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LET PORTLAND BUILD IT.

Portland newspapers insist that the project for an interstate bridge across the Columbia river at Vancouver is not a Portland proposition, and that the people of the state who are opposing an appropriation, are narrow and prejudiced, and not awake to the fact that a bridge would bind together in closer relations two sovereign states. Nobody can blame the newspapers of Portland, or the people of that city, for furthering their interests, and The Observer insists that it is their interests that would be most served by the building of this bridge. We may be narrow minded and all the other things that are ascribed to those who object to the immense appropriation that will be necessary, but, nevertheless, we fail to see wherein the bridge would be of benefit to the state of Oregon at large. There is now a very substantial ferry across the river which is operated at all hours, and provides safe, certain and cheap transportation for those who desire to avail themselves of it, and we don't believe that the non-existence of a bridge has turned one prospective settler from Oregon or prevented the investment here of a single dollar of idle capital.

Of course the bridge would be a mighty good thing for Portland. It would greatly enhance the value of the undeveloped portion of the peninsula district, and put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of the landowners and real estate boomers of that locality. Many additional residence and factory tracts would be opened up and probably find ready sale at advanced prices, all of which would result in promoting the prosperity of Portland. So far, so good. But what possible interest can the people of the state have in the matter, and why should they be taxed to assist in boosting fortunes of real estate owners and speculators? The building of this bridge will cost a huge sum of money, and to ask that the bulk of this should come from the people of the state of Oregon, who would not derive a cent's worth of benefit because of it, is unjust and unreasonable and we do not for a moment believe that the people will permit it.

What Oregon does need is good roads and plenty of them. Highways over which the farmer may haul his products to market with the least possible expense and at all times of the year. If the money asked for by the bridge promoters could be expended on the building of trunk roads and laterals, opening up inaccessible districts and thus permitting the settlement and cultivation and less difficult marketing of the products of the soil in many portions of the state, the result would be far-reaching and important.

If Portland wants a bridge over the Columbia, then Portland should build it. The people of the state have their own problems to solve. The state is developing rapidly, new people are coming here in scores and the expense of maintaining our institutions and in road building is mounting rapidly. It is keeping us busy to attend to our own affairs, and in handling the obligations which must be met and taken care of, and we cannot afford to take up additional duties and expenses merely to aid the ambition of the state's metropolis to become a great city. It will reach that goal, anyway—it's bound to come, and every new settler who comes to the state, and every new road that opens up new territory and makes it possible for that new settler to reach market easily and inexpensively, will do more to enhance the growth and prosperity of Portland than the construction of an expensive bridge across the Columbia river.

The Observer, according to the Oregonian, may be narrow in its view of this proposition but, nevertheless, we believe that we are right and that

the verdict of the people will be so registered if they are given the opportunity to settle the question, and they will embrace that opportunity, never fear.

ROBBING OREGON DEMOCRATS

The above title appears in the Oregon City Courier over an editorial announcing the recent nomination by President Taft of Republicans to fill various federal offices in Oregon. From the viewpoint of the Democratic partisan, this robbing idea may appear about the right name to call it, but from the standpoint of common sense and in accordance with the doctrine "to the victors belong the spoils" there can really be no valid objection. The country at present is under Republican rule for several years, and the fact that a family row has presented the filling of these offices long ago, is no reason why our friends the Democrats should set up the cry of "robbery" at this time, merely because there are signs that the row will be settled and an understanding reached as to men for the different positions now vacant. The patronage has belonged to the party in power for many years, and had they been filled previous to the recent election, no objection would have come from the Democrats. They now declare that it is "robbing" them to fill them just a few weeks before an incoming Democratic administration will take up its duties and ladle out the patronage to the faithful ones who have been so long hungry. The Courier further refers, in a sarcastic vein, to the attempts of the administration and its friends to secure the confirmation of these appointments, and seeks to make political capital out of it. Well, if the Republicans can furnish a more spectacular scramble for the offices than is now apparent in the Democratic camp, they should congratulate themselves that they are doing pretty well for a political corpse.

If the tables were turned and it was the Democrats who had an opportunity to fill some of the offices at this late day before the change in administration, does anyone suppose for a moment that advantage would not be taken of it? It would not then be a case of "robbery," it would simply be garnering what "rightfully belonged" to them. All of which goes to emphasize the truth of the old adage that it makes some difference about the ownership of the ox.

An investigation of the school system of each state in the union recently concluded by the Russell Sage Foundation of Chicago, has resulted in the declaration that the state of Washington has the best system of them all. The rating was made in regard to general school efficiency, the value of school buildings, attendance, length of school year, salaries and expenditures. Massachusetts follows Washington a close second, and New York is third. It is not stated just what position Oregon occupies in the list, but it is safe to assume that she is higher than would have been the case ten years ago. It is no disparagement of Oregon to say that Washington is one of the most progressive states in the union, and the fact that her school system leads them all is no surprise to one familiar with it. Washington has never been niggardly in the treatment of her schools and in appropriations for her educational institutions. If her university or her state colleges were crowded for room, and required additional buildings or facilities, they got them. Remunerative salaries are paid instructors and the result is that the most capable educators are attracted, and the schools and the students get the benefit. Washington has had no Parkinsons to camp on the trail of the school system, and embarrass her higher educational enterprises with referendum petitions against needed appropriations, secured by a corps of hired and irresponsible grafters whose only ambition was to add names to the petition, and who were not particular as to the means they employed to get them. Every encouragement is forthcoming in aid of the schools in Washington. It costs money, but the people are progressive and understand that no better investment can be made than in building up the system and making it the peer, and even the superior of all others. It is a shortsighted policy that makes every school appropriation or movement for betterment, the butt of attack by those who look at the dollar longer than the advantages it may bring if intelligently expended.

Self-respecting newspapers have long since refused to print misleading advertisements from "matrimonial agencies," and even the publications from such institutions have fallen into disrepute. Yet it remains for the "Oregon Teachers' Monthly" to give space in its columns for advertisements of this sort, and the current issue contains an announcement that "thousands tired living alone, all ages, anxious for easy marriage" can make selection by sending 10 cents to the manager. This sort of stuff should be cheering news, and its publication in a journal of education is most certainly alluring. The Oregon Teachers' Monthly probably gets 70 cents, or thereabouts, judging by the rates quoted at the head of the column under which this advertisement appears, for its publication. And 70 cents is sufficient to induce the publisher to stuff himself and permit such stuff to creep into his columns. A

wife for 10 cents; or a husband for a dime. Appeal to the single in the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, a "Journal of Education." Such stuff is taboo in all legitimate newspaper offices. They can't get into The Observer, yet they are apparently welcomed by this journal of education for the manifest sum of 70 cents. The Oregon Teachers' Monthly is fitting itself for entering the exchange list of the Police Gazette or the various Sunday Sunns with flourish in some cities.

They elected a new president over in France the other day, and they had an exciting time of it. M. Raymond Poincare was the successful aspirant and his election was attended with scenes of wild disorder in the chamber of deputies, and several challenges to fight were bandied about and several affairs of "honor" will probably be the result. French people are altogether too blamed touchy. In order to enjoy all the privileges of a real, true republican form of government, they should be permitted to call each other "malefactors of great wealth," "thieves," "brigands," and "robbers," without resorting to affairs on the field of honor as an aftereffect. If the same tactics had been pursued in the United States during the late scrap, one candidate would have been obliged to lease a dueling field by the month and work over time to keep up with his engagements. What's the good of living in a republic if we can't call each other names, without being obliged to get up early and hike out in the dawn to keep an engagement with coffee and pistols?

No, The Observer will not issue a "Current Feature" supplement filled with syndicate matter and foreign advertisements even if we may have the papers at cost, or even less. The advertisements, even if we may have them at no control pay the enterprising company which issues the supplement and prints the name of the newspapers which agree to circulate it, on the top of the first page. The Observer prefers to say what it shall, and what shall not, appear in its columns and we certainly do not intend to turn over to an out-of-town syndicate permission to issue a "supplement" and take the profits themselves. This is but another form of the old-fashioned "patent insides," which flourished like a green bay tree in the past, and which are even yet used by some newspapers, but which, fortunately for the good of the profession, are rapidly learning their error and realizing that the best policy is the all-home print newspaper, even if they don't carry quite so much reading matter in which nobody is interested.

The Oregon Union Growers' association, which has taken a firm stand against any attempt to remove the duty upon this product, holding that competition of the Mediterranean countries, where labor is cheap and would ruin the industry, might be able to get the services of the mighty Californian, Luther Burbank, in this dire situation, have the horrible aftermath of the onion removed, retaining the rich Oregon flavor of this fruit, thus forever ruining the pepper industry, which has no interests in Oregon, and the dear old onion would then find its place on the accredited list of Oregon fruit.

Good Soil at Falls City. There has been some boasting statements made in the newspapers recently concerning the great yearly growth of prairie trees in Polk county. None of the cases mentioned come up to the mark set by Falls City, according to the News, of that place. C. L. Hopkins of that city, has an exhibition at that place, a one-year-old limb from a prairie tree that measures 9 feet 3 inches. Fall City is the growing town in everything, the News explains, and The Observer "seconds the motion."

Ladies' Fancy Dresses Cleaned By French Dry Process, at Phil Regan's. 1-14-13

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PROPOSAL FOR SALE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, OREGON

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, until 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1913, for the whole or any part of \$518,41 of Street Improvement bonds of the said City of Dallas, Oregon, as authorized by Ordinance No. 191 of said City; being fifty bonds in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, and one bond in denomination of \$18.41, each to be dated Novem-

ber 13, 1912, payable ten years from date, and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum; interest payable semi-annually on the 13th day of May and the 13th day of November of each year; principal and interest payable in principal and interest payable in United States Gold Coins at the Dallas City Bank in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, without charge, cost or expense to the purchaser or holder of said bonds.

The above-named City of Dallas, Oregon, hereby reserves the right to take up and cancel the above-named bonds, or any of them, upon the payment of the face value thereof and the accrued interest to the date of such payment, at any semi-annual interest period at or after one year from the date of said bonds, to-wit: At or after one year from the 13th day of November, 1912.

The above-named bonds will be sold by the City of Dallas, Oregon, to the highest bidder, at 8 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 17th day of February, 1913. The bids must state the rate of interest, not exceeding six (6) per cent per annum; but said bonds shall not be sold for less than their face value, together with the accrued interest thereon from the date of delivery of said bonds to-wit: Said delivery of said bonds will be made at the office of the City Treasurer of the City of Dallas, Oregon.

The City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids must be marked "Bids for Street Improvement Bonds," accompanied by a check for 10 per cent of the amount bid, and addressed to Charles Gregory, Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas, Oregon.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 6th day of January, 1913.

Witness my hand and the official seal of the City of Dallas, Oregon, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1913. (Seal) CHARLES GREGORY, Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas, Oregon. 1-14-13

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk. Adam Mueller, Plaintiff, v. Thomas E. Dwyer, and Sadie F. Dwyer, husband and wife, Fred G. Meyers and Helen Meyers his wife, Nathan A. Emmitt and Clara L. Emmitt, husband and wife, Clara L. Kauffman, a widow, Estella L. Corbin and C. H. Corbin, her husband, and L. C. Trask, Defendants. By virtue of an execution, judgment order, decree and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause, to me directed and dated the 23rd day of December, 1912, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 23rd day of December, 1912, in favor of Adam Mueller, plaintiff, and against Thomas E. Dwyer and Sadie F. Dwyer, Fred G. Meyers and Helen Meyers, Nathan A. Emmitt and Clara L. Emmitt, Clara L. Kauffman, Estella L. Corbin and C. H. Corbin and L. C. Trask, defendants, for the sum of \$3363.65 and \$200.00 attorney's fees, and the sum of \$290 costs and disbursements in this action, with interest on said sums from this date at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit: Lot five (5) block "S" First Addition to Falls City, Polk County, Oregon.

Now therefore by virtue of said execution, judgment, decree and order of sale and in compliance with the commands of said writ, I will on the 25th day of January, 1913, at one o'clock P. M., at the front door of the county court house in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, sell at public auction, (subject to redemption) to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendants or either of them had on the 5th day of June, 1912, the date of filing the complaint herein, or since that date had in and to the above described property or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment order and decree, interest, costs and accruing costs.

J. M. GRANT, Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon. Dated Dec. 23, 1912. First issue Dec. 24, 1912. Last issue, Jan. 21, 1913. Stapleton & Sleight, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 1509 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon. 12-24-12

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, Department No. 2. H. M. Berry, Plaintiff, vs. E. H. Wiedeman and Bessie Wiedeman his wife, and James Daugherty, Defendants. To E. H. Wiedeman and Bessie Wiedeman, his wife and James Daugherty, the above named defendants. You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before six weeks from the date of the service of this summons upon you by the publication thereof and if you fail to do so the plaintiff will take a judgment and decree against you as prayed for in his complaint herein, to-wit: for the sum of \$150.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum from the 9th day of November, 1911, and the further sum of \$150.00 attorney's fees and for costs and disbursements, and that the mortgage mentioned in plaintiff's complaint be foreclosed and the land described therein, to-wit: Beginning at a point 14.63 chs. South and 5.10 chs. West of the Northwest corner of the P. P. Hooker D. L. C. No. 48, in T. 8 S. R. 5 W. Will. Mer. Polk County, Oregon, thence South 16.05 chs. thence West 8.30 chs. thence North 7 deg.

West 8.37 chs., thence North 18 1/2 deg. West 8.38 chs., thence East 10.04 chs. to place of beginning, containing 12.75 acres more or less, be sold and the proceeds be applied to the payment of said judgment, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just.

This summons is published for a period of six weeks by order of Hon. County Judge of the County Court J. R. Teal, Judge of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made at the Chamber on the 11th day of January, 1913, and the date of first publication will be January 14th, 1913, and the date of last publication will be February 25th, 1913.

SIBLEY & EAKIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Order to Show Cause why Application for leave to sell real estate should not be granted.

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR POLK COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Lulu J. Bernard, an insane person. Theodore Bernard, the guardian of the estate of Lulu J. Bernard, an insane person, being on this, the 6th day of January, 1913, presented to this Court and filed herein, his petition duly verified, praying for an Order of sale of certain real property belonging to said insane person for the causes and reasons in said petition set forth; and it appearing to this Court from the said petition that it is necessary, and would be beneficial to said insane person that the said real property described in said petition be sold.

Therefore, in the Name of the State of Oregon, it is hereby ordered, that the next of kin of said insane person, and all persons interested in her said estate, appear before this Court in the Court room thereof, in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, on the 10th day of February, 1913, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day to show cause, if any exists, why an Order should not be granted for the sale of such estate, as prayed for in said petition, references to which petition is hereby made for further particulars.

And it is hereby further ordered that a copy of this Order be published for at least once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper printed and published in said Polk County, Oregon.

Dated this 6th day of January, 1913.

J. B. TEAL, County Judge.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Amelia Morrison, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, administratrix of the estate of John P. Morrison, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administratrix at her residence in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Dated and first published January 7, 1913.

AMELIA MORRISON, Administratrix of the estate of John P. Morrison, deceased. OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney. 1-7-13

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as guardian of the persons and estates of the minor heirs of J. B. Smith, deceased, has filed his final account as to two of said wards, viz. Oscar Smith, and Cecil Smith, in the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, and that Saturday, the 8th day of February, 1913, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the Court Room of the said County Court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account, and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published January 7, 1913.

I. F. YOAKUM, Guardian aforesaid. BROWN & SIBLEY, Attorneys for the Guardian. 1-7-13

Administrator's Notice.

In the matter of the Estate of Martha J. Brannan, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the County Court for the County of Polk and State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 27th day of December, 1912, the undersigned was duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Martha J. Brannan, deceased, and therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned Administrator at his residence at West Salem, Polk County, State of Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

All persons interested in said estate, or having claims against the same are notified that the date of the first publication of this notice is the 31st day of December, 1912.

D. K. BRANNAN, Administrator of the Estate of Martha J. Brannan, deceased. 12-31-12

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, Department No. 2. Hazel B. Flower, Plaintiff, vs. Roswell P. Flower, Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON. You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and Suit on or before the 12th day of February, 1913, and if you fail to do so, plaintiff will apply to the Court for a decree for all and singular the relief prayed for in her complaint, viz: For a decree forever dissolving the before existing bond of matrimony now and hereafter existing between plaintiff and defendant; for a further decree awarding to plaintiff the future care and custody of the minor child of

plaintiff and defendant; and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by the publication thereof for six consecutive and successive weeks in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and the first publication hereof is on the 31st day of December, 1912, and the date of the last publication is February 11th, 1913. Said summons is published by order of Hon. Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, said order having been made in chambers at Dallas, Oregon, on the 30th day of December, 1912.

WALTER L. TOOZE, Attorney for Plaintiff. 12-31-12

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