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Editorial Program

- L. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- M. Devoting a String Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- N. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- P. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

WALTER OF WASHINGTON

Every schoolboy interested in sports, and what schoolboy is not—has heard since he could remember about Washington being first in war and last in peace. Consequently the victory of this Washington team, so long the butt of the baseball fan, is hailed with a joy that knows no geographical bounds. Even the Congress of the United States and the President of the nation have shown their interest in the victory. The pluck and endurance of the capital sportsmen, battling without interruption for now these seventeen years and finally rewarded with victory presents a lesson that grown ups as well as boys and girls may well take to heart.

Unquestionably the backbone of the Washington team has been Walter Johnson. His ability and stamina have been so needed that it is fitting his name should be inscribed on the tablet to be erected in the capital in recognition of the value to the country of the national sport. Johnson has shown grit and a loyalty deserving the highest commendation. It is easy to fight in a winning game. No braver or more daring soldiers ever strode the field of battle than the German heroes when they were overrunning Belgium and driving the British back without let or hindrance day by day. The acid test of tenacity and determined purpose, however, comes to those whose backs are to the wall, to those whose morale is put to almost impossible tests. This has been the position of Johnson, the leader, the inspiration of the Washingtons. Facing defeat for seventeen years yet always hopeful of figuring as a factor in a world's series, this intrepid American never faltered. He resisted all efforts of other teams to engage his services, turning his back on money as well as upon the opportunities to be one of the army of success. His name will long be remembered in the world of sport; it will stay green too, in the hearts of all men who honor pluck, loyalty, ability, and hundred per cent Americanism.

Those whose voices are loudest in defense of our judicial system and who periodically grate of the preservation of our courts, under the constitution, are rapidly coming to realize that public resentment at the manner in which the courts so frequently function is fanned into flame chiefly by the very during of the courts themselves in flying

brassily in the teeth of all sense of fair play. This fact is witnessed in the recent decision of the Supreme Court of California which by a vote of four to three defies the wishes of reputable American citizens and throws the progressive elements off the official ballot in that western state.

Regardless of the merit or demerit of the La Follette candidacy this action in withholding him the right to appear before the electorate unless under the red banner of Socialism is bound to arouse in the public mind a sense of indignation.

The American people love fair play. By court ruling, La Follette is driven willy nilly into the socialist camp; he must depend on the electoral support in California. Indeed had not this party instructed its electors to vote for him he would stand completely disfranchised despite the petition of his fellow citizens.

Five Americans prohibited from placing a fellow American on the official ballot, dictatorial elimination of public rights by a judicial vote of four to three form an atrocious domination of our political destinies that presents a pretty spectacle and strikes far deeper than the candidacy of any man or any platform.

Personalities and platforms slug into obscurity in light of the greater issue. The American government is supposed to derive its just powers from the consent of the governed. Scarcely our courts assume these unjust powers whether the governed like it or not. Four to three anocracy seems to have gone too far in this case. Unless the Judiciary comes rapidly to breathe more of the spirit of American thought the time may not be far distant when there will be a demand for another Rutledge note.

Editorial Comment

WHAT A NEWSPAPER DOES

The value of a free, energetic newspaper to any town or city is absolutely impossible of estimation. There are so many ways that the good newspaper promotes the interests of the town and the individual citizens where it is published that it would be like trying to number the sands of the sea to enumerate them. It is the true friend of the city or town and every resident thereof and stands ready to fight the battles even of individual citizens in a way that no other agency has either the nerve or the courage to do. It stands as a great bulwark of defense for the city and for the people.

But this is only one feature. There's another that is seldom given much thought and that is that the newspapers of any town or city are a paying investment for such place as industrial institutions. People welcome with open arms and loud acclaim any factory costing a few thousand dollars and they think the town is wonderfully fortunate in securing a plant that will give employment to a number of people. Sometimes they even pay up a bonus to secure such a plant. There are many newspapers which give employment to a number of people, and nothing is thought of it. The money that comes to the paper is spent in the town or city where it is published. None of it goes away except for ink and paper and some other small supplies that cannot be bought at home. The newspaper is essentially a home institution. It works day and night to build up its home town and state, and spends its money freely with home people. It is published on strict business principles these days, and that is the reason for the growth and prosperity that has come to many papers the past few years.

As a business enterprise, a good newspaper is about the best industry that any town has, and its publishers ask nothing but a square deal.—*Journal City Times*.

Communication.
Editor News: In your article in last week's issue concerning the reduction of timber land assessments, by the Equalization Board you erred in stating that I raised the land ten per cent. The land was raised from \$11.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00 per acre to \$12.00, \$23.00 and \$25.00 per acre and I am certain in my belief that it should have remained as I assessed it. The board fixed the values at about 1 per cent above the 1923 assessment. The increase in assessments was general as to land classified as "timber lands." A percentage of the whole, mainly represented in individual holdings of isolated and scattered claims, was not raised and I maintain that on an average such lands are not worth as much as the average lands of corporations representing early selections of large and closely connected areas bought and held in most instances by wealthy owners purely for speculative purposes.

It is true that the able attorneys of the deeply concerned timber corporation representatives, of whom the attendance was almost wholly unimpaired, were not present for the purpose of giving evidence to justify an increase in the assessment of their thousands of acres of timber land, but it is a fact that one or more of the attorneys pleading for reduction of assessments admitted ignorance of the worth of the property after having made emphatic claim that it was assessed much higher than other classes in proportion to its worth.

I do not question the good faith of the majority members of the board in discrediting my lone defense as unworthy of recognition as evidence justifying my assessments. My offerings were that the assessment of farm lands in this county represented an average of \$42.17 per acre while timber lands stood at only \$14.60 per acre and that common reasoning would justify the assessment of timber lands at a value representing at least half as much per acre as glow lands, but the rule that I made would have brought it up to perhaps an average of about \$17.50 per acre only, when applied to all lands classified as timbered.

My showing of certified official sales for cash of timber on government lands in the immediate vicinity of the holdings of the protestants and in many instances bought by them, covering several thousand acres, at prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$125.00 per acre counted for naught as "evidence justifying my assessment."

My serving upon each protestant a written formal request for the cruise of his lands availed nothing, for the reason that the board did not see fit to await the test as to whether the same would be provided, but proceeded to at once grant a reduction amounting to approximately one million dollars when it was found that the timber representatives would consent to a raise over last year of five per cent or 75 cents per acre.

It is my contention that when the assessor makes an assessment of timber land to the best of his ability and in good faith in the absence of such information as is ordinarily contained in what is termed a timber cruise the protestant who possesses cruise, as almost every owner of timber land does, should be regarded as appearing in bad faith when he neglects or refuses to provide same when requested by the assessor or by the Equalization Board for the purpose of adjustment.

I have served on many occasions as a member of the Board of Equalization and am frank to say that I regard this instance as the most grievous error in the memory of my such experience.

BEN F. KEENEY,
County Assessor.

The Amber-O-Latum laboratory is shipping 10 gross of Amber-O-Latum to California this week.

One carload of crosscuts was received from Washington Monday by the Carbolinum Wood-Preserving company. The Carbolinum company also received a carload of poles from the Monroe railway branch on Tuesday.

One carload of lumber was received Tuesday by the Anderson Manufacturing corporation from the Monroe branch.

A carload of corn arrived Monday from the middle west country by the Springfield Mill and Grain company. A car of oats from a Western valley-point and a car of wheat from eastern Oregon likewise arrived this week—on Tuesday.

E. E. Harvick, formerly of the Springfield Booth Kelly sawmill "retiree" from, but now in the Eugene office, was in Springfield Tuesday. He is to help with the sale which starts at the mill on October 15.

John Moberg was in Springfield Monday from Portland, inspecting lumber for the Nicolai Door Manufacturing company of that city.



YOU NEED NOT FAIL

On State Street, in Chicago, is a large sign bearing the old word "Rally." The owner, Tom Keene, is a man to be envied. He overcame obstacles that were well nigh insurmountable. Thirty-seven years ago when Tom was three months old he lay paralyzed from head to foot, in a special soap bed. His home was in the cellar of a ramshackle house in Lansing, Michigan. His father had died of diphtheria and his mother, a consumptive, was barely able to make ends meet by taking in odd jobs at scrubbing.

A doctor said that the paralytic might pass but that the boy would be a cripple and feeble-minded if he lived. Three months later a

... of boiling water was poured...
... that year he...
... Tom was sent to an...
... then transferred to...
... City Hospital to die.

Six years later a visiting special...
... saw him and took an interest...
... in him. When Tom was ten years...
... old he took his first step.

A year later, and, able to hobble...
... about on crutches, he was returned...
... to the orphanage. During the...
... eleven years that followed and...
... managed to read and write. All of...
... his spare time, during those years...
... he spent in studying electricity and...
... on the day he took the horse to...
... make his own way in the world he...
... was thoroughly familiar with his...
... subject.

Five years later he had saved...
... enough a money to open a small...
... electrical shop on Dearborn street.

When Tom was thirty his attention...
... was directed to rally. During the...
... next three years he perfected a...
... new type of transformer, and...
... began to manufacture radio...
... sets of peculiar and fantastic...
... design. His business flourished and...
... today he enjoys never-dark and...
... does an annual net business of...
... nearly \$40,000. He owns an...
... apartment house, a home in the country...
... and two expensive automobiles.

"Loaf of Bread--Please"

When you say, "Loaf of bread, please," you expect to get a loaf of bread that is everything it should be. Mity Nice is everything it should be—and more. The finest ingredients are used, and the very best care taken in baking. It comes out of our ovens a crisp, golden brown, and will tempt the appetite of every member of the family. Small and large loaves—Fresh Daily. At our bakery. Pies, cakes and pastries, too.

Springfield Bakery

Fred Freese, Prop.

JOHN S. MEDLEY

for

District Attorney

The matter of the election of a District Attorney is of more importance to the tax-payers of the County than it is to either a candidate or political party.

—Paid Advertisement.

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Why not eat the best made of—

FEATHERFLAKE FLOUR

"Makes Bread Light as a Feather!"

This good flour insures you against distressing disappointments that results sometimes in baking. Every sack is strictly like another—the finest flour you can buy. FEATHERFLAKE is different but costs no more—be sure you get it.

Only the best stores sell it.

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