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HOLMAN FOR RE-ELECTION.

In Oregon's biennial primary election to be held on the 17th of next month, the people of Multnomah county will be called upon to name two republicans for county commissioner, and the election involves matters of tremendous importance, most especially to the taxpayers.

The need of strong intelligence, sound judgment, clear vision, resolute courage, inflexible integrity and business experience is greater, if possible, than ever before.

Great changes are impending in the world. All of us can see that. These changes mean that Multnomah county, too, is in the midst of a change. The outlook upon life everywhere is different from what it has been and the future is filled with more uncertainty.

Under these circumstances it is no time to swap horses while crossing the stream—to make the office of commissioner a place to bestow according as somebody may need emoluments, or according as one may be popular, or according as one may hold some novel or costly ideas of county administration.

We need caution, steadiness, strict economy, the highest attainable efficiency, all to the end that the county in its financial activities may be kept in satisfactory and economical operation until the end of the war reveals the newer situation and problems which await us—problems calling for the expenditure of the taxpayers' money.

Considering the times, the crisis, the emergency, the problems and uncertainties, the re-election of Rufus C. Holman as one of the county commissioners to be selected, seems most desirable. He is a man who is, in all respects capable of conserving the peoples' money and administering their affairs again, as he has done in the past, conservatively, prudently, economically, intelligently and efficiently.

Mr. Holman has been an energetic factor in this county's industrial and commercial life for many years—as a native son he has lived here all his life. He has been strikingly active in all the movements projected for the county's development during the past five years in which he has been county commissioner. His administration of the Interstate bridge construction, the county farm and other county activities have identified him with the county's development. All who have had to do with progressive efforts have found him a tireless and effective influence.

He has sought results rather than applause, and he has achieved well because he has persisted and worked—sometimes against the fiercest opposition of those who would spend the public money not wisely but too well.

We believe the thoughtful voters of Multnomah county will share these views of Mr. Holman and the situation which we believe makes his re-election highly desirable, if they stop to consider general conditions and their bearing upon the interests of Multnomah county.

Clearly, a business man of experience is desirable in the present state of affairs which exist in this county. It is no disparagement of others who aspire to the office to say that in respect of business experience Mr. Holman is the peer of any of them, and at least during the war period, when every resource and every cent needs to be conserved, the task of being county commissioner is that of a business and financial character for which Mr. Holman's experience has splendidly equipped him.

The re-election of Mr. Holman at this time would safeguard the county's highest interests and insure for the taxpayers the highest possible returns for their tax money.

It is reported that the big German gun that has been shelling Paris killed eight chickens the other day. Things must be looking up in Paris if they have chickens. Here in Gresham the nearest we have come to having chicken since Thanksgiving has been to hear a rooster crow about a mile up Johnson creek.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

While so much is being said about the German language in our churches and schools the nation over—with a local touch as concerning the use of the language in one of our churches—it is well to treat the subject dispassionately. Heretofore it has been deemed almost necessary for the educated student to have a smattering of some foreign language, and many have had a preference for German. Some have taken it and French together, but many think it a rare case, everything considered, when either has done the student very much real good.

In this country many of those attending the high schools have elected to study German and have made some progress with it, but in most instances they have found little use for it whatever after leaving school. It was quite the fad only a few years ago to have German parties where no English was spoken, but that is about as far as that particular part of their education went, and on leaving school they very promptly forgot it, or at least had no use for the language.

Now there is a reaction brought about by the war. German is being ostracized and those who are not Germans are not very proud of the fact that they wasted valuable time studying something that will be useless to them except in rare instances. The Americanization congress recommends that the language be wholly eliminated in this country and that a campaign be inaugurated among all foreigners who cannot speak the American language for the teaching of it, and that in the elementary schools only English be taught.

The nest egg of treason in the United States is the German press and the German language. It is high time that those Germans who are patriotic should divorce their schools and churches from it if only for the effect their example would have on the other class who are unpatriotic.

Our own community is but slightly German, yet there are districts where the German language predominates—in Wisconsin, for instance—and it is not surprising that such communities are not imbued with the American spirit. How can they be? They read German books and German newspapers. Their knowledge of Current Affairs and their views of life are obtained from un-American sources. They do not live in America, but in a little German world transplanted to America.

The fault is not wholly that of the Germans in this country that they cling to their native language. American laws have encouraged such conditions, the tolerance of the American people has permitted them, and vote-getting politicians have helped to perpetuate them. We have paid too little attention to the immigrant after he arrived, trusting that his common sense and gratitude to the land from which he obtained his sustenance would make an American of him. It has in some cases and in others it has not. If we are going to have a united country, American to the core in every district, regardless of national ancestry, the process of Americanization must be encouraged. No more effective step could be taken than in discouraging the teaching of foreign languages to children and in teaching and encouraging the English language. This applies locally as well as elsewhere.

POLITICS IN THE GRANGE.

A writer in the Grange Bulletin takes exception to the Outlook's stand against the Non-partisan league and defends the organization along with State Master Spence. That all members of the grange who read the Outlook may know how far the league's insidious policy is getting into the order the writer's letter is herewith given in full:

Politics in the Grange? I rather guess, yes. The Granger who at this critical moment of the world's war would, through war conditions, take advantage of policies inaugurated by the State Grange to foster his leadership upon that organization, has none too much honor vouchered for by Grange principles. That some one or more, either within or without the Grange, is taking such advantages, can be verified by the assault made upon Brother Spence by the Gresham Outlook, which was also copied in the Oregonian.

Because State Master Spence, working under orders from the last State Grange, through its endorsement of non-partisan league principles, has diligently sought to clarify the contemptible political criticisms coming to the league, which have been seized upon by republican politicians, to defeat the league and promote their own ends, his allegiance to Grange work is to be used to defeat him at the coming State Grange election.

In the face of dirty politics Mr. Spence proves fearless and faithful to duty. There is no disloyalty or refusing to follow Grange instructions or side-stepping state laws. Can as much be said of aspiring candidates opposing him?

The Gresham Outlook bewails the fact that Mr. Spence says newspapers are political vandals and peddle untruths in campaigns. Who does not know this is a fact? It is by taking advantage of war conditions

that defamers of non-partisan league seek to defeat progress among the voters of the world and perpetuate their own reactionary profit-taking policies. Mud slinging is a part of the business of kept press policies. That such practice is now being waged against the Non-partisan league, under cover of wartime conditions, is beyond dispute.

The Gresham Outlook closes with advice to "keep aloof from such entanglement." Yes. Let the politicians lead the farmers in the future as in the past, into their political schemes, where they can skin them of all profit for the benefit of the middleman whom the Non-partisan league is organized to overthrow.

There is no sadder spectacle than to see Grangers whose interests are common in all things, going to the polls on election days and disfranchising themselves by voting for opposing political candidates. Really, could anything be more foolish? Now as we are organizing to correct this ruinous practice the political grafters make use of the nation's extreme military authority to camouflage their impudence and defeat Grange policies. The Non-partisan league comes not as a political party, but as a disorganizer of grafting politics that have continually defeated the progress of the world's toilers. If the Oregon Grange is duped by this political dope it had better close up shop and become a reactionary republican party.

It would be useless for us to combat such assertions as the writer makes by saying that the Outlook has no candidate for state master; neither does it believe that Mr. Spence is loyal to the state or even the order, although it is a fact that the State Grange did endorse the league and invited it to Oregon. But the league was invited by Mr. Spence, not the rank and file of the Grange, who are now rising in opposition to the movement after becoming more fully informed as to its disloyal policies and the seditious practices of its leaders.

A great deal more might be said, but with the Grange at last awake to its danger, and with the prospect that it will redeem itself at the coming session in June by repudiating the league, there is no further call for a controversy that can only be settled by the voters at the polls.

A California paper thinks that German agents have been sent into the Eldorado state to injure the wine industry. No doubt the proper officers will be on the lookout for them, but it wouldn't surprise us to learn that they are Oregon bootleggers looking for something to ship into Oregon.

A burglar in Portland got two liberty bonds. Now if the courts will just arrange to impose a life sentence on the fellow mean enough to steal such bonds it will make thieves more discriminating about the plunder they take.

Five million American soldiers abroad will make a pretty big dent in the male population of our country, but it will make a hole clean through the camouflage of German Kultur.

There ought to be a national law prohibiting a man from saying that he feels "fine and dandy."



If the bond buyer could only be at the front to see where the shots he buys hit, he would probably take another one or two just for the satisfaction he would get. Our boys are going to make everyone a bullseye.

We observe that the Kaiser in odd moments is picking out kingdoms for his various sons to rule. Perhaps he is saving the job of Viceroy of Hades for himself. The devil might just as well pack his grip.

Hindenburg's wound, provided he was near enough to the front to get one, indicates that the old bird has lost the Hohenzollern horse shoe.

The fellow who falls or refuses to make a war garden escapes the ache in his back, but just think of how his conscience must hurt him.

Having struck a church and a founding asylum, the German long range gun will probably be decorated with the iron cross.

An American whose patriotism isn't equal to corn bread ought to join the Kaiser and be done with it.

The glorious days of greens are here, with radishes, lettuce and young onions in the offing.

Criminals being conscripted by Hindenburg will learn some new tricks in the boche army.

It's the idle talk that makes business hum for the Hun spy.

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The Brewers' Journal says: Whatever little news the autocratic governments of Germany and Austria reluctantly permit to be published in regard to the pitiable economic conditions of the inhabitants of their respective countries certainly does not show any improvement of the German and Austrian brewing industry. The outlook is decidedly gloomy. Of the thousands of small breweries which have been closed, many will never be opened, as their business has been totally destroyed. Others will be used for manufacturing anything but beer. Of late the government has commandeered a number of breweries and converted them into meat packing plants and other facilities urgently required for the production of food for the starving population and the needs of the army.

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