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OREGON'S SENATORIAL JOKE

I find in your egotism to manufacture news for the Public in your editorial column; that you have hunted up all you can say against Senator Bourne. I have followed it for a few weeks and have not seen a good word printed for him. Perhaps you are blind to the good he has done.

Many of your class think all a Senator has to do is to rally over our State and Shunk Hands and swell up to gain friendship and votes, "yes grace" with every Petty in the state. This use to be the fashion but has been discarded by so many of his class that he prefers to be up to date and drop this humbug of a way the machine rolled on, use his time to more valuable record. What we Republicans or Democrats want is a man at his post doing his duty, not flying, hitting, thither, and can't be found when wanted. "You state he is a Frost" in in your April 9th issue; this you can not say and tell the truth, there has never been a letter of business nature sent to Bourne but he acted upon it fairly. What Senator has done more for the Siletz settlers than he has who answered their plea more diligently; in fact, who has represented our state any better than Bourne has.

Balance up your brains and see if you can't find more good points in him than our ones. He is not so bad that there is no good "don't you think it. If you can't get square in stating Bourne's business in the Senate Don't begin to ridicule.

You are making a great howl about Ben Selling's business, he has been successful for himself. So has Bourne; he has represented us at Salem and I would like to ask you what he did do there in a business way. Did you ever recall the way he helped to manufacture business laws and how rotten they appeared after the session was over, so rotten they could not find glue enough in the state to hold them together; then ask people to vote for that kind of a business man "shame on you forever and ever."

I hope we can find enough Gentiles in Oregon to represent us if not, may Grant there be one born right away that we might see what he looks like, therefore helping us to make a choice another time.

G. W. HAYNES,
Ballston, Or.

Please Publish in your paper.

Being far too humble to interpose our meager store of misguided knowledge in opposition to the gentleman from Ballston, the above letter is "published in the paper," exactly as it came from the pen of the Ballston statesman. Not a t has been crossed, a period or a comma added, a capital letter changed or a word substituted. It appears that we have sufficiently transgressed in that line already.

Colonel Haynes' defense of Jonathan Bourne is enthusiastic, even if silly. The Observer cannot discover where the question of the brains of the editor enters into the discussion of Bourne's fitness to longer act for Oregon in the Senate of the United States. We have all along possessed a hazy notion that the use of "brains" should be an attribute of the Senator's make-up.

For the benefit of Colonel Haynes The Observer will state that it opposes Bourne on the broad ground of party fealty. This is a Republican newspaper and stands for Republican principles. As such, it feels no more obligation to support Bourne, than it would any other muckwump. Oregon's senior senator is already on record as openly opposing candidates of his party in this state and even his party's choice for a presidential nominee, in the event that that man is not his personal preference. Bourne has been on all sides of every political question, he has claimed the glory of instituting reforms and "institutions" which belong to others, and if he has been of any earthly good to Oregon, the limited brains of the writer of this, has been unable to locate the act.

The Observer must take issue with our Ballston critic relative to Bourne and the Siletz settlers. The records fail to show wherein he exerted himself in their behalf beyond perfunctorily voting for the house bill for their relief; while the facts are that, owing largely to his inactivity or incompetency, the final success of this bill was held up for two years. Representative Hawley, who by the way, is the one man who has really proved the friend of the Siletz homesteaders, introduced a bill for their relief in the house and secured its passage without trouble. It was sent over to the senate, but Bourne and Chamberlain permitted it to slumber peacefully in a pigeon hole until near the end of the session, when it was resurrected and passed, and hurried to the president, along with a lot of other bills, some of which were very important measures. Hitchcock was on the job and when the president investigated this measure for the relief of a few set-

tlers out in Oregon, he advised a veto and the bill failed at that session of congress. It was taken up at the present session, however, passed by both houses and signed by the president, after its provisions had been explained, and the justice of the claims of the settlers made plain to him, but Jonathan Bourne had nothing to do with it.

"What we Republicans and Democrats want is a man at his post doing his duty," says Colonel Haynes. That is also what Oregon wants, but that's just exactly what she hasn't, in the person of Bourne, and that is one of the main reasons why this newspaper is opposing him. While he hasn't time to visit his own state to discover for himself, at first hand, the needs of his people, such absence doesn't mean that he is steadfastly at his post of duty, oh no. Will the gentleman from Ballston, since he knows so much about it, please inform a waiting public the exact per centage of roll calls that Bourne has answered when important matters were up for final disposition? Where was he? Playing golf, probably, or, mayhap, at his cotton mills suggesting plans for still further reducing the wages of the starving children in his employ, and thereby piling up a greater fortune to use in future long range campaign pyrotechnics.

Bourne cries frantically of his undying devotion to principle, yet what "principle" did he represent when he managed W. J. Bryan's Oregon campaign against McKinley in 1896? He talks of his fight for the people's direct primary law in 1906, but forgets that, 10 years before, Ben Selling was fighting for the establishment of the Australian ballot law at primary elections, and a registry law, both of which have been since adopted. He lays great claim to fatherhood for Statement No. 1 and while, according to our humble opinion, parenthood of such progeny isn't anything to grow cheery about, the facts are that Ben Selling was an open adherent of the plan in 1908 and, without his aid, there would have been no Statement No. 1 ticket in Multnomah county.

Bourne's claim to be the representative of the people of Oregon is disproved when it is recalled that he received but about 13,000 votes at the primary election, while more than 30,000 Republicans voted for candidates opposing him. Bourne is an accident, whose senatorial ability is a joke, whose interests are outside the state, and who is entirely unfitted, judged on any other basis, to represent Oregon in the senate of the United States.

Such office calls for statesmen. It requires men broad of mind, wise in counsel; and men who may gain and hold the confidence of their colleagues, who will faithfully represent their home state, not outside interests, who are in sympathy with the administration, not in opposition to it, who know the needs of their people and have the ability to secure adjustment and relief.

Largely through the inability or inactivity of Bourne, Oregon's share of the \$7,000,000 reclamation fund paid by this state, and which was justly due it, was lost, while other states, whose congressional delegations were active and alert, succeeded in securing the portion to which they were entitled. The only great deed which Bourne claims to have done is the securing of an appropriation for the Oregon City locks, and this one evidence of energy on his part so occupied his time, evidently, that he forgot all about the balance of the state or the service he might render it. Representative Hawley also did valiant service on behalf of the locks and it is an open question whether it was not his influence, rather than Jonathan's, that turned the trick.

The people of Oregon have an opportunity to make a beginning in securing a delegation in congress commensurate with the state and its progress. Hawley is the only man in that body whose voice is heard and heeded in defense of Oregon, and whose influence is sufficient to enact legislation or secure appropriations for the state. Headed by Bourne, we have Chamberlain and Lafferty. To gods! what a collection! No wonder that Oregon's influence is nil, and the state lagging behind in the progressive movement. Let us make a start at a change.

But the weakest portion of Colonel Haynes' defense of Bourne is the implied assertion that Selling should be defeated because of his religion. This plea is the weapon of the bigot and the ignorant. The statesman from Ballston should take a day off, borrow a United States constitution somewhere, for its unbelievable that he has one of his own, retire to a secluded corner among his tin pans and iron kettles, and read that sacred document. There he will find the doctrine of religious freedom enunciated, and if he reads and understands, he will learn that the forefathers of this great nation wisely planned against the encroachments of the narrow-minded bigot who would make a man's religious beliefs subject for attack.

The editor of The Observer may not have brains sufficient to find the good qualities in Bourne's record, but he hopes the time will never come when he will be returned to the level of the gentleman from Ballston, unable to find a more tangible argument against a man than an attack on his religious principles.

The Observer hopes that Colonel Haynes will continue to read this newspaper, and will take a few minutes of each day measurable, to study Bourne's record. If he shall find a single instance where Oregon's senior senator really did something worth while for his state, will be please publish it to a waiting constituency.

A valued exchange implies that the merchant who doesn't advertise in his home newspaper is doing an injustice to himself, because he expects the newspaper to boost the town, get more people and more industries and thus assist in development. This is the wrong notion of the non-advertising merchant, according to our experience. The merchant who doesn't advertise is always the non-progressive. He is the man who doesn't belong to the Commercial club, nor any of the other booster societies. He never is a live-wire, but bends his efforts to trying to tear down what his enterprising neighbors build up. He doesn't want progress or more people, because he knows that such a condition means more business institutions and that modern methods will force him to the wall.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, in a speech in the national senate at Washington last week, declared that the newspapers of the country treated congress as a big joke. The senator is surely mistaken. It is only when such men as Heyburn of Idaho, Poindexter and Warburton of Washington, and Bourne and Lafferty of Oregon, break into congressional pastures that the newspapers see the colossal joke of it.—Amity Standard.

Judging from the utterances of many of the Democratic newspapers of the state, that party has no candidate for the Senate. Columns are filled with defense of Bourne and abuse of Selling in these Democratic newspapers, while no mention is made of Dr. Lane and the others who aspire to Senatorial honors from the Bourbonites. That's funny!

In a recent issue Br'er Fiske, of the Itemizer, reads a lecture to Dallas people regarding the alleged untidiness of the back yards and alleys. The question is, what was Fiske doing in the back alleys?

Editorials of the People.

WANTS SEN. BORAH ENDORSED

Opportunity Seen to Extend Compliment to Friend of Oregon.

To the Editor: At the coming primary election, Oregon Republicans will have an opportunity to express their choice as to the several Republican candidates for President of the United States, but no steps have been taken for the office of vice-president. The individual voter may, however, write in the name of his favorite for vice-president, and in this connection permit me to suggest to your Republican readers that the name of Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, be written in and voted for in the customary manner.

Senator Borah is recognized as one of the foremost men in the United States Senate, and his record shows that he is a staunch friend of the state of Oregon and has supported every measure tending to benefit the great Pacific Northwest. Besides this, Senator Borah's wife is a daughter of an honored pioneer of this state, and he is known personally to many of our citizens. Senator Borah is a Progressive Republican, is admired and respected by all classes of people, and is a fearless and brilliant public official. Although he is not an active candidate for vice-president, Senator Borah's name has frequently been mentioned as a possible nominee, and an unsought endorsement at the hands of Oregon Republicans at the coming primaries would not only be a fitting tribute to his worth and standing, and the esteem in which he is held by the people of this state, but also a splendid compliment to our sister state of Idaho.

Those who favor Senator Borah's nomination for vice-president may vote for him by writing "X-Borah, William E., of Idaho," at the proper place on the primary ballot.

C. N. MCARTHUR,
Portland, April 11.

SENATOR WARNS OF MENACE TO PACIFIC COUNTRY.

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voers the condemnation of the country.

Steam Roller Methods. "Roosevelt is complaining today about the way that Taft is operating the steam roller" announced the Senator, "and yet it was Roosevelt who taught Taft how to run it four years ago. If you people want the present conditions to continue, want no relief from the present high cost of living, then go to the polls next Friday and vote for either Taft or Roosevelt and it doesn't make much difference which one you elect."

During his speech the Senator took occasion to inform the people that he was a candidate for president, facetiously remarking that he should "have mentioned that fact in the first place, but had overlooked it."

During the morning Mr. LaFollette spoke in Independence and Moonmouth and was more than an hour behind his schedule in reaching Dallas. On account of his aversion to speaking in the open air the meeting was held in the court room and, although hoarse from much speaking, his voice penetrated to every part of the room and he was distinctly heard by all.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. Chester P. Gates, who took occasion to pay a high tribute to the man and the fight for better conditions that he was making.

Immediately after his address



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Senator LaFollette left the court room by a side entrance and was hurried on his way to Amity and McMinnville, where he was scheduled to deliver short addresses. He will also speak in Newberg this afternoon and ends a strenuous day with a monster meeting in Portland tonight.

WATER SUPPLY OF CITY MAY BE IN DANGER

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an effort be made to ascertain just how much oiling was required here, when the matter will be taken up with the Portland company.

Contract for the concrete curbing was awarded to John Olin, of Dallas, and for the Ash street sewer to Dennis & Christman, of McMinnville.

Ordinance creating a paid fire department for the city was passed and signed by the mayor. It will become operative in 30 days.

The marshal was ordered to enforce ordinances relative to riding on sidewalks and the discharging of fire arms within the city limits.

Complaint was made relative to repairs on the "tannery bridge" made to sustain the weight of Adams' engine. On motion the street committee was granted authority to investigate and make any changes deemed necessary.

Adjournment was taken to Monday night, April 22, when the council will take up the matter of the valuation and assessment of property affected by the proposed Ash street sewer.

NEW BALL PARK IS PRESENT PLAN.

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terial here for a No. 1 team this year, and we have already received challenges for games from every town in this vicinity. If we can secure the grounds it will then be necessary to finance a company to build a fence, construct a grand stand and bleachers and, with what assistance we can secure from the sport-loving people of Dallas, I am confident that a team can be maintained here that will be a credit to the city. Dallas has always had a first-class team, but the remoteness of the old park has prevented the attendance at the games which would have been probable had the park been located nearer the city. Railway transportation, to the proposed grounds would be easy and, as the Salem & Falls City people have promised to furnish the transportation for a nominal fare, it appears to me that the most difficult problem in the way of baseball for Dallas has been solved.



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You can if you're using a good lawn mower. You can increase the beauty of your place fifty per cent by keeping the grass well clipped.

We furnish everything for the work but the ambition to do it—and a little of that will go a long way if you have the right things to use.

Get a good lawn mower—onethatcushes—runs easily—and isn't too heavy. We keep them.

Get a good grass knife to trim around fence corners and shrubs where the mower won't go. Get a good sprayer for keeping the grass like velvet during the hot days. Prices reasonable. You aren't getting its real value out of your place, when you aren't making the most of your lawn.

Buy sheathing paper with your eyes open. Cheap tarred felt and rosin-sized papers tear in the handling and split open on the house, letting in dampness and draughts. NEPONSET waterproof sheathing paper reduces heating cost by keeping the house warm—NEPONSET it soon pays for itself. It keeps the house cool in summer by insulating against outside heat. It is made so good that it has also been the standard low cost roofing for over 25 years. Insist that your contract specify NEPONSET. We are local agents.

Decayed united with the M. E. church when 11 years of age and was baptized by Rev. Peter Cartwright, the renowned missionary of his time. Funeral services were held Sunday by Rev. Kuhlman, at the Sheridan M. E. church, and the remains were laid to rest beside those of her deceased husband, who preceded her to the grave about four years. Thus one by one our pioneer fathers and mothers are passing away.

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