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Rogue River pears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor: I saw in the March 21 issue of the Mail Tribune an editorial regarding the honor system as it is established in Jackson County.

And you, Mr. Editor, are not charitable enough to give the petitioners credit for having the welfare of the community at heart in so doing.

But attribute it to political motives which may be true. However, we are too prone to judge others by our own standard. And it is awful hard for the commercialized world to conceive of anyone starting a movement for the common good without an ulterior motive.

It seems strange to me that we have in our community such a large number of business men who are so utterly oblivious to everything else but the getting of the most labor for the least possible cost, and seem to forget the most obvious fact which is that the welfare of a country depends upon the prosperity of the working class.

Who (you will certainly agree with me here) produce all the wealth, and who (you will also agree) get a very small share of their product, as well as a very small consideration from the ones who eternally prey upon them.

And right here I would like to ask, how long do you expect the workers are going to put up with such treatment as has been accorded in the recent past, such as working convicts in preference to free men, thereby placing a premium on crime? For thousands of our unemployed have looked upon the jobs held by the convicts with envious eyes.

Your very respectfully, D. C. WHITE. Medford, March 22.

JOHNSON WILL OPPOSE HANNA

J. N. Johnson, a young attorney of Grants Pass filed Monday for the republican nomination for district attorney, and will oppose H. K. Hanna at the primaries.

District Attorney Mulkey has withdrawn from the race to devote his time to private practice. Two candidates for assessor and the same number for county coroner were announced Saturday afternoon.

J. C. Stockman of this city has filed his intentions for county surveyor, subject to the primaries, as a republican.

MUCK-RAKERS REBUKED.

WE FIND that the county court has expended much money for public roads and bridges and is now heavily in debt. It might be open to criticism but in no moral sense. Such expenditures were in response to widespread public demand for improved highways.

The report of the grand jury effectually disposes of the rumors of graft in the county court so industriously spread by the muckraking village press of Jackson county in its frantic efforts to elect George W. Dunn county judge again.

It seems a shame that there is no redress for officials who have faithfully served their constituents, for having been so viciously assailed by innuendo and misrepresentation, mudslinging and bat throwing.

When our new Ashland bosses planned their campaign, it was evidently decided that the first step in the program was to blaeken the name of the county court, the roadmaster and all others connected with road building operations. The suspicion of graft, which they so brazenly insinuated, combined with depreciation of county warrants brought about by warrant shavers, and the high taxes, which Jackson county, along with all other counties in the state, is suffering from, offered the opportunity for a return to the stagnation of the Dunn regime, they figured. On these lines have they campaigned.

The Mail Tribune is no apologist for loose methods in public affairs. It has clamored for years for the installation of modern business methods. It has never defended or championed graft in any form. It stands for a square deal—and the village press, for political reasons, has not been giving the county court a square deal.

The grand jury's findings are rather a tame end for so much mud-slinging. They show clearly that the village press—the two Ashland and the Gold Hill papers, come under Webster's definition of a muckraker, one who seeks for, exposes, or charges, habitually, corruption, real or alleged, on the part of public men and corporations.

SOCIALISTS WASTING ENERGY.

NO ONE who has examined the subject can see any harm in the Boy Scout movement. On the contrary there are many things to recommend it. It teaches orderliness, cleanliness and discipline, provides healthful mental and physical training and keeps the young idea out of mischief.

With all the real wrongs there are to right in this world of ours, with all the injustice and oppression, all the inequality of opportunity, Socialists waste their energies and make themselves ridiculous when they attack this innocent form of boyhood diversion.

The Boy Scouts are not so much needed in the small town, where youth have easy access to the green fields and wooded hills, as they are in the great cities, where the slums are producing a stunted, half-developed, abnormal degenerate race, a sorry satire upon civilization. To the half-baked youth of the festering, sweltering slum, the Boy Scout movement is indeed a Godsend.

In another column will be found a communication from a Socialist protesting the employment of prison labor on roads, thus supporting the petition circulated for political purposes to discontinue the work in Jackson county and abolish Westville. The writer says that working convicts upon highways is a detriment to the working class.

What are we going to do with convicts? Continue the old system of contract work, whereby their product comes into direct competition with that of free workmen? Shut them up and keep them idle—a burden to the taxpayers and themselves? Or work them upon highways where the communities benefited by the construction are also benefited by furnishing supplies—almost the sole expense?

Out of a thousand dollars a month that the Honor camp costs, less than one-seventh goes to the men as payroll—and it nearly all goes for tobacco and supplies. So practically all the money spent in maintaining the camp remains in circulation in the county. The work is done far cheaper to the taxpayer than it could be otherwise—in short, for the same amount of money less than a fifth of the work would be accomplished.

The plan of working honor men upon roads, in preference to contracting their labor or employing them in factory work at the prison, has the endorsement of the state labor organizations and of every one that has made a study of the prison problem.

One wishes the Socialists would do something besides knock—that they would originate something besides protest—that they would justify their existence and claims for the advancement of humanity by something besides opposition to anything and everything others are attempting, that in brief they become constructive rather than destructive.

Only those make no mistakes who do nothing—but the Socialists do nothing and still make mistakes.

ADVERTISERS GATHER IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 25.—More than sixty well-known advertising men from all parts of the United States, members of the Poster Advertising association, are looking over San Francisco today as the guests of the Advertising Association of San Francisco. The party has just arrived from Portland, where the convention of the association ended a few days ago. The visitors will leave tomorrow morning for Los Angeles. The program for the entertainment here included an inspection of the exposition site.

JAPANESE EXPLORERS MISSED CAPTAIN SCOTT

WELLINGTON, N. Z., March 25.—Nothing was seen of the British South Polar expedition of Captain Scott by the Japanese Antarctic expedition, which is here on its return today. The Japanese were engaged chiefly in coastal explorations in King Edwardland. "Railroad Justice" for Fiend 25.—"Railroad Justice" today was meted out to George Parry, a judge having sentenced him to serve sixty-one years in prison one day after his arrest for mistreating Lydia Alundst, an 11-year-old girl.

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.

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. 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 Prosecuting Attorney. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination 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.

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 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 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 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 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 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. For Representative. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination as one of the two representatives to the assembly for Jackson county, to be chosen by the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

My two interests—the ranch at Central Point and law practice—having brought me in touch with conditions confronting both the farmer and the business man, in consenting to make the race for the nomination for representative, I wish to state that I am in favor of well built highways, constructed along economical and scientific lines. I favor such laws as will enable our orchardists to protect and care for their orchards in the best possible manner.

I believe in such legislation as will protect and safeguard all the interests of the people in matters of taxation, railroad rates and efficient public service. And if nominated and elected, I will give to each taxpayer honest, efficient and businesslike service.

JOHN H. CARKIN. Prosecuting Attorney. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney for the first prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, comprising the counties of Jackson and Josephine, subject to the will of the republican voters at the primaries.

If nominated and elected I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office, honestly, impartially, economically and to the best of my ability.

H. K. HANNA. Jacksonville, Ore., March 14, 1912.

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