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LEGISLATORS WHO COUNT WANTED

For a number of years Oregon legislatures have not been satisfactory to the people. Not because enough of laws have not been enacted, but that unwise laws, conflicting laws, laws creating useless and expensive commissions, laws establishing new offices and laws that increase the salaries of public officials have been enacted.

Whenever a new set of legislators have been chosen, members have been pledged to economy, to abolish or consolidate commissions and to correct conflicting statutes. But such pledges have been forgotten and the same cause of extravagance, salary raising and the creating of offices have been continued.

Nevertheless these conditions have existed for years and exist today we continue to elect the same gang and much of the same personnel and, of course, we get the same result, term after term. Nor can we expect different results so long as we elect inexperienced men in the affairs of life—men who have half-baked ideas of what the state needs in legislative matters.

For many years the republican party has had almost absolute control of our legislatures and that party must be held responsible for the legislative sins of which the people complain. The only struggle necessary for the republican legislative office seeker, has been to secure the nomination at the primary election, his success following at the general election in the late fall as a matter of course.

This plan or method of procedure, in the past has filled our legislative halls with members whose central purpose has not been for the general welfare of the people. A few of the members chosen have been so selected for a special purpose. Being men trained in the machinery of legislation, shrewd and capable, they have had no trouble in the early days of a session to effect such organization, that they could carry out their schemes later in the session. This result has been made easy, because three-fourths of the membership has been composed of men whose ability made them simply pawns in the hands of the other fourth. The large majority have been men of simply ordinary mentality, having no ability to express a thought, even if they could originate one. They simply occupy their various seats, look wise and vote "yes" or "no" as their party leaders may dictate. They have been as putty in the hands of such legislators as have schemes to carry through.

Of course every member, especially the new ones, has a measure which he wishes to have enacted into law. He thinks that if he has not introduced a measure, he has not done his duty to his constituents. And, too, there is a certain amount

of pride in having one's name as the originator of a legislative enactment. In order to secure such result, he asks and obtains the aid of one or more of the shrewd scheming members and, in return, the novice gives his vote for the scheming member's measures. This log-rolling method has filled our statute books with unnecessary and often mischievous and conflicting laws.

A large portion of these scheming and shrewd political members and who have special axes to grind, are sent up from Portland, while the novices are sent from the cow counties. Linn county has supplied her share of these latter mentioned members.

Will the legislature to meet next winter, be a repetition of those of the past? Will Linn county do her share in the endeavor to remedy such conditions? These are questions which deeply concern the average taxpayer. He should make it his duty to become acquainted with the nominees and from the six, select the three who, in his judgment, measure up to the highest standard of legislative ability, regardless of any personal or political feeling.

We are simply employing three of our citizens to do a certain work for us and we want the best possible results. Will it not be a manifestation of good horse sense, to select from the six, the three who are best equipped, to do the work we wish done? Would you inquire about the political or religious sentiment of the man or men you were about to employ, to work on your farm, in your mill, in your store or in any capacity, rather than his ability to do the work you required? Surely you would not employ an inefficient inexperienced man to work in your lumber camp, just because he is a republican, if you could hire a democrat who was an experienced and efficient lumberman? The men, who make laws for us to obey, are certainly of as much or more importance than are our farm or mill hands. Then why shall we not use as much or more care in their selection? Why shall we not use as much care in selecting a legislator as the dairyman does in selecting a man to milk his cows?

The time is at hand when people must look to the quality and ability of their officials. The fact that a man is a democrat, or a republican or a progressive, ought not to govern our selection. If the democrat is the better qualified and is the better calculated to perform the service we require, employ him. If the republican is the better man and better fitted for the place, employ him. Only results count.

We desire our next legislature to undo much of the undesirable work of past legislatures. We want state commissions and useless offices abolished. Can we expect the men who created them or men of the same political party to do the abolishing as effectually as we would men of the opposition party? Republican legislatures have created the things of which we, the people, complain. Can we expect a republican legislature, next winter, to undo the work which that party has done in the past, thereby acknowledging their party in the wrong?

Since the adoption of the direct election of U. S. senators, there has been no need of politics in the selection of our legislators. Yet there have been under the nearly unanimous control of our republican friends, and the enactment of the most extravagant legislation the creation of new offices, increase of salaries, etc. would have been impossible with a nearly equal political division of that body. Costs of government in all departments have been so multiplied that Oregon is, today, the highest taxed state of the Union.

Linn county now has an opportunity to set the ball rolling to

remedy these conditions. Will she do it?

The republican legislative ticket just nominated is not representative of the county in that all of its candidates are from one small portion of the county and all of its candidates are farmers, with no especial fitness as law makers. On the other hand, the democratic candidates, in point of location, represent all portions of the county, all are of different occupations and, without disparagement, far outrank our republican friends in point of legislative ability.

Our legislature and county clerks are the people who have their hands in our pockets. They simply tell us what we must pay to live in Oregon and, The Tribune will say without fear of contradiction, that the cost comes far too high for what we are getting in return. It is holding our state back from development, depreciating the price of our farms and making our state with all of her splendid resources, a good place not to come to build a home.

So let us, the people of Linn county, do our small part towards clearing our state from this handicap. Of the six nominees for legislative positions, let us select three who are in point of ability, best calculated to deliver the goods, regardless of party favoritism.

DON'T BLOCK PROGRESS

Scio is now making her first attempt towards what may be termed permanent street work. In order that such work as may be done this year will not have to be redone in the future, the proper grading and drainage must be provided for, the preliminaries of which our city council has now undertaken.

While the costs of the improvement may seem heavy at the present time, just remember that the thousands of dollars heretofore spent on our streets have been a waste, so far as permanent improvement is concerned, because the important feature of drainage was not provided for. Now we propose to start right, so that future work may not be a waste.

Of course the city engineers estimates seem high. Let us hope they are much higher than the costs will prove to be and that when the contemplated improvements are completed, it will include all of the street expenses for the next ten years. Scio streets will then not be the cause of jeering remarks by our neighbors and we will be enjoying the benefits of good streets instead of the muddy, sloppy condition of the past winter.

One thing is sure, if we do not undertake the improvement this year, we will have to do so next year or the following, for even our present objectors will not be content to wallow in the mud continually. Their pride will be finally aroused when they will say, "Let's get busy."

Suppose the improvement costs as high as \$150 per lot. This cost with interest thereon for ten years will be but a little over \$200. Divide that total cost by 10 and you will have an annual cost of less than \$25 per lot. Will this small annual cost not be more than made up by the increased value of the lot to say nothing about the added comfort? Moreover, when the street is brought to grade, you will know that every dollar you expend on sidewalks, etc. will be right and not have to be torn up in the future.

All of neighboring towns have better streets than we, in Scio, have.

As a result they are making better progress than we. In other lines Scio is up with our neighboring towns and in several points we are the leaders. Shall we lag along behind all other towns in the county with our streets?

A vast majority of our property owners, we are told, favor the improvement. Will those who are opposed accept responsibility for the blocking of progress? Ought not the majority to rule in this as it should in all other matters?

The dose is a big one, boys, but when it is swallowed, we will all feel the better for it. Just figure it as a disagreeable task that must be accomplished now or next year and go to it.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an Execution to me direct, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, in the case wherein the United States National Bank of Salem, Oregon, a corporation, is plaintiff, and Fred Goech, J. H. Mariels and B. F. Titus, are defendants, I will, on Saturday the 1st day of July, 1916, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., at the front door of the Court House in Albany, Linn county, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property to-wit:

The West half (1-2) of the Northwest quarter (1-4) of Section Nineteen (19) in Township Ten (10) South, of Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon, and containing Eighty-six and Sixty Hundredths (86.60) acres, more or less, save and excepting the following, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter (1-4) of the Northwest quarter (1-4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Ten (10) South, Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence East Twenty-one and Sixty-five Hundredths (21.65) chains; thence North Two and Seventy-seven Hundredths (2.77) chains, more or less; thence West Twenty-one and Sixty-five Hundredths (21.65) chains; thence South Two and Seventy-seven Hundredths (2.77) chains, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing Six (6) acres, more or less, all lying and being in Linn County, Oregon.

To satisfy a judgment rendered in said cause in favor of the above named plaintiff and against the defendants Fred Goech, J. H. Mariels and B. F. Titus in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 3rd day of February, 1914 and the further sum of \$75 attorneys fees, and the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at \$17.45, together with costs of and upon this execution and sale.

Dated at Albany, Oregon, this 24th day of May, 1916.

D. H. BODINE
Sheriff of Linn County Ore.

Summons

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn County.

Charles White, Plaintiff
vs.
Lillian M. White, Defendant

SUMMONS

TO LILLIAN M. WHITE, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled Court now on file with the Clerk of said Court, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as is hereby required, the plaintiff will apply to the said Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

For a decree of the said Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper in the premises.

This Summons is published by virtue of an order made by Honorable Percy K. Kelly, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and entered of record in the above entitled Court and cause on the 28th day of April, 1916, which order specifies that Summons be published for six consecutive weeks in The Scio Tribune; that the date of the first publication shall be May 4, 1916, and the date of the last publication shall be June 15, 1916.

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