, County Judge. Your favor of the 14th instant has been under consideration by this office for several days, and in reply I beg to say that I have been unable to find any law of this state, or other authority giving the County Court a right to accept payment of a less amount of taxes than the amount entered on the tax roll. While the Supreme Court has held in some cases that the County Court has a right to compromise claims against the county, the validity of which are doubtful, I am unable to find that the county has the right to reduce the valuation of property after the roll has been equalized by the board of equalization or the County Court, sitting as such.

To accept payment of taxes in such an amount as the Court deems to be the tax on a fair valuation of the property where it appears to have been overvalued would be the same as reducing the valuation, and this I have been unable to find any authority for either in the statutes or court decisions.

Therefore, I am lead to believe that such proceedings would be unauthorized. Where property is assessed twice or there is a mistake in the description, or other such error, the Sheriff is authorized to make the correction and take credit therefor in his settlement with the County Treasurer, but this does not seem to cover the case which you have stated. Very respectfully yours,

A. M. CRAWFORD, Attorney General.

Now, when the Court meets in June, to the great surprise of the Reporter, the petition of the corporation will be turned down. This is another evidence of the carefulness of the present Court and an additional reason why the taxpayers should vote to continue Commissioner King in office.

C. M. Brown.

The Toledo Cemetery.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having friends buried in the Toledo cemetery, that the officers are prepared to execute deeds to lots and desire you to apply for same; also, if you have a deed please present same at my office that I may affix the company seal; or if you are delinquent please pay for your lot as we need the money to improve and beautify the grounds. This being a common interest please give it your attention. C. B. Croso, Secretary Toledo Cemetery Association.

Clean the Cemetery.

Next Monday, May 28, is the day set for the annual cleaning of Toledo cemetery. All interested are requested to assist.

Benefit Entertainment.

Syringa Circle, Women of Woodcraft, will give an entertainment Saturday evening, June 24, for the benefit of destitute and homeless victims of the San Francisco disaster.

Local talent has responded generously to requests for numbers and a program of unusual merit has been arranged, consisting of the following features:

- Selection.....Rosbrook's Orchestra
 - Violin Solo.....Shed Rosebrook
 - Reading.....Mrs. Myrtle Schlappi
 - Selection.....Rosebrook's Orchestra
 - Vocal Solo.....Miss Verne Ross
 - Reading.....Master Frank Schlappi
 - Cornet Duet.....Dave and Shed Rosebrook
 - Character Song.....Ten Children
 - Cornet Solo.....Dave Rosebrook
 - Reading.....L. M. Starr
 - Drill.....Guards
 - Selection.....Rosebrook's Orchestra
- Admission, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

A. T. Peterson made a business trip up the line yesterday.

Colonel J. Henry Penn of Yaquina passed homeward Monday from a business trip to Portland.

Mayor H. W. Vincent has been confined to his room for several days from an attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Our Norwegian citizens celebrated their nation's natal day on the 17th inst on the banks of Olalla. The usual happy time is reported.

Frank Reibhoff and George Oldenberg returned to their homes in Portland Monday, after a short visit at the home of W. B. Hayden and family.

S. N. Guillems of Ona passed homeward last evening from a business trip to the valley. Mr. Guillems is said to have the finest Jersey cattle in Lincoln county.

R. I. Hepburn of Portland was in the city Wednesday, representing the Reese Waterproof Manufacturing Company of Fruitvale, Cal. The line of waterproof goods shown by Mr. Hepburn is the best ever, and our people will have a chance to test its merits, as J. S. Akin will have it in stock before the rainy season arrives.

George McCaulou went to Albany Monday to mix with the Elks and transact other business. He returned Tuesday in pretty fair shape—considerin'. Charlie Winant, George Heckel and Jack Cahill of Newport went to Albany the same day and united with the antlered tribe. They came back next day all shot to pieces, but hopeful and happy.

The Sheep Question.

Harlan, Oregon, May 21, 1906.

Editor LEADER:

If you will kindly give me space in your paper I would like to say a few words about the sheep business in Lincoln county.

I suppose we are to have a vote on whether or not sheep shall run at large. Now it surprises me that such a question should even be put to a vote in Lincoln county, with the vast amount of outside range compared with what is inclosed, and the people depending largely upon the outrage for stock of all kinds. We all have a few acres fenced, and the greater portion of that we have to cultivate, either in grain or meadow, to carry our stock through the winter. Now if we have to confine our sheep to our own land, it will compel us to fence the same, which, as a rule, is about 100 acres, and perhaps one-half or two-thirds of that is no better than three or four times that amount adjoining and lying idle and doing no good except for the pasture we get from it. It is my experience that the more stock there is on the range the better, especially sheep and goats. They break the fern down and kill it out so grass can start. Now why should sheep be prohibited from running on this outrage any more than goats or cattle? If I have sheep and neighbor has goats, why should I want him to keep his goats up? or, if I have cattle and my neighbor has sheep, why should I want him to keep his sheep off a range that he has just as much right to as I have? Sheep are the best-paying stock we have in the county, and when you make a law barring them from the range, you cut them out entirely, for not many places in the county afford pasture for many sheep after you take out what is necessary for other purposes. It seems to me the big majority of voters of Lincoln county should be awake to their own interests and not vote out the sheep industry. While a few might be benefited by the act, it would be an injury and an injustice to many. People in towns should remember that mutton chops are high enough now, and they should not vote to make them any higher or to cut off this source of revenue. Let sheep have the same chance as other stock on the open range, with special privileges to none. B. F. Grant.

I have just received a large line of the latest styles in Ladies' and Misses' Caps. Call and see them. STEWART.

Persons found trespassing on my land will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. K. Busch.

A Loyal Newporter.

Newport, Or., May 19, 1906.

Editor LEADER:—The people for the first time have had the benefit of the primary nominating law and have selected candidates for the various offices both county and state. The Republican party may well be proud of the selections it has made. There is not a bad, weak or incompetent man in the whole list of candidates. This is the work of the people and now to sustain and approve that work, and to show that the real power of the ballot should be in the hands of the people, every Republican who registered under the law should support the ticket from top to bottom and thus sustain their own action.

Everybody knows this county has been run long enough under boss rule. A few picaresque politicians would set up the primaries and county conventions and make the nominations and the people could have no say in the matter whatever. Exit boss!

The Republican county ticket is undoubtedly strong and was strongly endorsed in the primary election and will no doubt be elected on June 4th by increased majorities.

The county debt is being reduced, the county's resources are being developed, new roads are being built and old roads improved, and in every way the county's affairs are in better shape than they have been since the county was organized. Now it is good policy to let well enough alone and make no change in our county officials.

B. F. Swope will make a good county Judge and his name will add strength to the ticket.

George King has made a safe, painstaking Commissioner and the taxpayers want him re-elected.

Ira Wade is a most efficient, accommodating and popular County Clerk, a friend to everybody and will no doubt be re-elected to succeed himself by a large majority.

J. L. Hyde, the well-tried and popular County Treasurer will stay right where he is if the good will and confidence of the people of Lincoln county count for anything.

Sheriff Ross is one of the best officers in the state. He is a terror to evildoers. In a mountainous county like Lincoln, where criminals and evildoers have so many places to hide, it is of the greatest importance to have a well qualified Sheriff to maintain order and keep down crime. A VOTER.

Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received up to 10 o'clock a. m. of the 6th day of June, 1906, by the county court, for the building of a bridge across Five Rivers at a point on the county survey below the mouth of Lobster River. Plans and specifications to be submitted with said bids. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the county court.

IRA WADE, County Clerk.

Notice to Voters.

Having been nominated for Joint Representative for Lincoln and Polk counties on the Socialist ticket, will say that if elected I will stand for the best interests of all and special privileges to none. M. S. Dickisson.

For Sale.

Three good milk cows. Inquire of Julius Busch, on Drift creek. Address Glen, Oregon.

Men Wanted.

Sawmill and lumber-yard laborers, \$2 per day; woodsmen \$2.25 to \$3. Steady work. Apply to Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., Eugene, Or.

Notice to Voters.

Having been nominated for Sheriff of Lincoln county on the Socialist ticket, will say that if elected I will stand for the best interests of all and special privileges to none; and will say further, if elected, will do all in my power to see that all have equal rights, also, if elected, will donate to the county three hundred dollars (\$300) of my salary for the improvement of our public roads, to be distributed to the several districts of the county—have filed a bond in the County Clerk's office to that effect.

Hoping to hear from a majority of the voters on the 4th of June. IRVEN MAGER.