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LIFE LESSONS.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Life's not a riddle—
You'll have your time and chance,
But when Satan plays the fiddle,
You'd best forget to dance!

Dark time or sunny,
Every time and place,
Got to have the money
If you're bettin' on the race!

Runnin' from the sorrow
Don't help a feller out;
Meets you on tomorrow—
It's loafin' round about.
Troubles are to meet;
Half the time the money
Is only bitter-sweet!

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A FIT MAN FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

AS THE East Oregonian sees the situation, the people of Umatilla county will have to use their draft powers if they secure a strong man for the county judgeship. The salary paid is not adequate for a position that carries with it the greatest responsibilities of any position in the county. It is a sacrifice for a big man to take the position and such men have been found averse to running.

But this county needs and deserves a strong man for the judgeship. The money raised by the annual tax levy in this county is something stupendous. We have big road projects underway and important arrangements with the state highway commission to be carried out. To handle these affairs in such a way as to safeguard the county's interests and to insure a fair return for the money expended is no child's play. It is a task for a successful businessman—for a man who has learned the game through his own experience and will not have to learn it at the county's expense. The task is one for a man who will think and work for efficient results for the county and not think of politics, past, present and future.

J. B. Saylor's record as a businessman and a public spirited citizen has caused him to be frequently mentioned as a man highly fit for the judgeship. He has been successful in private business affairs, has business interests in different parts of the county, understands public needs, is awake to the taxpayers' viewpoint and believes in civic progress.

The East Oregonian wants to see Mr. Saylor's name upon the ballot, not because he is a democrat but because of his fitness. This same support would be given just as freely to a republican of similar record and capacity. It is not of the slightest consequence to the people of Umatilla county whether the county judge be of one party or the other. It is an administrative office, not a political one.

There will be difficulty getting Mr. Saylor to run. But no man is insensible to public sentiment and if people who are interested in efficient government will manifest the interest that they should take perhaps his reluctance can be overcome.

The East Oregonian has suggested the name of Mr. Saylor in a spirit of public service. If you think the suggestion a good one, get busy.

Now is the critical period in the election of a county judge.

HOW IT STANDS

WITH characteristic disregard for the truth, certain anti-administration newspapers are trying to depict President Wilson as being as much to blame as the Lodge forces for the fact the peace treaty fight has not been compromised.

But the president, "autocrat" though he may be, has not been against conciliation. Under his leadership the administration senators agreed to accept the Hitchcock interpretative reservation to article 10. This being rejected by the Lodge forces they then offered to accept the Taft reservation which goes farther than the Hitchcock reservation. But this too has been rejected by the obstructionists who thus far insist upon the "nullification" reservation or nothing. They refuse to accept the advice of the republican ex-president who is a known friend of the league plan. They insist upon a reservation by known enemies of the league.

The president is trying to affect a compromise and get the treaty ratified. The Lodge combine is trying to prevent ratification except on a basis that would be a virtual repudiation of the covenant.

Place the blame where it honestly belongs.

A little boy on a little bicycle came within an ace of being run over by an auto at the corner of Main and Webb streets yesterday, through no fault of the autoist, in this case. The little boy or girl who plays on a bike upon the streets these days takes desperate chances. When such children are allowed to use bicycles they should be well cautioned in the rules of the road and in the necessity of taking precautions.

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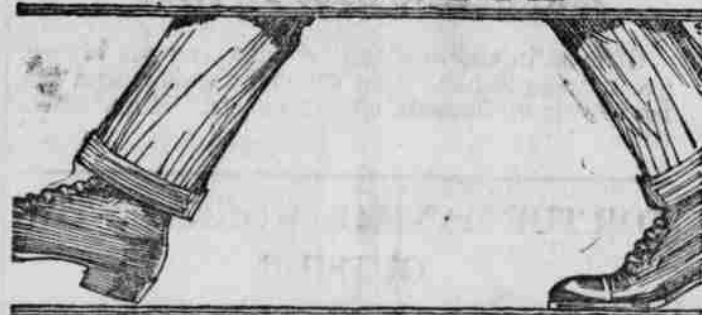
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