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EDITORIAL

LOOK TO THE RECORD

Now especially at this pre-primary season, many misstatements are being made and exaggerated claims and accusations are being hurled with terrific velocity at a trusting and mildly interested voting public. There's nothing new or startling in this information, of course, but it would be well for us all to drop into the home-owned grocery store for a sack of salt.

And the next best thing to do would be to look to the record—past and present, of the various aspirants for nomination to public office in the coming primaries. In the county race itself it is wise to remember that official records are there for the scrutiny of every citizen who cares to inform himself as to the true status of the county's business or the character of the present incumbents.

But above all, when you want to decide whom to vote for, don't listen to mud-slinging and boasts—look at facts and figures. Jacksonville and Applegate folk should have, by now, enough experience with glowing promises and gigantic boasts. They should look at the records, be sane and weigh matters carefully before deciding to "clean house."

It is true that, in a few instances, there may be graft, inefficiency and so on, but as a rule humans the world over are moved by honest and sincere impulses. The fact that one apple in a box is spoiled should not cause us to throw away the entire pack. In other words, voters should use the same common, matter-of-fact wisdom in politics as in their business of life: be cautious, careful and particularly refrain from jumping hither and yon on some ambitious politician's say-so.

You farmers don't change from one crop to another overnight. Invariably, when the time comes for replanting, you dig into the past and thoroughly examine exactly what this or that seed netted, how it took to the soil and climate and whether or not you reasoned a crop familiar to you would be safer than an unknown recommended by a person who had never even planted a garden. You would do your own thinking regardless of whether someone came along and told you how much better your farm could be run than it is with the present equipment.

And in this connection we have dug up, purely for your information, facts and figures concerning the administration of business in the Jackson county clerk's office. Delilia Stevens Meyer, present incumbent and candidate for nomination to reelection, has made an enviable record, as the tables printed on this page will clearly illustrate. These are figures taken from the county's books and can be depended upon to be accurate. Look them over carefully. You will note that, even when the hue and cry of rigid economy was less shrill than during these hard times, important savings were made for the county through the organization and efficiency of Mrs. Meyer.

Remember, the next time some candidate tells you of the terrible wastes rampant in the county's business administration, that figures DON'T lie. And, we think you will agree in the case of the county clerk, they furnish a mighty strong, unimpeachable recommendation for reelection.

FREEING THE ISLANDS

The Filipinos are rejoicing at the passage through the federal house of representatives of the Hare bill, providing for their ultimate independence. The senate may pass it also, but there are hints of a presidential veto.

The Filipinos will need the help of some strong nation to keep them out of the hands of China or Japan, as Secretary of State Stimson warns. The Japs unofficially offer to guarantee their sovereignty, but that amounts to nothing—they guaranteed the political and administrative integrity of China about 12 years before the Manchurian raid and the Shanghai battles.

The growing sentiment in this country to free the islands is nothing

FEES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES INCURRED PAST 13 YEARS IN JACKSON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

(Delilia Stevens Meyer, present incumbent, was first elected as county clerk in 1925 and it will be noted that from that year on expenses were steadily reduced despite increased business and revenues till, at the close of 1931, fees collected during the seven years were greater by over \$10,000 than expenses involved. On the other hand, totals for the six years previous to 1925 show expenses to have been greater than fees collected.)

Year	Clerk's Fees	Recorder's Fees	Total Fees	Total Expenses
1919	\$5,101.26	\$6,067.90	\$11,169.16	\$9,558.02
1920	5,219.54	6,495.20	11,714.74	13,336.27
1921	4,511.41	5,899.80	10,411.21	12,360.42
1922	5,433.30	6,248.50	11,681.80	12,632.68
1923	6,048.15	6,579.49	12,627.64	12,576.94
1924	6,195.70	6,712.10	12,907.80	14,017.56
Total	\$32,509.36	\$38,002.99	\$70,512.35	\$74,481.89
1925	\$5,913.40	\$6,760.70	\$12,674.10	\$13,822.45
1926	6,119.30	7,017.15	13,136.45	14,168.73
1927	7,015.25	7,293.40	14,308.65	14,061.84
1928	8,423.45	7,254.90	15,678.35	14,480.25
1929	9,559.90	7,972.15	17,532.05	14,911.44
1930	10,641.40	7,278.55	17,919.95	13,501.12
1931	9,979.97	6,466.98	16,446.95	12,483.12
Total	\$57,992.67	\$50,043.83	\$108,036.50	\$97,428.95

TABLE OF HELPERS HIRED AND FEES COLLECTED IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

For Year 1923			For Year 1931		
Month	No. of Helpers	Net Fees	Month	No. of Helpers	Net Fees
January	9	\$1,131.85	January	8	\$1,408.95
February	9	871.80	February	7	1,354.35
March	9	960.25	March	7	1,400.50
April	9	1,308.75	April	7	1,533.65
May	10	1,334.35	May	7	1,284.22
June	9	1,084.69	June	7	1,621.80
July	9	874.05	July	6	1,459.85
August	8	740.95	August	6	1,406.70
September	8	851.80	September	6	1,397.70
October	9	1,295.35	October	6	1,259.65
November	9	1,194.85	November	6	1,067.23
December	9	878.95	December	6	1,252.35
Total fees for year		\$12,627.64	Total fees for year		\$16,446.95
Total expenses		\$12,576.94	Total expenses		\$12,482.12

Above fees include only regular fees turned over to general county fund. Dog license fees, circuit judge's salary fees, district attorney's salary fees and other special fees not included.

The 1929 legislature passed a law providing that the papers and cases filed by state, city, county or irrigation districts be filed and recorded free, and that copies be made free for them. In February, 1932, this office lost \$13 in the recording department and \$184 in circuit court filing fees by reason of this law. No record was kept of the free copies furnished under this statute.

Included in the 1931 expense above there were sufficient record books on hand January 1 to last until about June 1 of this year. These books were purchased in advance in order to take advantage of a discount on quantity of books purchased at one time, and cost \$411.

COMPARISON OF FILINGS

Year	Equity Cases Filed	Law Cases Filed	Marriage Licenses Issued	Dog Licenses Issued
1923	229	146	270	62
1931	342	189	573	1874

ing patriotic or noble. The power behind the movement comes from producers of raw products who do not want Philippine crops to compete without paying a tariff, which is not collected as long as the islands belong to us. The freedom given them is a freedom for us to compete with them economically upon better terms; that's all.

THEY SAY

The subject of my speech is one We hear of every day.
'Tis simply all about the fear We have of what "they say."

How happy all of us could be, If, as we go our way,
We did not stop to think and care So much for what "they say."

We never dress to go outside, To church, to ball, or play,
But everything we wear or do Is ruled by what "they say."

Half of the struggles we each make To keep up a display,
Might be avoided, were it not For dread of what "they say."

The half of those who leave their homes For Long Beach and Cape May
Would never go, if it were not For fear of what "they say."

One reason why I'm now so scared (Pardon the weakness, pray!)
Is that I'm thinking all the while, O me, what will "they say."

But so 'twill be, I judge, as long As on the earth folks stay.
There'll always be, with wise and fools, That dread of what "they say."

—Submitted by Andy Smith.

DETROIT GREW TOO FAST

The present hard times find Detroit with the largest per capita debt in the United States, due to the fact that during the past 20 years Detroit has tripled in population and increased in area beyond all expectation. Had the growth been slower, and had so many things not been needed all at once, the present financial condition of the city would be much better.

MILWAUKEE NOT HARD UP

Milwaukee, where they have a socialist administration of the city, reports that all city bills are paid and there is a surplus of \$2,234,000 in the municipal treasury. It is still easy to remember when several newly elected members of the New York legislature were deliberately thrown out of the chamber to which they had been chosen, and the only reason assigned was that they were socialists. Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., was a member of the legislature that performed this feat of statesmanship.—The Golden Age.

2% OWN 60% OF WEALTH

The Industrial Relations committee says that at present in America two per cent own 60 per cent of the wealth of the nation; 33 per cent own 35 per cent of the wealth of the nation, and 65 per cent own five per cent of the wealth of the nation. The thing they did not explain is what happens when the two per cent take over the relatively small balance that the rest of the people now have. And it can't be long now.

COLOMBIAN OIL CONCESSIONS

The American people now hold about \$100,000,000 of bonds of Colombian states and municipalities, expected soon to be in default. In June, 1931, so the Patman impeachment charges against Secretary Mellon have brought to light, Colombia approved the Barco concession, an oil company in which the Mellons have a controlling interest, and 12 days later the National City bank advanced the last \$4,000,000 instalment of the big loan. Now the American people hold the bonds and Mellon has the oil.

FINANCIAL DICTATORSHIP

In a speech broadcast over the Columbia network Senator Royal S. Copeland, referring to the hysteria controlling the banking world, made the following statement: "But there is one place in the banking system where there is no hysteria. The men at the top were never more calm, deliberated and resourceful. They have seized upon their long-awaited

opportunity. This is their day. Already they are exercising despotic rule. Unless the people are aroused there is no length to which the superbankers may not go. We are in danger of a financial dictatorship."

HAWAII'S POLYGLOT PEOPLE

Hawaii has one of the greatest mixtures of races in the world. Not including the United States military forces, there are on the islands a total population of 370,000, of whom 190,000 are Japanese, 28,000 are Portuguese, 23,000 are Hawaiians, 27,000 are Chinese, 7,000 are Porto Ricans, 7,000 are Koreans, 3,000 are Filipinos, 50,000 are Americans and 35,000 are of mixed parentage.

BUILDINGS ON THE MOON

If the man in the moon has constructed any buildings it is expected that they will be observable when the new 200-inch telescope is in place at Mount Wilson. This telescope will magnify distant objects 10,000 times, so that the surface of the moon, which is actually 240,000 miles away, will seem to be but 24 miles distant. This would enable objects on its surface 30 feet apart to be separately distinguished.

UNCLE SAM WON'T RAISE PAY

For one year, except with presidential consent, nobody in Uncle Sam's employ will receive a raise of pay or promotion to a better position. This special rule, attached to every appropriation bill, stops all appointments and interferes with contracts already made with apprentices who have waited for years for regular appointments in the postal service.

AVIATION INDUSTRY FACTS

On January 1 of this year the number of aircraft in the United States was 10,780, of which 6881 were in the transport grade. There were 17,739 licensed pilots, of whom 532 were women. There were 9016 mechanics, of whom five were women. California has the greatest number of pilots and mechanics of any state in the union, but New York has the most planes.

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"There is too much love in fiction," says a literary critic. Judging by the large number of breach of promise cases, the reverse is also true.—Passing Show.

A circus manager says that contortionists are the happiest performers. No doubt, because they are able to follow their own bent.—Punch, London.

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