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THE ONLY STATE ISSUE

**T**HE MAIL TRIBUNE has taken little interest in the primary election, as no vital issue has been involved, and it is merely a choice of personality. The candidates all promise the same before election, and upon personality depends performance.

The people of Oregon do not like machine government. Because of machine-dictation, they smashed the republican machine and elected a democrat governor. The effort now being made to rebuild the republican machine is therefore of interest to all the people. It is the only state issue.

The efforts of the G. O. P. machine are centered upon the defeat of Ben W. Oleott as secretary of state and the election of the reactionary secretary of the state organization, an important machine cog, in his place. The only charge against Mr. Oleott is that he has refused to obey the mandates of the governor when they were against his best judgment. For this independence, the entire energies of the machine, the state officials, the party reactionaries and the partisan press are centered. It is the man vs. the machine.

Even his worst enemies admit that Mr. Oleott is the most efficient secretary of state in the commonwealth's history. In every way he has made good. His business judgment is excellent, his office is systematized and up-to-date, and on the board of control he has voted as his conscience dictates. This, and the fact that he belongs to the progressive wing of the party, instead of the reactionary, constitute his offense. Mr. Oleott, in brief, has refused to make room for the hungry hangers-on of politics and insisted upon employes tending to work instead of playing politics.

Are the republicans of Oregon ready for a return to machine government? If they are not, they will vote for Oleott. Machine government means another democratic governor.

THE FEDERAL ROAD BILL

**A** MEASURE that should command the full support of the people of Oregon is the Bankhead good roads bill, which passed the senate and is now pending in the house, where it was introduced as the Shackleford bill.

The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to be spent in 1917, \$10,000,000 in 1918, \$15,000,000 in 1919, \$20,000,000 in 1920, and \$25,000,000 in 1921 of federal moneys in the construction and improvement of public highways in co-operation with states through their various highway departments.

The money is to be distributed among the states in proportion to the state's rating, one-third in ratio of the state's area, one-third in ratio of population and one-third in ratio which the mileage of rural delivery and star routes in each state bears to the total mileage of all states. Projected road improvements must first be submitted by the states to the secretary of agriculture for approval, and all work must be done under supervision of the state's highway department.

There is also appropriated \$1,000,000 a year—\$10,000,000 in all—to be expended under the supervision of the secretary of agriculture, for roads and trails within or only partly within the national forests, in co-operation with state and county, the aggregate expenditures not to exceed 10 per cent of the value of the timber and forage resources within the counties, the expenditure to be reimbursed from the receipts of the national forest.

It is under this latter provision that the Crater Lake highway and similar roads will be improved.

The measure should receive the hearty indorsement of every one in Jackson county and public officials, commercial bodies and individuals should at once write to the Oregon delegation in the house to do their utmost to secure its passage.

Now that American troops are to leave Mexico, it is said, what was the use of going in?—Oregonian.

Yes, what was the use? Nothing stolen for Rockefeller or Guggenheim, and the slaughter of less than a hundred thousand does not count these strenuous days.

The Oregonian informs us that we never had and never want a business man for president. Correct. The scheme has always been to slip in one of their agents or attorneys as being easier with the right kind of lubricant.

If the Bacon Shakespeare question had been submitted to a judge who thoroughly understood the art of advertising, that decision would have been that Christopher Marlowe wrote the Shakespeare plays.

Senator Cummins denounces the president for his cowardice in the Mexican crisis. Well, why didn't the senator introduce a resolution declaring war on Mexico?

It looks like our army will not be permitted to the established strength unless we can have another can't-get-your-money-out-of-the-bank-Roosevelt party.

POPE INTERCEDES IN SHIPPING BILL TO BE VOTED FRIDAY

LONDON, May 18.—(S. P. Press.) The shipping bill introduced in the house of commons today had its first reading. The bill is the work of the shipping committee of the house of commons. It is a measure of great importance, and is expected to be passed by the house of commons on Friday.

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PRESBYTERIANS IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 18.—The twelfth annual convention of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church opened here today. Feeling engendered over efforts to elect another moderator from the east put spirit into the convention at the start.

In his annual sermon Moderator Stevenson declared that the conflict in Europe was a direct challenge to the church that could not be overlooked, asserting it meant either a triumphant revival of faith or a blighting invasion of unbelief.

He announced that the high water mark in benevolence additions to the church and faith had been reached by the Presbyterian churches of America during the last year.

Dr. Stevenson took a thrust at efforts of a few commissions and boards to interrupt the general forward program of the assembly.

The sermon and communication completed the morning session.

AMERICAN SHOT ACROSS BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., May 18.—An American soldier who crossed the international boundary a mile and a half east of Juarez early today, was shot and killed by Mexican customs guards.

No Promises by A. W. Walker

To the Voters of Jackson County:

Since having returned home to Medford about two weeks ago it has been rumored to some extent, that A. W. Walker, republican candidate for the nomination of sheriff, has promised me the position of chief deputy in case of election. In justice to Mr. Walker I wish to make this statement—he has never in any way promised or mentioned such a thing to me and if he has any such thought in mind I know nothing of it. He has already stated in his campaign that he would not consider friendship alone for any position. I wish further to say to the taxpayers and voters of Jackson county if they want a man in the sheriff's office who will enforce all the laws and do exactly as he agrees to do they cannot do better than give Mr. Walker their support. I have been intimately associated with him in business affairs during the past twelve years, and I have never known him to make a promise or an agreement he did not fulfill. He has never held office in Jackson county and if elected will not have any interest to serve other than the public. He has conducted a good, clean campaign, and the voters owe it to themselves and Jackson county to give him their support.

Yours sincerely,  
 CHAR. P. TALENT,  
 Born and raised in Jackson county.  
 (Paid Adv.)

ARTHUR C. SPENCER



Candidate for Delegate at Large to NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Business himself to faithfully support the people's business. To refrain from attempting to control or influence federal appointments. Primary election May 19, 1916.  
 (Paid Adv.)

York Upon Sheriff's Office

To the Voters

While on the street we often hear the remark in discussing the merits of the different candidates, "he has been in office and we think that he should quit and give some one else a chance," and I have wondered, if they were in business, mercantile or farming, if they would let a trusted employe go in order to give a new man who had no experience in that line of work a chance. It seems to me that if the party in office by efficient work has established a system that does the work at a less rate per cent, he should be entitled to an advance. In other words, the county should adopt the merit system the same as any business man would. Mr. Grieco has been assessor for this county for two terms, and by hard work has brought up the Block System so that now no property escapes assessment, and very seldom is any dispute assessed. He has now a very complete set of present ownership books and plats so that any tax payer can check up his property and see that it is properly assessed. These are things that the people should consider carefully and use the same business judgment that they would in their private affairs.

Mr. Grieco is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Jackson county, and if elected, will systematize the work so that it will be handled at a less expense than it is at the present time.

Paid Adv. by W. T. YORK

NOTICE

Gold Hill, Oregon, May 17, 1916  
 To the Editor of the Ashland Record

In a recent issue of your paper I note a letter of R. C. Hubbard, relative to the testimony in the Martin case of E. W. Wilson, deputy sheriff and candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff. Having been foreman of the jury in the Martin case and having heard all the testimony given of that trial, I desire to state to the people of Jackson county that the evidence given by Wilson was no more material in the case of our verdict than that given by other witnesses.

I am in no wise interested in Mr. Wilson's campaign, but feel that Mr. Hubbard's letter was published wholly for political purposes and to injure Mr. Wilson's candidacy for sheriff.  
 (Signed) GEO. LYMAN,  
 Foreman of Jury, State of Oregon vs. Louis Martin  
 (Paid Advertisement)

VOTE FOR GEORGE LAUNSPACH

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der in Juarez, informed General Bell, stating that the American was informed and fired on the Mexicans before they shot him.

General Bell immediately detailed two officers to Juarez, and these, in conjunction with two officers assigned by General Garcia and the Mexican military judge, began an investigation of the shooting.

IF IN DOUBT VOTE 63 X



A. W. WALKER

Republican Candidate for Nomination for SHERIFF

Stands for clean business principles, efficiency, law enforcement, economy and courtesy to all alike.

(Paid Adv.)

C. M. THOMAS FOR REPRESENTATIVE

C. M. Thomas, who announced his candidacy for the legislature last week as temporary Thursday, is known throughout the county as a progressive business man, public spirited citizen and capable manager of the Talent Orchard company, one of the largest properties in Southern Oregon. His back was an out and out progressive, in Maquoketa, Iowa, where he came from. Mr. Thomas had a state-wide reputation as an aggressive young lawyer and the youngest man ever to hold the position of temporary chairman of the Republican state convention.

In Mr. Thomas, therefore, the people of Jackson county have a political aspirant who is peculiarly well fitted to represent them with success at Salem, for he combines a thorough and practical knowledge of the needs of Jackson county, from a rancher's standpoint, with the training of a lawyer and the experience of a parliamentarian and political leader.

(Paid Adv.)

G. M. ROBERTS—Ballot Number 54

The Progressive Young Man with the Experience TO THE VOTERS

Would it require in important litigation of your own an attorney who had never conducted a jury trial?

Do you think that a novice of one term in the state legislature or membership in numerous fraternal organizations will qualify a man for the position of county attorney?

Should there be any less qualification for the position of county attorney than you would demand for your own law suit?

If you want experience, qualification, industry and sobriety in the office of county attorney, vote for G. M. Roberts, whose number on the BALLOT is 54. A young, energetic, trustworthy man, who has never sought nor held political office, but has devoted his time to the exclusive practice of law, and who has successfully handled important trial litigation in Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties, the supreme court of Oregon and the United States district court, both in Medford and Douglas.

(Paid Adv.)

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 The relation of this bank to the community is not that of a private business or enterprise—it is a public institution. We believe the bank acts as the agent of the people and in order to fulfill completely his trust, he must be in a position to offer a maximum of service & service to meet the requirements of all.

**OVERSEENERS UNDER ONE MANAGEMENT**



EM-TEES

He Wore Tortise Spectacles.  
 (Verse Libre.)

I will write an essay on Culture, Cried Ravenswood Rook, the richly Rewarded monographist. And he did so. And the Populace read and applauded Even tho' some of the seven-syllable words Rocked their cerebellum.

II.  
 "Ain't you got no prunes fr supper ter-night?" Demanded Ravenswood Rook of his wife. "Naw," she replied, "whichever think this joint is, Anyway—a boardin' house?"

III.  
 Rather Good Advice.  
 Avoid being hit with a ball or any other hard substance.—The Optical Journal.

Our Own Travelogues  
 NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—You are probably surprised that, along with New York, San Francisco and other of the metropolises, we select the village of New Rochelle for a top-of-the-list position in this delightful series. Let it be known, then, that New Rochelle is entitled to preferred position because:

(a) It has the greatest per capita wealth in the country.

(b) Nobody who lives in New Rochelle does any work.

(c) All the maid servants know E. W. Southern well enough to call him "Eddie," and they sing "Hello, Hawaii!" when they are hanging out the laundry wash.

But why? you urge. Dear Reader, New Rochelle is the center of Art in America. Actors dwell there in their well known peace and domesticity. Every vaudeville act in the world owns a home in New Rochelle. No more audience persons are permitted to hold property there. One peculiarity of the grocery stores is that they sell no eggs. (This is very deep stuff and you're satter thank it ever; they sell no eggs.)

Don't you think those rules are kinder foolish, Anastasia? We do. We wouldn't have put them there, but the editor said that we ought to have something like that to encourage the optimum note at this column.

OPTIMISM (A Definition)  
 Optimism is the feeling that hard luck is never going to come to you, though you know damn well that it will.

Light Verse  
 (A) (The best) Coupletman  
 WIN.  
 You will never GET THERED UN less you WIN.  
 Let nothing, nothing, nothing interfere with your being a WINNER.  
 If you have to hold out half the cards in the deck, WIN.  
 If you have to cup your grand mother's best egg into a grand WIN.  
 All the world have a LOVER.  
 If you are a good winner  
 You can always win.  
 Why not WIN?

Hints to the Helpless  
 The way to never money is not to spend it.  
 The way to be happy is to be happy.  
 The way to remain young is to never grow old.

Low Form of Poopy  
 Yea ho!, it's a cluck to be chipper When the kale is a rollin' some \$0.  
 But the guinea that's ready He ain't hep to the feel.  
 Ing of blonny when they comes a line day.