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EDITORIAL

DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER

Although the bulk of Jacksonville's citizens are already registered there still remain many who have not yet qualified to participate in the coming elections.

Particularly at such a time as the present when the entire country and every locality is in financial and political straits does it behoove everyone to mind their registration cards and make certain they are qualified to express their best judgment on the issues to be decided within the next few months. The present state of things in general should crystallize interest in the management of the county, state and national affairs and bring out a record vote.

Registration in Jacksonville is a very simple process. There is no expense and G. W. Godward, merchant, is commissioned to record voters. It takes but a minute or so to attend to details. April 19 marks the last day one may qualify, so don't put off attending to this important duty.

Votes will play a large part in battling hard times and untangling muddled political messes. If you haven't already, register now and be certain of your constitutional right, for it's the votes cast that make or break us.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION

An excerpt from the political platform of James W. Mott, candidate for nomination as republican representative of the first congressional district of Oregon, just about expresses The Miner's views on the prohibition controversy and we reproduce it herewith:

"The fundamental prohibition laws of the United States and of the several states are not legislative enactments. They are constitutional amendments either voted directly by or ratified by the people. In the people themselves, therefore, is vested both the sole right and the sole power to say whether these amendments shall be retained or repealed.

"The right of the people to vote upon the question of repeal or retention of an amendment to their own constitution, at any time they demand it, is fundamental. It follows, therefore, that it is the duty of a legislator, whether state or national, to vote for the submission of that question to the people, in the manner prescribed by the constitution, whenever a bonafide demand therefor by the people manifests itself in the form of a proper resolution legally introduced in such legislative body by a member thereof.

"Whether, when the question is so submitted to them, the people will repeal or retain the eighteenth amendment to the federal constitution is a matter they themselves will decide, for it will then be a direct controversial issue and a proper subject for argument. But whether a congressman has a right to deny to the people the privilege of voting upon this question by refusing, through his own vote, to submit it to them, is not, in my opinion, open to legitimate argument at all, and no candidate for congress can advocate denial of this right without doing violence both to our theory of government and to his own oath of office.

"This has always been my stand as a legislator on the fundamental issue of prohibition, and, so far as my candidacy for congress is concerned, I believe it is the only stand in which the voters are actually interested. In conformity with this view, and consistent therewith, as a representative from Marion county in the last session of the legislature I voted for the Manning resolution to refer to the people the question of the repeal or retention of the prohibition amendment to our state constitution. The resolution was decisively defeated because it was politically unpopular at that time to vote for it. In spite of the refusal of the legislature to refer this question to the people, it nevertheless will appear on the ballot in the November election by initiative petition already filed."

SEEING AS AN EAGLE

Have you ever had a ride in an aeroplane? Let us, for a few moments, imagine ourselves riding in one, soaring far above the earth.

With the change of viewpoint which we now enjoy there has come the ability to see things upon earth from an entirely different angle. The sky is delightfully clear. Farther and farther from the earth the roaring motors carry us. A telescope must now be used to pick out and bring into view such objects as the "mighty skyscrapers" down on earth!

It is only by careful searching that we now find what down on earth is called the "great river" which flows past the rows of skyscrapers.

And as we ride on through space, mounting higher and higher, there begins to dawn upon us the significance of this new viewpoint. It is indeed thrilling to have, literally, a bird's-eye view! Quite different from what we have most of the time when on earth, a worm's-eye view.

On and on we ride. We wonder whether it will be possible to move so far away that the earth can be seen by us only as a speck, even as those down on earth look up at the plane which is carrying us.

PETTING THE SUBSCRIBERS

A pea-soup shade of writing paper and purple ink are recommended for love letters by a middlewestern optometrist association as this color combination is easy on the eyes and gives readers a pleasant reaction. We are going to adopt this color scheme for our delinquent circulation statements with this inscription added: "Roses are red and violets blue, sugar is sweet and so are you." Surely that ought to cause the shekels to come rolling in, Percy.—Visalia (Calif.) Times-Delta.

THE NEW ERA

The declaration is made very often that we are in a new era of business. Maybe we are, but it is too early to know definitely. Maybe we will find it necessary to change our methods of doing business and adapt ourselves to a new set of conditions. But the time has not yet come to make any sweeping changes in our methods or our policies. Such changes would be premature. When business has become normal and has stabilized itself, we will know what to do, how to plan, and how to proceed to adjust ourselves to the new conditions—that is, if there be new conditions.

GUTENBERG

Turn back with me five century-chapters of history's volume—back to medieval Mainz! What means that stir on the market place? See how they crowd around one of the covered stalls and crane their necks! A gray-gowned monk, in passing, stops to look. Pallor spreads over his lean features. Does he see the vision—the end of superstition and intolerance and tyranny's toppling thrones?

Three men stand in that stall—and they have displayed their first printed books! Gutenberg, the master, Fust and Schoeffer his associates. The deep lines on the master's face—marks of long nights of labor—of hope and despair—of striving and failure—and of care—soften as he looks down on his first successful work. And he, too, sees a vision—of coming centuries and generations—to whom his invention will prove the greatest boon ever bestowed on humanity.

They will hurl the ban against him and say that he is in league with the devil—forbid the reading of his books—but the "black art" will survive it all—and make men free.—August Dietz in Stone's Impressions.

ITEMS FROM RUSSIA

Odd items of news streak through from Russia. Eighty-six men were caught with forged ration cards; they received up to 10 years in prison. Four railroad men were involved in causing a wreck; they were sentenced to be shot. A Russian was hired to kill the Japanese ambassador, and Russia published it to the world; the Czechoslovak delegate had to leave for home and the much-desired war between Russia and Japan will have to be postponed until big business can think of some better way to start it.—The Golden Age.

● George Rowden of Ruch was transacting business in Medford Monday.

Famous Banker's Mug Still in J'ville

An individual, elaborately decorated shaving mug, reminiscent of days gone by, which bears in gold letters the inscription, "C. C. Beekman," reposes with appropriate dignity on a shelf in the barber shop of the Nugget confectionery in this city.

According to O. C. Dorothy, former owner of the establishment and present barber, the mug first came into possession of the tonorial parlor about 40 years ago when the old banker was one of its star customers. Strange as it may seem to young beards of today, Jacksonville's former civic leaders and men about town sported private shaving mugs whereon, conspicuously and artistically, was inscribed names of owners.

It seems that a few years back it was the custom to think of cleanliness in terms of private ownership and germicidal qualities of soap were unappreciated. Hence the height of sanitation and luxury was to present ye barber with an individual mug, to be used only on persons corresponding with name affixed. And, considering the fame and fortunes of C. C. Beekman, it is very interesting to glimpse such an intimate aversion of the deceased foot-racer and banker who played such an important role in the west's early history.

"The mug that lathered the man who handled \$23,000,000 in raw gold from the Jacksonville goldfields" might be a fitting title for the heavily gold-trimmed pottery zealously guarded and proudly displayed in the same building and surrounded by the same fixtures which served Jacksonville's earlier stubblefields. And as a fitting companion to the Beekman cup is one declaring itself the property of S. E. Dunnington, another well-known pioneer. However, in the latter case, the owner still resides in this city and makes regular trips to the barber shop. Dunnington, now 78, has been a steady customer of the corner concern for more than four decades.

Shaving mugs are just another example of Jacksonville's rich treasure in memories and articles of the glamorous nineteenth century.

ELECTRICITY SERVES 40,000 FARMS TODAY

In 1931 the electric light and power industry, in spite of the depression, spent approximately \$600,000,000 in new construction, extensions and improvements; paid more than \$200,000,000 in taxes; gave employment to thousands of workers and helped keep things going in general.

It added 120,000 new customers during the year; electrified 40,000 farms, placed in operation thousands of miles of additional transmission and distribution lines, so that electrical service is now available to 70 per cent of the population of the United States.

The amount of electricity furnished to homes was increased by eight per cent, reports the New Jersey Information committee. The average price of electric service to homes was decreased four per cent, so that it now stands 32 per cent below pre-war levels, while the cost of living remains 48 per cent above pre-war levels.

LEGIBILITY

An extremely small fraction of the printed matter of the world is produced for appearance only. Such printed pieces are to be viewed like pictures—as a whole, and not read.

For printed matter that is intended to be read the prime requirement is readability. In printing, in particular, to attract attention and discourage reading is poor policy. If the eye is strained in reading, the mind in sympathy rebels.

P. S.: It is said that 87 per cent of our knowledge comes through the eye. That's because we hear so much that isn't so.—The Recorder.

AUSTRALIA-TO-BRITAIN MAIL

The first air mail service from Australia to Britain arrived in Britain on December 16 carrying 50,000 letters. It is hoped that soon there may be a regular fortnightly service. It is believed that the flying time can be cut down from 13 days to 12, and, by night flying, to eight. The first voyages from England to Australia required nine months to make the trip one way.

THROW COSTLY FOODS AWAY

Analysis of what most housewives regard as waste (the water poured off of meats and vegetables after ordinary cooking) has been proven by chemists employed by food conservation authorities to contain minerals, salts, natural juices, etc., equivalent to approximately 20 per cent of the food value of a product cooked in open pans over flame and immersed in water to prevent scorching on the sides of utensils.

Proponents of electric cookery, "the modern method of food preparation," claim a saving in food cost by reason of the "waterless" methods employed in electric cookery. With closed utensils to prevent moisture loss through steaming and no pouring off of excess water, the electric method they claim is the economical method.

Demonstrations of the new 1932 model electric ranges, the latest contribution to electric cookery, are now being made by local dealers and these wonderful new electric ranges are causing much favorable comment among the progressive housewives of southern Oregon.

MANY UNEMPLOYED

The American Federation of Labor puts the army of unemployed in the United States at 8,300,000, or 23.1 per cent of the total of workers in the country. Sixty-two per cent are out of work in buildings, 51 per cent among musicians, and 42

per cent in clothing, textiles and other manufactures. The federation proposes cutting the work week to five days of seven hours each.

● Mrs. R. S. Birchard of Little Applegate is spending several days with friends at Medford.

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