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HONESTY A SAFE POLICY (Coquille Bulletin)

In these days of money making, when every energy is bent to the one purpose of accumulating a pile of the filthy lucre, some cynics have remarked that Franklin's adage that "honesty is the best policy" is out of date. We do not take so narrow a view of the matter, however, but believe the old adage still as good and true as it ever was.

To those who think otherwise, we would suggest a substitute, at least—that honesty is the safest policy.

The editor of the Bulletin once visited the Oregon penitentiary at Salem and every since, he has had a wholesome fear of violating the laws of his state. If for no other reason, this is sufficient "inducement" for him not to staff a subscription list and then swear to it. For in Oregon, perjury is a penitentiary offense.

If a man subscribes for the Bulletin, we do not consider him, his wife and each of his children a bona fide subscriber to the Bulletin. At least, we are not willing to swear to it.

When a postoffice has been discontinued for months and months and proper official notice thereof has been given, we do not consider that we have any bona fide subscribers receiving their papers at that office. At least, we are not willing to swear to it.

When a new man comes to town and we send him one or two sample copies of the Bulletin, we do not consider him a bona fide subscriber. At least we are not willing to swear to it.

When a man refuses to take the Bulletin, we do not consider him a bona fide subscriber. At least we are not willing to swear to it.

When a man refuses to take the Bulletin out of the postoffice (which rarely occurs) and the post master sends us official notice to that effect, as required by the postal laws, we stop sending him the paper and take his name off our list and do not consider him a bona fide subscriber. And if we left his name on our list and still continued to send him the paper, we should not, even then, consider him a bona fide subscriber. At least we would not be willing to swear to it.

If, say out of forty subscribers who received their papers at one postoffice, thirty of them had refused to take their papers from the office and we had been notified of each one as above, we should not consider that we still had forty bona fide subscribers receiving their papers at that postoffice. At least, we are not willing to swear to it.

Shake, Brother Stanley! you've said it. We are with you on every count. And further, it looks to the MAIL as though no county court ought to allow itself to be deceived into subornation of perjury. The court certainly places its

self in this position if it awards the county printing on the strength of a subscription list which shows on its face most glaring evidence of padding. In such a case the court certainly has a right to use its best business sagacity.

In the course of his private business, no individual member of the court would accept as truth a statement which he knew to be false, simply because some one of whose character he had no knowledge was willing to perjure himself by swearing to it. Then why should the court, as a whole, pay a premium on a penitentiary offense by awarding the county printing on the strength of such evidence?

The COAST MAIL has never competed for this printing and does not propose to, until it is ready to honestly make the proper showing.

Myrtle Point Enterprise—It is funny what a hustle is made for the county printing by some newspapers. We know of some lists that are half made up of dead heads and any old thing just to get a measly little printing. We have never tried for the job and therefore have not had to stretch our conscience.

IS THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT GOING TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE FARMER?

The National Government gives the rivers and harbors some \$3,000,000 a year.

It gives the cities great public buildings, post offices, court houses, etc.

It gives manufacturers protection by tariff.

It gives veterans and their families \$140,000,000 a year in pensions as it should.

It has loaned its credit to private individuals to build railways, and given them grants of millions of acres of land.

It has, however, done but little for the farmer and for agriculture.

The farmer is the backbone of the country; it is he who feeds the entire population, and he is no longer satisfied with poor roads.

At last it seems as if the National Government was going to do something for the farmer. A bill has been introduced in Congress called the Brownlow Bill, which appropriates \$24,000,000 as National aid for the building of roads. The farmer wants this bill to pass, and he is determined that the National Government shall do something for him, as well as for the rest of its citizens.—Exchange

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT

Kindly Comments on the Coast Mail's Special Number

The Coast Mail got out a very creditable illustrated edition on the 7th.—Bandon Recorder.

A New Year's edition of the Daily Coast Mail of Marshfield illustrates that city in fine style. Any one interested may see it at this office.—Albany Dem.

The special New Year number of the Coast Mail is a great work of art and a credit to the publisher as well as to Coos county in general.—Coquille Bulletin.

The Coast Mail published at Marshfield, Coos County, issued a special illustrated number for 1908-9, which is a credit to that county and is far in advance of the size of the town where it is printed. It contains many fine engravings of scenery and a great amount of descriptive and historical reading matter.—The Oregon State Journal.

The special New Year issue of the Coast Mail, which made its appearance last week, is neat and attractive in its make-up, and contains useful and interesting facts concerning this section.—Coos Bay News.

We are in receipt of a copy of the special illustrated number of the Coast Mail's New Year's edition. The number contains considerable descriptive matter of Coos Bay, and is creditable gotten up, both editorially and mechanically.—North Bend Citizen.

The Mail is in receipt of the souvenir number of the Marshfield Coast Mail. The edition is well gotten up and contains much information about Coos county and is profusely illustrated with well printed half tones of scenes in that section.—Medford Mail

The Coast Mail of Marshfield issued a special illustrated number last week. It is a very creditable number and gives considerable information about Coos County, as well as many fine illustrations of the leading business houses and other places of interest.—Florence West

The special illustrated edition of the Coast Mail made its appearance last week and a copy is now on our desk. It is a very creditable number, thoroughly and accurately descriptive of the section it represents and will no doubt prove quite an advertiser of the Oregon Eden and its diversified industries.—Gardiner Gazette.

A FINE ANNUAL (Salem Journal)

The Daily Coast Mail of Marshfield Coos county, has out a fine New Year's annual on book paper, and excellent press work, with scores of illustrations booming Southwestern Oregon.

The Journal feels a natural pride in this publication as it went into the hands of Hofer and Levar, two young men who received their newspaper training in this office, and we wish them the greatest success.

COOSITES SHOULD BE PROUD. (Portland Telegram)

People in Coos County, and especially the residents of Marshfield, have just reason to be proud of the special illustrated number of the Daily Coast Mail just from the press. This edition, which in gala attire celebrates the third birthday of an enterprising journal, presents in a very attractive form the innumerable advantageous features pertaining to the resources and possibility of material development in the section where it is published. Every branch of the varied industries of the country is thoroughly exploited, revealing to the outside public facts of interest that in themselves are abundant foundation for the faith and enterprise of the Coos County people. The special publication of the Daily Coast Mail is an earnest of the progressive spirit that characterizes the community at Marshfield and vicinity. It is highly creditable both to the publishers and the people.

From Thursday's Daily.

Delay on Middle Fork

It is reported that for three or four days recently the Middle Fork road was blockaded for paper mail and only letters were brought through. Our mail is coming over the old road inside of schedule time, in full and in perfect condition.

An Accomodation Ladder

G. T. Coleman, the blacksmith, who is a very accomodating gentleman, has just completed a fine new short ladder, with hickory rungs, it is strong and safe. It will replace the old one which was becoming weak and Mr. Coleman feared that some person borrowing it might be injured. The old one will be made into kindling wood any one wishing to lone the new one can do so by applying at the shop.

Shaky Confidence

A little Marshfield boy went up to his mother the other day and said, "Ma, hain't I been real good since I go to Sunday school?" "Yes, my dear," answered his mother. "And you trust me now, don't you Ma?" "Yes darling!" Then spake up the little fellow "what makes you keep the pie and cookies locked up now the same as before?" It is needless to say the answer was an evasive one.

J. C. Laird III

Dr. Horsfall was summoned by Dr. Mingus, who had gone to the bedside of J. C. Laird, who lives near Johnson's mill, on the Coquille. Dr. Horsfall was taken on a special and arrived at Laird's in short order. Upon consultation it was found it necessary to perform an operation, he having acute inflammation of the bowels and also of an abscess. Mr. Laird being quite aged, the shock was severe but he came out of the anesthetics properly and was alive yesterday and his friends hope for a speedy recovery.

From Friday's Daily.

A Last Resort

A last heroic effort is being made to save the life of Pleasant Armstrong of Baker City who is to be hanged today. Unless the facts stated are considered of ample weight by the court, the murderer will be executed.

Attorney G. J. Bentley, counsel for Armstrong, who shot and killed his sweetheart, Minnie Ensminger, near Baker City, on the evening of December 25, 1902, appeared before Judge Bellinger Tuesday and petitioned the court for a writ of habeas corpus.

The grounds stated were considered insufficient by the court, and the petition was denied, but permission was granted to file another later in the day.

Armstrong was tried and convicted of the murder of Miss Ensminger and sentenced Mar 8, 1902, to be hanged. Petition for a new hearing was denied and the matter was appealed to the state supreme court which sustained the action of the lower court, and the day of execution was set for Jan. 22, 1904.

LEONARD GOULD DROWNED

While Crossing the River From School at Allegany

Leonard Gould, aged about 14, was drowned at Allegany yesterday afternoon. He was returning from school, and in company with two other young men, was crossing the east fork of the north fork in a boat, and in reaching up to the cable, which is used for a ferry, he capsize the boat. His companions swam ashore, but he was drowned, and as the water was very high, the body had not been recovered when a messenger started down to the forks of the river to phone to Marshfield. Dr. Horsfall was called, presumably for some other member of the family.

S. B. Catheart was also notified with the request that he send the sad news to a brother and sister of the unfortunate young man, the former, Bert Gould, being at Coaledo, and the latter, Miss Georgia Gould, at Elkton.

No further particulars were available last evening.

EVIDENTLY MEANS BUSINESS

Preliminary Railroad Survey a Most Thorough one

Eric Wold, the civil engineer, who has been out for the past six weeks with E. E. Cooper's party of railroad surveyors, who are running a line in from Drain, returned to town yesterday. He reports that the party after reaching the head of North slough with the survey, have returned to the mouth of the Umpqua to run a line down the beach.

Mr. Wold says that the party is making the most thorough preliminary survey he ever saw, and is providing for

a road with not to exceed one per cent grade and adapted to the heaviest and fastest traffic. A good feasible route has been found, and there are no natural obstacles that can not be over come with reasonable expense.

After surveying the beach the party will run the line to the bay and will cross probably near North Bend point. They will then work south to Bandon and continue down the coast.

It is supposed, however that the report on the ground already surveyed will decide the question of building the road, as from the bay south the lay of the land is more accurately known, and there is no doubt as to the practicability of finding a good route.

JAPANESE SILK CASES ON TRIAL

New York, Jan. 20.—The famous Japanese silk fraud cases, in which several prominent New York importers are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, came up for trial today before Judge Thomas in the United States Circuit Court. Vice Consul McLane of Yokohama and John C. Covert, United States consul at Lyons, have been brought to New York to give evidence on behalf of the prosecution.

HUNDRED AND THIRD BIRTHDAY

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Pers, Ind., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Harriet Houghtling, living near Indian Village, Noble county, celebrated her 103rd birthday today. Her mental faculties are said to be good, but she is in an enfeebled state. She counts her descendants by the score.

TO CREATE INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

On Development of Merchant Marine

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The House Committee on Merchant, Marine and Fisheries today ordered a favorable report on the bill to create a commission to consider and recommend legislation for development of the American marine.

It shall consist of five Senators and five Representatives, and the Commission shall report to congress on the first day of next session. Fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for expenses.

AN EDITOR FINDS HIS LEVEL

Just Reward of Moral Turpitude

Special to the Mail.

Salem, Or., Jan. 19.—I. R. Chester, late editor of the South Tangent Visitor,

Sour Stomach

"After I was induced to try CASCARETS, I will never be without them in the house. My liver was in a very bad shape, and my head ached and I had stomach trouble. Now, since taking Cascares, I feel fine. My wife has also used them with beneficial results for sour stomach."
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was received at the penitentiary today from Hyounuckamuck Co. to serve a term of ten years, having been convicted in the circuit court of perjury, and received the above light sentence.

It seems that he recently filed a fraudulent subscription list with the county court, the list containing over 1000 names which he swore were all bona fide subscribers to his paper, when as a matter of fact not one fourth of the number had ever subscribed for the paper. This was done for the purpose of securing the county printing which goes to the two papers showing the largest list of bona fide subscribers.

He succeeded in deceiving the county court and was named as one of the county papers, but on learning how it had been duped, the court easily secured evidence of the fraud practiced, and revoked its action, while the district attorney instituted the proceedings which resulted in the easy conviction of the offending editor on the charge of perjury.

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