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Ye Smudge Pot

The nobler virtues are now being manifested by candidates, without fear or favor, as the campaign oozes to a close.

OUR LAST FRONTIER (Pendleton East Oregonian) Heppner, Oct. 31.—(East Oregonian Heppner Bureau.)

Punching of a tunnel thru the Siskiyou with a lead pencil, for use by the Espies, is contemplated by the Empire Builders of the Rogue.

Mr. A. E. Smith, reputed among the super-righteous to possess broods and a spiked tail, and who, the Oregonian writes, will put a saloon on the corner that can be recognized as such without resorting to the imagination, announces that "victory is in the air."

THE UNPADDED BRICK (Engene Register) When a delegation of prominent women called at the city hall to ask for proper meat inspection, to safeguard the health of the community, Mayor Williamson said they had better go home and raise babies and not meddle with city affairs.

There has been a decline of feminine self-torture, via shoes. General Motory reports a profit of \$24,000,000 in the last quarter.

Buckwheat cakes are being opposed by those who eat breakfast. The cooks are cutting too much buckwheat in them.

Mrs. Gilly has cut her age 10 years, and her skirt the same number of inches.

FOOTBALL RADIO (G.O.P. Announcing) The Happy Warriors lined up for the opening kick. The sun is shining with a blue haze over the distant foothills.

The home boys return to the field. There will be a union meeting of the Humdingers next Tuesday noon.

The fad-maniacs got liver into good society. Now if some doctor will discover that boiled cabbage is good for whatever ails us, true democracy will at last come into its own.

MR. CHANEY'S RECORD

IN ANSWER to an editorial in the Mail Tribune, advising the Tax Payers committee not to urge the re-election of Newton W. Chaney on the ground of efficiency, the Republican County Central committee replies:

The County Central committee invites the voters to inspect the records and we believe the voters will find out, as this committee has that Mr. Chaney has made a most remarkable record as their District Attorney.

Here are a few of the facts covered by that record: Thanks to the Eddy law, which diverted 75 percent of the fines placed in the county Prohibition fund into the hands of the District Attorney, this office received a total of approximately \$23,000 up to November 1 of this year.

Now of a total of approximately \$40,000 collected in fines, all has been spent for prohibition enforcement—state, district attorney and sheriff—except about \$2000 which has been returned to the County General Fund.

It is upon this showing that the supporters of Mr. Chaney claim prohibition enforcement in this county, during his administration has not cost the tax payers one single dollar. But the answer to that is how could it, with such a sum of money collected? Most taxpayers looking over the records, would inquire how could prohibition enforcement cost them so much, why out of all that money could the county only retain \$2000 in three years' time. If this is the definition of efficiency what is the definition of extravagance?

We also note the Republican Central committee is very careful to mention only Prohibition enforcement, which comparatively speaking has been satisfactory, assuming apparently the only duties of a District Attorney are to enforce the Prohibition laws.

Such of course, is not the case. The District Attorney is pledged to enforce all laws. More than that he is the legal adviser of the county court and the official representative of the county in the district court, all VERY important duties.

What do the records show in this direction? They show that the District Attorney's office during Mr. Chaney's administration, has cost the tax payers of Jackson County, more than any office of similar size in the entire state. Even in Marion County, where the legal business is second only to that in Multnomah County the office expenses have been less than half what they have been under Mr. Chaney.

Table showing expenses from 1925 to 1928. 1925: \$4,300; 1926: 5,050; 1927: 6,325; 1928: 5,975. Total: \$21,650

This is an average annual expense of over \$5000. In Marion County the expense for the same service has been \$2,510 and in Linn County \$700. Moreover in the latter county, as in a majority of the counties of Oregon, the District Attorney had done all the legal work himself. But Mr. Chaney has found it necessary to hire a competent and well paid deputy, throughout his administration.

We don't criticize Mr. Chaney for this. Under the circumstances we admit a competent lawyer in the office is essential. But it does of course increase the expense, and the taxpayer looking over the records must realize he shoulders a share of that expense.

But this is not all. Mr. Chaney has also received a salary from the state, to which every taxpayer must contribute his proportion. This total for the past four years amounts to \$10,800,—or a grand total to date of over \$55,000.

Quite a tidy sum. But there are still a few expenses incident to the sort of "remarkable" legal administration Jackson County has received.

The most important single case in Mr. Chaney's administration was the notorious D'Autremont trial. The authorities decided to employ two assistants for the District Attorney, one paid by the government the other by Jackson County. This, under the circumstances, was no doubt, a wise procedure. We also admit Mr. Chaney was anxious to take a more active part in that trial than he did. But his two assistants wouldn't let him, apparently not realizing how remarkable his record had been and how extraordinary his abilities as a trial lawyer were. However, this legal assistance cost the taxpayers of Jackson County \$2000 more.

Then there were whispers of crookedness and corruption during the year regarding the District Attorney's office. Mr. Chaney himself insisted upon a grand jury investigation. We don't blame Mr. Chaney for seeking vindication. He got it and everyone rejoiced. But in looking over the court house

records, could one blame any interested taxpayers from noting that this investigation which their District Attorney insisted upon cost them another \$6,978.

At this point the grand total reaches \$64,000—all but \$23,000 in collected fines, being actual expenses to the taxpayers, and only \$10,800 of that amount the regular salary of the office.

Now it was a perusal of the record, disclosing these figures, which the Mail-Tribune suggested the Taxpayers League avoid. Refreshing the memory of the electorate in this direction we feared would injure their candidate's chances. But the Jackson County Central committee thought otherwise, and it is partially in answer to their implied request that we have published them today.

Perhaps they are right. This is a strange campaign. But we really don't see how in the face of this record any sane person can maintain that this is "a taxpayers fight," and that on the basis of business efficiency, legal qualifications and public economy, Mr. Chaney must be retained for four years more, or the commonwealth will perish.

Just one more word. Forget for a moment that this is a political campaign, and imagine that you as an individual were confronted with the problem of selecting a man to handle your own legal business for the next four years.

Knowing what you do of Mr. Chaney's legal attainments, and knowing what you do of his record, would you select him to be your adviser and counsel in all legal matters that might come before you? If not, then why would you select him to handle the legal affairs of your county? Don't you believe the selection of a more competent attorney and a better lawyer would give you better service at less cost?

As the Taxpayers' League well said, "In this campaign let's apply business sense to our politics."

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

THEY HAVEN'T GOT THROUGH THE SKIN YET For a year or longer readers have been sending me clippings of a curious item that seems to be going the rounds of the press.

It is in the form of a dispatch from Vienna. Somehow it does seem as though it should come from Harvey Kresel or from somewhere in France. But it is always from Vienna, if one believes all one reads in the clippings.

What a demoralizing effect this news will have on the business of the big muscle boys, the mail order artists who sell "courses" to the perennial Yankee sucker. Why bother with such "treatment" when this Austrian doctor will probably be making the circuit shortly with his wonderful new remedy that gives strength through the skin?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Kindly tell me if the action of salt water on a copper kettle, which gives the brine a greenish color and the pickles a brownish green color, is harmful to health. I mean, of course, the health of one who eats the pickles. (Mrs. A. H.)

Answer.—If the pickles are satisfactorily in taste, there is not enough copper to worry about. Colored Blood Is there any way to tell whether a person has colored blood in his veins? Would a blood test tell anything? (E. J. G.)

Answer.—You mean negro blood, I suppose. There is no test to determine whether a person has any alien blood in his veins or any trace of alien ancestry. Why bother about such a fancy anyway? If the individual himself is acceptable for what he purports to be, what difference if he has a trace of this or that alien blood or ancestry? If you are troubled by yards of "arrowbaecks," I can assure you that such yards are purely fictitious or imaginative and no such reversion to type occurs.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, You Know How It Is With Mut Well, I just dropped in to remind you that I'm doing good work for you in the Presidential Campaign.



she was cured of this trouble. (Mrs. H. H.) Answer.—Even if I knew Peg's address or whatever was her trouble, I couldn't comply. All communications are confidential, so far as I am concerned.

THE TIRELESS JOKER Who loves the too-persistent joker, who springs his quips throughout the day? Who would not smile him with a poker, or punish him some other way? There is a time for seemingly jesting, it helps some spirits when they sag; but when to him who's always quacking through joke-books for another gag.



"Men pay for more attention to their personal appearance than they need to," said Druggist Artie Small today, as a customer walked out with five bottles of hair tonic.

Communications

Sentiment Agreed To. To the Editor: An editorial in Thursday's Tribune entitled "A Friendly Warning" was called to the attention of the Republican County Central Committee.

reference to the re-election of Victor Bursell. The county court is the artery through which passes all the funds gathered by taxation. The election of a county commissioner is of grave concern to every tax payer. He must have ability and integrity; he should understand sound business methods and procedure and to be of maximum value to his constituents he should have experience in handling the financial and business affairs of the county.

Some time ago it came to my attention that the Hon. W. H. Gore was opposed by Victor Bursell in this campaign. This was a surprise to me, for I knew that Mr. Gore had always held the highest opinion of Mr. Bursell. On examination I found a peculiar condition existing. After the O. & C. land grant tax recovery bill had been passed and Mr. Gore had returned from Washington, he started out to collect a large commission from the eighteen land grant counties.

They will further discover that close to 2000 cases have been handled through Mr. Chaney's office in the last three and one half years at the lowest average cost per case in the history of Jackson County or any other county.

They will find that Mr. Chaney's policy of threshing out arrested criminals, securing positive evidence of their guilt, and in most cases securing pleas of justice and taking them into the county court at once and securing sentences at the lowest possible cost—instead of allowing them to get into the circuit court and into the hands of lawyers where the cost would be enormous has accomplished a tremendous saving to the taxpayers.

The Medford newspapers are not supporting Mr. Chaney. That is all right, but when the whole truth is known, there is no doubt in the minds of this committee but what the people will re-elect Newton C. Chaney on November 6.

A Word for Bursell To the Editor: I would like to say a word in

Rippling Rhymes

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Queer Justice. If a criminal uses a hacksaw to effect escape, he is punished; if his foot is an imbecile jory, he goes free.

The fare to Europe by air will be \$1200; but alas! Anybody with sense enough to make \$1200 will have too much sense to spend it that way.

Picking an Old Gold white blindfolded shouldn't be difficult. Justice is blindfolded and she recognizes gold, old or new.

Apparently there were no go-go-gos in the old days. You never see a bronze statue with its feet on a desk.

The automobile is somewhat like Prohibition. It didn't eliminate the horse, but it did restrict him to the homes of the rich.

That Tennessee counterfeiter who raised a one-dollar bill to a ten was just fixing it up to buy a dollar's worth.

The office cynic's little girl will be like her dad. She planted bird seed and nothing came of it except grass.

A graduate of the school of experience who years to do something for his alma mater might enfold an emergency ward.

Correct this sentence: "And now, young gentlemen," said the coach, "I must ask each of you to display greater vim and vigor."

It takes more than quantity production to insure success. The mosquito, for example, lays more eggs than the hen.

A flapper is a girl so old she no longer judges a party by the refreshments.

Well, if we must have an experienced host in the White House it's always possible to hire Texas Guinan.

Political Announcements SHERIFF I am the regular Republican nominee for sheriff of Jackson County. If elected, I will cooperate with all officials in the enforcement of all laws.

COMMISSIONER I am asking re-election to the office of County Commissioner on my past record. Experience counts. Our finances are in such splendid condition that Jackson County bonds cannot be purchased.

By BUD FISHER