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THE FOPS

Charles Hall, of Marshfield, was for many months said to be considering announcing himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor but made no definite statement of his candidacy until a few days ago, following his endorsement in Portland by the "Federation of patriotic societies." Readers of the Portland newspapers have seen frequent mention of this organization in connection with discussion of possible candidates for the governorship and they observed that Mr. Hall's announcement came closely after his endorsement by the federation. It seems to be a fair inference that Mr. Hall's decision was largely influenced by the federation action. Whether or not the inference is correct it is proper to make inquiry as to just what is this "Federation of Patriotic Societies" that is taking so prominent a place in the political discussion of the day.

One may make inquiry but he will shortly find that that is about all he can do. He gets nowhere so far as definite information is concerned. A correspondent asked the Oregonian what the federation was and got this answer.

"The Federation of Patriotic Societies is an organization of between 50 and 60 delegates chosen by certain secret societies which are confined to Protestant membership. The federation itself is in a sense secret. In that the names of neither delegates nor participating bodies have so far been disclosed to the public. Knowledge of identity in either case is largely a matter of deduction, but, generally speaking, the federation is composed of those bodies (with perhaps additions) which waged a successful campaign in the last school election in Portland."

A good many crimes are committed in the name of patriotism and this seems to be one of them. Possibly the gentlemen of the federation are worthy men with high aims, or at any rate, with aims they think are high. They are going at it the wrong way, however, to try to secure their aims through a secret political organization with religious and racial limitations. There's nothing American about any such procedure. It is the Know-Nothing business all over again.

Until all the candidates are in the field The Bulletin will make no selection of its favorite for the republican nomination. If Charles Hall secures the nomination, however, we are against him unless he can prove that he is not allied with this bunch of FOPS.

In La Grande \$3,000 is being raised as the Home Charity fund of the local Red Cross chapter. Here

in Bend about the same amount was raised which suggests that the relief problems of the two towns are not unlike.

FAIR FINANCING

In common with other newspapers of the state The Bulletin has received from the managing committee of the 1925 exposition a request "for a frank and unbiased expression on the best possible method of financing the exposition." Further on in the letter the request is for an "opinion on what financial policy would be the most acceptable to the people of your community." The request assumes that an exposition of some kind will be held which seems to be the general Portland attitude. Indeed, a friend has told us that Portland will have some kind of show even though it is only a street carnival.

Accepting this assumption our first answer to the request is negative. That is, we believe that there should be no attempt to finance the affair by compulsion. In other words there should be no funds raised by taxation. If taxation is not used there remain only such voluntary methods as sale of stock or bonds or outright contribution.

Since The Bulletin makes no claim of knowing it all it has no intention of telling the 1925 committee that its opinion is that of the whole community, however, and it invites letters from its readers giving their opinions on the subject of fair financing. In order that the discussion may be all on the same basis we suggest that writers first indicate their opinions on the desirability of the fair and then state their beliefs as to how it should be financed. Every letter must bear the name of the author but the name will be withheld from publication if desired. A summary of the answers will be sent to the fair committee as answering in some degree the questions asked.

ON JULIUS'S JOURNEY

The article appearing Monday under the "1925" head, which should have been credited to the Portland Spectator presents much the same idea as that expressed in this column a few weeks ago when the announcement was first made of the world tour to be made by Julius Meier on behalf of the exposition. At that time we said that Mr. Meier was making the trip on his own responsibility and that it could not be argued on his return that because of the invitations he might have given that the state was committed to holding the fair.

The Spectator seems to think otherwise so far as the possibility of committing the state is concerned. In effect it says that either "we" must let these foreign governments know that Meier has no authority and that there may be no fair or we must provide the fair in order that those who rely on his representations may not suffer. The difficulty with this is that there is no organization to give this notice. The Spectator's "we" means almost anybody and almost anybody is not going to sit down to write the story of this affair to the governments of foreign nations.

As one way of getting the idea over, however, we suggest that the Spectator send copies of its editorial to the foreign embassies in Washington. That ought to put them on their notice.

LOOK TO THE LEGISLATURE

A few days ago the tax investigation committee announced that it had discovered that the cause of the high state tax was the action of the people in voting millage taxes for various purposes, chiefly educational. Since that time there has been comment of various sorts, some papers arguing that this was an indictment of the Oregon system of government by the people and others asserting that the legislature was at least blamable in part because it had submitted to the people the tax measures that had been adopted by them.

It seems to The Bulletin that this sort of argument proceeds more from a desire to find fault with the Oregon system or with the legislature than from a wish to consider the whole subject impartially and decide, in the first place, whether there is blame to be given for levying any particular tax, and in the second place, if there is, where that blame lies.

As we see it the truth of the matter is that both the legislature and the people are responsible for the high state taxes. Whether responsibility shall be changed to blame depends on whether the expenditures for which the taxes are levied should be made. To us, at least, it seems quite clear that the levies voted by the people were justified and should be continued. They have provided, for the most part, for needed increases in salaries and facilities in our educational institutions and for the soldier bonus funds. Any one who wishes to protest against any particular one of these objects is at liberty to do so and it is also his duty to do so rather than to argue in a vague and general way against high taxes.

We are not so sure but that for the legislature the word should be blame rather than responsibility and here is our reason. The taxes which the people voted made unnecessary legislative appropriations for the same purposes which had formerly been made. Instead of taking in the slack so provided, however, the legislature found other places in which to spend the money and made appropriations up to the full amount permitted under the six per cent limitation amendment.

Just how much new appropriation was used in this way we do not know but we recall that in December, when the effort was being made to finance the 1925 fair, Secretary of State Koser suggested cutting off and down existing appropriations to the total of about \$2,000,000 and taking that money. This never got much beyond the suggestion stage but a lot of people are thinking that if Mr. Koser was right then the legislature arranged to spend a lot of money that need not have been spent.

It is very likely that the tax investigation commission will succeed in finding a means of spreading out more equally the burden of tax-

ation. For actual reductions in expenditure we suggest that the legislature be looked to for a beginning.

HELP A GOOD CAUSE

This week committees from the Methodist church will offer for sale the \$10,000 bond issue which the church is issuing to secure funds with which to complete its building on Bond street. The Bulletin bespeaks for the selling committees a ready response to their requests for subscriptions.

It will be noted in the first place that what is being sought is a loan rather than a donation. Bonds are being offered bearing a rate of interest higher than can be had in any savings bank. The security seems ample. To those who have \$50 or \$100 which they wish to invest the opportunity is a good one.

Another way of looking at the matter is that the completion of the church building, which is the aim of the bond selling campaign, will be a real community benefit. Since the building has reached its present stage of completion it has been used for many community affairs. The hall, in the basement, is open for general use. To make a loan is a small thing to do to show appreciation.

The work of the bond selling committees should be made as easy as possible.

K. K. K. & F. O. P. S.

The Bulletin agrees heartily with the opinion of the Ku Klux Klan expressed by its morning contemporary. This organization has no more place in the nation than has the federation of patriotic societies in the state. Both are un-American but of the two the K. K. K. is the worse because it seeks to gain its ends through terrorism and by taking the law into its own hands. The FOPS, at least so far as is yet indicated, is not an organization of law breakers. Its activity is apparently only in the political field.

When the time comes for this nation to be run by force and secret political organizations it had better hang up the "For Sale" sign and go out of business.

John D. has not accepted the Swiss riding master who is engaged to his granddaughter. Probably opposed to him because he does not use gas.

We read in the headlines that the modern girl has nothing on her forebears. And not much on herself.

One reason why the 1925 fair business has never progressed very fast is because it was Meiered from the start.

CATE AND OLIVER CHARGE DISMISSED

Because of insufficient evidence the charges against O. Cate and Oliver Erickson, alleging gambling, were dismissed by Recorder Ross Farnham after Cate's appearance in city court Tuesday afternoon. The men were arrested Saturday night.

Bulletin Want Ads bring results—try them.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bend Bulletin of March 1, 1907.)

The announcement made several weeks ago by The Bulletin that grading would be started in the spring on the Harriman lines in Central Oregon is now verified by reports appearing in the Portland and other Oregon papers.

Ed Brock, who is with a crew of Harriman surveyors working southwest of Burns, writes to Bend relatives that the Oregon Eastern is a "sure go" and that they are already blasting in cuts on the Malheur river.

It is now said that the Oregon Trunk line will soon resume construction work up the Deschutes. It will be remembered that right of way was denied this road because of the intention of the reclamation service to build large dams in the river for power purposes.

Five sacks chuck full of mail reached Bend last evening, the first of any consequence since January 30. There is a report from Shaniko that a train will be in there either tonight or tomorrow night. Until the train does arrive, mail will be carried out of Shaniko twice a week only.

C. P. Becker of Laidlaw was a Bend visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steidl and W.

P. Vandeventer were visitors at the school last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shonquest were down from their Big Meadows ranch last evening.

PLEASANT RIDGE MAN TO RUN MILK ROUTE

PLEASANT RIDGE, March 2.—H. T. Mikkelsen sold his hay to J. W. Peterson who has recently purchased a milk route in Bend.

W. H. Gray and W. B. Hutchins attended the Collier sale near Tumalo on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stanley, of Deschutes, called on Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson have both been sick with an attack of la grippe.

Antone Ahlstrom made a business trip to Redmond on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mikkelsen and son, Alfred, were guests of Helmas Peterson and Mrs. Catherine Johansen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hutchins and baby have all been confined to their home by sickness this week. Mrs. Roberts, who came out from Redmond to care for them, also took sick. All are improving according to latest reports.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson were business visitors in Bend on Tuesday afternoon.

Rasmus Peterson is baling hay for W. P. Gift and Ole Hanson near Deschutes this week.

Mrs. W. H. Gray was sick in bed several days this week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anderson were Redmond visitors on Wednesday afternoon.

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LIBERTY THREE DAYS!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

MATINEE EACH DAY

In an effort to convey to the mind of the public an idea of an unusual picture's impressiveness, producers of photoplays often have resorted to a listing of statistics; a mention of the money spent on it, the gross weight of steel and stone used in structural work, the mileage of the film exposed, and the like.

As well gauge the greatness of a master's painting by the number of tubes of paint used, as to argue that "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" is the supreme picture play in the screen's history merely because it required over a million to make, a year to photograph, and six months to prepare for the camera.

And so, despite the interest of these off-the-screen facts, we ask you to forget them. The picture can achieve its aim only when you respond in the measure intended to its drama; when you share the joy and the dejection of its people to the fullest; when you thrill as they thrill to the big moments in life; when you, watching their images on the silver screen, veritably live their experiences.

When you see this side of this master picture you will admit it is in a class by itself.