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THE SPITE RECALL

KNOCKERS never created anything except discord, and discord never developed a community. One reason this section does not improve faster is because of the incessant noise made by the pessimists.

If an effort is made to establish an industry, the knocker is there with his hammer to sound the knell. If a man spends a million dollars in building a much-needed irrigation system, obstruction and abuse is his reward.

The narrow and utterly selfish view of the knocker, who will sacrifice the dollars of the future for the eagerly sought pennies of today, who is not broad enough to realize that the prosperity of his neighbor reacts to the community welfare and his own prosperity, has kept and is keeping many a dollar out of the valley and retarding its development.

Small towns make small people—or rather they afford a chance for the small to become prominent. In a large community this class is submerged—and that is one reason why life in a city is more attractive, despite the more beautiful surroundings of the country.

During the boom, when times were prosperous, we heard little from the knocker—but the hard times following gave him his opportunity, and he has been loud and incessant, making up for lost time. Many a man who sold his holdings at exorbitant prices during the boom has retired on his unearned increment to vary his vegetation by variegated knocking efforts at upbuilding.

Several years of persistent calumny, knocking and abuse have culminated in the clandestine effort to recall the entire county court—an effort the sponsors are so ashamed of that they do not dare to appear in the open or to permit the light of publicity to shine upon their charges, refusing the press copies of their petitions for publication—a fact which discredits the effort.

This particular recall is a prostitution of popular government—and some of the most blatant stand-patters are secretly fathering it in an effort to discredit the Oregon system. Had there been malfeasance in office, or any valid cause, it might be justified, although there are other ample remedies at law.

The county court is composed of reputable business men of high standing. All of the members are comparatively well-to-do men and are serving the public from a sense of duty to the public rather than the small remuneration secured thereby. They have made mistakes, of course, everyone does; but they have given a clean and honest business administration, unmarred by scandal. If it had been possible to unearth a single substantiated instance of maladministration it would long ago have been made public.

Public officials are hedged about by so many legal restrictions that their powers are very limited. The salaries of county officials are fixed by law. The manner of handling road funds by the supervisory system is proscribed by the statute. Various expenditures are compulsory—yet the unreasoning place the blame for all these upon the court. And the recall circulators are taking advantage of the industrial depression and hard times to slander the court.

When it is considered that, despite the large delinquency in tax receipts due to hard times, the present county court has not only lived within its income, which its predecessors did not, although handicapped with an inherited warrant indebtedness of over half a million dollars, it has reduced the county's indebtedness over \$100,000, and this despite the loss of \$250,000 revenue from O. & C. railroad grant lands, it shows that charges of waste and extravagance are baseless.

As regards the Pacific highway bond money, this \$200,000 fund has been disbursed under the direction and upon vouchers of the state highway engineer. This was done so as to secure state aid in the future and eventual reimbursement of the county by the state. There is approximately \$100,000 in the treasury. For the money expended, the county can show sixteen miles of paved highway from Central Point to near Ashland, a fifteen-mile grade over the Siskiyou mountains and a graded road from Blackwell Hill to the Josephine county line. This road is superior in pavement and in location work to the famed Columbia highway—and one has only to go over both for proof.

There is due Contractor Sweeney \$35,000 on his contract. He has sued for \$85,000 more, which he is not entitled to. Obviously in a suit of this character the county should be represented by the best local legal talent, and it was out of the question for the prosecuting attorney to leave the county for three months during the trial of the case. Yet this is one of the charges upon which this recall is based.

The recall is not brought in good faith. It is partly political and partly spite. Does any one suppose that if the county court had acceded to Benton Bowers' demand that he be appointed roadmaster that he and his family would be circulating a recall petition? Or, if disgruntled contractors had been awarded contracts sought they would be seeking similar signatures?

If saving the county's funds was the object of the recall, why was it not brought in time to hold the election at the time of the primaries, instead of forcing an extra expense of \$1000 to \$2000 for the election?

No, the recall is simply politics and spite. But its effect will be to disgust reputable citizens with serving the public and close the doors of public office to the class of men who should find them.

At the Churches

St. Mark's Episcopal. Holy communion, 8 a. m. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Holy communion, 11 a. m. Evening prayer, 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. B. Hamilton, Vicar.

Catholic Church. South Oakdale Avenue. First mass Sunday at 8 a. m. Second mass at 10:30 a. m. Benediction after second mass. No evening service. Rev. J. Powers, Rector.

Free Methodist Church. Corner Tenth and Ivy. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Midweek prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Come and worship with us. J. E. Bradley, Pastor.

Seventh Day Adventist Church. North Riverside Avenue. Meet every Sabbath (Saturday). Sabbath school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. Young People's meeting, Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. H. G. Thurston, Pastor.

Methodist Church. Regular services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday as follows: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m., by Dr. Hill. Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Evening service will be in charge of Women's Foreign Missionary society, a special program of interest to all. Special music at all regular services. Dr. J. O. Rollins, Pastor.

Oakdale Avenue Methodist. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject, "The Power of an Endless Life." Evening subject, "True Fellowship." Devotional service at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. H. M. Branham, Pastor.

First Christian Church. Cor. Ninth and South Oakdale. The church with a vital message to which we invite the public. Special music at both services. Preaching services at 10:45. A message of interest to all. Evening, 9 o'clock, special service for young people. Let all come and make it a great service. Sunday school at 9:45 with able teachers to impart the great truths. Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m., in lecture room, meet with the young people. Strangers cordially invited. Harry E. Tucker, minister.

Presbyterian Church. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Church service, 11 a. m. A. A. J. Hodge, of Stockton, Cal., will preach. Subject of morning sermon, "The Dynamics of the Gospel." The musical program will include: Te Deum in E flat—Dudley Buck. Andrews Quartet. Solo, "O Day Those Tears" Del Riego. Mrs. Guy Palmer. Endeavor society, 7 p. m. Evening service, 8 p. m. Mr. Hodge will preach. Subject, "Profit and Loss." The choir will sing, "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates." Rev. Alfred A. J. Hodge, Ph. D., pastor of the First Side Presbyterian church, Stockton, Cal., will conduct both services at the Presbyterian church tomorrow. Morning theme.

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"The Dynamics of the Gospel." Evening, "Profit and Loss." Every member of the church is urged to be present. Rev. Hodge is here by the invitation of the church and presbytery and may locate here later if mutually agreeable. Dr. Hodge is a native of Londonderry, Ireland, coming to the United States in the fall of 1902 to take post graduate studies while Woodrow Wilson was president of Princeton. During his college days he was an athlete of intercollegiate fame. Before going to Stockton he was the successful pastor of the Green Lake Presbyterian church at Seattle, Wash.

First Baptist Church. "A live church with a cordial welcome." 10 a. m., Bible school. Lesson subject, "The Missionaries of Antioch." Acts 11:19-20. 11 a. m., Sermon by Dr. A. A. Witham. Subject, "The Best Culture." Special musical numbers: Violin solo, "Serenade" (Ordia), Charles Root; William Vawter will sing Kipling's "Recessional." 7 p. m., Young People's service. Subject, "The Consecration of Talents." 8 p. m., sermon by Dr. Witham. Subject, "Real Manhood." Dr. Witham is a great preacher and physician. His address at the Rogue River association, Grants Pass, last week, was one of the very best. He is also a graduate of Soursong's college and Yale Divinity School. Reception of new members and celebration of the Lord's Supper at the close of the morning service. Rev. Frederick W. Carstens, Pastor.

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MUSICAL PROGRAM Wood Nymph Colby A Garden Matinee Erind La Boheme Puccini Mona Lisa William James Humoresque Dvorak Can't You Hear Me Callin' Caro Roma Selection from Mañana Butterflies Puccini Mignonette (Rozsa) Erind Cavalieria Rusticana Mascagni Music by Miss Clarke and Mr. Howell.

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EM-TEES

The cribbage game in the back room of Sparta's store at East Corners has been discontinued indefinitely. All Merrill won all the money and then refused to play for I. O. U.'s and give the boys a chance to win some of it back. Oh! he is a sport. All, say we.

Choir practice at the East Branch church was postponed Wednesday night because only one member showed up and the choir couldn't practice a quartet piece without at least three more.

The East Branch ball team beat the team from Higgins' Corner last Saturday. The score was 27 to 100. Ice cream, all pickles, chocolate layer cake at Wigglesworthers.—Adv.

The Higgins' Corners Dramatic club will give "Hamlet," one of the best plays ever written by the well known dramatist, William Shakespeare. It was at first announced that Miss Araminta Buslee would play the part of Hamlet, following the lead of Miss Sarah Bernhardt, another woman who once played the same part. But Miss Buslee decided she wouldn't after somebody showed her a picture of Hamlet's costume.

Bill Quigley says he believes in preparedness, so he has put his children to work in the kitchen. He says he'll be ready if the worst comes to the worst.

There will be a fish dinner at the Higgins' Corners church next Saturday. Plenty of fish cakes for everybody.

ECONOMICAL DISHES

Pudding Casserole. To a quart of pudding add a gallon of water, boil for six hours. Strain it four or five times. Place in the ice box until it cools, then serve hot. A very delicious and delicate dish.

Gumpowder Biscuits. An easy way to serve money on foot is to take a corker and drill holes in the biscuits, then stuff the holes with gumpowder dressing, which is made of nitro-glycerine and gumpowder. Serve, then run. The family won't eat any meals for two or three weeks.

Short Cakes. Mix up a batter as thick and water, then bake in little cakes. Will make an excellent substitute during short of eggs, sugar, butter, vanilla, icing and strawberries.

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COMMUNICATION

To the Editor: Address a number in a candidate for delegate to the 1916 national republican convention.

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Yours very truly, L. H. H. 1916.

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