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EDITORIALS

"SHOOFLY."

A correspondent in the Mitchell Sentinel, signing himself "Shoofly," after reading the Oregon Journal, "takes issue" with the Courier "as to the proposed plan to build a road from the head waters of the John Day to the Columbia river, down the John Day to Service Creek, thence by Fossil and Condon, a water grade road—and no high mountains to cross, and to bond Gilliam, Wheeler, Grant and Malheur counties, (yes the road is to go on thru Malheur county.)"

The rest of his article is very ironical with out any argument to sustain his position on the "issue" he takes with the Spray Courier.

We have never advocated that a water grade could be made over all of the proposed route of the John Day Highway, but we do contend that, with a few exceptions, a road can be built which can be traveled all the year round. We say this on the authority of an engineer who is connected with the State Department and knows the route of the proposed highway from end to end. There cannot be state appropriations obtained for a highway where the grades cannot be made to conform to certain standards set forth by the State Highway Commission, and it is evident that if the proposed route does not meet these conditions there will be no highway built. A proposition to bond the County has not been discussed by the Courier, for the reason that up to the present time there is no highway for which to bond; the survey being the first thing necessary to determine the feasibility of the proposed route and its exact location, then it will be necessary for the counties thru which the route passes, to bond in order to obtain state aid. Then if it is found that the route is impracticable by the State Engineer, the question of bonding the county need not be raised. But the question of grade is the least thing we have to contend with in this matter.

We have, as "Shoofly" says, spent thousands of dollars on roads in Wheeler County, and if we continue our present system we will continue to spend thousands more and still have no better roads than we have had for the last 30 or 40 years. The "Spray man" has known this section for about 30 years and he knows that the condition of the roads in Wheeler County have not improved very much in that time, only the mileage having been slightly increased.

There are greater demands being made on the country as the population increases and as "Shoofly" agrees that this part of the country is without adequate transportation facilities, he must also agree that conditions must change

so as to bring into requisition and development all of the resources of the country.

Those of the Southern Pacific family who wish to live well and die without fear should heed the Chicago Board of health's formula. Here it is:

Breathe deeply, eat temperately, chew thoroughly, drink (water) copiously, clean teeth carefully, bathe frequently, laugh heartily, sleep regularly, work planfully, exercise daily, serve willingly, speak kindly, play some, read much, think more, dare to be yourself—cheerful, conscientious and brave.

The marvelous effect of the war in the development of exports of American products is illustrated in the case of brass and manufactures of brass, which for the year 1915 amounted to \$54,800,000 as compared with \$6,800,000 in 1914, an increase of 700 per cent.

The European war is performing some of the duties of a protective tariff, but the part of wisdom for this country is for us to do our own legislating to protect the industries upon which our prosperity so largely depends. —Creston Gazette.

Political Announcements.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized and paid to announce F. A. Hale as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Wheeler County Oregon, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the coming primary.

He proposes, if elected, to enforce the laws, strictly, and give to each and every citizen a square deal and will handle the office on the stipulated salary, furnishing his own deputy at his own expense

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Wheeler county, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May 1916.

OSCAR KELSAY.

ASSESSOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Assessor of Wheeler County, State of Oregon, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May 1916.

PETER HRTMAN.

COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Commissioner of Wheeler County, Oregon, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May 1916.

R. E. WRIGHT

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County School Superintendent of Wheeler County in the Democratic Primary election, May 19, 1916.

H. J. SIMMONS.

FOR STATE SENATOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for State Senator of the Eighteenth Senatorial District of the State of Oregon, comprising the Counties of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held in said District on the 19th day of May, 1916.

M. D. SHANKS.

NOTICE—Three Rocking chairs, Bed Springs, Mattresses, Secretary and Centre Table. All the furniture belonging to L. E. Morse, can be seen at the P. M. Co's store. Good Range and Heating Stove can be seen at the Ranch. Every thing for sale One \$32. Rug for \$18. One \$20. " " \$12. C. L. Morse.

In Hard Luck

By M. QUAD

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Had you asked in the village of Lorain which was the happiest family in the community nine out of ten would have answered that Deacon Thurston and his wife filled the bill. Deacon Thurston was long, lean and smiling. His wife was fat, content and good natured.

The deacon had never been known to get mad or to do a selfish action. His wife was seldom known to borrow, but was always willing to lend. Of a summer evening they sat on the porch—sometimes for three hours—without speaking a word to each other.

After supper of a winter's evening the deacon built a roaring fire in the sitting room, and then with a candle in one hand and a blue pitcher in the other he descended to the cellar. The barrel of cider stood in the northeast corner. He knelt before it and drew exactly a pint and a half of its contents. This was a pint for himself and half a pint for his good wife. It was never more and never less. The apple bin stood against the south wall. He went to it and selected four fine Baldwins and put them in his coat pocket and marched up the stairs. His wife was ready with a damp cloth to give the apples a wipe. Three of them were for the deacon and one for his wife.

One winter when the first snowfall came the deacon hitched up the old horse to the "pump," or homestead sled, and started for the woods. Four inches of snow had fallen, and it was a brisk morning. The old horse squealed and kicked up his heels, and the deacon heard himself saying:

"Well, if I ain't glad to be alive this morning, though they have raised my taxes \$2 more this year!"

When the deacon and his outfit entered the woods there was a rabbit's trail leading in the direction he wanted to go. He therefore followed it. It led into the woods and stopped at a hollow log.

The deacon advanced to the log and with the head of his ax struck a resounding blow. He did not see whether the rabbit ran out or not. His ear caught a jingling sound, and in the excitement the presence of bunny was entirely forgotten. It was a jingle of money—not greenbacks, but solid coin.

Five minutes later he was splitting the old log wide open and his eyes were bulging out and his cheeks were pale. There was coin before him—heaps of coin. It was all silver coin.

One, two, three, four capfuls of silver treasure. He carried each capful to the sled and emptied its contents upon the horse blanket. When all the money had been gathered he tied up the blanket. When he finally mounted the sled he gave the old horse three or four sharp cuts with the whip. They were the first blows the old nag had ever received at his hands, and they started him out at a lumbering gallop.

Horse and driver appeared at home in a sweat. They did not stop at the kitchen door, though Mrs. Thurston was there to ask what had happened.

"S-s-s! You go right into the house, Judith, and I will be there in a minute."

In five minutes he followed after her and laid the bundle of coin on the kitchen table with a clink that made her exclaim:

"Oh, deacon, have you picked up a lot of horseshoes?"

"Horseshoes nothing!" he whispered as he untied the blanket and folded it back.

"Why, it's silver—it's money!"

"Of course it is, and I didn't rob anybody to get it either. I found it in a hollow log."

"Deacon, we are rich!" whispered the wife as she looked the kitchen door and pulled down the shades.

"You bet we are," replied the deacon. "Help me count the money."

They counted it. It took them a full hour, but it was over at last, and there was just \$5,000.

"Deacon," said she after a moment, "we allus wanted to go to Niagara Falls and see the water wasting itself, but you could never spare the money. We will go now, won't we?"

The deacon was silent, but there was such a look on his face as she had never seen before. It was a look of aversion and selfishness combined, and it was not good to see. She had to repeat her question before he replied.

"Judith, I want you to understand," said the deacon as he walked backward and forward, "there is to be no nonsense about this money. I may have to go to Niagara Falls on business, but you will stay at home and care for the house. I shall have to have a new suit of clothes, but you can get along with your old ones."

"But I have not had a new bonnet in fourteen years," she wailed.

"Your old one is all right."

"And that treasure from the hollow log bred dissension almost within the hour it was found. Husband and wife took opposite stands, and things were getting ripe for a separation when the deacon passed one of the coins at the grocery. The grocer found it counterfeit, and the whole pile of silver was overhauled, to find that every coin was bogus. It had been hidden in the log by those who made it. When the sad truth stood revealed and the deacon had fumed and fretted and his wife had shed a few tears he stood before her and queried:

"Well, Judith, what are we going to do about it?"

"Quit being idiots," she answered. And they then and there quit.

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Restoration to Entry of Lands in the National Forest.—Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 50 acres, within the Umatilla National forest, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead law of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 233), at the United States land office at The Dalles, Oregon on May 20, 1916. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1916, and has not abandoned same, has a preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the application of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of such settler, provided any such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to May 20, 1916, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The lands are as follows: N1/4SW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SW1/4, Sec. 24, T. 7 S., R. 24 E., W. M., 50 acres, application of John Collins, of Winlock, Oregon; List 6-1846, Mar. 1, 1916. D. K. Parrott, Acting Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Notice For Publication,
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Ore.
Dec. 28, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Lena Kaser whose post office address is Antelope, Oregon, did on the 13th day of April, 1914, file in this office sworn statement and application No. 012876 to purchase the E1/4SE1/4 Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 19 East, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$110 the timber estimated \$10,000 board feet at \$1 per M. and the land \$70.00, hat said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 5th day of March, 1916 before H. C. Rooper, U. S. Commissioner at Antelope, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
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