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Trying to Fool the People

Night affidavits of prejudice have been filed by local litigants against Circuit Judge Harry D. Norton, during the past few weeks.

WE DOUBT if a more perfect example of the tactics employed by the morning paper to maliciously and unfairly arouse public sentiment against Judge Norton, could be imagined than the above, broadcasted on its front page last Wednesday.

What will the average reader of that statement conclude—and what does the News EXPECT its readers to conclude? Obviously, that where so many litigants, and so many attorneys, have lost confidence in the honesty and integrity of Judge Norton, and given evidence of it, in so short a time, there MUST BE justification for such a feeling, and his removal must represent a widespread demand not only among members of the local bar, but among the people at large.

THE facts are: Seven of the eight affidavits of prejudice were filed by one man—the only active member of the bar in Jackson or Josephine county who did not publicly express confidence in Judge Norton—Attorney M. O. Wilkins of Ashland, and the News' candidate for District Attorney.

HOW about the many litigants? In six of these cases there was only one litigant, claiming prejudice, and that litigant was the Medford Daily News itself. The seventh was a timber logging and truck case—also REPRESENTED by Mr. Wilkins. Where does the eighth affidavit of prejudice come in? Court records show this was filed SEVERAL MONTHS AGO by Earl Fehl, in the Niedermeyer case.

SO THERE YOU ARE! "A wholesale lack of confidence" shrieks the News on its front page. Why? Because one attorney, M. O. Wilkins, and two litigants, Earl Fehl and the Medford Daily News, say so.

Wilkins, the ONLY practicing attorney not signing the bar association expression of confidence in Judge Norton, or endorsing that action; Earl Fehl, the ONLY candidate for office publicly FAVORING his recall; the News, the only newspaper in Southern Oregon ADVOCATING his recall.

Wholesale lack of confidence! We realize this righteous and self sacrificing trio, the News-Wilkins-Fehl triumvirate have an excellent opinion of themselves, but seriously, isn't that a RETAIL rather than a WHOLESALE order?

BUT this crazy snake-dance of self-seeking politics goes on—the distortion of truth, the brazen misrepresentation of facts, continues—as it has so many weary months—as it promises to continue until election.

Can it be the people of Medford and Jackson county are such dupes—such easy marks—as those who employ such tactics, ASSUME?

Can it be that such a statement as the above, so utterly false in its conclusions and implications, can be put over, either politically or any other way.

WE DON'T BELIEVE IT. And in that belief—and in that faith—the Mail Tribune is going to continue its course, nailing falsehoods whenever they appear, giving the people the truth, as it sees the truth; letting the chips—and the political libel suits for \$100,000—FALL WHERE THEY MAY!

A "Malicious Falsehood"?

A FEW words more along the same line—another example of the tactics by which this News-Fehl-Wilkins triumvirate hopes to gain control of the government of Jackson county.

The Ashland Tidings, about a week ago, published the following statement: "Every attorney in Jackson and Josephine county, with the exception of M. O. Wilkins, signed an expression of confidence in Judge Norton."

Mr. Wilkins promptly nailed this as maliciously false, "as blatant a falsehood as has been published in Jackson county in years," and as convincing proof listed the following attorneys who also did not sign:

W. G. Trill, E. S. Van Dyke, M. O. Wilkins, G. O. Taylor, Allison Moulton, R. S. Anderson, Mrs. A. C. Ahlf, O. S. Brown, A. M. Solias and W. Patterson—10 attorneys including the candidate for District Attorney himself.

ALL of which, we are glad to say is true. These 10 attorneys did NOT sign the declaration, but the reasons are interesting.

This expression of confidence was from the Southern Oregon Bar Association, and could, of course, only be SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Wilkins is not a member of that association, neither is O. S. Brown, A. M. Solias or W. Patterson—which renders the mention of their names in this connection in legal parlance "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial."

HOW ABOUT THE OTHER SIX NAMES? Everyone of the six has expressed to the Mail Tribune, in the most emphatic terms, complete confidence in Judge Norton, his legal wisdom, his absolute honesty and fairness. Each one has expressed unqualified opposition to the effort for his recall. Unfortunately space does not permit publishing all of their statements, but the following communication from Edward S. Van Dyke, Grants Pass attorney is typical of them all:

TO THE EDITOR: I noticed on the front page of the Daily News for September 18 the publication of an article entitled "Wilkins Calls Falsehood in Ashland Paper" as the conclusion of which is a list of names of Jackson and Josephine county attorneys who, according to M. O. Wilkins, did not sign the statement of confidence in Judge H. D. Norton. Included in this list of names is my own name. I desire to state that the only reason I did not sign the said expression of confidence is because I did not have the opportunity. Had the statement been submitted to me for my signature I should have been most willing and happy to have added the weight of my endorsement, whatever that might have been. I have the utmost confidence in the judicial learning, wisdom and integrity of Judge Norton and regret that my name was not subscribed to the statement of confidence. EDWARD S. VAN DYKE, Atty. Grants Pass, Oregon.

IN other words the impression is given by Mr. Wilkins' communication there are members of the bar association in Jackson and Josephine counties who refused to sign this expression of confidence. The exact reverse is true. None refused to sign it.

Some did not sign because they were not visited, but everyone subscribes to that vote of absolute confidence in Judge Norton that the resolution expressed.

So that statement by the Ashland Tidings by a very slight change becomes not a malicious falsehood, but the absolute truth.

The change makes the statement read: Every member of the Southern Oregon Bar Association and every attorney in Josephine and Jackson counties, in ACTIVE PRACTICE has signed the expression of confidence in Judge Norton, or publicly expressed agreement with same, except the independent candidate for district attorney, M. O. Wilkins.

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. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

KEROSENE (COAL OIL) AS A REMEDY

From a symposium of our readers on the remedial use of kerosene (coal oil): Cramp in Leg. Being of sedentary habits, when I go to sitting or lying in bed, a cramp will suddenly develop during the night, a prominent knot forming in the leg muscles. I have often rolled out of bed to the floor, over the stand, and seized the kerosene lamp, removing the chimney, unscrewing the burner and dabbing the wick soaked with kerosene on the cramp. In two or three minutes this seems to bring relief and I go back to bed serene and happy—J. Q. This is harmless at any rate, and interesting if not convincing. It is not convincing to my mind, because so many readers have reported that they obtain relief from such leg cramps by merely pressing the balls of the feet against the foot of the bed, or by getting out of bed and walking about for a few moments. Eczema. Our eldest son broke out with eczema at the age of four months and in spite of medical care the trouble persisted—it was the weeping kind—until he was past two years old. From then until last winter (he is now 12 years old) he was free from it. But owing to the depression we used a great deal of oatmeal, which, I believe, caused it to break out again on both legs. We tried various cures to no effect—Notwithstanding the depression;—but on using the kerosene noticed an immediate improvement. Both legs are now healed and give him no trouble so long as he remembers to grease the spots before going in swimming. If he fails to do that there is some irritation. (Mrs. J. M. C.) Several readers have reported apparent benefit in obstinate eczema from application of kerosene (coal oil, refined petroleum). Kerosene oil applied to a burn will relieve the excruciating pain immediately and prevent blistering. The soothing effect is like magic. If the feet or hands are burned submerge them in the oil. If face or body sores it on gently and do not cover up to keep the burned surface wet with the oil until relieved. (Mrs. C. F. S.) The lady may be quite right about everything except the prevention of blistering. If a burn is a second degree burn nothing under heaven can prevent blistering. If a burn is a third degree burn, nothing can prevent scar formation. Of course intel-

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BIRTHMARK. I have a nevus or birthmark on my back below my right shoulder blade. Can you tell me any way to conceal this without a few can be answered. Answer—Why not cover it with a disc of black cotton plaster and pretend it is just a beaut, spot? The mark can be removed by a good physician, or rendered comparatively inconspicuous. Or perhaps you can keep a coat of flexible collodion on it, tinted to match the normal skin. A few drops of ichthyol may be used to tint the collodion. Too Late. I am 40 years old. Could not afford a child when I first married, as I had to go to business. Now that I am in a position to have one my husband and family think I am too old. Answer—So far as childbearing is concerned a woman is as old as she feels. Often it happens that when this has been put off for several years, it is impossible when at last the reluctant parents decide to chance it. I can only assure you that in actual practice women 35 to 40 years of age bearing a first child usually have a normal, easy delivery. Do you feel like showing them you're not an old woman? The Ignorance of the Wiseacre. Maybe my intelligence is of a low order, but I must differ with you on worms and sugar. The common tapeworm prefers meat and sugar in his diet. I suggest that the combination in quantity of the two makes a good culture medium for the worm to start, particularly in a weakened condition of the human body. (S.F.M.) Answer—You said it. Your intelligence is evidently of a high order, but your ignorance is as deep as that of all the wiseacres. A tapeworm can "start" only when the human host ingests the larva of the worm in raw meat or underdone beef that happens to be "measly," that is, infested with the tapeworm larvae. If tapeworm is fond of sugar, it is odd that the adult stage prefers the alimentary canal of man and the larval stage the muscles of cattle. It doesn't matter what food tapeworm prefers. The quantity of food is insignificant in any circumstance. (Copyright, John F. Dille Co.)

SEATTLE SPEECH COSTS ROOSEVELT NEWSPAPERS AID

Intention To Support Democratic Candidate Changed After Praise For "Exponents Of Radicalism." SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Seattle Times announced editorially today that its "desire and intention—to support Mr. Roosevelt for presidency, was, to say the least, weakened by his Seattle speech."

TO RESUME WORK ASTORIA POSTOFFICE

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Representative Charles H. Martin said today he had been advised that work on the new Astoria postoffice building will be resumed in the near future. Work was stopped by failure of the original contractor to complete his contract and negotiations have been in progress with the surety company.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane What Is Worth While. Blocs of Privilege. Sick of Idleness. Germany in the Fashion.

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H. G. Wells writes and the John Day company prints a booklet called "What Should Be Done—Now!"

Many Americans, especially politicians, would like an answer to that. You might like to know what H. G. Wells recommends.

First, world-wide general inflation (of money) for lightening debt and encouraging enterprise.

Two, a bold expansion of public employment and collective buying. Three, readjustment of tariff barriers.

Four, nations adopting these measures would disarm as regards one another and arrange to protect each other against outside violence.

Also necessary is "the conversion of the common man to a sane economic faith and helpful acquiescence in broad measures."

All simple and very difficult. Read Admiral Sims calls the Spanish-American war pension system "a steal of the nation's taxpayer."

He says the war lasted 114 days, fewer than 400 were killed, fewer than 5,000 died of wounds and disease. More than 227,000 of the 280,000 in United States forces are drawing pensions now, amounting this year to \$119,000,000.

War is expensive, especially when you pay the bills that follow it. All the improvements that this country needs, with billions to spare, could be paid for with the money that the big war is still costing the United States.

Sir Arthur Eddington, a learned astronomer from England, seeks, on the radio, to popularize this theory that the universe is expanding "like the swelling of a rubber balloon."

He has contempt for scientists who say the universe is only ten thousand million years old. It is a hundred times older than that, according to Eddington, and you will be interested to learn that "through calculations made with purely physical data, using the ratio of curvature of empty space, and the number of particles in the universe, he finds that "the observed recession of galaxies is normal."

It is a pleasure to know that the universe is expanding. The more the better.

It is even more pleasant to know that this little earth will last at least a hundred million years longer with men living on it.

That should give us time to settle many problems, considering that we escaped from the late stone age only two thousand years ago.

A long suit of the government against the sugar institute, made up of great American sugar manufacturers, ends after seven months and costing the government \$50,000, the companies \$1,700,000. Presently the learned Judge Mack will give his decision.

In connection with sugar the working people of the United States are interested in the fact that sugar eaten here is being refined more and more in foreign countries.

Peru, Mexico, England and other countries send sugar refined, ready for use. No American labor enters into its preparation.

If the United States continues buying and using products made by foreigners that will mean trouble.

We use more sugar than any other nation and sugar producing nations should be satisfied to send us raw sugar, letting American workmen refine it and get their share of the business.

President Green of the American Federation of Labor should be interested in that, apart from union matters, in spite of union objection to Mexican women and children being hired to thin out the sugar beet crop.

The important thing is that articles consumed in the United States be made with United States labor.

New York City plans housing projects in congested districts, tearing down old rookeries, building nineteen story buildings to cost \$72,000,000. The government would supply the money from that prolific "reconstruction" fund.

Anything that gives work and puts money in circulation is welcome. But it is probable that workers will want to move out of cities more and more. City buildings where workers would pay \$12.50 per month per room, are not exactly cheap. Suburban houses with room for a family and a garage, costing three or four dollars a week for the whole house, are what the people need. They could be provided.

The French say "everything passes." Even war hatters pass. A while ago the British were solemnly promising that they would hang the Kaiser. He is living peacefully in Holland, and on Thursday the Prince of Wales, on his way to open a British exhibition in Copenhagen, landed at the Hamburg flying field and made himself agreeable to those he met. Fire and hatred both die out if you let them.

The mistake that Mr. Hughes made when he went to California as a candidate for the presidency is not made by Governor Roosevelt.

Mr. Hughes did not see Hiram Johnson, who is a big slice of California, and he lost California. Governor Roosevelt enters California praising Senator Johnson as a "warrior for progress." Hiram Johnson will have no difficulty in seeing Governor Roosevelt.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Year Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY September 25, 1922 (It was Monday) Blue ribbon winner at county fair gives birth to a two-headed calf.

A gentle rain falls over the valley, gladdening city and country folks alike. The Red Cross received five appeals today from stranded tourists. They were given \$500 money and gasoline, and sent on their way rejoicing.

Cigarette habit growing among American women. City planning commission is appointed with Oliver Boggs as chairman.

Jackson county wins first prize at state fair for second year in row. Young members of the "boy gang" given paroles by Judge Gardner, who considers fate of the older lads.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY September 25, 1912 (It was Tuesday) The valley is bathed in the glories of Indian summer. City starts grading South Riverside, as residents protest.

Ten Medford students register at university. Third degree falls to make Mike Spanos, confessor murder charge. Bartlett's range around \$2.80 on eastern market.

The Fridger riding bicycle on Main street, run down by autist, Ike escapes injury by fast thinking. Bull Moose opens local campaign with a small attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS Tall Wags the Dog. In your review of the Gov. Roosevelt's views on public utilities, you agree with him as do the great majority of voters, but the question arises have we reached the point where the people do not get a "square deal"?

In the Literary Digest of July 8, 1930, is the statement that the American delegate to a power conference in Berlin said in a speech that electric power was sold in this country for fifteen times its cost. This article seems to have escaped the editorial eye as I never saw a reference to it in the Mail Tribune in Kansas.

There are five towns in Kansas making no city tax levy because of their profit on public utilities. You allude to the slogan "Free light and power at no cost to the taxpayer." The idea is to pay for electric power plants as Medford is paying for her city water plant by income from users instead of a tax levy. The system of control has already failed; the tail wag the dog. O. E. SIMMERS, Medford, Sept. 23.

Clean Up the Highway. Papers blown from fruit trucks and rubbish blown from the Southern Pacific right of way across from the fair grounds make the Pacific highway look like a circus ground the next day after the circus.

I hope this communication aids in having these eyesores removed. R. A. BEST, Medford, Sept. 24. If you are interested in flying, see Mack Giffin at Peoples Electric store.

INCREASED RATES ON PARCEL POST EFFECTIVE OCT. 1

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Increased rates on parcel post mail become effective October 1. The postoffice department, calling attention to the new rates which were approved in February by the Interstate Commerce Commission, said today that the increases were intended to cut into the annual deficit this country of mail has produced. Based on revenues and expenditures for 1930, the department figured that parcel post was being handled at a net loss of \$15,000,000.

While there was a material loss on parcels in the first three zones, those beyond were handled at a profit. The new scales are designed to equalize the rates. No change is to be made on parcels for local delivery.

The increases will run from one to three cents, depending upon weight and distance. The new rates are: First and second zones, 8 cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound and 1 cent for each additional pound or fraction; third zone, 9 and 2 cents, respectively; fourth zone, 10 and 3 cents; fifth zone, 11 and 3 cents; sixth zone, 12 and 7 cents; seventh zone, 14 and 9 cents; eighth zone, 15 and 11 cents.

The postage on parcels mailed on rural routes for local delivery will be 2 cents less than at these rates and 3 cents less when for other than local delivery.

The new regulations permit mailing matter up to 70 pounds in weight and as large as 100 inches in length and girth combined.

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