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THE LOGICAL SUCCESSOR

With Judge Coke seeking a position on the Supreme Court bench, it follows that an appointment must be made by the Governor to fill the Circuit judgeship. And under provisions of state law governing the appointment of circuit judge for this district one judge must be appointed for the section west of the mountains, i. e., Coos and Curry counties.

A number of the leading legal advisers of the county have been spoken of as possible successors to Judge Coke, and among them is Attorney Geo. P. Topping of this community. Although Western World has no knowledge as to whether or not Mr. Topping aspires to the honor, it feels at this time that he would be the logical man for the place. Attorney Topping has been one of the leading attorneys of the county since about 1895, when he came to this section from the Grants Pass country. He has been practicing law in Coos and Curry counties during these years, has had dozens of cases which were taken into the higher courts, and in which he has been uniformly successful. The Judge knows court procedure and law thoroughly, and from that standpoint it would be hard to find one better qualified.

Mr. Topping's public record also speaks in his favor. He was a member of the Oregon legislature about the time of the Spanish-American war for the regular and adjourned terms. He has served Bandon in the capacity of Municipal Judge, Councilman, Attorney, and for the past two terms as Mayor.

As head of the City Administration Mr. Topping must be given considerable credit for the installation of the splendid municipal water system, various improvements, and the fact that city finances were nursed thru the period of depression following the big fire, loss of \$5,000 revenue thru closing of the saloons, into a state of solidity wherein warrants are being cared for as soon as drawn and the tax millage reduced to the lowest figure it has attained in years.

And all along the way the Mayor has always taken the larger view of local and county affairs, standing on the assumption that what would benefit this community would benefit Southwestern Oregon at large; and that what would benefit the two counties to the west of the mountains would directly or indirectly benefit Bandon.

Attorney Geo. P. Topping should be the logical successor to Judge John S. Coke.

GEO. LAIRD FOR SHERIFF

Friends of Geo. P. Laird of Bandon and Riverton have been seeking to have him enter the race for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket in the coming primary election of May 17th.

George, as Mr. Laird is familiarly known to his numerous friends throughout the county, will be one of the

major contenders for the office if he enters the race and will pull a practically united Republican vote in the Bandon community and along the river, his friends aver, which should bring him the nomination.

NEEDED: A JUNK DICTATOR.

The proposal that the national council of defense appoint a junk dictator is not a joke, unless a matter of \$1,500,000,000 is a joke. The amount of valuable material wasted in the United States annually aggregates that amazing sum, because Americans throw away what they cannot use, but what someone else could. Scrap iron, other metals, rags (both cotton and woolen), rubber, paper of all sorts, bags and bagging, glass, even broken glass, all can be utilized. Such materials are transformed into articles different from those in which they were originally a part, but important in these days of shortage of raw materials, says Boston Globe. When America was getting rich quick our junk heap was a symbol of our wealth. Today when the drain of war is upon us the junk heap must be made to serve the country, just like the back yards and the preserving kettles. An organized system for the collection of the waste products of everyone has become imperative. Almost everything that is thrown out with the ashes in an average home could be sold to the junk dealer. Tin foil and lead foil are really valuable. The tubes in which tooth paste, shaving paste and toilet preparations are contained could help to save the country. The junkman should be made a national servant. Those who help him in his trade are helping in the war.

The confusion that has come upon the world could not have befallen, I think, if there had been any fair representation of the aristocratic attitude toward life in the centers of great business in Europe and America. What was needed was public-minded men—men who instinctively used their own lives and fortunes to underwrite the life and fortune of the public—in the great credit centers and news centers, says a writer in Bookman. And it appears that at this moment there is no possible escape from the confusion—that we shall go on and on to an ever-deepening misery and bewilderment—unless the organism of industry and commerce can develop an aristocracy strong enough to dispossess the private-minded persons who now hold the governing centers of business.

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WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor; . . . This power is not the German people. . . . It is the ruthless, master of the German people. . . . It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling." —President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

THE GERMANS AS A CHOSEN PEOPLE.

The foundation cause of this war is Germany's firm belief that she alone has the right to direct the progress of the world and to exploit its resources. For the last thirty years the military autocracy of Germany has seen to it that this belief was taught in the schools, and today that autocracy is reaping the benefits of a blind obedience to its will. German political writing of recent years is full of the idea that the German people is "God's chosen people, destined to impose its 'Kultur' upon all other peoples."

"The German soul is the world's soul, God and Germany belong to one another." "Germany is the center of God's plans for the world." "We hope that a great mission will be allotted to us Germans . . . and this German mission is: to look after the world." "Germany is chosen, for her own good and that of other nations, to undertake their guidance. Providence has placed the appointed people, at the appointed moment, ready for the appointed task."

"The German people is always right, because it is the German people, and numbers 87,000,000 souls." "Kultur is best promoted when the strongest individual Kultur, that of a given nation, enlarges its field of activity at the expense of the other national Kulturs." "The attempt of Napoleon to graft the Kultur of Western Europe upon the empire of the Muscovite ended in failure. Today history has made us Germans the inheritors of the Napoleonic idea." "The further we carry our Kultur into the East, the more and the more profitable outlets shall we find for our wares. Economic profit is of course not the main motive of our Kultur-activity, but it is no unwelcome by-product." "Our belief is that the salvation of the whole Kultur of Europe depends upon the victory which German 'Militarism' is about to achieve."

These quotations are but a few of hundreds of like expression, and the last one cited is from a manifesto signed by thirty-five hundred German professors and lecturers. Reduced to simple terms, the German belief at the beginning of this war was: "God directs Germany. Civilization advances only by combats between Kulturs in which the stronger and God-directed one has the right to prevail and must prevail. The immediate and present object is to make our Kultur prevail in the East (in 'Muscovy'), and in accomplishing this we shall also gain economic advantages. This is the first step in our world domination."

Where does America stand in this theory of a "chosen people"? America denies that theory; she denies that God has chosen any one people as His own; she asserts rather that there are many civilizations, each with its own merits and defects, and that to each must be left the working out of its own problems.

We Americans are unable to understand, or sympathize with, a people who conceive of themselves as a chosen people, chosen of God—a people to whom all things and actions, however inhuman or brutal, are regarded as permissible, even holy, because of a faith in their superior mission and civilization. To us such a belief is direct evidence, not of a leading, but of a lagging civilization.

This German ideal, when expressed merely in theory, even though taught in Germany for the last thirty years, stirred but indifferent interest in other European nations. In this war Germany has revealed in the application of her theory a lust for world power at the expense of other peoples, a lack of good faith, a brutality that have stamped her theory as involving a return to barbarism.

By the application of German theory we were forced, unwillingly, to go to war. But today we know that there was no escape from a war between two contradictory ideals. Germany's economic objects are many and large (they will be pointed out), but the basic cause of this war was the German ideal of a dominant nation. That ideal, by Germany's own challenge, is on trial in arms. Against it we must prevail, or we shall perish.

This is the first of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

Something New.
Publisher—Here is a letter from a man thanking us for sending a reporter to rouse him at half-past eleven at night to tell him some good news.
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