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OUR SMALL CONTEMPORARY.

Forest Grove, Ore., Jan. 4, 1904.
Hon. L. A. Rood, Judge Co. Court,

Dear sir:—I respectfully present to your honorable court a request to be designated as one of the papers to publish your official proceedings and other court-house news during the year 1904.

I will do the work for $4.00 per month and will guarantee to give as full and accurate reports of your proceedings, etc. as any other paper in the county. I will also send to the county judge and each commissioner a copy of the Times each week so that they may see that I am doing the work as per agreement, and if at any time they find I have not complied with this agreement then they shall make such deduction from my bill as they deem just.

I respectfully represent that the Times is the only paper printed in Forest Grove that this is an important part of the county, and that a great many taxpayers will have no opportunity to know what your proceedings are unless they are printed in the Times.

I would further respectfully represent that I am one of the largest taxpayers among the newspapermen of the county, and believe that should have some consideration in making this award.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) Walter Hoge.

Editor Hoge, of the Forest Grove Times, desired his paper to be made county official paper until he found the commissioners' court had to designate the newspapers of largest circulation and his subscription list must be produced in court, then he dropped the matter. His innocent offer of a free copy of the Times to each of the court as an extra inducement recalls the methods of securing public business of one Eddy, a former Times editor, who once tried to get a delinquent tax list. The newspaper plants of the county are assessed as follows: Argus, $750, Times, $750, Independent, $1,000. Mr. Hoge also used his new position as mayor of Forest Grove to appoint a printing committee which should designate his publication as the city official paper. Secretly his application was made and approved by the committee, and at the first opportunity presented to be railroaded through the council. Unfortunately, however, neither mayor-publisher nor his committee had taken the usual precaution of investigating, and ran up against a contract which does not expire till next June, so the News will continue for a few months to publish the official news of the city as well as of the county. However, the News makes this offer: Let Mr. Hoge allow the entire council to examine and verify his subscription list, the News will do the same, and if the result does not prove that the News has three times as many bona fide subscribers as the Times, the News will make no further charge for its official publications till the end of the contract period. Here is a chance for the mayor to make a saving for the city, if he has the subscribers. Of course, if the Times has not a third of the subscribers which the News has, he had better not show his list, had better drop the city official paper ambition as he did that of county official paper when he found it took subscribers to get the designation.

CHAMELEON CHANGES OF A CLERGYMAN.

A man who puts himself before the public ought not to complain if he is discussed publicly, and when he has made high professions he may be judged more critically than his fellows who have not so thrust themselves forward. For these reasons it seems not unfair that Reverend Cephas F. Clapp because he is a clergyman and the Home Missionary Superintendent of the Congregational Church in Oregon should be the subject of an article in a newspaper, to see how much his course comports with reverence and if possible determine if the churches of the Congregationalists in Oregon find in him the best possible head to advance their interests in our state. What as a private citizen may be entirely within his rights perhaps would not comport with the dignity of Webfoot leadership in the saving of souls after Calvin's way.

A Congregational clergyman was last Fall in jail in this county on a serious charge. The Superintendent was called by some of the church members, who were devising means to secure his release, and Rev. Mr. Clapp visited Rev. Mr. Kennedy in his cell, after he had heard on the street the report that the ladies of the pillaged household had positively identified the prisoner as the burglar. "As a friend and spiritual advisor," said the missionary superintendent, "tell the truth about it and confess your sins. Remember you have a soul to save, 'Blessed is the man that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not.'" Mr. Kennedy outlined his alibi as given at the preliminary hearing but asked that it be not mentioned till his attorney came and his advice had been taken. Report had it that Mr Clapp at once went to those interested in the prosecution and the defendant's confidence was street talk in an hour The Hillsboro church people by the Superintendent's advice, to follow the same report, declined to go the minister's bail. Then a Forest Grove physician, indignant at what he had heard of the affair, and placing little confidence in Mr. Clapp, who was a resident of his own town, secured Mr. Kennedy's release.

Follow now the Superintendent's course: Wednesday comes as a friend, hears street rumor and believes K. guilty; Monday goes to Portland, talks with landlady, writes to defendant's attorney that she remembered K. distinctly and is positive he was in his room and remained there from 11 to 7 the night of the robbery. On his way to Forest Grove Monday evening gets off train at Hillsboro and tells Editor Gault that he has investigated and is convinced of K's innocence. He stays Kennedy's friend till Wednesday when an "Oregonian" article criticises his alleged betrayal of confidence. He is twitted by some in Forest Grove, turns, pitches into K. and from then on is bitterly opposed to him. At the trial is subpoenaed by the state as a witness, supposedly to contradict the landlady's deposition, but is not put on the stand, the prosecution having had one of its own witnesses impeached and perhaps not caring to risk another. In the courtroom Mr. Clapp is very bitter in his free discussion of the case and when a church member suggests his awaiting the outcome of the trial hotly declared "You can't muzzle me." Later discusses the evidence to Kennedy's disadvantage in the hearing of the jury with one Landess, the witness who was impeached, and when the foreman of the jury suggests the impropriety of such prejudicing, the perjurer only has the grace to apologize. The pair walks off arm in arm, Rev. Supt. Clapp, president of Forest Grove's Good Citizenship League and Landess, the Eugene barkeeper whose presence is by many attributed to Albany's worst element whom Rev. Mr. Kennedy antagonized when at the head of a reformatory movement there.

The jury, not made up of brother clergymen, brought in a verdict of acquittal. The freedom which Mr. Kennedy did not owe to Mr. Clapp enabled him to accumulate evidence by personally retracing his course on the fateful evening and finding parties whose testimony could not otherwise have been gotten, for he knew not their names nor they his. With what credit does Mr. Clapp come out of this affair?

It has been said that competent clergymen who did not bow to the superintendent have not found Oregon a congenial field. Mr. Clapp has plunged passionately into local movements, and his heated arguments have at times had to be retracted at cooler moments. His pulpit cheerfulness has been criticised as buffoonery and cheapening piety. Some parts of his missionary field have frequently profited (or suffered) by his presence, while others have had to get along without the superintendent's encouragement because he was too busy. The Congregational Church in Oregon has not kept pace with the growth of the country, and the denomination seems getting no nearer to have its work here grow out of the missionary stage where a superintendent could be dispensed with. In the light of these recent events this Cephas called Clapp seems to have been a block to the progress of Congregationalism in Oregon, and it might be wise for the Home Missionary Society to roll the stone out of the road.

Carnation Day, January 29.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Washington County.

M. Walton, Plaintiff,
vs.
David Washington, Mary White and Thomas Boggess, Defendants.

To David Washington, Mary White and Thomas H. Boggess, the above named Defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, to wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks next from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, the first publication thereof being on the 29th day of January, 1904, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to wit: That the plaintiff have a decree of said court adjudging that you, and each of you, have no estate, right, title or interest in or to the East half of the South East quarter of Section 7, and the West half of the South West quarter of Section 8, in Township 2 N. Range 4 W. Will. Mer., containing 160 acres, and that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, and in the possession of said premises, and that the plaintiff have and recover off and from defendants his costs and disbursements herein, and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication by order of Hon. L. A. Rood, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on January 27, 1904.

S. B. HUSTON and J. F. BOOTHE,
37-42 Attorneys for the Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

Christina Melzer, Fred Melzer, her husband, Anna Margareta Nierman, and Carl Nierman, her husband, Herman Pape, and John Pape, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Adelheit Luhman, Anna Crawford, and D. J. Crawford, her husband, Louis Pape, Katie —— (formerly Katie Pape), and —— ——, her husband, Defendants.

To Adelheite Luhman, Anna Crawford, and D. J. Crawford, three of the above named Defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint herein on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, to wit: on or before the expiration of six weeks next from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, the first publication thereof being on the 29th day of January, 1904, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to wit: for a decree adjudging that plaintiffs and defendants are the owners, as tenants in common, of the following described real estate, to wit: the South East quarter of the North East quarter of Section 30, Township 2 South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, containing 40 acres; also part of the East half of the South East quarter of Section 20 in Township 2 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, and particularly described as follows, to wit: commencing ten rods west of the quarter post between Sections 20 and 21, in Township 2 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Washington County, Oregon, and running thence West 70 rods, thence South 160 rods, thence East 71 rods, thence North 160 rods to the place of beginning, containing 69.50 acres. That the plaintiff, Anna Margareta Nierman, is the owner of an undivided one-half of said real estate, that the plaintiff, Christina Melzer, and the defendant, Adelheit Luhmann, are each the owners of an undivided one-sixth of said real estate, that the plaintiffs, Herman Pape and John Pape, and the defendants, Anna Crawford, Louis Pape and Katie —— (formerly Katie Pape), are each the owners of an undivided one-thirtieth of said real estate; and decreeing that said lands be sold, at public sale, by a referee to be appointed by the court, and that the proceeds of said sale be applied as follows: 1. To the payment of the costs and expenses of said sale. 2. To the expenses of this suit. 3. The residue to be divided as follows: To Anna Margareta Niermann, one-half thereof; to Christina Melzer and Adelheit Luhmann, each one-sixth thereof; to Herman Pape, Louis Pape, John Pape, Katie —— (formerly Katie Pape), and Anna Crawford, each one-thirtieth thereof, and that plaintiffs have such other and further relief as to the court may appear equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication by order of Hon. L. A. Rood, County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, which order was made and dated on January 27, 1904.

S. B. HUSTON,
37-42 Attorney for Plaintiffs.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County. In the matter of the estate of Asa Williams, deceased: CITATION.

To Sarah E. Crow, Malinda Thompson, Benrett Thompson, C. O. Williams, Ettie Williams, J. L. Williams, Bertha Rymal, Grace Williams, Frank Shepard, Oren Abel, Abbie Abel, Bessie Mahan, —— Mahan, (husband of Bessie Mahan), Roa Purdin and W. G. Purdin, and to all other persons interested in said estate, Greeting.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Washington, at the court room thereof, at Hillsboro, in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, on Monday the 7th day of March, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why an order of said Court should not be made authorizing and directing the administratrix of said estate to sell the real estate belonging to said estate described as follows, to wit: "The South West quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 160 acres, all in Washington County, Oregon," as prayed for in the petition of the administratrix of said estate, filed herein.

Witness the Hon. L. A. Rood, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Washington, with the seal of said Court affixed, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1904.

GEO. A. MORGAN,
37-42 [SEAL] Clerk.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon.
January 23, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at Oregon City, Oregon, on March 10, 1904, viz: Frank G. Barton H. E. No. 13792 for the N. W. ¼ of sec 12, T 3 N R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Robert T. Simpson, of Buxton, Oregon,
Fred G. Wonden " "
Rice Montague, of Timber, Oregon.
Moses Middaugh. " "

ALGERNON S. DRESSER,
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