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A MENACE TO OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Probably the greatest menace to the honest administration of our form of government, is the judiciary. Our state courts, in the main, are all right and are close to the people. Our state judiciary is elective, in both inferior and superior courts and hold their offices for stated periods only. If a dishonest or incompetent judge should happen to be elected, the harm he may do is limited to his term of office. But with our United States judiciary, an altogether different system prevails.

Our United States judges are, in a measure, political. They hold their respective offices through partisan influence. They are appointed by the president who is influenced, largely, in his selection by political workers who have been active in his election. It is the political pull which the applicant or his political friends can bring to bear, which generally decides the matter. Personal fitness or legal knowledge, frequently, is not a factor in the selection. Nor is this all. United States judges are appointed for life, or during good behavior, and it is very seldom that one of these judicial officers is dismissed or impeached.

Oregon has been very fortunate in the judicial officers who have presided over our Federal courts. Judges Deady and Bellinger were noted for their sterling honesty and integrity as judicial officers. Judge Wolverton promises to be a worthy successor of these two eminent jurists. But other states have not been so fortunate as Oregon in the men who wear the judicial ermine. They have rendered legal opinions in important cases, which cause one to doubt, either their integrity or their legal ability.

The recent Standard Oil decision is the most prominent case in point. There is not more than one person in a thousand but what believes that Judge Landis rendered a just opinion, when he assessed a fine of \$29,000,000 against this giant monopoly. No one doubts that the company was guilty of the crime charged and that the rebates which were allowed to that company, enabled the killing off of all competitors. It is a matter of common knowledge that, through privately favored freight rates, the S. O. company has accumulated the most colossal fortunes of the world and, too, in the past 25 years. Nevertheless, the matter of the Standard's unfair methods, in all of their various phases, have been discussed by newspapers and periodicals for years, an appellate judge was found, who through a strained decision, enabled this notorious criminal to escape the penalty. This remarkable judge decided that the Government must prove that the defendant had a guilty knowledge that it was receiving rebates from the railroad in violation of law. This was a matter which did not admit of positive proof. There was circumstantial evidence to convict in abundance. But to get the positive evidence, this remarkable judge knew was impossible and if required, the S. O. would escape the penalty. It is quite probable, that the Standard Oil crowd knew what the appellate court's decision would be, before the case was brought before it.

It is action of this character on the part of our United States judges which causes one to doubt the wisdom of the method by which they are selected. While many of them are men of excellent character and of absolute integrity, there are others. While a life tenure of office may not be too long for a man of the character of the late judge Bellinger, it is much too long for a man whose opinions are subject to influences other than those of right and justice.

In nearly every state there is now an extra endeavor, to maintain civic honesty and decency. Particularly is this true of most of our large cities. There is an effort to enforce court decisions against the high and rich as well as against the low and obscure citizen. If we see the court's decisions against the petty criminal rigorously enforced and, at the same time the rich, influential scoundrel is allowed to escape all punishment, or at most be subjected to a frivolous fine, it causes one to doubt both the integrity and justice of our courts.

OUR 1909 FAIR

OUR THIRD ANNUAL FAIR, which is booked for August 30, 31 and September 1, promises to eclipse either of its predecessors in every respect. There are several reasons why this will be true:

First—The management has had two years of experience. While the efforts of one and two years ago where good and worthy of meritorious mention, there were mistakes made which will not be repeated this year. Also, the grounds, tracks, etc., will be in much better condition, a horse barn 200 feet long containing two rows of stalls will be erected and better accommodations for other stock and poultry will be supplied.

Second—The Linn County Fair Association is a member of the Willamette Valley Racing Circuit and the entire string of trotting, pacing and running horses, which are listed for the racing season, will be at our Fair. There are nearly 100 horses which will enter the speed contests of the circuit. Our speed program embraces three harness and one running races on each day of the Fair, several of which will be very fast.

Third—The \$1000 appropriated by the state in aid of our Fair, enables the management to offer premiums which are worth striving for. As this state appropriation can only be used in the payment of premiums on stock, poultry, agricultural and horticultural products and pavillion exhibits, it can be seen that good premiums all along the line will be paid. As a sample of what some of the premiums are, we mention \$50 for the best agricultural, horticultural and vegetable exhibit, produced by and exhibited by one farmer and his immediate family. This contest is open to all comers. Also, the \$50 premium offered for the best milk cow, any breed, to be milked in the presence of the judges, milk to be weighed and tested on the grounds.

While these two premiums, only, are mentioned, the others are equally liberal. They are worth the trouble of fitting up your stock properly for exhibition.

No part of the state appropriation can be used for the payment of purses on races, yet there will be good purses hung up for the races, \$200 being offered for the best races.

The management will see to it that there is a good restaurant conducted on the grounds, where good meals can be obtained and at reasonable prices.

The splendid camping grounds will again be opened for the free use of campers. At this season of the year a few days camping on the banks of Thomas creek, is a pleasure not to be despised. As at the two previous Fairs, a well conducted Farmers Institute will be held, at which time a number of eminent speakers of the state will be present and deliver addresses upon matters pertaining to the farm, dairy and stock raising.

So, let every farmer, orchardist, gardener, dairyman, poultryman and stock raiser, have something on exhibition at the Fair. It should be remembered that the original purpose of the Fair, is to benefit the stock, dairy and agricultural interests of this section of the valley. As the premium contests are open to all comers, our friends over in Marion county can participate and feel just as much at home as if they lived in Linn.

Developments in the Calhoun bribery case, down in San Francisco, indicate that Calhoun is guilty without doubt. He is willing to stoop to any dishonest or dishonorable means to prevent the facts from being placed before the jury. If he shall be proven guilty and is required to serve a term in the penitentiary for the crimes he has committed, it will be the greatest victory for the people over civic dishonesty and graft achieved in many years. It is the disregard of law and the almost certain escape of punishment by the "higher ups" which has brought our American courts into disrepute. The conviction and punishment of the rich railway magnate Calhoun, will establish a precedent which will make the conviction of the next rich rascal all the easier. Who knows but what we may yet see, even the Standard Oil crowd be brought to book. It is only necessary that enforcement of law among the rich scoundrels as well as among the poor criminals, shall become more popular and to be more generally demanded by the people, to cause the rich and the poor to alike respect the law.

Congress may monkey with the tariff until doomsday, yet never get away from the fact that in order to increase the government's revenue from the tariff, more foreign made goods must be imported. In order to encourage importations, the tariff schedules must be reduced from a prohibitive basis. This is the truth about the tariff in a nutshell. We have protected our infant(?) industries so long that they have grown to be great lusty giants, who are now dictating to congress what the new tariff schedules shall be.

Senator Chamberlain's efforts to secure a harmony of effort on the part of Oregon's congressional delegation, is most meritorious. Any man or newspaper, who would prevent this union of effort, and action, because of partisan prejudice, should receive a pressing invitation to change his location to another state.

Elkhorn Items

Great activity is now going on in the Elkhorn country. Two new mining companies have been formed; one to develop a gold property on Cedar creek and one to develop a galena property on Heneline.

A tunnel will be run into Heneline mountain, which will undoubtedly open up some immense ore bodies.

From the travel going over the road from Gates to the mines and the freight being hauled in, one would not think that winter was still here. Probably, never in the history of this district, has there been so much work going on at the various mines.

Mr. Walter Shier, after a few days visit at Gates, is again directing work at the Black Eagle. Good progress is being made in the development work, some very rich ore being recently uncovered.

The warm weather of last week melted the snow out very rapidly, but snow is again falling and about 4 inches of the fleecy have been added to the high mountains.

Good progress is being made at the Crown Mining & Milling Co's mine. A rich ore shoot of gold and silver has been struck in the upper workings. No assays have yet been made, but it is expected to run much higher than any thing yet uncovered. Work is being rushed as much as possible in the tunnel which will crosscut the high grade surface ore. Some very fine specimens of silver ore were taken out this week.

Mr. Pierce, of the Golden Arch mining company, states that work will be rushed on their property on Cedar creek.

Mr. Colnits, the mining engineer, is surveying for the Electric company, this week.

L. C. Craft, of the Crown Co's mine journeyed to Mill City, last week, to have a troublesome tooth attended to.

Gates has a new drug store and is building up very fast.

The opening up of the immense ore deposits on the North Santiam, will mean much for Scio's milk condensery, as condensed milk is a standard food among the miners.

It is only a matter of time until at least 4000 to 5000 will be employed in these mines and one considers that they must subsist on what is raised on the outside, it can be seen what a great market will be opened up.

Bed Rock.

IF WE KNEW

An original poem contributed by a townsman.

Could we but draw back the curtain
That surrounds each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the actions give;
Oft we would find it better,
Purer than we judged we would;
We would love each other
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we would love the sinner
Though we deeply loath the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We would judge each others errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain;
Would the grim external
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Would we help where now we hinder?
Would we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good:
Oh! we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

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