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JUSTICE AND INTEREST

It may be in the interest of justice, but it certainly is not in the justice of interest, that appeal is to be made to Congress for the settlement of the claims of the collateral heirs of Robert Morris, says the Dearborn Independent.

In 1781 the Pennsylvania financier borrowed \$1,500,000 on his personal credit to help finance the Continental Army. This he advanced to the government, receiving bonds in return. When Morris was placed in the debtors' prison after the collapse of his personal fortunes, the bonds were lost.

Now, after 141 years, the descendants of the Continental financier's sister (he was a bachelor) have hired counsel and prepared to file claim for the debt of the Revolutionary days. There are various ways of figuring compound interest, but the Morris heirs have been moderate in their requests. All they want for the million and one-half in Continental currency is \$80,000,000. This, any money-lender will tell you, is quite reasonable.

It is to be hoped that poor posterity, 140 years hence, will not awake to discover that the world's 1922 debts, treated with multiplication-table interest, remain unpaid.

BUSINESS IS BETTER

The general business situation has continued favorable from month to month until confidence is now well established that the worst of the inevitable post-war depression is over, says The National City Bank of New York. The recovery reflects the great recuperative powers which this country has within itself, but has been aided by a similar demonstration in other countries. Despite the seemingly almost insoluble problems arising from the war, and all the political controversies, racial antagonisms and half-baked social and economic theories that contribute to the confusion, the world has a tendency to a state of order. Prosperity is the fruit of a state of order, balanced and reciprocal industry, in which everybody works at rendering some service to others and gets his pay in the service which they render to him. Although an appalling ignorance of mutual interests is constantly displayed, nevertheless people are bound to strive unceasingly to improve their relations with each other. The most potent general factor in the revival of trade has been the exhaustion of stocks—the wearing out of things in use.

The East Oregonian has located a party of Union Pacific railroad surveyors operating in Umatilla county, somewhere between Pasco and Iroquois Hollow. That paper also learns the proposed road if constructed, will serve as a cut off to facilitate Yakima fruit shipments. It may be well for Athena to bear in mind the above statements, for it is barely possible that the surveying party may be the same that has made this city their headquarters for three months past. All of which enlightens the public amazingly when taken in connection with the fact that all lines surveyed to date center at Athena. With this alignment of facts before us, would it be immodest to predict that Athena stands a fair chance of being on the Union Pacific's prune branch, should the company decide to build it?

We'd take a keener interest in the movement to restore the convention system if we felt that any system would not bore and disappoint the average Oregon voter. What he wants is something that he hasn't got, and we fear that this is a constitutional and ineradicable instinct. If eternal vigilance were really the price of liberty, the Oregon voter would by this time be a ballotless and powerless serf, in view of the habitual indifference with which two-thirds of him (and her) doesn't go to the polls. Perhaps a system by which he would be entirely deprived of the franchise for a time would be the best of all, since it might lead him to appreciate this privilege.

The proud and sensitive subjects of the Mikado are beginning to find out how it is themselves to be crowded by an alien race. During and after the war boom, Japanese employers imported coolies and operatives from Korea and China to work in their textile mills, mines and smelters. Now the native Japanese workers consider the presence of this alien labor a grievance and their attitude toward these invaders is the same as the attitude of white labor on the Pacific coast toward the Japanese. Because of the California question the Japanese find it difficult to handle the matter, as the cases are considered identical.

The birth rate of New York's "400" is only seven to the thousand, while it is 57 to the thousand on the lower East Side. Perhaps this is only another illustration of the law of the survival of the fittest.

The New England couple who have gone naked into the Maine woods to live primitively will succeed in proving nothing much save that the present cycle, with all its faults, is preferable to the stone age.

"A four-legged bird has been found in South America. Can it be crossed on the domestic fowl to increase the supply of second joints and drumsticks?" hopefully asks the Greenville Piedmont.

"Liberty bonds are at par, but predictions will not be entirely realized until they are considerably above par. Hold on to your government securities," advise the Oregon Journal.

Although the country is in a bad way politically, part of it may yet be saved. Prospects are bright that Iowa will elect a democratic senator and Oregon a democratic governor.

One's confidence in the report that there is forty billions of idle capital in American banks is apt to be severely shaken if he tries to borrow some of it.

Henry Ford will "run for president if the people of the country desire him to do so." So would each of several millions of his fellow citizens.

Those who approve the cut in railroad wages will not, of course, be applicants for the job of car cleaner at \$2.78 per day.

It appears, however, that the I Won't Workers will consent to work as strike breakers on the Portland water front.

Again the weather man has demonstrated that the Pioneer's Picnic is worth millions of dollars to Umatilla county, in more ways than one.

Recent news from Ireland emphasizes the killin' in Inneskillen.

Call For Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that City of Athena warrants numbered 998, 1000 and 1002 will be paid upon presentation to the City Treasurer. Interest on the above numbered warrants ceases from date of this publication.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 9th day of June, 1922.

E. A. Zerba
 City Treasurer

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County court of the state of Oregon for Umatilla county. In the matter of the estate of George Clay, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that Manuel Friedly, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of George Clay, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the above entitled estate and that the above entitled court has, by order entered in said matter, fixed and appointed Monday the 25th day of May, 1922 at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time and the court room of said court as the place for the hearing of objections, if any, of the said final account and for the final settlement thereof.

Dated and first published April 28th, 1922.

Manuel Friedly, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of George Clay, deceased.

Date of last publication May 26th, 1922.

Peterson, Bishop & Clark, Attorneys for Administrator.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. Estella B. Holmes, Plaintiff, vs. George O. Holmes, Defendant.

To the defendant, George O. Holmes, in the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks of the first day of publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before Friday, the 30th day of June, 1922, and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead guilty thereto within the said time, the plaintiff for want of answer thereof will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in plaintiff's complaint on file herein, namely, for a decree of the court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant; and for the care and custody of Gertrude Holmes, Adelle Holmes, Eunice Holmes, Thomas Holmes; and for such further relief as to the court may seem proper.

This summons is served upon you by the order of the Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the above entitled court, which order is dated the 12th day of May, 1922. The date of the first publication is the 19th day of May, 1922, and the last date of publication is the 30th day of June, 1922.

Dated at Pendleton, Oregon this 12th day of May, 1922.

Peterson, Bishop & Clark, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
 Post Office address: Freewater, Oregon.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. The Peoples Warehouse, a Corporation, vs. Pacific Northwest Adjustment Com-

pany, a Corporation, W. W. Harrah and Joseph Leuer, Defendants. To Joseph Leuer, defendant above named:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed in the above entitled Court and cause against you on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of first publication hereof, viz; on or before June 23d, 1922, and if you fail so to appear and answer the said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for the relief demanded in its said complaint, viz; for a decree that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the East Half (E 1/2) of section twenty-eight (28) in Township Two (2), North Range Thirty-four (34), E. W. M., in Umatilla county, Oregon, containing eighty (80) acres, and determining all adverse and conflicting claims of you and the other defendants in and to the said described real prop-

erty and forever quieting the said fee simple title of the plaintiff thereto and forever enjoining you and the other defendants, in the above entitled suit, from asserting or claiming any right, title, estate or interest in and to the said described real property or any other part thereof and for such other and further relief as shall in equity be met and to justice appertain.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the Athena Press, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, for six consecutive weeks beginning with the issue of May 12th, 1922, to and including the issue of June 23d, 1922, pursuant to an order directing said publication made by the Hon. Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the above entitled Court, and dated and entered therein on May 9th, 1922.

Dated this 10th day of May, 1922.
 Peterson, Bishop & Clark
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 Pendleton, Oregon.

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