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SLUSH

The once great Oregonian calls the kettle black. It prints grotesque cartoons with a view to showing that an attack upon its hand-picked candidate for the U. S. senate is an attack upon the Republican party. In other words it relegates the Republican party to the back woods, while it assumes with petty arrogance the prerogative of choosing the party's candidates. It thus, with much strutting, and more cerebral swellings, imagines it is the Republican party in the state of Oregon. Hot applications applied by the rank and file of the party have on several occasions reduced this malady. The lessons administered in the past, through carrying the Republican candidate to defeat, have not been impressed upon its colossal egotism. The primary law of the state of Oregon, it brushes aside as ruthlessly as it would the Republican party, and assumes to correct the deficiencies it claims exist in such law, by holding a pre-primary convention of its own. A list of those present, who passed upon the list of candidates which would be agreeable to them, was not passed upon by the rank and file of the Republican party. The self-appointed who met informally (?) to assassinate the primary law cannot show any credentials, any power of attorney to act for the Republican party. The Oregonian prostitutes itself in the belief that it, and it alone, is the Republican party. This Mussolinism has never gained favor with the rank and file of the Republican party in Oregon. They stand ready to repudiate the back-door methods of the self-chosen representatives of the money power. They stand ready to repudiate any candidate who cannot win on his own merits, integrity and honor; any candidate for whom it is necessary to expend large sums of money to nominate. Brothers Mellon may get away with it in Pennsylvania, but the Republican voters of Oregon want to know whom their candidate is going to represent. They want to know who contributed the thousands spent to nominate a candidate and what the contributors expect from their candidate if elected. This is what the Oregonian calls "slush." Well, so far as that particular fund is concerned, it is "slush"—and it is being turned against the Republican party as its sin of commission. From what we know of the intelligence of the voters in Oregon, judging by the past they are not going to the polls with the ballot thrust into their hand, by this self-appointed coterie of delegates to a convention held with a view to defeat the purposes of the primary law. The rank and file of the Republican party are going to the polls to repudiate the charge of corruption laid against their party, by reason of an excessive sum having been expended to secure the nomination of a candidate, by an unauthorized pre-primary convention. That it may defeat this candidate is of little moment compared to the honor of the party, which must be maintained, whatsoever the cost may be. Let the little coterie individually and collectively read the preamble to the constitution of the United States, and ponder with introspection and retrospection while the voters with their ballots count them out of the Republican party. If there is any slush being thrown, it is not at the Republican party; but at that infinitesimal part thereof that believes it is the party.

BUT WHAT CAN ONE EXPECT

The Portland morning paper, official caretaker of the Steiwer candidacy, goes a little too far in its zeal when it enters the field of misrepresentation in regard to Mr. Haney's attitude on public questions.

This newspaper blatantly tells its readers that Mr. Haney advocated a ship subsidy for merchant marine. The facts are that Mr. Haney never has advocated a subsidy. Does not now favor a direct subsidy, and he says that he never will do so.

Mr. Haney does favor assistance to our merchant marine in the shape

of special concessions in hauling the mail, preferential rates, the extension of the coast-wise laws to include the Philippines, and equal opportunities with competitors in making repairs.

Some go much further than Mr. Haney in connection with handling U. S. mail. They would bar foreign ships entirely where our own vessels are available. Japanese ships carry mail to the Orient from our Pacific ports while American vessels cover the same route clamoring for business. Haney proposes that we carry our own mail.

The government gave millions to railroads to encourage their building during their early days. A merchant marine is now just as important to the country as railroads were then. The preferential attitude toward our ships as advocated by Mr. Haney is the least that the nation can do in the up-building of a great merchant marine.

When the Oregonian finds it necessary to resort to misrepresentation of a candidate, it thereby makes confession that argument based upon truth is not sufficiently available to accomplish its purpose.

UNWISE DUPLICATION

In the Portland territory one electric power and light concern has invested nearly eighty million dollars in permanent plants and equipment. Its annual tax bill is around three-quarters of a million dollars, which the state of Oregon is asked by the Housewives to forget.

This Portland company, in which thousands of Oregon investors hold stock, is spending between three and four million dollars each year in extensions, betterments and improvement of service.

The Housewives Council by their constitutional amendment ask the voters to authorize a bond issue of fifty-three million dollars to supplant this company's operations and the activities of other similarly organized private investments in the same line of business.

It means one of two things: duplication of plants already established, or driving private capital out of Oregon. If you think the terms of the measure do not provide for just that contingency, read the text of the constitutional amendment (section 3, paragraph a).

It is not unlikely that private funds invested in Oregon hydro-electric plants and equipment, railroads, power stations, buildings, real estate and other assets total over two hundred million dollars. To supplant these established industries, the voters are asked to authorize the enormous bond issue of fifty millions, which would be underwritten by taxpayers. This, though huge, could not suffice to duplicate all the physical properties of private companies, but it would, and probably would, render all of them unfinancial, without the best assurance that the publicly owned and operated projects would fill their place or supply the needs of this growing state.

No investor in the shares of these utility corporations would feel confidence in the future of his investment if the proposed board of control comprising four men and one woman, self-appointed, shall be given the unrestrained power granted in the proposed amendment.

Not only does the board have full authority to bond the state for fifty-odd million, but it may proceed to mortgage plants and properties under the utility certificate plan. It may condemn existing plants up to valuation of fifty thousand dollars; it may do any and all things of whatever nature needful to carry out the purposes of the amendment.

Without question this arrogant arrogation of gubernatorial or other state authority is unparalleled in the annals of statecraft, with the possible exception of the unsuccessful Ontario experiment. Oregon is hardly likely to adopt so radical a change in her constitution at the suggestion of the Housewives. Her growth would be impeded, her development retarded, her financial standing impaired, and her way out of the government ownership quagmire a weary and painful experience.

Strange as it may appear the gasoline motor is blamed for many of the ills of farmers. The disappearance of the horse, mule and ox has done away with the demand for hay, oats and other animal feeds, and nothing has yet appeared to utilize the acres formerly used for these purposes.

Marie, queen of Rumania, when she visits this country will bob her hair to conform to custom. We trust, also, she will not forget to extinguish her cigarette when she casts it beside the forest roadside.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief of Resume of Happenings the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The first summer session of the Southern Oregon state normal school closed last Friday.

The Oregon State Bar association will hold its annual convention at Bend late in September.

The Coos County Natal Day association celebrated its silver anniversary last Tuesday in Myrtle Point.

Dates for the Falls City community fair have been set for Thursday and Friday, September 16 and 17.

Harrisburg will furnish the queen of the Linn county fair this year. Last year Brownsville had the honor.

Ernest Brannon of La Grande has been fined \$200 in justice court on the charge of killing an elk on Beaver creek.

Army engineers have approved applications by the Oregon state game commission for a dam across Gilbert river near Scappoose.

Eugene's new \$150,000 Masonic temple was dedicated last week. Hundreds of lodge men from all over the state were in attendance.

The eighth grade of the Mill City schools opened last Monday with 31 pupils enrolled, the largest enrollment in the history of the school.

Reopening of the Old Oregon Trail east of The Dalles to Elabock will start soon, it was announced by the state highway department.

Bucking horse tryouts at the Pendleton Round-up arena are under way in Pendleton in preparation for the big cowboy show opening September 15.

William C. Harris, 42, Seaside barber, was killed accidentally at the resort city when he and his son Kenneth, 14, were target shooting on the beach.

The Deschutes county fair will be held September 30 and October 1 and 2 this year, and all arrangements are being made to make it the best in its history.

Conditions have become so dry over most of the Ochoco national forest that several prominent sheepmen have secured pasturage in the vicinity of Prineville.

Two inches of snow fell during the recent storm on Fugl mountain, a high peak in the Cascade mountains above Oakridge. The peak is 7200 feet above sea level.

Placing of gravel on the hill road in Greenville near Sweet Home has been resumed. Improvement of this thoroughfare was completed as far as Alexander corner last fall.

Reports indicate that because of recent rains and the low prices being paid to growers, more than 40 per cent of the prune crop in Marion county this year will not be harvested.

The first prune drier fire of the

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted expert, will personally be at the Benson hotel, and will remain in Portland this Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27, 28, 29, 30, from 10 a. m. till 5 p. m. daily. Dr. Seeley says:

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CAUTION—All cases should be cautioned against the use of any elastic or web truss with understraps, as same rest where the lump is and not where the opening is producing complications necessitating surgical operations. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. He will be glad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section.

N. B.—Every statement in this notice has been verified before the Federal and State Courts.—F. H. SEELEY.

Home Office, 117 N. Dearborn St., Chicago.

harvest season was reported when the seven-tunnel drier belonging to G. W. Tuller, about a mile northwest of Roseburg, was completely destroyed.

Picking of late hops will be started in Lane county the first of next week. Growers state that there has been no damage to the crop on account of the rains, but rather the moisture has aided it.

Postal receipts in Portland during August, 1926, were \$243,875.62, larger by \$13,321.61 than the receipts in August, 1925, it was announced by Postmaster Jones. The percentage gain was 5.7.

Pendleton's national guard company is to have an outdoor rifle range. A site two miles west of Pendleton, selected recently by Captain Allen, has been given the approval of the adjutant-general.

The Amity unit of the Oregon Walnut Growers' exchange was organized last week with the election of president, W. R. Osborn; vice-president, T. C. Richter; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Campbell.

Klamath Falls building permits for 1926 passed the \$2,000,000 mark recently with the filing of a permit for the construction of a \$300,000 theater building this fall by the Pelican Theater corporation.

Assessor Beyers figures the taxes coming to Coos county in the tax fund bill about \$565,182. There is talk of retiring bonds with this part of the payment. The Coos river consolidated school district will get \$30,000.

Lumber mills of the West Coast Lumbermen's association last week shipped more lumber than was produced, it being necessary to use up surplus stock to supply the demand, according to the weekly and comparative report of the association. The report showed that 109 mills shipped 114,486,197 feet, while production totaled but 111,113,194 feet. Order-booked for future shipments totaled 108,578,891 feet.

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 - Mrs. Neis Peterson, Skamokawa, Wash., colitis and ulcers of stomach.
 - Grover C. Gauthier, Couquille, Ore., colitis and ulcers of stomach.
 - Mrs. Carl Johnson, Marshfield, ear trouble.
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