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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



### Chapman May Be Wrong

C. C. Chapman, political prognosticator, who's election forecasts in times past have gone a long ways from coming true, says in the last issue of the Oregon Voter "he hasn't the remotest chance of securing the nomination," referring to the candidacy of Rhea Luper, who seeks the republican nomination for public service commissioner.

Why Mr. Chapman is so cock-sure about this, we do not know, but we do know that Rhea Luper is going to give one H. H. Corey, present incumbent, a run for his money and its not altogether unreasonable to believe that Mr. Luper will secure the nomination. He has a host of influential friends in this Eastern Oregon district who recognize his ability and appreciate his past services. Like-wise they are of the opinion that a trained engineer should be on the commission. As a consequence they are lending every support to Mr. Luper, who will make a showing at the May primaries that will open the eyes of Mr. Chapman.

Had not the field been split between two strong candidates four years ago, Mr. Corey would not have been nominated and elected. He was not strong with the electorate of this district then and it is safe to say that he is but little more popular even today. We utterly disagree with the Oregon Voter in its views on Mr. Luper's candidacy for we believe that his chances are far from remote, in fact they appear good.

### The Elementary School Tax

Whatever may happen to the other measures carrying taxation, the people should adopt that proposal providing for the maintenance of the common schools. It is styled on the ballot "State Elementary School Fund Tax."

Whether or not young people attend high school, college or university is largely for each to determine. The value of so-called higher education is at least debatable. But there can be no possible question of the interest which every citizen has in the maintenance and improvement of the grammar grades of the public schools.

With the increased cost of living, the salaries will have to be raised, else the teaching force will go to work as day laborers in some avenue of life where they can at least earn enough to live upon. The present school income is insufficient. An additional tax is absolutely essential.

There can be no possible argument against this two mill measure to provide funds for the elementary public schools. If we are to continue a government of the people education must be fostered, and every child provided with at least working knowledge of the English language, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, physiology and government.

There is too much ignorance abroad in the land now. Much of the chaotic condition which is manifesting itself in the great centers of population arises because of lack of knowledge of fundamentals on the part of foreign born factors in our cosmopolitan cities.

Neither autocracy nor opposition can long endure among a people grounded in the primary facts of existence, of society, of economics. The opportunity for the oligarch in politics, in business, in industry comes in an atmosphere of ignorance.

Two mills on the dollar is small, if it will save the grammar grades of the public school system from dissolution or decadence.—Pendleton Tribune.

### Taking Losses As Well As Profits

There is much talk these days about giving workmen a voice in the business; indeed, it is argued mightily by some that the employees of a factory should be given the managing direction, meaning also a share in the profits, because they would fix their own wages.

chances on getting any profits at all, and he gives labor—the hardest labor in the country with the longest hours. And, unlike any city worker, the farmer is on duty, for emergency calls at least, all through the night as well as the day.

Certainly there is no argument about the farmer taking full responsibility for every bit of profit he sometimes makes, and he takes his losses, too, regardless of the hard labor and long hours he puts in. Will city labor agree to this?

They wouldn't in Russia. When the Bolsheviks turned all factories over to the workers, the latter raised their own pay to the skies, refused to work with efficiency, laid off often, with the result that manufacturing went to the dogs. Result: The Bolsheviks discontinued "workers' factory councils" and put the stoutest discipline into effect. Today the Russian city worker is treated more harshly than under the czar.

It is quite a problem. But, if labor agreed to take his profits and losses as the farmer does, perhaps we might have a better democracy.

### Government Owes It To You

It is peculiarly true that the average citizen has been so far removed from his government so long a time that unconsciously he has drifted into the belief that the government is something apart, a great organization of power with which he has no concern except to obey. The thought that the government is the servant rather than the master of the people has been largely eliminated, or at least forgotten. This state of affairs is largely because there has never been a proper contact between the government and the people that create the government.

The taxpayers give to the government thousands of dollars for research. Perhaps no country in the world spends the amount of money or applies the same energy and skill to gather for the people through its government information of value. The experiments conducted in soil improvement, the research into scientific agriculture alone and the results attained would amaze the world if the world knew anything about them. But having gathered facts of value to the people at the direction and expense of the people no proper means is taken to see that the people are acquainted with the facts.

There is only one way the government can keep in touch with the people, and that is by advertising in the newspapers the people read. The newspapers are a multiplication of the human voice. The day of the town crier has gone by. His voice is not loud enough to be heard except by a few small gatherings of citizens. Modern methods demand the spreading of public information through the newspapers, and surely the people are entitled to the information for which they put up money to collect. For example, the government has spent a good many thousands of dollars to learn how to kill the boll-evil. The government knows all about killing the boll-evil. The information rests largely in official pamphlets published in Washington and for the most part kept there and forgotten. If these facts were advertised by the government in the country newspapers the benefit to the farmers would be immeasurable. As a matter of fact farmers should write to our Senators and Congressmen and interest them in this matter of government advertising by the Agricultural Department.

### Slats' Diary

Friday—met a man in front of the house wick is deaf & dumb & he was throwing his hands & round like a fiscal direktor & I cum back at him the same. ma ast me was we carrying on a conversashun & I sed yes we was but nether 1 of us knowed ennything the other I was trying 2 say.

Saturday—ma sed to pa this is our marriage anniversary suppose we kill the old white hen. Pa sed wot do You want 2 kill her for wasent her fault was it. pa aint been back home yet since he issued that remark.

Sunday—Rained hard & diddent go 2 s. s. plaid croakanole on a board. ma was chewing the rag because pa had ben tawking in his sleep & kep her awaik & pa sed for hevvin sake wummin lve got 2 tawk sumtimes. Dont 1.

Monday—Jake killed a cat after skool wick had ate a innocent litttel burd & his ma sed enny body wick kills a cat has 7 yrs. of bad luck & Jake sed he shure wood have 2 live a long time then. I ast him why & he sed he Killed 7 one time & this 1 maid 8 so as Jake wassent very good in figgers I helped him & we Estimated he was good for 87 yrs. but I aint shure as 2 the figgers myself. Quite.

Tuesday—Jakes brother Hen went 2 Chicago & ast sum big compeny for a job & they ast him for lokal referens & he give Seers & Robuk with who he had ben trading for sum time. He aint got enny Job yet. I guess.

Wednesday—Joe white was offered a job at the Gazette-Times offis

2 feed the press wile their regular man was being sick & he ast should he bring a wife or a spoon.

Thursday—Saw J. E. with a new out fit on wick means her dress. Shakespeer must have been writing of her wen he sed the all seeing Sun never saw her Match since 1st the world was began.

### Local Irrigation Projects and Water Conservation

Did you ever stand on one of the bridges over Willow creek just at this time of the year and watch the water racing by under you on its way to the Columbia and eventually the sea? And as you stood and gazed until you imagined the water was standing still and you were the rapidly moving body, did the thought come to you, "where is all this water going, and why couldn't some plan be developed whereby much of it could be stored up for summer use?"

Those thoughts have come not only to us, but to a great many people who have experienced a dry season, who have had to stand by and see that third crop of alfalfa curl and dry up when just a little water would have made a good crop.

The Morrow County Farm Bureau has an irrigation committee, which among other things, it is its work to go over the county and select feasible damsites for local irrigation projects and work out plans for development. One of the sites which the committee has investigated and pronounced highly feasible and not overcostly is that on Skinner creek about eight miles above Heppner.

The site has been endowed richly by nature and it would take but little work on the part of man, say those who viewed it, to build a dam of sufficient breadth and depth to make a reservoir holding many millions of gallons of water. Water conservation in Morrow county will come inevitably, and the sooner it comes the more rapid will development take place.

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### Oddities

The following extracts from letters to the Insurance Bureau, Washington, were contributed by Lieut. Commander Thriess, U. S. Navy recruiting station, Denver:

This is to notify your department that on the 7th day of September 18th there was born to me, the undersigned wife of Nick Campna, No. 234,56660, an enlisted man.

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Our New Big Dining Room is not exclusive to transient trade. It's for the folks of Heppner First, Last and All the Time.

—Give the wife a rest and a treat—a Sunday dinner here.

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The Minister Never Fails You

Every officer of the Government with a war message to deliver appealed to the ministers first of all.

But 80% of the ministers receive less income than government economists figure as a minimum for the support of an average family.

When hospitals need money they enlist the support of the ministers—and receive it.

But when sickness visits the minister or the members of his family they must be treated in a charity ward. His pay is less than a day laborer's.

8 out of every 10 ministers receive less than \$20 a week—about half the pay of a mechanic.

We Pay Him Half the Wages of a Mechanic

And of these pitifully inadequate salaries, how much do you contribute? Nothing if you are outside the church; an average of less than 3c a day if you are a church member.

All of us share in the benefits of Christian ministers to the community. They marry us; bury us; baptize our children; visit us when we are sick. In their hands is the spiritual training of the youth.

We Are All Profiteers at Their Expense

Part of the Interchurch World program is this—a living wage for every minister of Jesus Christ; an efficient plant, and a chance to do a big man's job.

If you want better preachers, help to pay the preachers better. It's the best investment for your community—and for your children—that you can ever make.

Claude Kethley and family are leaving this week for their new home at Aromas, California. Mr. Kethley has purchased 80 acres in an irrigation project on the Colorado river and the family will reside at Aromas, which is not far from Santa Cruz, while Mr. Kethley is developing his tract in the southeastern part of the state. He recently sold his Eight Mile farm to O. E. Adkins.

## BUYERS FOR TOWN PROPERTY

I have buyers for town property. If you want to sell, make listings with me today.

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