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Perhaps one reason for Secretary Lane holding back government reclamation funds for the Tumalo project was that he could not see as much in the project as he could in some other sections of the state. Tumalo has its \$480,000 of state money and Lane says \$450,000 of federal funds, and more if needed will be available for projects recommended by reclamation engineers, somewhere in Eastern Oregon for instance. That the Tumalo project is a worthy enterprise, no one will question; but the fact that there seemed to be a disposition in that section of the state to garner all available funds, both state and national for development there, to the exclusion of other meritorious reclamation projects in other parts of the state, greatly strengthens the import of Secretary Lane's action. Truth of the matter is, there is no reason whatever that the State of Oregon should be in the reclamation business at all in the making of state appropriations. And the only reason that the taxpayers of the state are called upon to furnish temporary funds for reclamation of arid land, is because the Oregon delegation was asleep at the switch at a time when they should have protected Oregon's share of the national reclamation fund.

That somebody is wrong, is the ultimate conclusion of one of our exchanges. Concerning the operation of the tariff somebody has been wrong for the last 50 years. And that somebody has been of the brightest minds that this country has produced. Realizing this it would be colossal presumption for a 2nd editor of a country newspaper to rectify in a few lines what no scientific political prophet could foresee. But, when free trade in wool is assurance for a poverty pious and just to be contrary, it goes to a record price, it is seen that somebody was wrong. When protection is taken from beef with the understanding that it will be dumped into this country at ruinous prices somebody was way off. When free trade butter and eggs would knock the prices of these commodities into a cocked hat and then butter goes up to 40 or 50 cents a pound and eggs go to 50 cents a dozen, somebody made a wild guess. When the tariff revision went downward to carry the price of everything with it and prices kept about with the high cost of living, somebody was wrong again. And why? Because they figured on a state of facts that did not exist. Europe went to war.

The president of the United States was recently lauded by the press, and very properly so, for suggesting mediation between the engineers and railroad managers in adjusting their schedule of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from approximately ten to eleven dollars per day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Women are now working in Southern farm fields, many of them barefooted, for less than 50 cents a day, and their schedule is the rising sun and the evening star, and after the day's work is over they milk the cows, slop the hogs and rock the baby to sleep. Is anyone mediating over their problems, and to whom shall they threaten a strike?

Johnny, get your gun! Portland commission merchants are paying \$1.25 per dozen for jackrabbits. There is a place between the mouth of Cold Springs canyon and the Columbia river, where if a man had a Dupont powder factory back of him, he could make a million dollars between now and New Years.

Will someone take a crowbar and dig to find just how deeply the ground is frozen? Estimates are heard in Athena ranging from eight to 24 inches. Old man Winter has been with us for a couple of weeks now, and his breath during that time, has been pretty strong at times.

Guess the colonel should know something about drouth. Once upon a time he stood in the middle of the Umatilla river, with "water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink."

One, Morrow county, is being referred to as the "Egg City." Will the Portland Oregonian and the Chicago Republic please take notice?

Did old Santa call at your house on his annual visit.

A Merry Christmas to you.

By Peter Radford.

Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The farmers of this nation have on their payroll 95,000 preachers and this number applying themselves diligently and exclusively to the religious work at hand is sadly inadequate to properly serve their respective communities.

Those who put on ecclesiastical robes are in a measure free to unlock every door to the human heart and enter the secret chambers of reason and every person should submit their conduct to review and seek the counsel of those divinely appointed messengers of life, but the moment the minister closes the Bible and opens the law book, he becomes a menace to society.

The difficulty of keeping the preacher in the pulpit is as old as religion. Christ encountered it in the temple when he drove the priests from the bargain counter back to the pulpit. Our pilgrim fathers met it when, through the influence of the clergy, a witch court was established at Salem, Mass., in 1692, that precipitated a legal holocaust threatening to reduce the population to ashes and which was extinguished by the laymen uniting and forcing the preachers back to the pulpit.

The greatest peril to the church today is politics. The temptation of the ministry to throw down the cross of Christ and pick up the club of the policeman; to substitute the penalties of the law for the power of the altar and to legislate religion into human hearts, never was greater.

The world never needed a religious ministry more nor political preachers less than it does today. We need ministers to teach us how to live; we know how to vote.

The religious preacher is the most capable servant and the political preacher the sorriest master the world has ever known. Wherever power is placed in the hands of the latter they invariably become intolerant, bigoted and vicious and resort to the whip and the fagot to enforce their opinion.

Civilization has many times been compelled to drive incorrigible preachers back to the pulpit at the point of the bayonet. Many of the pages of history are wet with blood shed at the hands of political preachers who wrote laws on the statute books that committed arson upon mankind, maimed human beings with the hatchet and sent helpless women to the torture rack, all because they disagreed with their views. When in control of government, the pulpit politicians invariably undertake to perform legislative miracles such as casting out witches with the flame of a torch, suborning conscience with shackles and enforcing opinions with the gallows.

Mixing Politics and Religion. Politics and religion will not blend. No free government can long exist or the church perform its mission to society when preachers and politicians temporarily exchange callings, and a civilization that will countenance such conduct will soon decay. Such a traffic in occupations is an unsound principle as the white slave trade is immoral in practice.

The hand that passes the sacrament should not collect alms funds for political purposes. The gentle voice that comforts us in sorrow and pronounces the last sad rites upon our departed loved ones should not rave and rant on the hustings. I do not believe a preacher can manipulate political machinery and be righteous any more than he could become a burglar and be honest. I think it is immoral for a preacher to seek to lobby while he prays as it would be for him to gamble while he preaches.

A preacher can no more preach a political sermon without converting his pulpit into a political rostrum than he could sell intoxicating liquor from the altar without converting the church into a bar-room. He can no more purify politics by playing the game than he can sanctify gambling by running a lottery.

I join in the oft-repeated suggestion that a preacher has as much right in political brawls as a saloon keeper and we also admit that he has as much right to get drunk as anyone else, but we would rather he would do so for the "greater the saint the greater the sin." I think a political bishop can turkey trot in the name of Christianity as consistently as he can enter into a mud-slinging political contest to the disgrace of his church.

It is my opinion that when this world is saved it will be through religious sermons and not through political speeches. Salvation must come to us from the Bible and not from the statute book; it will come through holy councils of consecrated ministers and not from caucuses of political preachers.

The Problem of the Laymen. There never was a time when preachers and politicians formed an unholy alliance that civilization did not shriek out and Christianity cry aloud. Since the beginning of government, politicians have sought to decoy the ministry into the meshes of politics and make them carry banners in political processions. They have taken the ministry to the mountain-top of power and offered to make them monarch of all they surveyed, and while most of them have said, "get thee behind me Satan," a few have fallen with a crash that has shaken every pulpit in Christendom.

The ministry, unsophisticated and confiding, is no match for the politician versed in artful persuasion and skilled in deceit, and it is the duty of the laymen to protect the ministry against the onslaught of these wolves in sheep's clothing and drive the politicians from the pulpit with the lash of public scorn. It is the laymen's problem to keep the ministry free from unholy alliances, for it is said on divine authority that we are our brother's keeper.

Political Prayer Meetings. It is a sad day for Christianity when the church bells call the community together for a political prayer meeting. Such gatherings make a mockery of religious politics and put bitterness into the hearts of the true Christians.

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THE BATTLE OF MARATHON.

And the Mound Under Which the Old Grecian Heroes Rest.

A great Grecian landmark is the Sora, the mound erected over the graves of 192 Athenians who fell in the battle of Marathon, Aug. 12, 490 B. C. The mound is about forty feet high and 300 yards in circumference. Underneath the mound lie the heroes who died in this most decisive victory which prevented the Persians from invading Europe.

The battle had hardly begun when the Persians in immensely superior force, doubtless ten to one, pulled themselves together and by sheer mass broke through the Greek center. But this had been calculated upon beforehand. Miltiades employed strategy, making his line weak at the center, and allowed the Persians to break in. Then, with his heavy masses at the ends, he ground the Persian wings to pieces and fell upon their center. The most stubborn fighting, apart from the battle at the ships, was probably at this spot, half a mile from the shore. Six thousand four hundred Persians lay on this plain and along the shore, while 192 men of Marathon lay wrapped in glory on the field.

It was long suspected that the heroes of Marathon were buried under the mound, but Mr. Stais, one of the Greek ephori of antiquities, studying the plain, came to the conclusion that the surface of the soil had been raised by alluvial deposits eight to ten feet above the level of 490 B. C. In 1890 he drove a trench with a downward slant into the center of the mound and found the bones of the heroes with their weapons beside them. Strand Magazine.

SINKING SHIPS.

If Completely Submerged They Must Go to the Bottom.

Answering a correspondent who writes: "I am very anxious to find out whether a ship will sink if the bottom of the ocean is at great depth or, at least, at such depth that the weight of the water would be greater than the weight of the ship. It is the opinion of many that at a certain depth the ship would remain suspended instead of sinking to the bottom. Please explain the exact truth of the matter." Edgar Lucien Larkin in the New York American says:

"Any mass that will entirely sink below the surface of the ocean will sink to the bottom of any sea or ocean on earth. This is because water is almost incompressible. "Enormous pressure in hydraulic presses has been made upon distilled and also upon sea water, and the diminution of volume—that is, increase of density—is only 0.000044 for ocean water for each atmosphere, i. e., each addition of fifteen pounds to each square inch. Then water soaked wood would be increased in density by very nearly the same amount.

"Hence if all of the wood in a wooden ship sinks below the surface it must go to the bottom. The question of reaching the bottom of the ocean is decided for any kind of matter of any ship or boat by its behavior at the surface. If all of the material of the boat sinks at all below the surface, then it will fall to the bottom of any sea, there being such a slight increase in density of water at the bottom of the deepest ocean."

THEY WERE WELL MATCHED.

Why the Ramseys Were Like Old Joe Murchison's Team.

"It seems strange that the Ramseys should have married each other," said Mrs. Pilman.

"Strange? Not at all, my dear," replied her husband. "They are well mated—as well mated as old Joe Murchison's horses were."

"I don't know anything about Murchison's horses," said Mrs. Pilman, "but I know that Mr. Ramsey is big and handsome and indolent, and Mrs. Ramsey is always at work and is thrifty into the bargain."

"That bears out what I say, my dear," said her husband. "Let me explain. In that remote and 'dark age' period of my life before I knew you they offered a prize at the annual fair for the best matched pair of agricultural horses. There were some beautiful ones brought in, so that everybody laughed when old Joe Murchison came driving along a great, handsome, slow moving horse harnessed with a wiry, scrawny little beast that took two steps to the big fellow's one.

"That's a finely matched pair," somebody shouted.

"So they be!" agreed Joe complacently. "So they be! The best matched pair in the county! One's willin' to do all the work an' other's willin' to be should!"—Exchange.

THE OLD YORK ROAD.

Built in 1711, It Was the First Great American Highway.

Something over 200 years ago there was built the first great American highway, "the old York road," between New York and Philadelphia.

The construction of this famous road in 1711 was an example that led the energetic colonists at other points along the Atlantic seaboard to make similar roads where there were no water routes. For the most part these roads were built by chartered companies and were called turnpikes or toll roads. Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey had many roads of this kind.

C. E. RUDE, LIVESTOCK and General AUCTIONEER

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Citation.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

To the Matter of the Estate of W. W. Jacobs, Deceased.

To Chas. J. B. Jacobs, Pierce Jacobs, Mary E. Jacobs Grimes, Walter G. Monroe, Mrs. Bettie Nichols, J. Harrison Monroe, Mrs. Daisy Lacey, Mrs. Henry Santmeyer, Madison Monroe, Mrs. Ruth Chamblin, Mrs. T. I. McRehall, Mrs. Katie Newton, Mrs. Marie Erwin, Miss Jennie Gallaher, Upton Gallaher, Mrs. Lillie Inge, Mrs. Fannie Elliott, Mrs. Susa Jacobs-Simpson, Mrs. Annie Jacobs-Costello, Eugene Dixon Howell, Mrs. Benj. F. Jenkins, Mrs. Madison Monroe Howell, Mrs. Annie Irene Howell-Mansay, Joseph Paul Howell, Dorothy V. Downs, Austin Downs, Missor R. Jacobs, Tampuson P. Jacobs, Samuel A. Jacobs, Harry L. Jacobs, Granville H. Jacobs, Osce F. Jacobs, Sallis A. Richards, John R. Jacobs, Lella H. Schooley, Margaret K. Fields, S. Howard Jacobs, Annie E. Weaver, Gordon Jacobs, Oscar E. Hawes, Eva Sanders, Guy M. Jacobs, and Elmer Jacobs. You and each of you, are hereby cited, directed and required to appear in the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. on the 9th day of January, 1915, and to show cause, if any you have, why an order should not be entered in the above entitled matter, directing B. B. Richards, administrator of the estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased, to sell at private sale the following described realty, to-wit: Lot 8, Block 5, Railroad Addition to the City of Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, as prayed for in the petition on file herein, which said realty belongs to the estate of W. W. Jacobs, deceased.

This citation is published pursuant to an order of the Honorable J. W. Maloney, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 5th day of December, 1914, directing that service of said citations herein be made by publication and that said publication be made once each week for four consecutive weeks, constituting five publications, in the Athena Press, a newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon. The date of the first publication being December 11th 1914.

Done and dated this 5th day of December, 1914 at Pendleton Oregon.

J. W. MALONEY, County Judge of Umatilla County, State of Oregon.

Attest: FRANK SALING, Clerk of the County Court.

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon.

F. G. Lucas, Plaintiff, vs. Malcolm Stevens, Defendant.

To Malcolm Stevens, the above-named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons, on or before the 29th day of January, 1915.

And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead within said time, the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's said complaint—to-wit: For \$38.00 with interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from July 18 1912 until paid, and for \$15.00 attorneys fees thereon, for plaintiff's first cause of action; for \$93.13 upon plaintiff's second cause of action and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Richards, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and filed on the 18th day of December, 1914; and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athena Press newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon on Friday, the 18th day of December, 1914, and the last publication will be made on Friday, January 29th, 1915.

HOMER I. WATTS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, Tuesday, January 13th, 1915 at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

F. S. LeGraw, Cashier. December 11th, 1914.

Notice of Sale.

Notice is hereby given that I will on the 2nd day of January, 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. in the baggage room of the Athena Hotel, Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, sell at public auction for cash in hand the following described property, or so much thereof as will pay a board bill of \$24.75, together with costs of advertising and sellings. One round top trunk with contents unknown to me; one square top trunk contents unknown to me. The trunks and contents belong to Mrs. Anna Warren, and are being sold to pay board and lodging. The property may be inspected by prospective buyers.

Geo. D. Meuka.—Adv. 4t.

MONEY TO LOAN

6 1/2 per cent. on 62 Wheat Land

Call or Write, F. R. ATKINS, No. 12, East Court Street, Pendleton.

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This is our ANNIVERSARY WEEK of the Hardware, Implement, Lumber and vehicle business, and we feel that you people have been loyal and appreciative of our efforts to do the best we could to please you and give good goods and good service. We have made earnest study to get the best in the respective lines and are well satisfied with the result of our efforts so far to secure standard goods and at the lowest prices possible. Never have we realized so emphatically the truth of the old adage, "Goods Well Bought Are Half Sold," and sometimes they are "Sold Ahead."

We knew we were GREEN and there is some EMERALD about us yet. However, we trust you have never found any "yellow" in us, and we are sure there is no BLUE.

The Joy Season is now at hand and we want double joy by making you glad with bargains; and we will be glad to see you and glad to do the business.

We have the finest line and assortment of hardware ever shown here; all kinds of shelf goods from a door key to a spade, iron kettle or a shamrock granite tub. A bargain line of Auto and Buggy Robes; what nicer gift can be found?

The Harness Room is chock full of choice single and double sets, fancy and plain, heavy and light. Buggy whips galore. Air guns, little and big shot, little and big rifle. Guns, bicycles, tricycles, little wagons and big wagons, hooks, top buggies and carts. A fine bunch of enamel eight day gong clocks that will please for a lifetime—a lasting and constant reminder of the giver; or, a chisel-a-gee alarm clock by which you may settle any old gudge.

The O-V-B brand of cutlery and silverware. Over \$600.00 worth of jack knives from the wooden handle boys' 20-center to the ladies' \$2.50 pearl manure knife. Butcher knives; paring knives for horse hoof, tree or potato. Silver ware in single pieces or sets. Nickel silver sets worth \$5.00 for \$3.50. Tall lamps short lamps and hanging lamps. Beautiful lamps, common lamps and homey lamps. Photographs from \$17.00 up to \$75.00. You cannot offend by making a gift of such—and you are always welcome at that home.

Besides all these we have some staple toys. Boys' and girls' Mysto Erector sets by which you build bridges, railways, buildings, etc. Conster wagons, sleds, skateboards, bats, mitts, etc. A choice lot of fancy dishes just in. Salad dishes, plaques, wafer sets, mesh sets, cups, plates and saucers that will make your eyes water. A fancy plate for 15 cents to a beautiful salad dish for 50 cents. Sewing machine worth \$25 for \$15 cash; others accordingly. A fine set of work harness worth \$45, allowing for recent advance, for \$35 cash. A top buggy, a beauty in genuine leather, and a grade, worth \$115, for \$95 spot cash. A Domo Cream separator, 50 lbs. to the hour, the easiest, smoothest running separator you ever tried and worth \$65, for \$45 cash. Take it out and if it doesn't give you scripture measure of cream you may have your money back. Nearly everything in the store and some things outside go at 10 percent off for cash from Dec. 10 to Feb. 1 next. Think of a guaranteed hog fence with the best look, best galvanizing, the most flexible and easiest to put up for 23 and 3-10 cents per rod, delivered at your door! Come and see it. We are proud to show it well as you are proud of that fine horse, cow or field of wheat. We are in a position to do more for you on fencing than anyone else and we are ready to show you. And here go the nails—4 cents per lb. cash. Have you got it with you? We are here to stay and to make good. Your joys and pleasures are ours and when troubles come we are one among you to share, help and assist. Taxes, "Stam Acts," and crop failures come to us all. Let us Smile to help the World to Smile with us. Do your business where you are sure of satisfaction and you are next in turn for a good snore any old time.

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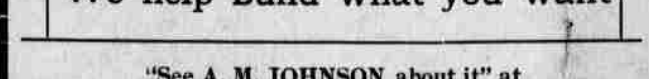
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