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RUEF CONFESSES.

It is a common thing for a guilty man to declare himself innocent, but very uncommon for an innocent man to plead guilty. Yet Abe Ruef, erstwhile boss, dictator, machine manipulator and arch rascal of San Francisco pleads guilty to the many charges against him and declares his innocence in the same breath.

In the days of his power Ruef was mighty; that he had a hold on the mass of the people of the Bay City was attested on many occasions, but in no instance more strikingly than about a year ago when a mass meeting was called for the especial purpose of condemning him. Ruef attended the meeting and despite hisses and jeers assumed control of the situation and changed the temper of the people so completely by his speech in his own defense that they left the meeting his friends, defenders.

No mental weakling could have made such an address to the people as Ruef did on this occasion. It required unusual ability and courage. Both were in evidence. Here is an example of what might have been, but is not—Ruef could have been a power for good, but chose evil instead. Today he is a self-confessed grafter, but clings to a woefully incoherent and illogical tale of his innocence. He is broken in health and spirit and serves the purpose of a useful object lesson of conscious and stupendous wrong-doing. His past is all against his assumption of guiltlessness just at present. It takes a very smart man to be a shrewd scoundrel, and Ruef possessed the necessary qualifications.

There is conjecture as to who was grafted and it is evident that Ruef will be used to get at others. It may not be in order to point out the possibilities of native honesty on the part of the corporations which secured franchises in the city in the past, but for instance: Would not the corporations have preferred to pay what city franchises were honestly worth rather than pay an immense tribute to Ruef in addition to what the city received? Would not such a course have been cheaper for them? At least it would have been safer.

Instead of innocence in Ruef we see guilt and despite his protestations it looks as though his confession was the result of a commercial instinct. For instance, if he continued to law he must necessarily spend a large portion of his ill-gotten wealth, if not all of it, whereas if he confessed he figured he could save money. The result, so far as final sentence was concerned, he probably thought would be about the same if he confessed as if convicted by the jury. Perhaps he thought to lighten his sentence by confession. The confession from beginning to end smacks of commercialism, not penitence. Mayor Schmitz seems of about the same calibre as his cohort, Abe Ruef.

The Eugene Guard, solicitor of the morals of the citizens of Corvallis, proffers the advice that they should petition for the removal of President-elect Kerr from the Agricultural College. Thanks, Alfonso.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that he has purchased, as of date April 16, 1907, the saw mill plant of E. W. Strong at Corvallis, Oregon, heretofore operated under the name of Corvallis Saw-mill Company and that he will continue such business under the same name.

PERCY ALLEN.

BIG DAY THERE.

Philomath Parents' Meeting Was Largely Attended.

It was a big day at Philomath, Saturday. The parents' meeting held there Friday evening and Saturday brought together a large crowd from Philomath and neighboring districts. At the evening session, held in the new, commodious auditorium of the Philomath College, Prof. Horner was greeted with one of the largest audiences assembled therein for a long time. His very popular, illustrated lecture on "Palestine" held the rapt attention of his hearers for over two hours. When it ended, a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to him, as an indication of the appreciation of the same.

Prof. White, Dean of the faculty, arranged an excellent literary program. Miss Grace Jolly rendered with excellent touch and expression a piano solo; a piano duet by Misses White and Allen was well executed. A mixed quartette sang one selection which was popularly received. The recitations by Misses White and Stone were given with excellent effect and expression.

Prof. L. B. Baldwin, of OAC, opened the day's work with a strong and practical talk on "Spelling." He discussed the topic thoroughly, showing causes of so much poor spelling, the best methods of overcoming mistakes and in presentation of subject. He pointed out duty of teachers, and showed what each parent could do. It was an excellent discussion of this oft neglected branch in our public schools.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman took for his subject, "What do our Homes do for our Schools." This was a plain heart to heart talk with our parents. The speaker contended it was within the reach of our homes to make or unmake the school. A school in any community can never be higher than the average homes in that community. Ninety per cent of our homes are found today striving for the up-building, harmonizing, and bettering of our schools. It is the remaining ten per cent that cause all the friction, all the trouble and lack of harmony. Our schools and the world would not be able to do anything, were it not for this 90 per cent. It is up to each school district, city and community to say and have just the kind of school they want. Many of our schools are good for nothing which is due directly to this low average of the homes of the community.

Mrs. Mamie Fulkerson, the primary teacher of Philomath, gave one of the best talks on the program. Her subject, "What are You Going to do About It?" was handled in a masterful way. Keen-edged, to the point, filled with good common sense, made up her excellent paper. Mrs. Fulkerson has the happy faculty of saying those things which should be said and heard by our parents, and still hold their good will and friendly feeling.

"Professional Courtesy, Home Courtesy" was taken up by Rev. Bonebrake. He pleaded for a greater harmony between these two departments. The terms should not be, and are not, antagonistic, but are complements. Our country and its people are noted the world over for the uniform, gentleman and ladylike courtesy prevailing. With us every man can be a king, every woman a queen. The tip of the hat, the kindly word and kindly act, have stamped our boys as champions and defenders of the gentle sex.

Prof. O. V. White spoke on "Right and Wrong Way to Cooperate With Teachers." Prof. White's remarks were filled with helpful suggestions to our parents. He said no child could get along without the uplifting influence of home; without it the

teacher was blocked in her efforts in their behalf, and the school would always be a failure. He pleaded for the sake of our children, our country, and the influence expected of us as a people and country, for better co-operation. Sup't Ackerman closed the day's work with another excellent address on "Credit."

The literary program consisted of recitations by Wilda Horning, Ida Park, Sadie Wood, Erma Law, Pearl Irwin, Ches Keeley; singing from districts 14 and 17. The girls' chorus was one of the best numbers rendered. Prof. Fulkerson led the regular singing.

The dinner during the noon hour was a typical grange dinner. Everything that might tempt hungry man had been prepared. There is no discount on the good cooks in this part of our county.

GREAT INTEREST TAKEN.

In World's Fair in Seattle—Work Well Under Way.

The great Yukon-Alaskan Exposition that takes place in June '09 is attracting world wide interest. Just one year ago fifty representative citizens of Seattle formed themselves into a company for the purpose of holding a great world's fair, and now the work of creating the enterprise is far advanced and progressing rapidly and smoothly.

The past exposition year which has been full of important events, is looked back upon by the management with gratification, as it has been devoted to, perhaps the hardest task of any that will be confronted, the successful launching of the world's fair. From how on it will be the aim of the management to have every detail of the exposition completed for the opening day, June 1, 1909.

All preparatory work of the exposition is well under way. There has been raised by the sale of the capital stock and by state appropriations the sum of \$2,087,000. Two administrative divisions, exploitation and works, have been thoroughly organized, the plan of the grounds has been adopted, and ground breaking day, when active work will begin, has been set for June 1st. Within the year's time the exposition and the work for which it stands has become known all over this country and abroad, and the exploitation it has received has resulted in many states and countries signifying their intention to take part.

Although the bill appropriating \$700,000 for the participation of Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines passed by the United States senate did not get through the house at the last session of congress, the senate's action insures the passage of an exposition bill early next session. A new bill providing for an expenditure of \$1,100,000 for the exhibits and buildings of the general government, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines has been prepared.

Appropriations have already been made by Oregon, California, Washington, Missouri, Utah and Pennsylvania, and the senate in Wisconsin has passed a bill appropriating \$25,000. Exposition legislation is pending in Illinois.

Many states which did not intend to take part this year are expected to pass bills at the next meetings of their legislatures, and there are fourteen other states, whose legislatures did not convene this year, that will be urged to participate.

Mrs. John Smith gave a very delightful birthday dinner party, Sunday, in honor of her daughter Mrs. Lulu Wilson. The affair was to have been a lawn picnic dinner, but owing to the weather Mrs. Smith was obliged to have her guests adjourn to the house. The rooms were lavishly decorated with roses and other cut flowers, the dining room being in yellow, another room in white and others in various harmonizing colors. A dinner was served that included many kinds of meats, pickles, scalloped potatoes, coffee and many other good things, besides ice cream and various kinds of delicious cakes. Mrs. Kirkpatrick of San Francisco was a guest of honor, wearing a magnificent gown of net. About 30 guests were present at the dinner, which was indeed a delightful social affair, and which proves once more that Corvallis has some of the most charming and successful hostesses to be found in Oregon.

IS THIS TRUE?

Eastern Professor Makes Serious Assertion.

A college president in an eastern state recently made the following assertion:

"The young people of today, as compared with those of fifty years ago, are chiefly deficient in the power of sustained attention and original thinking. They cannot, or at least usually do not, think as clearly, as patiently, and as cogently, as did their fathers. They do not as quickly distinguish the irrelevant from the pertinent, the kernel from the husk, as the men of the last generation. They have an amazing fund of information; they are wide readers of bright literature; they have tasted every fruit on the great tree of knowledge; they know a thousand interesting scraps; they are more versatile and ingenious and attractive than any other of the generations. But they are quickly led astray by sophistry, and easily led to surrender convictions when it connects with interest."

Commenting on the foregoing statement an exchange says:

"This is the characterization of the young people today. He is right. It is a fickle age. What has brought it about—what will remedy the condition? Who can say? Little by little the attention has been diverted from the main issue of life; little by little the pile of interest has grown; gradually the energies have been diffused over many matters, until nothing really abso- solute, nothing appears vital, nothing is well done. Brilliance is aimed at rather than depth. Smartness is essential at the risk of seriousness. Superficiality, pretense, shallowness, are phrases that readily comes to mind as fairly designating conditions recognizable as existing in many relations of life. The young people are not to blame that they have not sustained mental powers. The schools are hardly to blame that they are overcrowded with studies. Circumstances, for once, can fairly be charged with being responsible; but the action is reverse and somebody or something is responsible for the circumstances—a long line of people and things. Wiseacres are needed to bring about an improvement and the time is not one for the flourishing of wiseacres; but here and there is one who sees that things are going wrong; and while there's one there's hope. It takes but a little leaven to leaven the whole lump."

Harry Davis Has Gone.

After an illness of three months with tuberculosis of the bowels, Harry Davis, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Davis of this city, passed away at the family home at 3:40 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will occur from the residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Rev. J. R. N. Bell, and interment will be in Crystal Lake cemetery.

Harry Davis was born at Newport, Oregon, March 31st, 1883, and had spent nearly all of his 24 years of life in this part of Oregon. The past two years he had been working in Southern California and Nevada, but about 3 months ago he had an attack of dysentery which refused to yield to treatment, and his mother went to California to nurse him. He grew worse, however, and the father went to the bedside also, and a few weeks ago the parents brought him home. All that love and skill could do has been done, but the young life went out in spite of all human effort.

Harry Davis was a bright young man, and had many friends. The relatives have the deepest sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

A large party of seekers after railroad lands arrived in Corvallis, Sunday, from Independence and other points and left by private conveyances for Astoria and other places towards the coast where timbered tracts belonging to the railroad are to be found. Corvallis has gone wild over the proposition, and like other towns, is sending its share of "seekers" to the front. Among those from this city who went were Claud and Ed Starr, William Schmidt, Miles Starr, Jr., Sam Dixon, William Berger and Perry V an Fleet of Portland.

Cheer Up.

Do not go about, my brother, Every single blessed day In your home or at the office With a frown glued on to stay. It would be so inexpensive To be pleasant for a spell, Though at first of course the neighbors Might conclude you were not well. There is nothing so delightful As a sweet and sunny smile. If you try a sample package You will find it well worth while. Though the effort may be painful And may hurt your face a bit, Strain yourself and keep on trying Until you can get a fit.

Miss Katie Rise left a few days ago for her home in Decatur, Illinois, after a prolonged visit with her sister, Mrs. D. D. Berman, in this city.

Catarrah Season.

At the first warning of catarrah one should begin using Hyomei. The disease is very common at this season of the year, but a few days' treatment will often prevent a serious and long-continued case of catarrah.

If the breath is catarrhal and offensive, if there is irritation in the throat, or dropping at the back of the throat, begin the use of Hyomei at once.

You run no risk in paying Graham & Wells \$1.00 for a Hyomei outfit with which they give their personal guarantee that if the remedy does not afford relief your money will be refunded at once, making it the most economical cure for catarrah as well as the only one that is sold under a guarantee.

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If you suffer from rheumatism or pains, or Ballard's Snow Liniment will bring you quick relief. It is a sure cure for Sprains, Rheumatism, Contracted Muscles and all pains—and will reach the spot of ailment. Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00 C. R. Smith, Tenaha, Tex., writes: I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for years and have found it a fine remedy for all pains and aches. I recommend it for pains in the chest. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

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Dr. Pierce believes that our American forests abound in most valuable medicinal roots for the cure of most obstinate and fatal diseases, if we could properly investigate them and by the aid of this conviction, he points with pride to the almost marvelous cures effected by his "Wooden Shoe Root Cure," which has proven itself to be the most efficient stomach tonic, liver purifier, blood cleanser, and regulator of the system. It cures all forms of indigestion, torpid liver, functional and even structural and other affections of the heart, and many other ailments. The reason why it cures these and many other ailments, is clearly shown in a little book of extracts from the standard medical works which is mailed free to any address by Dr. V. Y. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., to all sending request for the same.

Not less marvelous, in the unparalleled cures it is constantly making of woman's many peculiar ailments, weaknesses and distressing derangements, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, as is amply attested by thousands of glowing testimonials contributed by grateful patients who have been cured by it of catarrh of the bladder, irregularities, prolapsus and other disturbances caused by weakness, absorption of uterine and kindred affections, often after many other advertised medicines, and physicians had failed.

Both the above mentioned medicines are wholly made up from the glyceric extracts of native medicinal roots. The processes employed in their manufacture were original with Dr. Pierce, and are entirely different from the old-fashioned processes with the aid of which the medicinal plants are usually prepared. The medicinal roots are carefully freed from all other harmful, habit-forming drugs. A full list of the ingredients is printed on each bottle-wrapper.

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We have a broken line of Ladies' and Children's shoes which we are closing out at remarkably low prices. Come before your size is gone.

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