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HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH in victory; and the Lord
God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his
people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath
spoken it.—Isaiah 25:8.

RETIRING THE PARK BONDS

The tourist auto camp, conducted in conjunction with beautiful Lithia park, is an asset that is standing on its own resources not only, but has been returning a substantial profit to the city. Despite this favorable condition there are a few who are inclined to the belief that the camp is not capable of paying off the \$10,000 bond issue to be voted on March 12. In this connection it is important to take into consideration the fact that the bonds are to be serial and provide for the retirement of \$1,000 annually together with the interest. Members of the park board are unanimous in saying that results of the past two years have been such that this could easily have been accomplished. Then, when we take into consideration the fact that tourist travel has barely extended beyond the stage of infancy it seems there can be but little doubt but that the camp will pay the annual obligations and more.

With the tourist auto camp improved and enlarged, with suitable cottages provided to accommodate tourist twelve months in the year there is no question but that the attendance will increase and receipts show a decided increase. The volume of business originating in the camp has increased steadily from year to year and it is only reasonable to believe that it will continue to grow, especially if it is encouraged. The average American family is devoted to the great outdoors. Its members look forward this year to the automobile trip and vacation of the coming season. The number of nature-loving families is increasing. The number of automobile owners is growing at an unprecedented rate, adding still other families who delight in the annual motor tour, and to accept the belief that tourist travel will not even hold its own is to disregard the past and cast aside all methods for judging the future.

The Tidings is sincere in the opinion that there is only one condition that will tend to reduce patronage in Ashland's famous auto camp, and that is to adopt an unprogressive policy, with respect to the camp, permitting it to deteriorate and back-slide into a "has-been." If this policy is pursued there can be no other result. Other towns and cities situated along the main channels of travel are taking the view that their auto camp merit and justify improvements and enlargements. They are steeped in the belief that tourist trade is worth cultivating. They are basing their opinions on the experience of past years, the most reliable gauge available.

TO WHAT DOES ASHLAND OWE ITS POPULARITY?

If the reader will travel with the writer to points in California, northern and eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and let it be known that he is a resident of Ashland he will be astounded with the number of people who have been a guest of the city or who have at least heard of it, its beautiful park and auto camp, and its unsurpassed surroundings. Or imagine yourself as living in any of the districts mentioned and having reached a decision to locate in Ashland. You begin making inquiry of your friends relative to the kind of town in which you propose to cast your lot and make your future home. Again you will be surprised at the complimentary remarks made relative to Ashland, and almost without exception you will hear it described as one of the most beautiful little cities on the Pacific coast, possessing a park that is marvelous in its beauty and an auto camp that is unsurpassed anywhere. You will hear other good things concerning Ashland, but in nine cases out of ten you will hear the park and auto camp mentioned first among the special advantages and attractions that abound here.

The writer knows whereof he speaks. He has occupied the position you were asked to take in the beginning of this article and knows whereof he writes. As a result there is only one logical conclusion as to the reason for Ashland's unusual and general popularity in other sections of the Northwest: beautiful Lithia park, the auto camp, the grandeur of the surrounding mountains and the unsurpassed climate. There are other basic resources here that mean much to Ashland in a financial way and which deserve support, but they do not begin to compare with the park, auto camp and scenery in pulling power in the districts beyond our own Rogue River valley.

Admitting the foregoing to be a true statement of conditions, is it not worth while to enlarge these attractions? It is not good business to encourage and develop to a greater degree the assets that constitute Ashland's best drawing cards?

CONGRESS AND THE CABINET

If members of the United States Cabinet had seats

in Congress and went through a rigorous process of explanation and exposition in that body concerning the affairs of their departments, many people believe the Teapot Dome incident could not have occurred. As it is, however, a member of the Cabinet is able to push a far-reaching program without legislative check, and practically on his own responsibility. It is worth recalling, moreover, that every other modern democracy gives the Legislature a chance to check up the work of its executive officials by their appearance before it, and that the United States is the one exception to the rule only because of an accident in historical development which has allowed the Cabinet system to grow up outside of the American Constitution. That American Cabinet members should have seats in Congress has been approved by such men as Elihu Root and William Howard Taft, who have affirmed such an arrangement would provide the legislative check necessary to co-ordinate the Government departments and to forestall in advance just such a humiliating situation as this in which the country now finds itself.

With Cabinet members out of reach of direct congressional inquiries, it must be admitted that legislative questioning today often comes after, instead of before, the event. The questioning is achieved by the multiplicity of investigating committees with which the Nation is only too familiar. Indeed, Washington observers sometime declare that no federal undertaking nowadays reaches any degree of progress without being pursued, sooner or later, by a legislative inquiry, which brings a delay that might very well have been avoided if the proper questions had been put in the first place.

A case offered to point the charge is the recent long-range controversy between Senator James Couzens and Secretary Andrew Mellon, on the subject of tax reductions. Here were two outstanding officials actively engaged in the business of governing, each disagreeing heartily with the other on a matter affecting the Nation's uttermost welfare, yet unable or unwilling, because of the separation of Cabinet from Legislature, to meet in an open, man-to-man debate. Instead of such a debate that would have fixed the issues once and for all in the thought of the whole country, the two kept at opposite ends of the capital and exchanged broadsides by penny post!

The members of the Cabinet should have seats, without votes, in Congress, advocates of this arrangement declare, for these two reasons: first, because it would introduce an era of close-range debates and enhance the interest of the governed in the affairs of the Government; and secondly, because it would speed up business, and prevent the United States from being drawn into another Teapot Dome affair with its eyes blindfolded—Christian Science Monitor.

Some build hot air castles.

The best way to feel at home is to stay there.

The question of the hour is "It is that late?"

Lives there a man with soul so dead who never wants to stay in bed?

The reason men brag about the bee's industry is because men get the honey.

THE FORUM

Articles of timely interest are welcomed under this head. Communications must bear the signature of the author.

Ashland, Oregon, March 4, 1924
Editor Tidings:

The following copy of a speech delivered by Prof. Chas. M. Fassett of Lawrence, Kansas, instructor in a class on Municipal Government in the University of Kansas, as found printed in the Ninth Year Book of the City Managers Association pages 138-140. The reader after reading it can form conclusions that may help him or her as to the need of a City charter that is brief and clear in its provisions. "What are the characteristics of a good city charter? If you and I were called upon to serve upon a charter commission, what would be the fundamental things we would take into consideration, presuming, now, that we have no other ideal, or no other notion, or no other desire than to furnish to our own home city the best type of government which we would be able to provide."

Well, in the first place, let us say brevity. You know, a number of lawyers are elected on these charter commissions, and they inject a lot of language into the charter that is very likely to confuse the layman; with the result that a good many of our charters have a profusion of words. Now, those words may be there innocently, or they may be there with the intent to confuse their construction, or to accomplish some purpose which honest men would not desire.

I have in mind now a charter which I have recently read, containing 68,000 words. Just think of that, 68,000 words. Does that mean anything to you? I teach a class over in the University of Kansas in Municipal Government. The text book we use is quite a considerable volume. It is supposed to cover the whole range of the history, and practices of Municipal Government and it has just about half as many words as this city charter has. Brevity. There is no sense in the multiplication of words. I read a charter not long ago that contained three columns of closely printed type to tell what the powers of the city were, to say what the city would do. You can tell it all in twenty-five words, just as binding and just as comprehensive. All you

need to say in a city charter in regard to the powers of the city is that the city shall have all the powers and the privileges which are now or may hereafter be granted by the constitution and laws of the State to its municipalities. That is all there is to it. You could not make it any more comprehensive if you tried and in this minute cataloguing of the rights of a city, you are sure to forget something. Just about as soon as the document is written, when you attempt to catalogue the privileges and powers of your city, you find you have forgotten to put in something that is quite essential but if you make a comprehensive statement of the powers of the city, you have the whole ground covered.

The next characteristic is clarity. I have already said a few words upon that subject. No charter should be delivered over by a charter commission for action until it has been gone over by somebody who knows what language means. Of course, there will be a twisting and a turning, if anybody runs up against the charter who wants to get away from its provisions. There is always a chance that your charter will be "twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools." So it must be clear.

Another essential of a city charter is that there should not be legislation in it. A charter is a fundamental thing; it should be a permanent document. It should cover the fundamentals and leave details of legislation to the city council.

As our present City Charter contains 30,000 words, including the last amendment, and is full of legislation and contains a lot of dead timber and violates all the rules laid down by Prof. Fassett it ought not to take the reader long to decide as to the necessity of a new charter. All whom I have talked with admit the necessity. However some insist, if not openly, then by inference, that the same legal authority that drew up the one we now have, either he or his friends should be the ones and the only ones that should draw up a new one. Funny how some people reason. Yes very funny.

DAVID MARK.

UNION COUNTY CHAMBER FEATURES ORE. PRODUCTS

LA GRANDE, March 5.—The annual meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce, featuring Oregon products, was held last night. About 300 were present.

REPRESENTATIVES OF FARM LOAN ASSNS. MEET

SPOKANE, Wash., March 5.—Farm loan associations representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana gathered here yesterday for a two day session to discuss farm conditions over the Northwest.

Delegates from the various states, representing many districts, expect to make a comprehensive study of the various problems which are confronting them and agree on measures which will be to the mutual benefit of all. District meetings have been held from time to time in several sections, the last being at Spokane, February, 27.

D. G. O'Shea, president of the federal land bank here, presided at the meeting today.

VANCOUVER MILLS SAW 15,000,000 FEET MONTHLY

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 5.—Lumber cut by the sawmills of Clarke county will approximate 15,000,000 feet monthly, according to R. Wilkinson, superintendent of the municipal dock. Approximately 8,000,000 feet is being shipped out by water each month.

EXERCISE HINTS



(c) By Bernarr Macfadden

With hands on hips, back rigid, bend knees and assume a crouching position. Back to original position. Count 1-2.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER

I am candidate for the republican nomination for a second term as Treasurer of Jackson county, subject to the May primary. If nominated and elected I will conduct the office as in the past, in accordance with the laws of the state.

Adv. tf. A. C. WALKER.

For County Clerk

I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the republican ticket for nomination for the office of County Clerk at the May primaries.

I have for the past 5 years been a Deputy County Clerk and am familiar with every branch of the office, and if elected, I will give close attention to the duties of the office and feel confident that I will prove worthy of your support.

DELLIA STEVENS.

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

I am a candidate for republican nomination at the May primaries for the office of County School Superintendent of Jackson County. I have served the county for three and a half years as county superintendent, and will, if again elected, work as earnestly for the cause of education as heretofore.

SUSANNE HOMES CARTER.

Jacksonville.

COUNTY CORONER

I am a republican candidate for reelection for Coroner of Jackson county, subject to primaries May 16.

Platform: Experience, personal attention, economic management. Being a substantial taxpayer I am interested in the proper management of all county offices.

JOHN A. PERL.

CORONER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the republican ticket, for nomination at the coming primary for the office of coroner of Jackson county.

By virtue of my profession as an undertaker, I feel that I have every qualification and the necessary equipment to properly handle any duties which may arise.

Adv. tf. H. W. CONGER.

SHERIFF

As a candidate in the Republican primaries for the office of Sheriff, I desire to clearly define my position on the future conduct of that office, if elected.

My experience as a deputy sheriff of Jackson County, and as a State Traffic Officer, has taught me that no peace officer can give satisfactory and efficient service to the public when his authority and responsibility are shared by another. The present unsatisfactory law enforcing conditions is largely attributable to divided authority between antagonistic peace officers, elements that are certain to produce conflict, inefficiency and useless expense.

If elected I shall insist upon

and expect to maintain the right to perform all the duties of Sheriff in this County, and it follows that I will be uncompromisingly opposed to special officers except Federal Agents, with whom I pledge full and complete cooperation. I am in thorough accord with both the letter and spirit of the prohibition laws and pledge my active and untiring efforts in their enforcement.

adv. tf. J. J. McMAHON.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Judge, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary, on the following platform:

Reduce taxes through an economical and business-like administration of county affairs. Stop needless expenditures and waste and give proper support and attention to good roads, public schools and other vital and public necessities. Enforce the prohibition law efficiently and properly through proper agencies and eliminate special law enforcing organizations which are now causing divided authority and needless expense. Give to all a fair, square deal and not be responsible to any political faction, clique or organization.

152tf* WILLIAM ULRICH.

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