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JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad Brown

Give me an ax and a spade and a pan And a bill that looks good to a mining man.

All I ask of you, And I'm off again on the old, old trail That points to wealth if the leads don't fail.

As they often do, I'm a mining man as has rocked a pan From Alaska down to the Rio Gran'.

And I always say Athat I know in my heart 'fore I grow old I'll be rich as a king with the very gold

That I find some day, My pack is full and I know my way, So I'm off again at the break of day

To a whistled tune; For I know that riches are coming to me Before I am withered and bent of knee

And that'll be soon.

A Learned Suggestion

Dear J. & J.—Portland wished to curb the soapbox orators. Now my idea is to enjoin grocers from selling, giving, or allowing to go out of their possession any and all empty soapboxes.

Does the idea appeal?—Prof. I. N. Sane.

Portland physicians are against the roller towels. We used to know a farmer's wife who had a storage battery addition to her roller towel.

The editor of the paper who helped start the riot at Rock Island is named Looney. A lot of us know who's Looney now.

Spring has come, people are digging garden, painting fences, and cleaning houses. Our United States senate has applied its annual coat of whitewash to Senator Lorimer.

They say old Dunn has it doped he's won already before the race has begun, and then again, some others maintain he is running as fast as Barnum's train.

Moral Support.

"I'm strong for Bob La Follette," A fellow said today, "And when the votes are counted I hope they go his way.

You bet I'll fight for Robert From the drop of the hat, But I'll have to vote for Wilson For I'm a democrat."

COMMUNICATION.

To the editor: Dear Sir—In your issue of the 22nd inst. your Eagle Point correspondent records among his list of "remarkable incidents," one which never occurred.

We are made to appear as an oppressor of innocent maids and as setting ourselves up as dictator in educational matters.

The facts are: A lady came here to apply for our school, having sent word she was coming. We met her, took her home with us, entertained her over night and took her back the next day.

We questioned her as to her training and experience and ability to teach.

She was a stranger in the state, never having taught or taken an examination in the state and had no certificate valid in this state. We called up Superintendent Wells by phone and he said he would grant her a permit, till next examination.

We found she had both a university and normal training. The school board had left the hiring of a teacher entirely with me, with instructions to engage a competent teacher. We pay wages above the average, to secure what we want.

Why remarkable that we should desire to see, and talk with a person to whose care we are to entrust the training of the minds of our children? We are through engaging teachers who have nothing to recommend them.

Because a person can pass the required examination, he is not necessarily fitted to teach. We have no schools to properly train teachers for this work.

We supposed we were doing our duty carefully and guarding interests of the people whom we serve. Should this be held up as remarkable? Better try again.

Very truly, M. H. CUSICK.

THE GALL STONE SCRAMBLE.

WHAT kind of a bug is it that induces the impossible, incapable, unfit and misfit to run for office? The direct primary, in its initial stages at any rate, seems productive of bringing out many candidates who have no other qualification than an o'erleaping egotism, an exaggerated head and an abnormal enlargement of gall glands.

Mental weaklings grotesquely imagine themselves leaders of men and pigmies see themselves reflected as supermen in the mirrors of their imagination.

The unknown do little or nothing feels himself inspired to leap from nowhere into the spotlight and for a few fleeting minutes he struts and poses till an unkind fate kicks him back into the impenetrable obscurity from whence he came.

Under the old caucus and boss system, these aspirations from oblivion were usually squelched stillborn, unless circumstances justified their use as tools of corruption. Under the new order, there is nothing to prevent any human jackass from running for anything in the public service from coroner to United States senator—and you will find them braying for all the offices.

Most of these ferocious egotists get the peacock feathers pulled in the primary election—but some manage to slip into office, just as some got in under the old regime.

Power is a new thing to the people. Only recently have they been permitted a voice in the naming of candidates. The candidates were named for them and they were permitted to vote for a choice between those selected by the bosses.

Kept divided by party labels, the people voted blindly according to label—regardless of the individual or his principles—and really it made little difference for the candidates of both parties were usually selected by the same boss.

Everything possible has been done by the old leaders to undermine and discredit the new system. Those better fitted for office have been influenced or scared out of participation. The old guard has repeatedly worked for the unfit in order to undermine the system and secure by reaction a return to power.

However, these things will adjust themselves in the course of a few years. A better type of citizenship will be developed and as the judgment of the majority is nearer right than the judgment of a few self-interested, a better type of candidate will be evolved.

New conditions develop new leaders. As the people study government by participation in it, as they learn judgment by experience, it will be far harder for the inflated human gall stone to secure public office by fooling them—and it will be impossible for corruption to place willing tools in the seats of the mighty.

SPRING—EAST AND HERE.

A ST. LOUIS newspaper of March 21 contains an account of the coming of spring in the middle west and eastern states that makes one glad that he lives in the Rogue River valley, where spring is on to her job and long ago ceased to linger in the lap of winter.

This is the first day of spring. The sun entered Aries last night at 6:29 o'clock.

"A blinding storm of snow and sleet marked the change in the North Central states yesterday and last night. Disaster was heaped upon transportation facilities and communication service.

"Half a hundred cities were shut off from communication with the rest of the world when miles of telegraph and telephone poles were blown down or wires were covered with ice until broken. It appears that March, coming in like a lion, will go out the same way.

"Steam and electric railroads, urban and interurban, were brought to a standstill in the territory affected by the storm. In several instances trains were snowbound. Snow again is falling tonight and every effort will be made to prevent another blockade. The indications, however, are for a heavy all-night snow."

In the Rogue River valley the hills are green with the soft verdure of spring. Wild flowers spill their fragile fragrance, carpeting the earth in many colors. The rank perfume of the blossom laden orchard is wafted by gentle winds. Whistle of meadow larks and melody of robins usher in the joyous day as the sun showers the hills with gold.

THREE COUGARS BAGGED ONE DAY

Ben Lewis who resides in the Bay Butte district has probably won the hunting honors of the season. On Wednesday of this week, he killed three cougars in one day, all within a radius of two miles of his home.

For some time Mr. Lewis has been bothered by wild animals which attack his stock. Two weeks ago he started on a determined hunt. For several days his efforts were vain, but Wednesday afternoon he succeeded in finding three cougars, each in a different locality, and killing them.

Mr. Lewis was in Medford today with the skins and will seek the state bounty on the animals.

Prayer Meeting to Punish LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 26.—Elmer Burge, Joseph Sanders and Clarence Wheeler, aggregate age 22, tied a cat and a dog together and threw them into a prayer meeting. The adjourned service will be held tonight and the boys must attend as punishment.

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, 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 prosecute all violations of the law and 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.

For Sheriff.

To the Republicans of Jackson county:

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff of Jackson county, Ore., subject to the wishes of the voters of the Republican party, to be expressed at the primary election on April 19th, 1912. In case I should be nominated and elected to the said office, I promise the people of Jackson county a businesslike administration of the office.

EMMETT BEESON.

For Prosecuting Attorney.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination to the office of prosecuting attorney for the first district, Oregon. If I am nominated and elected I shall prosecute all violations of the law, and especially will I prosecute all violations of the liquor laws, and all laws safeguarding the welfare of young manhood and womanhood in this jurisdiction. This I shall do with whatever of strength and ability my six years' experience as a practicing attorney and three years as deputy prosecuting attorney of this district has conferred. Very respectfully,

J. N. JOHNSTON.

County Surveyor.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the above named office, subject to the republican primaries in April. I respectfully refer the electors to my past record as a basis upon which to judge my qualifications for said office.

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