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OLD METHODS OUTGROWN.

CRITICISM of Joshua Patterson is not directed against him as an individual, as a citizen, but as a county commissioner. The matter of selecting a successor is a business proposition, not governed by personal friendship or enmity—but by and for the common good.
Joshua Patterson the man, his purity and worth, admirable though he may be, is not an issue, but Joshua Patterson, the public official is. His official capacity is measured by his record, and proper subject for public criticism.
In its campaign for a new and better order of affairs, the Mail Tribune is moved by no personal malice or animosity, no hope of reward, present or future, save serving the better interests of the county, its development and progress. It has ever stood for progressive policies, and therefore opposes the election of Joshua Patterson, who, defeated in the primaries of his own party, seeks re-election to a third term as an independent.

We are told that Commissioner Patterson is responsible for all the good roads in the county; that before his election the principal highways were "bottomless pits," yet as long as fourteen years ago, Judge Crowell was elected county judge upon a good roads platform and one of his campaign slogans was to build as good highways as his predecessor, Judge Neil, had built bridges.
Two years ago all the credit for good roads was given to George W. Dunn, then county judge, instead of Mr. Patterson. The people showed what they thought of Judge Dunn's roads by defeating him and electing Judge Neil, in the hope of securing a change in methods. But Commissioners Patterson and Owens combined against Judge Neil, overruled him on every point, made him practically a cipher, and continued the old repudiated methods of road building.
Jackson county is spending close to \$100,000 for improved highways this year. Last year over \$79,000 was spent. During Mr. Patterson's eight years' incumbency, probably the amount of money spent on highways totals approximately half a million dollars. Surely this sum of money

ought to make a creditable system of roads. The question is, are the results commensurate with the expenditures?
Spending half a million dollars on highways ought to give a man a fair education in road building, though it has proved an expensive education for the taxpayers. Yet the same system and the same methods are used today that were used then, and we have the word of the expert of the United States department of Good Roads that "very little progress has been made in good road building in Jackson county, and the need of skilled supervision is very apparent."

The truth of the matter is that we have very few good roads, none properly built; that our best roads are mere makeshifts and must be rebuilt frequently; that we have no system of resurfacing or caring for roads once constructed, and which, neglected, soon become almost impassable for roughness.
Compared with the roads of ten or twenty years ago, present roads might be called good. But with this large amount of money spent on them, there ought to be some improvement. The comparison should not be with the past, when we had no roads, but with other places, that with no greater expenditure, have real roads. Jackson county will yearly expend large sums on road building, and ought to get better results than it has in the past.

Mr. Patterson may have good intentions, but we are told that hell, not highways, is paved with such material. Scientific and permanent road construction should supplant the present unscientific and temporary system.
Jackson county has outgrown the Patterson roads, just as it has outgrown the bottomless highways of Judge Crowell's regime.

VOTE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

ALL believers in progressive education should vote yes on the question of creating a high school fund for Jackson county. The number on the official ballot is No. 81—Yes—for county high school fund.
It is not a matter of creating one or more central high schools at

county expense, but it makes it possible to have a high school at any place in the county where twelve or fifteen pupils who have passed the grades of the common schools can be brought together, thus making high schools possible in the small as well as in the large centers of population. The law provides that any number of districts may unite for high school purposes and draw upon the county fund.

It is to the interest of every citizen of Jackson county to vote for the better educational facilities provided by this bill, which places all the vast undeveloped resources of the county behind every high school and relieves the heavy burden of the special district tax.

JAPANESE FLEET TO VISIT COAST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 29.—Officers and men of the Japanese fleet that will arrive in Southern California waters November 24 will be entertained with a real aviation meet on the Playa Del Rey motor-drome. It was announced today that the Aero club of California will undertake to stage the affair. It has been proposed to make the meeting open to Northern California aviators and extend invitations to them to compete for the prizes that will be offered.
Details will be decided at the next meeting of the Aero club.
Haskins for health.

SPOKANE RATES MAY BE LOWER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The famous Spokane rate case may result in lower rates to Spokane than the rates tentatively fixed by the interstate commerce commission last June.
It is reported that Interstate Commissioner Prouty has broadly declared that the commission may take such unexpected action when it ultimately decides the case.
Prouty is quoted as having said that the tentative rate was fixed at 135 per cent of coast terminal rates and this, on its face, would appear to be contrary to the long and short haul clause of the interstate bill as passed at the last congressional session.

COMMUNICATIONS.

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 28, 1910.—To the Editor: Your pen seems to be dipped in gall, but in your heart, I feel certain that you must respect the honest, upright citizen whom you assail.
You are making Commissioner Patterson about the condition of the Central Point bridge. Your good friend, Judge Neil, built that bridge during his former term as county judge; and it has been an expense to the county ever since. I succeeded Mr. Neil as judge, and I tried to protect it to keep it from falling down, even in its youth. For eight years Mr. Patterson has nursed that bridge to keep it standing, and now you condemn the officer who has labored to keep it from falling, and you condemn the officer who built it.
Your criticism of Patterson about that bridge is in harmony with all your other criticisms of that gentleman, mistaken and unjust. But you have only resided three years in Jackson county; you know nothing of the former bottomless condition of its principal roads. Still, it would seem that you might have learned a little of our former conditions, if you had really cared to know them. But the exact truth is that Commissioner Patterson has built all the good roads in the county. He has made our main highways that before his time as a county official were winter sloughs and wallows, traversable at all seasons of the year. And for his services he is entitled to public gratitude instead of editorial reproach.
Those citizens who have, like myself, resided ten or twenty years in Jackson county, can truthfully say that Joshua Patterson has been the best and hardest working commissioner that this county has ever had. That he merits unstinted praise where you have given him only constant and unfair criticism. If ever an official of this county merited the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," that man is Joshua Patterson, who is now, by reason of the request of his fellow citizens, an independent candidate for commissioner.
Mr. Patterson ought to be unanimously re-elected. He merits it. And the public need him for his experience, his economy and integrity. A vote against Patterson, in November, is a vote to secure a faithful public servant; it is a vote to condemn official integrity and capacity; it is a vote to condemn expenditure and exact inexperience; it is a vote of approval for the Tribune's unkind and unmerited criticisms; it is a vote to besmirch one of the purest, worthiest and most conscientious public servants that Jackson county has ever had. Such votes and criticisms like yours are warnings to a public officer who is a commissioner, whose whole life, like Joshua Patterson's, has always been along the line of right doing and upright living, not to expect much commendation from the good, but rather erratic Mr. Putnam of the Medford Daily Tribune.
Plain, hard-working, honest old Josh. Patterson; you are good stuff. And no amount of mad or misrepresentation can make the public believe a man to be unworthy or incapable whose whole life has been, like yours, cast in the divine mould of integrity.
WILLIAM S. CROWELL.

BLACKBURN FACES BRIBERY CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—Dr. D. E. Blackburn, a former supervisor of San Mateo, will be arrested on a warrant sworn out in the superior court on bribery charges here this afternoon.
The warrant was sworn to by R. W. Barnett, bond and warrant clerk of San Francisco. It charged that Blackburn, as a member of the San Mateo county supervisors, called on Charles Marshall, agent for the H. Crocker company, and informed him that unless a sum of money was paid he would not vote for the Crocker company when the contract for furnishing the courthouse at Redwood City was voted upon. It is alleged that he demanded a fee of \$853 for his vote. It is also alleged that this sum was paid him.
The warrant has been given to the police and will be served at once. Bail has been fixed at \$5000.

BERNHARDT AGAIN IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Kissing the captain and several of the crew goodbye and waving friends to traveling companions, Sarah Bernhardt arrived in New York today on the liner La Provence. It took her half an hour to declare her dutiable goods and be released by the customs officials.
The Joan of Arc league of suffragettes met Madame Bernhardt in a body and showed her path with chrysanthemums as she walked up the gangplank onto the dock, but were snubbed for their gains by the great actress.
"I've got along all right with the wit and wisdom that God gave me without the suffrage," said Bernhardt.
"The Divine Sarah" said she believed in suffrage, but not in suffragettes.
The actress left at once for Chicago, where she will open her American engagement.

OREGON FARMERS WIN AT FOOTBALL

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 28.—The Oregon agricultural college won from the Washington state college this afternoon on the Vaughn street grounds by a score of 3 to 0.

Opening Up Late Sale

Don't Miss These Splendid Values

On account of being compelled to open up late in the season, we find that we have more of some lines than we should have at this time of the year. In order to reduce these lines, we are offering some very attractive prices—see the descriptions below.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE ANY TIME YOU ARE DOWN TOWN.

\$7.50 Waists \$5.00

We have a big line of Silk Waists, popular colors and black; all newest styles; these usually sell at from \$6.50 to \$7.50; on account of late opening..... **\$5.00**

Many other newest models in Shirt Waists that are worth from one-fourth to one-third more than we ask for them; late opening makes the prices up **\$7.50** from.....

\$8.50 Skirts \$5.95

The newest fall styles in Chiffon Panama and fancy Suit in Skirts, including the new modified hobble effect; full line of colors; would regularly sell at **\$5.95** \$7.50 and \$8.50. Opening Up Late Sale.....

Others specially priced at **\$7.50, \$10.00** and easy stages up to **\$22.50**.

SWELL NEW LINE OF FURNISHINGS

A new, nobby line of Handbags, Belts, Combs, Jewelry, etc., just opened up and placed on sale at most attractive prices.

TAILORED SUITS, SPECIALLY PRICED, \$25.00

Handsome braided models in broadcloth; pretty tweed Suits; would regularly sell at \$29.50 to **\$25.00** \$32.50. Opening Up Late Sale.....

A very strong feature of our Suits is the exclusive styles. Just one of a model in all our higher priced suits. We also save you from \$5.00 to \$15.00 on account of opening up late.

\$7.50 Petticoats \$4.95

A heavy rustling Persian and Dresden Silk Petticoat; cut full in every particular; best of tailoring; regularly worth \$6.50 to \$7.50; all shades; at..... **\$4.95**



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