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ROOSEVELT SUES EDITOR

Suit for \$10,000 for libel has been filed by a Detroit attorney, acting for Theodore Roosevelt, against George A. Newett, editor of the Iron Ore, of Ishpeming, Mich.

The praecipe alleges libel in that Newett printed an article in his paper charging that Colonel Roosevelt was intemperate in the use of language and liquor.

The statement adds that the action was begun because by the publication in question "Mr. Newett has furnished the first opportunity that Colonel Roosevelt or his friends have been able to find" for the "prompt and authoritative disproof" of the charges.

It is hardly likely that the Colonel expects to secure any redress except on the charge of intemperance use of liquor. Calling respectable people crooks and jackasses and saying that any voter who supports Taft "is dishonest and has a yellow streak in him," is pretty generally conceded to be intemperate language. Teddy has become famous for the use of language bordering on the coarse, but it may be harder to prove his intemperance in the use of liquors, although he himself acknowledges the use of it on about the same degree as Dr. Abbott. (So far Dr. Abbott has not sued the ex-president for libel.)

Most papers have been cautious about making their accusations bold, but if Teddy is going to sue all papers who have said he is a drinker, the courts better prepare for a busy season. The Sentinel has seen in at least two responsible papers the bold accusation that Teddy is a toper. One of these is a Prohibition paper. The other is edited by an ex-congressman. Both of these papers have a circulation that should have brought them to the attention of the Colonel's friends long ago and have given them the looked-for opportunity to refute the charges. Other papers have strenuously denied that Teddy uses liquors in excess.

The Sentinel hopes the Colonel will be able to disprove the charge in a convincing manner.

ANTITHESIS

A controversy with an enemy who attempts to be fair has a certain amount of pleasure, but an argument with one who deliberately fabricates, invidiously inverts the truth (as Teddy would say), mendaciously, maliciously and viciously lies, leaves a rancor that makes impossible a return to friendly relations.

The Eugene Register is an example of the first. Its arguments are sane, its opposition is gentlemanly, its language is refined. Nothing has appeared in its columns concerning the County Division Bill that need engender a feeling of bitterness between Cottage Grove and Eugene.

The unspeakable Guard is an example of the second kind of an enemy. It strikes below the belt, it wields the bludgeon, it stoops to the methods of the guerilla, it lies by note and by every other possible method, it appeals to the baser passions, no method is to dirty to serve its nefarious purposes, no obloquy too villainous for it to mouth. Its object is to feed the fires of enmity, to make the breach between Cottage Grove and Eugene so wide it can never be bridged, and if people of Eugene continue to give it sustenance it will succeed.

Just to show the antithesis between the two papers, The Sentinel quotes from both on the same subject:

The Guard prints the following venomous, bold-faced lie:

A still more dangerous bill is No. 348, proposed by the advocates of Nesmith county, but masked under a misleading title on the ballot. It provides for the formation of new counties solely by a vote of 60 per cent of the people included in the limits of the proposed new county. The people of the old county have no voice in the matter at all.

And the paper which prints the above has the temerity to ask in return a square deal for the University.

Compare the above with this from The Register, wherein a paper in the same city shows The Guard to be an unmitigated liar:

Not because Oregon does not need a law that will provide for the creation of new counties but because the one that is to be voted on this fall—No. 348-349—is decidedly one-sided and unfair it should be defeated. No. 348-349 is not the sort of law for dividing counties that Oregon wants. Although it leaves it to a supposedly disinterested commission the submission of new county propositions to a vote, it gives to the people outside of the proposed new county no voice in the final decision.

What the bill really does is to put in the governor's hands the power to create new counties, or to defeat the creation of new counties as he chooses. It provides that after 30 per cent of the voters residing in the territory contained in the proposed new county have signed a petition asking for its creation the question as to whether it shall go to a vote is to be left to three commissioners, who are to be appointed by the governor. By choosing his commissioners, the governor can decide the fate of the new county. Probably the governor would always choose fair and disinterested commissioners, but this does not affect the fact that the law gives him undue power in case he cares to use it.

If the report of the commissioners is favorable to the new county, either as originally proposed, or as amended by the commission, the governor is required to call a special election in the territory concerned. Except for such representations as they may make to the commissioners, the people who are concerned by the division, but who are outside the new county, have no voice in the matter.

The proposed law apparently makes some attempts at fairness, but its attempts fail, because they do not go far enough. It allows the presentation of both sides of the evidence to a supposedly unprejudiced commission, and it provides that the promoters of a new county shall advance the expense of the investigation—although in case the division project is successful, they are to be repaid by the taxpayers.

Where it fails in fairness is in denying a vote to the people who live outside the proposed new county, and who are fully as much interested as those who live within it. For this reason, it should be defeated.

That's what we call decent treatment from an opponent. The most bitter thing to be said to an opponent like that is that he is laboring under a misapprehension.

We must say to The Register that if we are to put no confidence in the officials that are elected to carry out our laws, we might just as well revert to first principles and abolish all law. Furthermore, the commissioners act in the capacity of a court and decide on the evidence, not on their own feelings in the matter. Has The Register no confidence in human nature?

The objection that the old county has no voice in the final decision is the only vital criticism, but if The Register can show how county division, no matter how meritorious, would be possible under its plan, with the balance of voting power in the old county, we will vote against the measure. The Register's plan would block county division entirely except where the new county had the balance of voting power. In order to be fair to both sides the election might be done away with entirely. That would put both on an equal footing. The election, anyway, is only to

prevent forcing county division on those not wishing it. It is not, as the Eugene papers wish to explain it, the method for creating the county. That is to all practical purposes, settled by the commission.

THIRD PARTY A FARCE

The Sentinel's claim that the so-called Progressive party is nothing more or less than a one-man party, is well borne out by the registration figures. Bull Moosers still call themselves Republicans and register as such. While following Teddy blindly in all things else, even to adopting his Socialist platform, they refuse to tear loose from the robbers, crooks and thieves who compose the Grand Old Party. To find that the Roosevelt strength is indicated by the Bull Moose registration would be too good to be true.

Taking Lane County as a fair sample the registration is as follows:

Republican	4930
Democratic	1944
Socialist	354
Independent	320
Prohibitionist	179
Progressive	95

The figures are also significant as indicating that the Bull Moosers will be found feeding on the Republican range as soon as the Roosevelt flurry goes the way all movements of the kind have gone before it.

SIMPLE AND HOMELY

In his introduction to "The Remedy," Tom Lawson says he will make the story so plain and vivid, so simple and homely, that a blind man in a midnight jungle can understand. Then he proceeds to the use of such words as:

Scarleted, comeo-clearly, reprisal rage, all-hands-rounding, foot-lighted, backgrounded, republic-housed, perpetually-motioning, way-stationing, superbly-intentioned, grandly-ambitioned, blood-jellied, red-froth indignation, longnetted, by-heavened, mocking-birded, dungeoned, contipededly-propelled, town-meetinging, hard-thrifted, truth-founded, fact-cellaried, asafetoid-ing, spendthrifted, velvet-grassied.

For the success of his plan Lawson must interest the masses in his story, but he can not unless he modifies and mollifies his language somewhat. It is superbly vigorous and transcendently descriptive, but the masses are not familiar with mongrel-verbed phrases, octagonally-syllabled words and flamboyant diereses. Common-people your red-frothed vocabulary, Tom.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

The Sentinel has always been in favor of equal suffrage. But that stand has been taken merely because out of common justice to woman she should have a say-so in making the laws which she must obey and in electing the men who run the government she is subject to.

There is no great uprising on the part of women for the right of ballot, such as there would be on the part of man under like circumstances. The majority of women are apathetic on the subject. A large number of them have asked their husbands to vote against it, a larger number have said they do not care and a still larger number have said nothing at all.

There are, however, a large number who do care, and there is no excuse to deprive them of what they should have.

The Sentinel as a rule does not fall all over itself in advocating these new-fangled ideas, but it is heartily in favor of woman's suffrage regardless of what the effect may be. It is a fundamental question of right and wrong.

FARMERS' BANK

If Roosevelt had conceived Taft's plan of co-operative banks for the American farmer, it would have been scare-headed the country over as the greatest piece of progressive legislation ever proposed as a sure cure for all the high-cost-of-living ills that flesh is heir to. It would have been shouted from the rooftops and ardently expounded from every rostrum in these great United States.

But Taft isn't a megaphone

statesman. He goes quietly on performing other duties of his office. Some day his true worth will be known.

Folks who say Taft has done nothing have forgotten that they howled for postal savings banks and parcels post for 50 years—and had to wait for the Taft administration to give them to them.

Whatever else may be said, all will acknowledge that Teddy could have named a sure winner at Chicago had he curbed his own overmastering, all-absorbing ambition.

Patriotic Greeks and Montenegrins are leaving for home by the thousands to take part in the wars. Now if some of them would have patriotism enough not to come back.

By the way, that coffee must be getting cool enough to drink by this time.

With this issue The Sentinel gives its case to the jury that meets next Tuesday.

Only one Bull Moose registered in Cottage Grove. That must be Col. Blair.

If those who now want Taft will vote for him, he'll be a winner.

Have you read your election pamphlets yet?

The Oregon primary system has Bourne Selling.

Vote 348, Yes. General County division bill.

The Taft vote is going to cause the surprise.

A vote for Roosevelt is a vote for Wilson.

Did you ever see Ben Selling pants?

What will the harvest be?

Vote for the Hawleys.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

A glacier has been discovered in Alaska that moves only twelve feet a day. We have congressmen that have not changed their position that many feet in twenty-five years.

One thing we can thank the automobiles for—when they come into general use among farmers, land ten, fifteen or twenty miles from a railway will be nearly as valuable and accessible as that nearer.

Thieves broke into a city restaurant the other day. Three beefsteaks were the only valuables removed, and, as the place carried a \$700 burglary policy, it is thought the loss is fully recovered.

A woman doesn't like to be married for her good cooking—and she seldom is.

It does not necessarily follow that a man with water on his brain is a "soak."

Sunshine will make a sour milk pan sweet and take the grouch out of your disposition.

We have seen some men who could spend every evening with a sweetheart and still act perfectly sane and sensible during business hours. Some people have great recuperative powers.

There is such a thing as young men and young women getting too much education—of a certain kind.

Booze is a great thing—to leave alone.

Some men throw their money away—but those wishing to get rid of it quickly put it in a slot machine.

It's sometimes easy to start a new love fire with an old flame.

A man and woman who do not get acquainted before marriage, will afterwards.

There are, according to a recent discovery, in the neighborhood of six million germs on one house fly. The ordinary person would have let this pass unnoticed.

Many people escape being criminals by never being tempted. As an example, you never yet heard of a newspaper man getting pinched for "sweating" \$40 gold pieces.

Too many children are born before marriage—and not enough afterwards. Let not one wife know what the other wife doeth, saith the man from Utah.

The bigger a man is the smaller he feels when come up with.

The happy homes are making the good citizens of the country.

Men folks lose their tempers about mighty small things sometimes—take the collar button for example.

The school of experience has not yet awarded any diplomas.

A person's disposition is mostly in his stomach.

Things you learn by experience you seldom forget.

Familiarity breeds content—with man and wife, or should.

Save your money—so as to always have enough on hand to pay your subscription promptly.

One of the original aeroplanists died a natural death. What you 'spose about that?

A girl in the home is worth two dozen on the street.

Sowing wild oats is not part of the back-to-the-land movement.

It's poor policy to take your spleen out on the office force, but it's better to do that than to take it home with you.

Man wants but little here below except to know that his place is secure above.

A man makes a fool of himself over one woman, but there's no cure for him when he takes on two or three.

The higher the cost of living the lower the scale of living.

An aeronaut fell from his machine into a church. Deaths resulting from falling aeroplanes are so common nowadays that some novel or unusual feature like this must be arranged to insure its getting full position in the papers.

A man hates to walk down the street wearing clothes so apparently new that they attract attention, but a woman is not so finicky in that respect.

"Have your appendix removed. Don't wait for appendicitis," advises a St. Paul physician. Along the same line of reasoning, remove your brains. Don't wait for brainstorm.

The love that will go through fire before marriage may not build the fire after marriage.

There is no need of a woman making her eyes talk.

As a person grows older he learns many things that would have been some use to him when younger.

If all the people go to heaven who expect to, it may not be such an ideal place after all.

One half the world wonders why the other half lives.

A Chicago man chewed up a \$5 bill with a sandwich—but the restaurant keeper sympathized with him and let him have the sandwich for nothing, so he came out even anyway.

The newspapers have made prominent mention of the recent trial in which a husband secured \$15,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections. Why shouldn't a woman worth that much affection be liberal with her friends.

There must be lots of milk in the milky way if all the babies in heaven get their meals there.

The "drys" have accomplished a whole lot since the day the whole earth was covered with water.

A woman thinks that exercising her prerogative and talking are one and the same thing.

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WANTS COMMON JUSTICE.

Working Men and Women of the State Oppose Malicious Laws.

In order to make a farce and a laughing stock of popular government and the initiative and referendum, two measures have been initiated by the big business interests which are deadly opposed to the rule of the common people. One proposed law limits free speech in cities of 5,000 or over, and is so glaring an example of class legislation that it is absolutely revolting to a right-thinking individual. And the same people, who are insistent that free speech should be hampered, are asking the citizens of the state of Oregon to legislate against the people to spend their earnings where and how they please. A direct and clean-cut analysis of the law proves that a farmer could not ask his neighbors to not patronize an establishment that defrauded him, could not recommend any course of action or warn his neighbors against being taken in, too. The measure, however, is aimed at the organizations that are seeking to improve conditions for the common people. Eight thousand signatures to this bill were secured in Multnomah county, where the people on a referendum of a similar ordinance, defeated the forces of big business overwhelmingly. The working people of this county ask you, the voters of the state, to deal justly with them and defeat the anti-boycott and anti-free speech bills.

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