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OUR NEW JUDGE.

The appointment of F. M. Calkins as judge of the First judicial district does not please the Medford Mail Tribune. The Courier is of the opinion that the criticisms of that paper are not only unjust and unwarranted, but are, in the main, in decidedly bad taste. Below will be found the editorial in question:

Judge H. K. Hanna, after 22 years' service as judge of the First judicial district, has resigned. Judge Hanna's resignation has been expected for some time on account of the failing health of Mrs. Hanna. As the Mail Tribune has been credibly informed, Governor Benson has named F. M. Calkins, court reporter, to succeed him.

The indecent haste which Acting Governor Benson has used in filling this vacancy, the almost complete ignoring of Jackson and Josephine county bars and the lack of courtesy to the attorneys, certainly shows that he has used good judgment in refusing to become a candidate for governor.

The promotion from court reporter to judge is certainly novel and somewhat rapid. His excellency might have desired to get a little insight into the fitness of Mr. Calkins by consulting the residents of this district, and especially the attorneys. He could not doubt have learned of several county clerks or deputies who would like to have the position and who were as well qualified for the place. There are several able lawyers in this district who would have accepted the position were it tendered, but they have all been passed over.

What is the reason? can our noble executive give one? The bench is what many lawyers look forward to after experience has qualified them for the place, as a post of honor. Hereafter those who aspire to such position need not expect to achieve it because of their legal experience and attainments through actual practice.

Mr. Calkins could not have been selected because of his ability as a lawyer. Since he came into the district he has been court reporter. It is true he has kept an office and had some office practice. He has also of late tried some cases, principally default divorce cases, and some jury cases, acting in double capacity of court reporter and attorney, a disregard of the ethics of the profession that is certainly not to be commended.

Governor Benson's action in this case may be based on a personal belief that the lawyers of this district are a lot of cheap shysters who would not have the intelligence to aid him in his selection. His haste in the matter would indicate that view. The resignation of Judge Hanna is to take effect February 1. This gave the governor 20 days in which he could investigate and receive information. The haste was not in the selection of an individual, but in the selection of a candidate.

This journal has no candidate and it has no animosity towards Mr. Calkins. It does not believe him qualified for the place by experience, practice or knowledge. Mr. Calkins must doubt his own qualifications. The bench is no place to educate lawyers. It is too expensive to litigants and taxpayers. Oregon has been ruined by too many incapable judges. It is a pity that the public has been misled by the press and the newspapers in their selection of a candidate.

But the appointment of Mr. Calkins is a good thing. It is a step in the right direction. It is a step towards the selection of a candidate who is qualified for the place. It is a step towards the selection of a candidate who is qualified for the place.

the part of the lawyers and citizens. It is too important a place to be disposed of on the whispered suggestion of some political friend or boon companion.

The Mail Tribune must admit there are good lawyers who lack the qualifications to become good judges, that is, they do not possess a judicial turn of mind and consequently they should never accept a place on the bench. This being the case it does not follow that only great lawyers can become good judges.

The promotion of a court reporter to the bench is by no means an unheard of thing as it has occurred many times in the history of the states. A court reporter if he has the ability to weigh the law and judge of the bearings of the case will become an expert in such matters after he has had opportunity to hear the law expounded and judicial decisions rendered. Judge Calkins, it must be admitted, has had large experience in this way, and not having been interested in either side of the case his mind will be unbiased and absolutely fair to litigants. Not so with a lawyer—he works on one side of the case, studies on it, dreams about it and goes before the court convinced that his argument is founded upon the law, the facts as well as the evidence. When the decision comes in such a case and it happens to be against him he never will believe that he has not been unfairly dealt with. When such a lawyer is appointed a judge he is very apt to be biased and prejudiced by old experiences. This will illustrate that some lawyers should not be appointed to the bench.

Judge Calkins has been an earnest student and has given a large share of his time to fitting himself for the bench, a fact which is well known in all parts of the district. He has practiced law to some extent, but the greater part of his experience has been gained in the court room and in the judges chamber. Judge Hanna had confidence in him, likewise the lawyers and litigants of the court. That he will make a good judge there is scarcely room for a doubt. A majority of the best lawyers of this district asked the governor to make this appointment and the wisdom of it will soon be apparent, we think, even to the Mail Tribune.

BETTER CONDITIONS PREVAIL.

Things are very encouraging in this city and county in this the commencement of the year 1910. This is noticeable in the fact that there is a broader citizenship than we have known in any time in the past. Petty jealousies among our townsmen have been dropped and we no longer look with envy at our neighboring cities but are willing to take our places in the ranks and pull our share of the load to make this valley the best known spot on the earth. We believe in our own soil and products and our ability to grow the crops we need. The people of the county are self reliant as well as enterprising.

WILL START THIS YEAR.

This is the year for the good roads movement in Josephine county to become popular, but it will not do so unless certain men in every neighborhood are willing to lend a helping hand to do things in a strong way. The roads are a great help in getting farm and other products to market.

The people in the Prualine district inaugurated a movement two years ago which added many dollars to the value of real estate in the district. After paying their road tax each family either assessed himself or let some one else do it and the money was all put on the roads. Land that was selling at low time at \$20 an acre jumped up to \$40, and the past year a considerable number of places

changed hands up there at \$100 an acre and some of it at even more.

The year 1910 should be one of great prosperity in this county and nothing will start things off better or more promptly than a good roads movement. The board of county commissioners should be willing to assist in this matter by doing as much work as possible on our highways and thus encourage the property owner to add to the improvements. The commissioners can make a record this year which will add to their popularity as county officials and they cannot do a better thing than to make an object lesson in the good roads movement. We will be told "Gentlemen, it costs money to build roads." Of course it does, but the people are willing and anxious to pay for permanent road work. All they demand is something to show for the money.

To the newcomer it may be said that we have now reached the regulation Oregon weather, largely composed of a mild light mist, which has made the winters of this part of Oregon very popular. The frost which sent the thermometer to twenty and below during December did not belong in Oregon at all. Fortunately the freezing was not severe enough to do any great damage to the crops which have been promised us shall be abundant for 1910.

The Paving Outlook.

The Courier turns with great relief to the active earnest work which is now going on to secure the laying of hard surface pavement in the streets which make up the business center of the city. The street committee of the council and the special committee chosen by the property owners, as well as Mr. Clements, the city attorney, are all working in harmony so as to have the paving commenced at an early date.

Horrible Piece of Road.

There is a piece of road extending from the steel bridge to the hill on the south side of the river which, for mud, stones, deep holes and every other undesirable thing, will exceed any piece of road to be found anywhere. This road was made to order by the county board last fall and it is to be hoped that they have repented for what they did and now, for the sake of those who are obliged to pass over, it will repair the damage.

Resolved On Honest Publicity Work.

The Roseburg commercial club has taken a hint from the Grants Pass commercial club and are this year taking the necessary steps to establish closer relations between the business men of Roseburg and the business men of other towns in Douglas county.

The Grants Pass commercial club in June of last year made a pilgrimage to nearly all parts of Josephine county; each excursion being participated in by forty to fifty business men of the town. These trips were in every way a great success and it is the opinion of the members of the club that such visits must be hereafter a prominent feature of club work. The Roseburg Review of last Tuesday prints a three column boom article under the head, "Know Your Own County First," and announces that Roseburg business men have become aroused to the importance of doing publicity work not only on a broad scale but making truthful representations of the resources of their county. In these days of graft and misrepresentation no business man can afford to be connected with an organization that in the least deviates from the truth in publicity work. The Review says that a large body of Roseburg's ablest business men are arranging for a four days' trip to various sections of the county so that they may know the facts regarding the exploitation necessary in club work.

The Oliver Plow is the best plow you can find. Both chilled and steel Oliver's at Cramer Bros.

Injured by Exploding Shell.

J. A. Brazelle, of Selma, was injured by the explosion of a shell which he was extracting from a gun last Sunday. He was trying to remove the shell from the gun and experienced some difficulty in the operation and the shell exploded. Mr. Brazelle receiving the contents of powder in his face and eyes, burning him severely. He was brought to the South Pacific hospital in this city where he is being treated by Dr. Loughbridge, who thinks he will be sufficiently recovered to return to his home in eight or ten days.

Will Hocking returned last week from a six weeks' visit at his old home at Nottsville, Wis. The winter during his stay was quite mild, the thermometer only reaching 75 below zero. The severe portion of their winter comes later in the season.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The dancing party given by the Grants Pass high school pupils at the Coliseum rink last Friday evening was heartily enjoyed and appreciated by the large number in attendance. These little parties given by the high school pupils are always of a thoroughly enjoyable nature, and this one was no exception to the rule. The patronesses were Mrs. A. C. Goettsche and Miss Maude Baber.

The ladies of the Christian church observe the third Tuesday of each month as a day for social time, and upon the afternoon of January 18, regardless of the disagreeable rain, a company of forty-three met at the beautiful home of Mrs. Ahlf, 656 N. Sixth street, and judging by the pleasant faces and merry converse, all seemed happy. Thanks are due Mrs. Ahlf for her hospitality, also the committee for the abundant and excellent refreshments. You are invited to come again.

The Woman's Relief Corps held their first semi-monthly social entertainment for the new year at the home of Mrs. Mizner, 208 West B street, Thursday afternoon. Despite the unpleasant weather a large number of members and invited guests were present. A short musical program was given, after which cake and hot coffee were served. All present enjoyed the afternoon and complimented Mrs. Mizner as a hostess.

The members of the Grants Pass fire department held installation services on Monday evening and afterward served a swell banquet to the members. The occasion was immensely enjoyed by the gentlemen.

Last Saturday was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams and Mrs. Williams planned a surprise for her husband which was one of the most successful events which has occurred for some time. Hall's hall was secured for the occasion and an excellent supper was served, the guests were bidden and all were on hand at 6 o'clock. Mr. Williams was in total ignorance of all these proceedings and when he was taken to the hall, where he was told an old friend wished to see him, he was met by over 30 relatives and was completely dumbfounded. This however, did not detract from the good time which followed when all sat down to the big spread and an evening of uninterrupted pleasure followed up to 10 o'clock, when the gathering broke up. Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams and family and Grandma Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams and family, Thos. Clemo and family, Mrs. Kendall and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moon and Mrs. Anna Moon, of Central Point; Mrs. Willard Denison and Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Leech.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCracken was invaded by a band of foreigners on Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Mac had settled themselves for a quiet evening when suddenly the door was thrown open without ceremony and the intruders took possession. There were representatives of all nations and it was with difficulty that the host and hostess could recognize in the clever masqueraders some of their old friends and neighbors. The surprise was a grand success and the evening of pleasure which followed can more easily be imagined than described. Games and music were indulged in up to a late hour and the visitors having come well supplied with good things to eat, a good share of the evening was given over to this pleasant pastime. A jollier surprise party than this proved to be has never been recorded. Following is a list of the guests with character impersonated: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fitzgerald, old maid and 15th woman; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dodge, English; Jude and Dutch woman; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown, soldiers; Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy, clowns; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isham, Indian chief and Chinese woman; Mr. and Mrs. Bodway, Mrs. Bodway as Dutch mother; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mensch, Mrs. Mensch as Indian maiden; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gray, Mr. Engles as Indian maiden; Mrs. Megargle, milk maid; Misses Frances and Katherine Gilman, nurse and gipsy maiden; A. R. McLean, wild Irishman; Mr. Standinger, pirate; Frank McLean, dandy.

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Miss Hazel Anderson was the charming hostess at a small evening party given at her home on last Friday evening, the guest of honor being Mrs. Florence Walker. The time was pleasantly filled up with games, music and conversation and refreshments were served. The event was most pleasant to all present.

Mrs. Lillian Riggs Hagman was delightfully surprised at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carner on Tuesday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower of wedding gifts. The hostesses who entertained at this charming affair were Mesdames Carner, Sabin, Stonaker and Herman. Mrs. Hagman, however, was not the only one surprised, as the guests upon arrival were surprised to meet Mr. Hagman, who was a stranger to most of them. The bride was showered with many beautiful presents, consisting of silver, linen, etc., testifying to the high esteem in which she is held by her many friends in this city. The guests present were: Mrs. J. G. Riggs, Mrs. Lillian Denton, Misses Edith Kuney, Fay Newtown, Cora McVein, Alice Horton, Iris Cook, Marjoria Kinney, Marion and Helen Clark, Jessie Hale, Nellie Dement, Lucie George, Vivian Galbraith, Laura Riggs and Mrs. Zoia Bryant.

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