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HONOR MEN AND THEIR WORK.

PETITIONS are in circulation, probably inspired by political motives, asking the county court to abolish the convict camp on the Crater Lake highway, on the grounds of economy. It is probable that a majority of those who sign do not understand the situation, or the motives of those originating the move.

According to printed figures, the county is paying for this labor about 75 cents a day, 25 cents per man in wages, 41 cents in food, 9 cents in clothing. The county paid last summer \$2,500 a day for labor, and Foreman John Grieve is authority for the statement that as high an average of efficiency per man has been and is being secured from the honor men as was secured from the free men.

The camp was established the latter part of October and the first of November. The cost of initial buildings and supplies has all been charged against the camp, so that every day the men are employed lowers the average of cost. Most unfavorable weather conditions have been encountered. Roads have been impassable. Snow has blanketed the ground. Storms have rendered it impossible to labor—all of which has increased the cost for work secured.

In other words, the camp has not had a fair trial as yet. All work done has been at a disadvantage. Cost of securing supplies has been abnormal. The weather has been a severe handicap—and yet excellent results have been secured.

The county, having paid the initial expense, should continue the camp during the good weather in order to get back the money already invested in lower cost per diem and greater progress of work. A season is now at hand when far greater results can be secured for the money than has been possible in the past—and the experiment will not be complete until a few months of workable weather have been experienced to balance the winter's inclemency.

The camp was established as an experiment—to demonstrate the practicability of the honor system in Governor West's prison reform policy. No other county in the state was willing to try the experiment, not even Marion, where the prison is located. As a consequence, Jackson county received a great deal of free advertising and is still receiving it.

The success of the camp—for it has been a success—has demonstrated not only the most humane and practical way of handling prisoners, but has thereby immensely benefited humanity. It has called attention to the fact that there is honor in every penitentiary and that decent treatment brings a response.

Now that Jackson county has made a success of the honor camp, ten counties have made application for honor men, and the demand greatly exceeds the supply. The men will not be left a minute, if the county court does not want them, but as a business proposition they should remain now for good weather.

It is probable that the most advantageous way of handling the honor men in winter time is in quarries, where they can work rain or shine in getting out road material, and another year will find such a course adopted throughout the state.

There exists in every county, even in Jackson county, individuals who never get busy except to stop some one else from doing something. They never circulate petitions except to undo and never sign petitions except to prevent some one else from accomplishing something. They tear down and never create. They never originate but waste their energies in trying to check others.

This class objects to most forms of progress. One never sees them circulating petitions for subscriptions to upbuild the community. If they would spend one half the time in creation that they spend in demolition, one half the energy in cooperative development work that they spend in cooperative knocking, Jackson county would have twice its population today.

A HINT TO THE WISE.

ATTENTION is called to the communication of a farmer published elsewhere. It is one of many of similar note. This complaint must be based upon more or less of a foundation of fact, for it is widespread. It is injuring the commerce of the city.

It is the merchants' first duty to see that merchandise can be bought as cheaply in Medford as elsewhere. If it cannot be, Medford cannot hope to hold the trade. The merchant who seeks exorbitant profits not only injures the community, but cuts his own throat, just as the landlord who demands unreasonable rentals is eventually rewarded with vacant buildings.

Merchandise is sold at reasonable prices in most Medford establishments, at prices that compare favorably with those of other cities. In some lines, however, there is complaint, regarding some individuals, with the result that the stores in adjacent towns handling the same lines have profited at the expense of Medford stores.

It has long been alleged that combination and trusts exist in certain lines here. No particular objection can be found with such combinations, which are economic necessities, provided they share the benefits derived thereby with the public. The trust that cheapens the cost of products to the consumer justifies its existence. The trust that exists simply for selfish profits made by increasing cost to the consumer is unjustifiable and doomed to failure. The successful trust has ever been the one that divided the profits with the public.

"Farmer" asks why some Medford grocers buy California products instead of Oregon vegetables. The Mail Tribune is unable to answer. The grocer should certainly practice what he preaches, patronize home industry. It is to remedy the existing condition of affairs, to provide the farmer with a home market for his produce that The Mail Tribune has so long agitated the public market, and that the city council is to establish such an institution.

There should be a concerted effort among Medford merchants, most of whom are alive and progressive, to see

that local stores meet all competition in the valley and do not charge too much, for trade always follows the flag of reasonable prices.

WOMAN CUT UP BY HATCHET

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21.—Chopped into an unrecognizable mass Miss Anna Miller, 32, was found in the kitchen of her home here today. A hatchet was found nearby. The police believe Miss Miller was murdered by a maniac.

The woman's body was covered with gashes and the skull was split open, exposing the brain. She is dying in the Emergency hospital.

The kitchen of the Miller home was splattered with blood, showing that a desperate struggle had occurred. Albert Koehler, cousin of Mrs. Miller, is being sought by the police.

AMERICANS DESERTING MEXICAN WEST COAST

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 21.—American refugees arriving here today on the steamer Benito Juarez, from Mexico, report that Americans are deserting the west coast as fast as possible. They say there are no Americans in the vicinity of Mazatlan and other Mexican cities, and that they are fleeing for safety to the United States.

POLITICAL CARDS

(Paid Advertisement.) County Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I promise the people of Jackson county that in case of my nomination and election I will fulfill the duties of the office according to law and the best of my knowledge and ability.

W. H. MILLER, Gold Hill, Ore., Feb. 16, 1912.

County Recorder.

I am a candidate for a second term for the office of County Recorder on the Republican ticket, subject to the coming primary.

I have conducted the office to the best of my ability, the books are always open for inspection and feel that I am entitled to a second term.

FRED L. COLVIG.

For Sheriff.

I announce myself as a candidate for sheriff, promising a continuance of the businesslike administration I have given the office in the past.

W. A. JONES.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney for the first prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, embracing the counties of Jackson and Josephine, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries, and I pledge the people of Jackson and Josephine counties that in the event of my nomination and election I will fearlessly, impartially and to the best of my ability prosecute all violations of law in said district and endeavor to administer the duties of said office with the utmost efficiency and economy.

E. E. KELLY.

For Representative.

I respectfully present my name as a candidate for representative to the republican voters at the coming primary. I have been once honored by the people of Jackson county, having been chosen to represent them in the state assembly two years ago. If nominated and elected, I shall do in the future as I have in the past: give to my constituents as honest and faithful service as lies within my power. I realize that there are matters of importance to southern Oregon that will come up in the next meeting of the legislature at Salem, and it will be my earnest desire if elected to act to the fullest satisfaction of all the people of Jackson county.

J. A. WESTERLUND.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of county commissioner for the four year term, subject to the endorsement of the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

If nominated and elected I will during my term of office conduct the business of Jackson county on a strictly business basis, and to the best interests of the taxpayers, and without fear or favor to any party, parties or to any particular section of the county.

W. C. LEEVER.

For Sheriff.

I respectfully present my name to the republican voters as candidate for sheriff of Jackson county at the

coming primaries. I have served two terms as constable of Medford district, and if nominated and elected I shall serve the people in the future as in the past.

AUG. D. SINGLER.

For County Judge.

I am a candidate for the nomination of county judge of Jackson county to be determined by the will of the voters at the primaries April 19, 1912. If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office, as soon as lawful authority of the voters can be secured, bond the county and begin the construction of a scientific system of permanent roads. One million and a half dollars is not too much for this purpose. But a dollar's value must be had for every dollar spent. I will oppose increasing the county's warrant indebtedness and will endeavor to reduce the same and restore the county's credit. I will assume full responsibility for a business administration of every county office.

F. E. MERRICK.

For Assessor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for a second term for county assessor, subject to the republican primaries, April 19, 1912, and promise if nominated and elected to do my duty in the future as I have in the past.

W. T. GRIEVE.

County Recorder.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county recorder, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I was born and raised at Eagle Point, Ore. I have for the past two years been deputy in the assessor's office and all I ask the people to do is to look up my character and past record before casting their ballots.

CHAUNCEY FLOREY.

County Clerk.

I announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the primaries April 19, 1912.

N. L. NARREGAN.

WELL FOR TALENT WATER SYSTEM.

Talent, Oregon, March 12, 1912. Sealed proposals addressed to Jay Terrill, Recorder, Talent, Oregon, marked "Well Bids" will be received until 8 p. m. April 22, 1912, for furnishing material and excavating, curbing and performing other work for well for the Talent, Oregon, water system.

Bids will be received for circular wells twelve and twenty feet in diameter (only one of which will be excavated) and curbed with concrete and concrete blocks, and with two tunnels, if necessary to secure an adequate water supply.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Recorder's office or at the office of T. L. Stewart, engineer, or may be secured from the Recorder by making a deposit of ten dollars. A cashier's check for 5 per cent of the amount of bid must be sent with bid.

This right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid for the whole or for any portion of the work.

W. H. BREESE.

T. L. STEWART, Mayor, Engineer.

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15 North Fir

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Houses to rent in all parts of the city.

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TO THE PUBLIC:

Unless you find this attraction one of the best ever seen in Medford, your money will be refunded upon application at the box office after the performance.

W. T. York & Co.

INDICTED FOR STEALING CATTLE

The county grand jury today returned indictments against John McKee, Andrew Kaufman and Wilbur Kaufman for stealing cattle in the Butte Falls district.

These men were arrested some time ago charged with stealing cattle. They were bound over at that time to await action by the grand jury. They will be tried next week.

CARKIN IS IN RACE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

John H. Carkin of the law firm of Carkin & Taylor has announced his candidacy for the state legislature on the republican ticket. At present he is unopposed, although J. E. Enyart may enter the race. J. A. Westerlund is already in the field for reelection.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor: I see in your valuable paper under date of the 15th inst. an article entitled "Buy at Home." You say in that article that you cannot see why people don't buy at home. I can tell you why I send off for things that I could buy in Medford. It is because I cannot sell my products in Medford and as I can save money on some things by sending away for them, I do it.

Now, I want to ask one question and would like to see it answered in your paper. Why do the dealers in Medford send to California for garden truck when it can be bought in Medford from the farmers? Now they may say that they don't do that, but they do, for I have hauled nice garden truck to Medford, and could not sell it, when the dealers were buying from California.

I took some nice onions, beets, carrots, parsnips and turnips to Medford not long ago. I stopped at a store, went in and told the dealer what I had. He took some turnips. I called his attention to the onions. He said he could not use them. I had occasion to stay there a few minutes. While I was there, he telephoned to the commission company and had some onions sent up. I looked them over, and I had as good or better onions than he got.

Now why did he buy the turnips? Because the commission company did not have them. Last spring I was hauling garden truck to Medford. I saw California lettuce selling for 10 cents the head. I offered to furnish the same house with lettuce as nice and fresher for 30 cents per dozen. He would not buy. Why, is it possible that the dealer was getting that lettuce for less than 30 cents? If so, why did he charge 10 cents per head for it?

I went into one of the commission houses. They had just unloaded a car of cabbage. I asked him where he got so many nice cabbages. He said California. I asked him if he could not buy from the local farmers. He said he did not know. I said I had two neighbors who had acres of cabbage they couldn't sell at any price. I saw a man on the streets that day with several sacks of nice cabbage. He said he had been to every store in town but could not get an offer on his cabbage. My neighbors' crop stood in the field and spoiled.

I have had \$100 worth of garden truck rot this winter, could not sell at any price. Still Medford has shipped in several carloads. Why? If the dealer will buy my truck in preference to California truck, then I will buy from him.

FARMER.

Central Point, March 18.