

LET COOL HEADS TAKE COMMAND

Why the hullabaloo over religion and over races? Where does it get us?

Political leaders are making these issues paramount in this state. Some newspapers, by agitating these ancient disputes, are helping make them dominant in an election campaign.

These are the issues of the Middle Ages. The people of that time were debating them 700 years ago. That is to say, in an Oregon election the leaders on both sides of the issue are going back into medieval history and dragging out moldy theses on which to stage an election campaign in Oregon.

We are trying to get back to normal conditions after a war. We are counting our dead and computing our debts. We are struggling with the high cost of living. Livestock men to the number of 43 recently turned their flocks and herds over to their Portland creditors and went out into the world to find a job. A business depression stalks over the country with men by the million walking the streets in a vain search for work.

In many a case in the past year the incomes from farms in this state were not sufficient to pay the taxes. There has been no time in the whole history of the state when there was more need for sound, sane, constructive public work. But here we are testing out a candidate's eligibility for public service on the ground of whether he is a Catholic or anti-Catholic, whether he is a Jew or anti-Jew, whether he is foreign-born or anti foreign-born, whether he is colored or anti-colored. The questionnaires issued to candidates for governor by a Portland newspaper actually propose such a test.

Where do we get to if we make our choice of public offices on such a test? If we make this foolish issue the paramount question, divide the state into two great factions on that issue and then decide the election by the triumph of one or the other of these factions, what will be the consequence?

Here is what the consequence will be: If one side wins we shall have an anti-Catholic, anti-Jew, anti-foreign born, anti-negro administration. If the other side wins we shall have a pro-Catholic, pro-Jew, pro-foreign born, pro-colored administration. That is exactly what such a division as political leaders are now forcing upon the people leads to. That is the direct trend of the campaign as it is now staged. That is why it is imperative that poised men in Oregon take command and call upon people to thrust into the background this issue that men were quarreling over in 1521, and take up the more imperative and more pertinent issues of how to reduce taxes, how to secure a more equitable distribution of city and state development, no common-sense endeavor for needed reforms in taxation.

The Ku Klux Klan cannot harm the Catholic church, cannot extinguish the Jewish race or limit its number by one single person, cannot change the status of the foreign-born, cannot disfranchise the colored citizen. The Ku Klux Klan will have its time upon the stage and presently pass on, as all its predecessors have done. A sixteenth century issue cannot live long in the twentieth century.

The mistake that Catholics, Jews, and the others make is that they take the Ku Klux Klan too seriously. It feeds and grows strong in their opposition. The Klan, on the other hand, is attributing to Catholics, Jews, foreign-born and colored people designs, purposes and plans that nobody but Klanners take seriously.

Yet, because each side becomes over-excited about what the other side can or might do Portland is filled with bad blood, bitterness, feuds and fustian. The welfare of the state and the needs of the people are lost sight of in a medieval religious row with no constructive planning for city and state development, no common-sense endeavor for needed reforms in taxation.

If there was ever a time for cool heads to assume leadership it is now. If there was ever a time for citizens to read and re-read the golden rule it is now.

and has many friends. His name appears on the orange ticket. Frank B. Layman is a lawyer, has made a specialized study of rates and rate-making, is a progressive Republican, and, as a candidate for a semi-judicial position, has kept his candor free from all religious or racial issues.

The situation as to public service commissioners is bewilderingly complicated. If the recall candidates should be elected they would serve only to the end of this year. Neither is a candidate for nomination in the election to occur in November.

There will be on the ballot in November a measure to make the commissioners appointive by the governor. If it should be adopted it would open the way for the governor-elect who will take office in January, to name an entirely new commission, in which event the commissioners regularly elected in November and scheduled to take office in January would not take office at all unless appointed by the new governor.

The Third Oregon district is having the fourth term of Representative McArthur, which, as did the first, second and third, reveals a consistent service of standpatism. The progressive thought in the Republican ranks will have an opportunity Friday to express itself in protest against reactionary representation.

TO A HIGHER PLANE

There is reason to believe that the course of moving picture magnates is going to do much to relieve the need of further regulation. The ban on the Arbuckle pictures was a start. And now decision has been made to prohibit exhibition of films in which Peggy Joyce is featured.

The only claim Miss Joyce has to fame is a string of notorious love affairs. Two or three men have killed themselves as a result of their acquaintance with her. The lives of others have been broken. The trail of Peggy Joyce is merely a trail of sorrow, notoriety and suicide. The screen's popularity cannot be permanently built on a foundation of scandal and unwelcome notoriety. It cannot be based on a foundation of life-wreckers. There must be something more substantial, more wholesome and more admirable for the public eye than the trail of broken lives and scandals.

TURN BACKWARD?

Certainly the federal corrupt practices act should be amended. The supreme court nullified part of it in the Newberry case, and now comes Attorney General Daugherty with an opinion that more of it is invalid. In effect, the law will amount to nothing if the attorney general's opinion is sound. One of the most important laws on the statute books of states and nation is the corrupt practices act. It is intended to eliminate bribery, graft and kindred abuses in elections to limit the sums that candidates can spend, and to provide against the purchase of public office. Irregular use of money in elections and in government might in time wreck the government. It

CANDIDATES AND PLATFORMS

Records of Eight Who Seek Seats in the Lower House of the Legislature and of Two Who Would Serve in the Senate.

W. W. Banks of Portland is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the state senate from the Fourth district, consisting of Clackamas, Columbia and Multnomah counties. He is a practicing attorney of Portland and has been active in legal and political circles for an extended period. He has served for several terms in the legislature, first from Southern Oregon prior to his moving to Portland, and then from Multnomah county. He was assistant United States attorney during the incumbency of John H. Hall, resigning that office to engage in private practice. He has represented Multnomah county in both the house and senate.

J. S. Dellinger of Astoria is a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from the Fifteenth senatorial district, comprising Clatsop county. He is a well known citizen of Astoria, having been the editor and publisher of the Astorian for many years. He is long known as an active participant in the political affairs of Clatsop county, and has been prominent in state politics as well.

L. H. McMahon of Salem is a candidate for the house of representatives on the Republican ticket from the First district, consisting of Marion county. He is a well known citizen of that county and district, having resided there for many years. He is an attorney, has practiced law in the county for a long time, and is also interested in farming and fruit raising.

Perry O. Powell of Monmouth seeks the Republican nomination as representative for the Eleventh representative district, composed of Polk county. He is a well known resident of that city and county, having lived there for a number of years. He was a member of the 1921 regular and special sessions of the legislature, and seeks reelection to the position he held during those two sessions.

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John F. Daly, Portland banker, has received from E. M. McMillan of Philadelphia a letter, which reads: I am but one of the crowd of Easterners who have never appreciated the fact that I could feel any sense of joint ownership in the "Great Northwest." You man Riley has awakened in me and in many others a sense of partnership in that wonderful section, until now, having American citizenship, I am anxious to go west of Oklahoma. I am beginning to be conscious of failure to appraise, properly, the wonders of our own country. If you don't call him home you will have us all rushing West to claim our share in, as he puts it, "The Wonderland of America."

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In 1920 a member of the commission of public docks of the city of Portland. In November, 1920, he was elected representative of the Eleventh district for the term of 1921-1922. His slogan is: "For Re-election on My Legislative Record." In his platform he says: "I will give serious consideration to the proposed legislation which will vote for those measures which I think will benefit the citizens of this state. I believe that the present law licensing motor vehicles is unjust and unequal and will be repealed. The amount of the license fee is determined solely by the weight of the vehicle regardless of its age or value. I am for an amendment to the present law which will provide that both the weight of the vehicle and its value shall determine the amount of the license fee to be paid by the owner."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

With invitations to the peace conference, General and the flag of the United States is in considerable social demand. A lot of well known hats that have been thrown into the ring will never be the same old hats again after Friday. Margaret goes home and knocks—says a woman's trouble is too much money. What Margaret did best to buy the "button, button, who's got the button," is a favorite morning pastime for the world wide both upon wearing collars and suspenders.

Congress, says a headline, is wearing out its gabfest. We always did believe the millennium would come if we waited long enough. The highwayman, at best, can only expect to get a hair net, a powder puff and a few chocolate bonbons in holding up a college woman. Germany, it is said, will be bankrupt before the end of the year. The nation is in financial straits. "Woman attacked by crazed cow" is a story that gets a what would we do with a yam about the man attacked by a crazed chicken?

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SIDELIGHTS

Some people think Franco is stubborn; they think he is a stubborn mule. And the world can be thankful they were—Pendleton, East Oregonian.

"There are too many 'thou shalt nots' in the Bible," says a man who has read it. And if he looked 'em up, he'd find that most of 'em came out of the Bible.—La Grange Observer.

It might simplify matters if Franco and Germany would go ahead and finish the war, except that there wouldn't be much left of either of them, and the world needs both the business.—Astoria Democrat.

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Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

Charged with robbing a store at Rye Valley, Charles Justice was arrested at Baker and bound over to the grand jury in the city.

Jack Humphreys, war veteran and member of the Salem Apollo club, died last week at a local hospital after an illness of several weeks.

At a recent meeting of the North Pacific board it was decided to cut the wages of the men employed on the coast from \$125 to \$100 per month.

The Progressive Business Club of Portland has adopted resolutions opposing the addition of the Diamond mine to the Crater Lake national park.

Fire last Friday morning completely destroyed the home of George Kerns at Falls City. The fire was overcome by smoke and was carried out unconscionably.

William Fogel, prominent hotel man of Beaverton, disappeared last Friday night and as he had \$500 in currency on his person, friends fear he has met with foul play.

The Splem Road crossing during March and April, 1921, was a disaster. It was a car of disabled ex-service men, and cost \$482 to needy ex-soldiers or their families.

A meeting of the state bond commission has been called for Monday, May 22, at 10 o'clock in the morning at the state industrial accident funds in school district.

Albany has just sold an issue of 6 per cent improvement bonds at the highest price paid for a similar issue of Oregon bonds, the rate being \$100.00 bringing a premium of \$5.19 per \$100.

An audit of the books of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. in the city of Corvallis shows a shortage of \$17,372.41, and C. Smith, manager of the company, is charged with misappropriating that amount.

Operators who are boring for oil in the Willamette valley are now getting a new gas and traces of oil have been found. It is the president of getting a good flow at 800 feet.

C. R. Karger, aged 53, who leaves a wife and three children, was killed at a hospital in Marysville from injuries received last Thursday when he fell from a horse on the Good Hope mine at Marysville, Cal.

In opening the camps this summer the Barkley Pine Lumber company will build 10 miles of new logging railroads connecting with the Sumpter Valley railroad. The new bridges will require 900,000 feet of timber.

WASHINGTON Contract for putting in a water system at Mukilteo, southwest of Everett, has been awarded to the water commissioners for \$55,879.60.

Albert Stockman, 60 years old, was arrested at Seattle for begging and when searched in the city of Seattle was found to have \$418.80 on his person.

A movement has been launched at Walla Walla for the construction of a concrete mausoleum to cost \$250,000.

The irrigation jubilee at Ephrata last Friday afternoon partook of a barbeque and a list of notable guests. Governor Hart and other notables.

Fire at the Bateley Brothers at Ballard, Friday, caused a loss of \$6000 to contents of the kiln and \$100 to the kiln.

Reports on the effect of the cold wave in the fruit districts of North Central Washington are being received. Many are not injured to any appreciable extent.

Mysteriously missing for more than a year, 223 applications for the state bonus to veterans have turned up in the mails of the state. Many more mysteriously than they disappeared.

Goodbar Jones of Aberdeen has been appointed custodian of the new Aberdeen market house, which was dedicated July 4, when General McAlexander and Governor Hart were present.

Whitcomb county has pledged itself to pay one-third of the cost of the Mount Baker highway extension to be built by the state this summer. The road will cost \$165,000.

Kenneth Pease, 19, and Oscar Butler, 25, are near death in an Elma hospital. Pease has been appointed postman at the White Star works near that town. Butler is completely paralyzed.

The city of Ephrata has been awarded the contract to build the Donahue road from Prescott to Ephrata for \$95,740. The road is about 15 miles long and will be macadamized.

Despite heavy damage reported to early vegetables, a car of rhubarb, asparagus and other produce, was shipped to Walla Walla Saturday for Canadian markets. The damage was not so great as feared.

Goldo Spingola, with many aliases, under arrest at Seattle, has confessed to having been implicated in the robbery at Los Angeles of L. Webb, assistant treasurer of the Standard Oil company, of \$2,000 in cash and checks February 27.

IDAHO The Murray Gold Syndicate of Wallace has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital of \$100,000.

Nearly 100 men are employed on the new \$300,000 hotel at Lewiston and it is thought the building will be completed in record time.

Among the 57 advances for agricultural and livestock purposes, announced recently by the state finance corporation, \$12,900 goes to Idaho.

Federal officials visited the ranch of George E. Baker, near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and found a still and 320 gallons of mash under a tent in a barn on his property.

Frank Seidl, alleged to have shot Jack Moormeier near Hueter, April 25, in an altercation over a fence, was acquitted recently by the jury at Lewiston. He pleaded self defense. Oscar A. Allen, is pleaded self defense.

Fire starting from a defective fire Sunday night at the residence of Raymond house, pioneer Lewiston hotel and one of the oldest hostleries in the Northwest.

Bids are asked for grading, draining and construction of pavement from the city limits of Payette to the Payette river, and for building up Payette to the state highway.

Mrs. Alice Connors, wife of John G. Connors, died at her home in Payette suddenly last week of heart trouble. She was born at Silver City 48 years ago and had lived in Idaho all her life.

Once Over Why Not Get in-Line for the Top? There are many persons who think that if they have a graduation certificate, that it is no more of study. Graduation in itself is only a certain period of instruction is over and an opportunity is now given for putting into practice the knowledge acquired.

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