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WHY NOT BE FAIR?

Why not be fair? In a political campaign there is the same just cause for fairness in the review of the candidate's capabilities and fitness for office that there is in the everyday editorial review of general topic, comment and discussion. However, some newspapers when they come under the ban of a political campaign, seem to exercise what evidently appeals to them as "political thunder," but which in reality is nothing short of willful misrepresentation, malice and mud-throwing. As an instance of this practice, we have an example in Umatilla county. The Pendleton Tribune recently attacked F. B. Holbrook, the democratic candidate for joint representative, and after he is first charged with being a transient, living on wages, the paper now charges him with being a land hog and a water hog, and seeking to own all the north end of Morrow county and as much of the Echo country as he can reach, and insinuates that Mr. Holbrook is now trembling under the frown of President Roosevelt and Mr. Newell.

The facts concerning the irrigation enterprise are known to almost everyone. In 1890 D. W. Bailey and others commenced the construction of the "Bailey Ditch," taking the water from the Umatilla river, a short distance from where it empties into the Columbia, and below any other irrigation enterprise on that stream. Mr. Bailey, having spent his fortune upon it, failed and went out of business and the enterprise languished. The Bailey ditch was to cover about 6000 acres of sand dunes and sage brush west of Umatilla. The project was practically abandoned, when it was taken up by the late lamented C. B. Wade and others, but nothing substantial was done until about four years ago when Mr. F. B. Holbrook became interested in the enterprise, organized a company to complete the reclamation of these lands, and has so far succeeded that a city has been built at Irrigon, containing a thrifty and home-building population, a blacksmith shop, a newspaper, stores, church and one of the best schoolhouses in Morrow county. More than 308 tracts of land have been purchased from the company by actual settlers who are devoting their time to the careful cultivation of these small tracts. Of the 308 tracts only one contains more than 50 acres, and of the remainder, 153 are of 5 acres or less.

Mr. Holbrook has been and is a successful man, and has done in the desert what few men have done on better land. During the last fourteen years and since the Bailey ditch was taken out of the Umatilla, the Allen Ditch company's ditch and a dozen other large ditches have been taken from the Umatilla, enough to occupy all the water in the river; but in seepage and other ways it finds its way back to the river before it is required by Mr. Holbrook. No one using water above interferes with him, and he encourages everyone to take out water above him, because their prosperity is his prosperity. Why not be fair?

In his address during commencement exercises Tuesday evening, Will M. Peterson paid a glowing tribute to the Athena public school, to its pupils, its principal and its efficient teachers. That today Athena has one of the best graded schools, not only in the county, but in the state, rests entirely with the efficiency and thoroughness of method on the part of the instructors employed in the different departments the past year. To this united effort on the part of the teachers—due credit being here given to

an able and conscientious school board—was this result attained. With practically nothing to start on, and the school in a chaotic condition, it has been raised in one year to a par with the leading schools of the state. Further in the course of his remarks Mr. Peterson touched on the subject of teachers' salaries. He reiterated a fact well known, and one which is being faced by all school boards, not only of Oregon, but in other Pacific Coast states as well—the question of a raise in teachers' salaries. In way of illustration he named amounts for salaries, to which some criticism is heard. Mr. Peterson, in drawing his comparisons, did not intimate in the least that the amounts named were to be taken in the literal sense, but figuratively. The question of higher salary in the school room is one that will have to be met point blank in Athena, as elsewhere. To have a good school requires good talent, and talent demands a salary commensurate with its ability. Mr. Peterson merely advanced facts that are potent to all who are conversant with the situation.

Speaking of William Lloyd, democratic candidate for commissioner, the Milton Eagle says:

"William Lloyd has lived in Umatilla county for more than thirty years. He is a pioneer of pioneers. His life has been temperate, wholesome and upright. He has the confidence and esteem of every man who knows him, and he is known to a very large circle in Umatilla county. His business attainments and ability are at least equal to Horace Walker, and in the opinion of most men are superior. Those who believe in temperance for the sake of temperance should remember that on the question of liquor licenses outside of the incorporated cities the question as to whether the license is granted or refused is determined by the county court of which William Lloyd is a member, and while he is not a member of the prohibition party, he is temperate. He never drinks liquor in any form at any time and has never tasted tobacco.

"Of particular interest to the people in the east end of the county is the fact that, with the exception of school superintendent, William Lloyd is the only nominee on either ticket whose residence is east of Pine creek. One-third of Umatilla county, and the richest portion of it, is included within this section. This section has more miles of road per inhabitant than any other section of the county, with the exception of the city of Pendleton, and it does seem that the loyalty of the people in this section, all other things being equal, should see to it that this section gives William Lloyd for commissioner a practically unanimous vote."

In answer to the criticism of Judge Hartman and the county commissioners for buying the poor farm the Echo News delves into the following facts:

"Until this purchase was made, for which the Tribune condemns Hartman, the county poor were kept at the poor house in the city of Pendleton, where there was a comfortable building, beautiful trees, an attractive lawn and plenty of shade, but where the inmates, whether they desired healthy and profitable exercise or not, were wholly barred from doing anything useful. Their keep under these circumstances amounted to several thousand dollars a year, which under these circumstances could not be avoided. The poor farm as a real estate investment is worth all that it cost, and it affords the inmates not only an opportunity for a healthy out door life and plenty of exercise, but an opportunity as well to in some measure support themselves, and this they are doing, and are saving to the Umatilla county taxpayers almost the cost of the farm each year."

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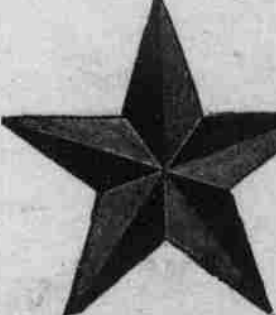
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