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PARTISANSHIP IN PATRONAGE

SECRETARY of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane, has no desire to see the emoluments of successful political strife conferred upon the undeserving ones who aided and abetted the opposition in the recent campaign, despite that lovely rumor to the effect that the new administration desired to dispense with partisanship.

Regarding the publication of final proof notices in Oregon newspapers, Secretary Lane reminded Register B. F. Jones, of the Roseburg land office, "that Registers of the Land Service should recognize the propriety of designating newspapers whose political principles are in harmony with the Administration."

No charge of discrimination is brought against Register Jones, who has strictly complied with the ruling of the land service which provides that final proof publications shall be inserted in newspapers of general circulation nearest the claim to which title is attempted. To the contrary, it has been the practice of the Roseburg register to permit the placing of the notices by the applicants themselves—thus enabling them to make terms with publishers for the insertion of the required publication, in many cases a circumstance of great assistance to needy homesteaders.

"It is considered", however, that the practice of distributing favors impartially is in direct opposition to the wishes of the administration, which desires to see the patronage meted out to the politically deserving whenever practicable.

Secretary Lane is off on the wrong foot toward the Olympic heights. He is attempting to preserve the rotten traditions of preferment by appointing the governmental patronage only to those who served in the ranks of the chosen. The final proof graft is, in most cases, a small one—but it should cease to be a graft, great or small.

FEATHERING THE SHAFT

THE abuse of the congressional franking privilege has constituted a bawdy, and constantly increasing disgrace, since the first clap-trap political accident in Congress conceived the notion of conducting his private correspondence, with the boys of the old home guard under the "official business" seal. It has not waned with the years, and at the present there are congressional adepts at the manipulation of the frank whose annual misuse of the privilege rivals the outgoing mail of Shears, Saw-buck & Co. Right under the long nose of the administration, even, has been consummated the smoothest thievery that ever merited the rock-pile. Tons of literature, printed in the government office, mailed under the government frank, have gone forth at the behest of the Sugar Trust to fight the rising tide of sentiment for free sweetening. 1,500,000 copies of arguments for the beet sugar industry rustled abroad in the land at a single triumphant effort. The Sugar Trust saved thousands—but the people paid. First they paid for the sugar, then for the frank, then for the presses and ink that spread the gospel of vested rights in vested interests. To be frank, the frank in the fight on free sugar, was the frankest exhibit of applied knavery in the annals of franking outrages. Two lumps, did you say?

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

Waiting.

He comes whistling down the long lane—hark! don't you hear, nearer and nearer, clear as the throat pipes after the rain—Billy my boy, my dear? Out of the night wings the roses scent, God sets his stars in the curve of the sky; nearer I am to mine heart's content—listen, for he draws nigh. Over the meadow and down past the hedge, Brindle the cow pauses to low, browsing flank-deep in the rushes and sedge—listen, he calls to her, "So-o-o!"

He comes whistling down the long lane—hush, don't you hear, nearer and nearer rings the old tune as he shrills it again—Billy my boy, my dear? So, it was morning when he said goodby, morn with the flushing of dawn on the trees, now swings the moon in the curve of the sky rocked by the clouds and the breeze. You was no night-bird that whistled so high; was it the light wind that stirred by the gate? God set his stars as a guide in the sky—Billy my boy, I wait.

He shall come whistling down the long lane, clearer and clearer, nearer and nearer, clear as the throat pipes after the rain—Billy my boy, my dear! Home shall compel him over and o'er, memory shall whisper wherever he be; little low, breezes shall carry before the tune of his whistle to me. Brindle shall pause in the rushes to low, nearer his whistle rings clearer and clearer—hark! he is calling the old cow, "So-o-o!"—Billy my boy, my dear!

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

With a cloudless summer day and about 1000 persons present, Weston's twenty-first annual reunion of Umatilla county pioneers was held.

During the wool sales at Heppner, 1,000,000 pounds was disposed of at prices ranging about three cents less than last year.

F. H. Snodgrass, ex-deputy warden of the penitentiary and now chief of the guards there, was arrested on a charge of having attacked and severely beaten a prisoner May 16.

If the efforts of the 22 widows with children who have made application for pensions under the law recently passed by the legislature are successful the state will expend \$510 a month in Douglas county alone.

George L. Blodgett, sentenced for life in the Salem penitentiary for the murder of Alice Minthorn at Portland in 1906, has been released under a conditional pardon given by Governor West.

A grand jury at The Dalles has returned an indictment against George F. Ross charging him with the embezzlement of public funds to the amount of \$884.63, while recorder of that city. He was given bonds.

Jackson county will issue a pamphlet along the lines established by California counties. The edition will be at least 50,000 and it will contain approximately 100 pages, including statistics and maps. The county court has authorized this work.

D. P. Blue Writes Entertainingly of Hawaiian Life

Honolulu, H. I., May 25, 1913
Mr. and Mrs. Zana,
Gold Hill, Oregon.
Dear Friends:

We have been here about two weeks and have certainly enjoyed the time. The climate is just about the same all the year, in fact it is summer all of the time. The coldest is 60°, the warmest 84° or 85°; there is a gentle breeze most of the time; the evenings are nice. Most of the houses have lanais, or sleeping porches, and a sheet and thin quilt is all that is needed; in fact the laboring people use a hammock, and for covering wear a light gown as the nights are about as warm as the days.

There is no need for stoves only for cooking. None of the public buildings and only a part of the residences have chimneys. Most of the cooking is done with gas.

As there are people here from all parts of the world you see all kinds of clothes worn, but most of the citizens wear thin white material all of the year. This is one place where, if you cannot buy shoes, you can go barefooted.

You no doubt are at a loss to know why we came here. Well, it is, or was a surprise to us, for we really did not intend to come so soon, and then only for a visit to the Island and to visit with Verne. But on the 16th of April we received a cable message from Bishop Rest-erack, which said: "Arrange to come at once, letter follows." This message caused us anxious moments, as we did not know but Verne was sick, or something had gone wrong; but in due time the letter came, and in it was a proposition. Lucy was offered the matronship of the Cluett Memorial Home for Girls, her salary to commence on day of landing. She will only have to superintend the house, with sufficient servants to assist.

Honolulu is a nice place, about 52,000—one-quarter Americans, many Japs and Chinese. The native Hawaiians, like our Indians, are getting less each year. They are dark and have straight black hair, and are very kind and intelligent.

There is 37 miles of electric car line in and around the city, good streets, and even more antees than Medford. Our boarding house for Iolani College is near the home of "Queen Lil", the last of the royal family. She certainly has a fine house and yard of about two acres. Across the street from where we live is Queen Emma's royal palace—now used as a school building. It accommodates 400 students, and has about two blocks of yard around it. It appears that the royal family willed most of their property to churches for school and church purposes. The Episcopal church owns six acres in the center of town, and has five churches—Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, English and Trinity—also four school buildings, the Iolani for men and boys and the Pri-ory for girls. These two have about 450 students. Then there is the kindergar-den for children and the theological institute. Nearly all of this property has been secured within the last 12 years.

Sugar and pineapple are the principal money-making industries of the islands. They give employment to about 45,000 people. They raise two crops of cane each year. All crops mature in four or five months. I saw a field of alfalfa that they cut twelve times each year. Nearly all of the wild trees bear nuts or fruit, bananas and pineapples grow wild in the foot hills. They have some peculiar kinds of fruit here. Bread-fruit grows something like a pumpkin, only on a tree. They weigh 15 to 20 pounds. When roasted the fruit tastes something like bread or a dry sweet potato. Papia is another. They are about the size and shape of a muskmelon, have one large seed like a peach. They are very sweet and are served as a breakfast fruit at nearly all hotels. Alligator pear is another one. They are about six inches long, three inches thick, and look like a cucumber. They taste like—well—like all kinds of soda water flavoring. Then we have coco-nuts, mango, algaroba, and many other kinds of fruit.

Now regarding politics I have to say they only seem interested in two things: Who Wilson will appoint Governor of the Island, and the tariff on sugar. From what I can gather neither the producers or consumers want a tariff, but the stock-holders of the sugar companies want a tariff. One of our neighbors, a poor widow woman, says she will be ruined financially if "Wilson takes the duty off of sugar." I asked her how much her stock paid, and she said, "We have been getting 32 per cent, but without the tariff we'll not get more than 15 or 16 percent." Well, I smiled. The Bishop (not our Bishop) Sugar Company paid last year \$74,000, without the tariff it would only pay \$22,000—"hardly enough for a man and his half breed wife to live on." Most of the sugar stock is held by foreigners and investors in the U. S.—the real citizen here is for free trade.

Well, I am spinning this letter out and not saying very much, but when you write if you want information just ask the questions and I will cheerfully answer as well as I can. With kindest regards to all,

Very truly,
D. P. Blue and wife,
1319 Emma St., Honolulu.

A FEW REMINDERS:

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The BoN-ToN

The big V-shaped harrow now being built at Astoria for the port commission will soon be ready for use in improving the channel across the shoal at the mouth of the Columbia. It will have a spread of 20 feet, with eight three-foot revolving discs.

Taking a dare to climb a tree while out with a party of joy riders near Medford, Miss Ramona Ladd, 18 years old, climbed to a height of 30 feet. A branch broke and she fell. She was carried to a hospital, and it is said that her back is broken.

The Tri-County fair will be held in Condon this fall on October 1, 2 and 3, according to the decision of the executive committee in a special meeting. The Tri-County fair is to be a permanent yearly event in Condon henceforth.

Advices were received by State Engineer Lewis that 5000 acres of land belonging to the Columbia Southern project, has been withdrawn from entry by the interior department. The original project consisted of 23,000 acres and the 5000 acres were included within the last few years.

The forestry service has ordered a telephone line to be installed connecting Prairie City with the summit of Strawberry Peak, 12 miles distant. A station will be erected on the extreme summit of the peak at a height of over 10,000 feet, which overlooks the entire forestry district of eastern Oregon.

Stone houses may replace the regulation two-roomed shanties which now form the abodes of homesteaders on virtually every quarter section in Christmas Lake and Silver Lake valleys. This is made possible by the discovery of a half dozen stone quarries on the side of Table Mountain.

Mandamus proceedings have been begun by the Oregon & California railroad company against Sheriff Reeves of Washington county, to require him to show cause why he will not accept a tender of \$19,755.06 in payment of the company's tax in that county. This amount does not include a special road tax of \$2,185.04.

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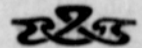
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