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COUNTY SEAT ACTING REAL NICE

WHETHER Eugene knows it or not, it is a fact that scattering the county offices around the county will do much to relieve the jealousies which outside communities naturally hold towards a county seat, especially when it is the largest city of the county. The nomination of E. R. Spencer of this city to take the place of Geo. M. Hawley, also of this city, as county commissioner, gives the impression, at least, that one commissionership is conceded to this end of the county. Of course, in our opinion, from a standpoint of fitness, Mr. Spencer should have been nominated anyway, but fitness cuts little figure when the larger community of a voting district sets out to hog all the offices. Therefore, let's give Eugene credit for being fair in this matter.

The nomination of Dick Burton for county assessor is further proof that a desire for economy is placed higher than the desire to elect officers from Eugene.

Cottage Grove also has nominees on the democratic ticket in the persons of Alta King for the legislature and R. Y. Porter for county commissioner.

It is obviously impossible for both candidates for county commissioner to be elected, with only one position to fill, so the choice of which one is desired might well be left with the voters of this end of the county. In the case of nominees for the legislature, however, Eugene has the opportunity to do the malicious thing by voting for Alta King for one of the members. As all three of the republican nominees live in Eugene, a display of the proper spirit of fairness on the part of other sections of the county should result in Mr. King's election by a handsome vote.

The vote cast at the primary election in Lane county last week shows a strong demand among the taxpayers for a reduction in the expenses of conducting the business of the different county offices. The holders of these offices who were renominated will do well to heed the warning. Statistics show that it costs more to run the business of Lane county than any other county in the state, except Multnomah, and the taxpayers are tired of the needless expense.—Florence West.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNTY CLERK.

AS The Sentinel has already stated, the fight on extravagance and inefficiency at the court house will be continued until such extravagance and inefficiency is cleaned out. That result may be obtained this year, it may be obtained two years from now, or it may take longer than that. When once cleaned out it may return and need another cleaning out. At any rate, while it is there, wherever found, The Sentinel will be found on the firing line. For the present the volleys fired may be intermittent, but as the campaign warms up, the volleys will be more regular with plenty of powder behind them.

This week we wish to ask the county clerk a few pertinent questions and will give him equal opportunity to reply.

The questions are these:

Is a newly organized abstract company making use of the county clerk's office for the conduct of its business?

Is this abstract company, in making up its records, interfering to any great extent with the help in the county clerk's office?

Are any of the clerks of the county clerk's office giving any considerable time to assisting this abstract company in making up its records, to the neglect of their duties for the county?

Has the county court at any time suggested to you, or to those who conduct your office, that the employees of this abstract company are interfering too much with the work in your office?

Are the records being made by this abstract company so incomplete that in conducting their business it will be necessary to make continuous use of your office and the records of your office?

Is this abstract company using a room in the court house for the conduct of its business or for the purpose of taking up its records?

Are the records of your office so used by the representatives of this company that if there was any desire on their part to do so changes could be easily made?

Does this abstract company have the use of your records at night when there are no employees of your office present to guard the records that mean so much to the property owners of Lane county?

Does this abstract company have the use of a room in the court house at night?

If so, are the bills for light and heat paid by the county?

Does this abstract company pay any rent in any form whatever?

Is the president of this abstract company E. U. Lee, your most ardent political supporter?

If so, would you extend like favors to another abstract company which wished like favors from your office?

If you are extending favors to your political Warwick that you would not extend to others, do you think you are honest with the county in doing so?

If this abstract company is getting favors from you in the use of your office, do you think this has any relation to the fact that the company has not yet occupied the office building which has been arranged for it and is ready for occupancy?

The county clerk's reply will be given the same prominence that is given these questions.

An exchange observes that it is about time to stop referring to policemen as "minions of the law" as some of them are nonpareil. And some, also, are pikers.—Eugene Register.

Most of them are bourgeois. Then there are several other types.

The Sentinel got a whole lot of criticism and a whole lot of good advertising in the recent issue of Town Talk. We are inclined to believe this is the first time anyone ever started anything which provoked a special and entire issue of a newspaper to tell about it. Come again, Willie; you're a really amusing sort of a cuss.

A LESSON TO ADOLESCENTS.

A RECENT candidate for county office unquestionably lost several hundred votes because he was a slave to cigarettes and a semi-slave to the card room. This will, no doubt, be a severe lesson to him, but it should be a lesson also to the growing generation. Instances are rare in which the cigarette fiend has risen to high place in the world. They are still more rare in which the slave to cards has proven any kind of a success in the world.

When once either habit has become fixed it takes an iron will to break it. While in moderation either habit might not be serious, they quickly take hold of young people and are almost as dangerous as the drink or drug habit. In fact they are often harder to control. Let young men take to heart the example already quoted of the man fully capable of holding the office to which he aspired, a pleasant, agreeable and likeable fellow, well educated and refined, of high moral character, who now holds a responsible position and is making good, yet who failed in an ambition because of two habits which caused voters to lack confidence in him.

Uncontrollable personal ambition and lust for high office caused Theodore Roosevelt to betray the republican party four years ago. Had he at that time acted in the same manner that Bryan acted towards Wilson, Teddy would today be the almost unanimous choice of the republicans for president, and would have been the next president. The office would have been seeking him instead of Hughes. He defeated his own ambition because he could not brook defeat.

MALICIOUS MISREPRESENTATION

Judge Hughes' victory over Roosevelt in the Vermont primaries must cheer the heart of that astute politician. Conducting his campaign from the sacred recesses of the supreme court, he is able to cover the wiles of the politician with the sanctity of the judge.—Portland Journal.

If there is anything that is low down and contemptible it is malicious misrepresentation on the part of a newspaper for the purpose of serving sinister purposes of its own. If there is any paper that has no hesitancy about stooping to the methods of a jackal, if there is any paper that would willingly wallow in the sewer if it could drag anyone with it, if there is any paper that would stab anyone in the back and then fiendishly wave the bloody knife, the Portland Journal is that newspaper. Not only does the Portland Journal do these things, but it sets the part of the consummate hypocrite at the same time by branding others with the crimes of which it is the author.

Of course, no one supposes for a moment that the Portland Journal is so grossly ignorant that it knows nothing of the politics of the day, and if it knows as much about political happenings as the unborn imbecile, it knows that Judge Hughes has in no way suggested his own candidacy, has in no way abetted his own candidacy, and has

done everything a man who is not a candidate could do to make that fact plain.

By an utter, inexcusable disregard of the sanctity of the judge, about which it prates so piteously, The Journal seeks to drag down the man who will be nominated at Chicago and who will defeat the candidate of The Journal. By its action The Journal invites others like itself who delight in the mouthing of foul and putrid language to make like attacks upon its candidate.

A correspondent last week bemoaned the fact that butter is bringing but 15 to 17 cents. We would be interested in learning whether or not the butter makers of that community are for free trade which admits foreign butter and eggs into free competition with Oregon butter and eggs.

A MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE.

(Eugene Register.)

In the results of Friday's primary election there stands out so plainly that no one can mistake it a protest against the fact that Lane county's courthouse government is the costliest in the state except Multnomah's. To this protest is undoubtedly due the defeat of the present incumbent of the assessor's office. Mr. Keeney has been a capable official, but the cost of conducting his office was high in comparison with the cost in other counties. Mr. Burton, the successful nominee on the republican ticket, promised a reduction, and was taken at his word.

Another indication of the same tendency on the part of the voters is to be found in the fact that S. W. Taylor was renominated for treasurer. Mr. Taylor was opposed by two candidates of high personal ability, but the fact that the cost of conducting his office compares favorably with the cost in other counties was evidently in his favor.

Still another indication is apparent in the unexpected strength developed by A. C. Jennings. Mr. Russell, as was expected, was nominated, but his majority was greatly reduced from previous figures. This reduction was directly due to dissatisfaction with the high cost of conducting his office, as compared with the cost in other counties, and was a warning to him to cut down expenses during the coming two years. The voters of Lane county will expect to see less discrepancy between the cost of conducting the clerk's office in Lane and other counties hereafter and if they do not the next primary election will tell the tale.

Practically every candidate for nomination for county office this year campaigned on a platform of reduction of expense, and those who are successful are on record as favoring more economical administration. Their pledges will not be forgotten, but will stare them in the face when again they come up for office. They should keep this in mind, and make sure that their record of performance squares up with their pre-election promises.

There is no good reason why Lane should be the most expensively administered county of its class in the state. There is no good reason why courthouse costs should be greater here than anywhere else except Multnomah. Unduly high cost of government is not an aid to development, and Lane county cannot afford any such handicap.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

No wonder Rockefeller's money is tainted if it is made out of the gasoline we have to smell.

When a girl asks a man to teach her how to swim, he might as well make up his mind to support her.

When a man gets to considering how he wasted language during his courtship days he makes up his mind to conserve words around the house.

A man will tell how some woman flirted with him just as if he wasn't equally guilty.

If a man can't propose to his sweetheart without getting nervous and excited, he isn't well enough acquainted with her yet to think of marrying her.

Woman smiles and says nothing as man expatiates upon the superiority of the male over the female—that's the way the woman proves her superiority.

A Chicago man got put in jail thirty days for kissing a girl. Why such discrimination? Many of us get a life term for the same offense.

It's hard for a man to play a game of "cinch" with the children with the same zest that he does a game of "draw" at the club.

If in heaven we can know everything that is going on down here, a lot of us are going to be made unhappy to notice how little we are missed.

How foolish we would feel sometimes if we only knew that those we are telling something to really knew the truth of the whole business.

Ordinarily we dislike a braggart, but a glass worker may have some excuse for blowing about his business.

Too many young people are allowed to go to the bad instead of being made to go to bed.

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Our purchase was made several months ago, before any advance in this ware and as we had to buy quite a large lot to get the lowest price. We will sell about half of this lot at above price, after this week the price will be 20c a cup and saucer and even at that it will be lower than we can again rebuy and sell them, remember 15c you can buy a single cup and saucer for 15c or any amount up to 1 dozen, select yours at once and if you do not want them now we will hold them until you are ready to take them.

THE FAIR

the city of Portland (Ore.) have disappeared. That should make good fuel when the present commissioners come up for re-election.

A woman's idea of a hero is one who fears none of the things she says she will do if he dares to hug her.

There are but few ideal men—and how they keep their wives from telling their faults is a mystery.

THE SHORT BALLOT.

(Duluth, Minn., Herald)

[Editor's Note.—So it is in Oregon only more so. The only solution is the short ballot and the consolidation of all commissions and boards into a few departments, thereby eliminating duplications and extravagances.]

"In New York," says World's Work in commenting on the short ballot discussion in the New York constitutional convention, "the people do not elect one executive but seven. Besides the governor (and his apparent, the lieutenant governor) the electorate chooses the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the attorney general, the comptroller, the state engineer. All these men are executives; they run the state. But the head executive has no control over them. They are responsible only to the people. Thus responsibility is divided. If things go wrong, as they continually do, nobody knows who to blame. But this is not all. There are more than a hundred and fifty departments, bureaus, commissions and boards in control of important business. Each revolves in an orbit of its own. It frequently duplicates the work of others. The whole thing is a hodge-podge. No private business could run this way over night. New York is not

Eighth Grade Examination.

Eighth grade examinations will be held in school districts where there are applicants, and also where there are pupils to work off conditioned subjects, on Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2, 1916. The examination should be given according to the schedule printed on the back of the sealed envelope in which the questions will be sent to the chairman of the board.

E. J. MOORE,
Co. Supt.

Notice of Annual School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school district No. 45 of Lane county, state of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at assembly room of high school building, to begin at the hour of two o'clock p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 19th day of June, A. D. 1916.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director to serve three years and one clerk to serve one year, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1916.
A. L. WOODARD,
Chairman Board of Directors.
Attest: Worth Harvey,
District Clerk. m31jn7-14

To Whom It May Concern.

My wife having left my bed and board I hereby give notice that I will not hereafter be responsible for bills of her contraction.
J. B. PARKER.
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bankrupt because public taxes pay the freight."

As it is in New York, so it is in Minnesota. Change the titles of a few of officers, and the situation is duplicated to a hair. So it is in other states—in all other states.

The results: confusion, extravagance, waste, inefficiency.

The remedy: a simplified system of government with the governor elected by and responsible to the people, as its executive head. Let him appoint the minor officers, and become responsible

for them, as the president appoints and becomes responsible for his cabinet.

Then the people, when things go wrong, will know who is responsible. It will be the governor. There will be no divided responsibility, no chaotic overlapping of public functions, no securities, and—given an intelligently chosen governor—no wastes.

To that, which is the short ballot, New York, Minnesota and all the states must sooner or later come if they would have responsible and efficient state government.

Which Do You Prefer?

It is important for reasons of health and practical economy for every housekeeper to ask herself this question:

"Do I prefer a pure baking powder like Royal, made of cream of tartar derived from grapes, or am I willing to use a baking powder made of alum or phosphate, both derived from mineral sources?"

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