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IS IT FOR THE BEST?

The Head clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America has issued to the different camp clerks of the United States, a preliminary statement covering the action taken at the adjourned session of the head camp held in Chicago January 23, 1912, relative to the proposed increased assessments.

When the one million members have digested the contents of this great report it will be met with much disapproval. The action however does not effect the present members until January 1 1913, but it will apply to new members on and after May 1st, next, and may work a hardship on small orders who are dependant upon new applicants to place the orders on good financial basis.

The report of the committee shows plainly why the change in the plan of assessment became inevitable, but it affords no relief for the thousands of hard working men who have struggled for years to meet each monthly assessment and often times too, depriving themselves of luxuries, and in truth necessities, that they might be able to leave something after death for the protection of those dependent ones.

It may be unwise to reach a conclusion in the matter before receiving a complete report, but as it now appears to the writer the proposition is unreasonable and unfair to the many woodmen who have already reached the declining period in their career. It obliges them to pay an almost exorbitant rate of assessment or step out on the eve of old age, where they are unable to find protection of this kind for the widows and orphans, and forfeit all they have paid in to make a fat job for the high officers.

The great interest which has developed of late in the affairs of the Modern Woodmen order by reason of its low rates of insurance has caused its membership to exceed that of any other insurance organization in the world. With more than a million policies in force, each representing an average of \$1.00 per month, it can be seen that an immense amount of money is turned in annually to the head office. Now what the people want to know is what is being done with their savings, how their assets are being invested, and what the expenses of running the camp are? An it is right that they should know.

"BOOST" IS THE SLOGAN

If a vote were taken throughout the length and breadth of Independence on the question of what industry exerts the greatest influence in the business affairs of this city, it is probable that the unanimous verdict would be hops. And unquestionably, taken in its broadest sense, this there are other industries successfully pursued in this vicinity which operate to pile up wealth to the husbandman's interests, chief among which is the dairy industry. In this department of the farm there have been great advancements in late years and the man in town takes off his hat to speak to the Independence cow. With the development of the farms and their various branches of industry is seen improved conditions in the city, but there is still another industry which has only been slightly touched and one which will, when fully developed, make the population of this city almost thousands where we now have hundreds. We refer to the lumber industry. Situated, as it is, convenient to the best timber in the world, and an almost inexhaustible supply, Independence will soon have an industry that will be the envy of many other towns in the state. And this, with the best country in Oregon surrounding the city, will place Independence head and shoulders above other sections of Oregon.

This may seem like an optimistic view of the situation, but those of us who are living here five years hence will be surprised at the remarkable growth of this city. Conditions have taken on a change for the better. New forces have been brought to bear an "boost" is the slogan of all Independence.

FULTON'S A STATESMAN

Ex-Senator Fulton has made a public statement to the effect that

he will not be a candidate for Senator Bourne's place unless it is the request of the people. That is probably the right stand to take, but if Mr. Fulton fully understood how the office is earnestly "seeking the man," he would doubtless assume a different attitude at this stage of the game. And even now, if he will consent to be a candidate, we believe he will receive the nomination and occupy a seat in the United States Senate, which he is probably more competent to hold than any other man in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Fulton is truly a statesman. His interests are Oregon's interests and as a statesman he can be of great value to Oregon if elected to the United States Senate. It will not be an experiment as with the candidates in pursuit of that office. He has already demonstrated his efficiency and established a reputation second to none recorded in the house.

Independence republicans will endorse Mr. Fulton almost unanimously if he finally consents to become a candidate for nomination and we believe this sentiment is universal all over the state.

Oregon has been without representation during the Bourne administration and it is high time that the people of this state exercise a little judgment in electing a United States Senator.

MISINFORMED

Because Independence is making an effort to get another train between Portland and Corvallis the Polk County Observer published an article this week in which it accuses "a private individual of Independence," of trying to get the night train to Dallas removed. Evidently the editor has been misinformed. No person in Independence has ever recommended such a thing, but all Independence is interested in securing a better train service and with this in view the Commercial Club has put forth diligent efforts for some time with the result that the Southern Pacific Railway Company has investigated the matter and find it necessary. If this change is the cause of Dallas losing its night train it is because of no graft, no selfish motive on the part of Independence, or no animosity toward our little neighbor on the side-track.

We are all working for the good of Independence and vicinity and we expect to continue even if the whole town of Dallas goes before the railroad officials with their hands full of protests.

SEND HIM TO THE SENATE

The mayor of Lebanon has tendered his resignation to the council because he cannot sanction graft.

That's the kind of a man we want in the United States Senate. This government needs more men at the head who cannot be bought. Men whose word is their bond, who put character above wealth, men who would rather be right than to be president, and men who are willing to sacrifice private interests for public good.

Our great trouble with the country today is that too many men in public life have one brand of honesty for business purposes and another for private life.

MORE HIGH WATER

River Again on a Rampage and Still Rising.

The Willamette river has again reached high water mark, and this week left its bank in many places, flowing over roads and farm lands, but no damage has thus far been reported. During the past few days the water has been over the road on the east side of the river, making travel by team impossible, consequently the ferry has had little to do.

The water has not reached as high a mark as it did in January, but if the rain continues all the week it will probably go higher. It is said that there is more snow in the mountains now than there was at the time of the last freshet. This being the case we may expect higher water than has yet been seen this season.

Almost Lost His Life

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia but to continue with the discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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