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A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

THE PEOPLE'S CHECK ON THE POLITICIAN.

Recent utterances of the Oregonian, Eugene Register, Dalles Optimist and a few—a very few—other old-time party organs as well as State Senator Hodson and other would-be leaders of the G. O. P. would lead one to believe that the direct primary law, the initiative and referendum, and especially Statement No. 1, are the biggest lemons ever handed Oregon's voters.

We are willing to admit that they are very hard and very, very bitter pills for the politician to swallow. In view of so oft recurring bargains and sales at inflated prices, it is not surprising that the parent (the voter) sought to curtail the privileges of its degenerate child (the legislature) especially when that child so willfully and persistently continued to defy the will of the parent and so often prove recreant to its trust.

OREGON'S EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM.

The time has come for the taxpayers of Oregon to take a positive but intelligent stand on the state university and normal school question. The Herald is of the opinion that no greater service could be done the educational interests of Oregon than to discontinue all normal schools west of the Cascades, add a normal course to the state university and discontinue all agricultural studies at the state university, giving these over to the proper college for its teaching.

United States Senator Chas. W. Fulton may not be guilty of all he is accused of, but the fact that he was even cognizant of and did not make known the fact or try to stop the bribery in evidence during the election of Senator Mitchell is sufficient to brand him as a traitor to good government in the eyes of every law abiding citizen.

The 16-page splendidly illustrated New Year's supplement to the Junction City Times, compiled and published by S. L. Moorhead, editor and owner, on the home plant is a credit to the city and country which the paper has the honor to represent, as well as Oregon Journalism.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RURAL PARCEL POST.

Postmaster General George Von L. Meyer's recommendations for the establishment of a rural parcel post are good and if enacted will be a great boon to every farmer and country merchant. They read as follows:

1. For a reduction from 16 to 12 cents a pound on the general parcel post and an increase in the weight limit from four to eleven pounds. Twelve cents is the rate that has been in operation for years on parcels shipped from any city or town in the United States when addressed to the people of thirty foreign countries with which we have postal conventions.

2. For the establishment of a parcel post on rural routes for packages originating on and addressed to patrons of the same route, the rate to be 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound up to eleven pounds.

A STATEMENT OF FACT

All kinds of hand bills are being sent out in addition to page advertisements in the daily papers announcing wonderful bargains to be had for spot cash at some big stores of the metropolis.

MODERN METHODS COME TO STAY.

The fact that would-be political leaders, railroads, corporate interests, franchise grabbers, breweries and saloons are all in favor of doing away with such modern political methods as the direct primary law, Statement No. 1, and the initiative and referendum, will be looked upon by "His Majesty," the Oregon voter, as very good reasons why he should stand by said superlative institutions.

INDEPENDENT, BUT AGGRESSIVE

Yes, The Herald is independent, but not neutral. It expects to be aggressive, but not abusive; to speak kindly and upon occasion to speak plainly, which to some may seem rather harsh, but is only used as a means to an end, to the end that good may come of the publication of the truth as we see it, even though that may be unpopular, bitter and hard to swallow.

IT WAS NO JOKE

The very brief, candid, but truthful way in which Brother Hayter of the Polk County Observer recently discussed The Telegram's short-comings was no joke, but just an effectual way, we hope, of calling its attention to abuses that, in justice to the profession of journalism, should be immediately stopped.

There is more truth than fiction in what Heney said last week. Read his speech and see.

Taxes will become delinquent the first Monday in April. If the full amount is paid on or before March 15, a rebate of three per cent will be allowed. If one-half of the above taxes is paid on or before the first Monday in April, the time for the remaining half will be extended to the first Monday in October; if not so paid and become delinquent, a penalty of 10 per cent and 12 per cent interest will be added.

NOW EVERYBODY, LIFT.

Now that articles incorporating the Multnomah County and Grande District Fair association have been filed, every Patron of Husbandry, and in fact every citizen of this district, should rally to the support of the officers of the association. Buy fair stock, talk fair stock and work for the biggest and best fair next fall ever held in the state.

We have the brains, men, money, produce and stock, and there is no reason why the project shouldn't succeed. The citizens of Gresham and vicinity have a perfect right to feel proud of the splendid showing made by the Gresham library. Gresham holds the record for the number of non-fiction books read every month. Every citizen should do his best to make the year 1908 a record breaker for our library.

WATCH YOURSELF GO BY

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by; Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I." Note closely as in other men you note, The bag-kneed trousers and the seedy coat. Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you, And strive to make your estimate ring true, Confront yourself and look you in the eye— Just stand aside and watch yourself go by.

Interpret all your motives just as though You looked on one whose aim you did not know, Let undisguised contempt surge through you when You see you shrink, O commonest of men! Despise your cowardice; condemn whate'er You note of falseness in you anywhere. Defend not one defect that shames your eye— Just stand aside and let yourself go by.

And when, with eyes unveiled to what you loathe— To sins that with sweet charity you'd clothe— Back to your self-willed tenements you'll go With tolerance for all who dwell below. The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink, Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link— When you, with "he" as substitute for "I," Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

—Stricklan W. Gilliam in Success.

DEBATING TEAM, ATTENTION!

High school debating team, attention! Gresham this day expects everyone of you to do your duty. It is expected that you will win. You can if you will. Remember the honor of the school, the good name of yourselves, the reputation of our town as an educational center, are in your hands. Our folks have full confidence in you; you must have confidence in yourselves and the cause you espouse. We expect to greet you on your return as the undefeatable Gresham debating team. Don't disappoint us.

The Daily Capitol Journal of Salem very properly says, "There is a lot more money and a lot more comfort for employes who stand in with their employers than can ever be got by those who spend their energies fighting them."

The initiative could not be used for a better purpose than that of creating a state railway and navigation system. Unless relief is afforded soon, it wouldn't be surprising if the grange should start the ball rolling in that direction.

The Courier and Enterprise, Oregon City's weekly papers, have both changed hands. Will A. Shewman of Portland has purchased the Courier and F. T. Griffith, E. E. Brodie, A. M. Horn and others are purchasers of The Enterprise.

A FEW DON'TS

Don't ask us to publish free, notices of anything given for a profit. We make our living by selling advertising space.

Don't ask us to publish obituaries of relatives or friends not known to our subscribers.

Don't ask us to publish selections from scrap books, authors, poems or articles written by relatives or friends.

Don't ask for space for pet schemes, political letters or tirades of abuse. If you have an axe to grind, grind it on your own grindstone at home. It costs less and causes less friction.

Don't forget, however, to send us all the good, live, neighborhood news you can. We want all of that we can use.

Don't forget to say a kind word when you can for your home paper. It will not do the paper any harm or you either.

Don't forget that the editor is doing the very best he can. He is not infallible, hence will make mistakes once in awhile. Remember, however, that they are mistakes of the head, not of the heart, hence you can do nothing better than to show yourself a real man or woman by overlooking such mistakes.

Don't forget, too, that the home paper, like the wife, responds more readily to kindness than harsh treatment. If you want a real good paper, one that you will be proud of, lend a hand toward its making. Don't, above all things, forget to renew your subscription on time. It is only casting your bread on the waters, to be returned to you a hundredfold.

JEFFERSON'S TEN-RULES

- Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself. Never spend your money before you have it. Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap. Pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold. We seldom repent of having eaten too little. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly. How much pain the evils that have never happened have cost us. Take things always by the smooth handle. When angry, count ten before you speak; when very angry, count a hundred.

Correspondence

SECTION LINE

Wm. Ream is working at the large cistern being put down for the Russellville school.

Miss Laura Shaffer of St. Helens is visiting her mother here.

Mrs. M. McMickin of Portland was a guest of the Arnspergers the past week.

John Mall, Sr. of Portland made a short visit Saturday and Sunday.

A new chapel organ has been placed in the music loft of the Kronenberg catholic church on the Powell Valley road. No words can express the faithful efforts of its altar society to place their church on record as a cozy home-like place of worship. Their efforts will be further taxed in the entertainments to be given to augment the fund required for the organ, the first being on Saturday next at Rockwood hall, where a card social will be given. Mrs. Martin Kronenberg, who is chair leader, selected the organ.

ROCKWOOD

Quite a crowd of young people went to the sleigh Sunday to try the skating. They reported the ice rather rough but of sufficient strength to hold them up.

Geo. Cottrill was absent from his mail route one day last week on account of sickness. Mrs. Spath substituted for him.

Mrs. Minnie Brown, Mrs. Elsie Prettyman and Mrs. V. A. Lovelace were Portland visitors last Friday.

Don't forget the grange's Valentine social on the 14th. Dance afterwards of course.

Mrs. Linstead and her daughter, Martha Rose, called on Mrs. Lovelace last Thursday afternoon.

John Brown made a business trip to Estacada last week.

The Powers family are improving.

A new house is under construction across the street from the Herring place.

There will be preaching in the M. E. church both afternoon and evening next Sunday.

TWO MILES NORTHWEST

A section of the Mount Hood Railway trestle about 200 feet high beneath the weight of a gravel train the other day. Four loaded cars went down a distance of 30 feet.

The families of William Stanley, Geo. Pullen, Ed. Spath and John Freeman numbering 10 persons in all, went to Eagle Creek Saturday evening to attend a birthday in honor of R. L. Robertson, returning Sunday.

Work at Camp 3 on the Mount Hood line is being rushed every day including Sundays. The big steam shovel is cutting a wide gap through the big cut, the dirt being used to fill the lowlands beyond.

Members of the Catholic church have rented Rockwood hall for an entertainment tomorrow night.

William Stanley has grubbed up his raspberry patch and will plant the ground to other crops. He will increase his field of blackberries to some extent. Others in this vicinity have also plowed up their berry patches as it has been proved that raspberries do not pay.

MELROSE

The young people have been enjoying the good skating during the past few days of freezing weather.

Miss Frantz will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting next Sunday night. We are having some very interesting meetings of late in connection with the Bible study.

POWELL VALLEY

Every little piece of ice attracted the boys during the recent freeze.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilcox visited friends in Damascus on a recent Sunday.

H. P. Christenson and son Frank are suffering with the grip.

C. W. Simmons has gone on a trip down the river in quest of a timber claim.

Wm. New of North Yakima was seen in Powell Valley recently. Mrs. O. A. Elliott and little grand-daughter, Esther Wilson, are spending a few days with Mrs. L. M. Simmons. Nellie Johnson is on the sick list. Misses Ruth and Stella Rogg are spending a few days vacation at their home. E. L. Elliott's children are slowly recovering from the grip. Miss Olive Gist is spending a few days at Cottrell. A. B. Elliott made a business trip to Portland on Monday. Subscribe for The Herald.

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