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Ye Smudge Pot

The hitch-hiker is now viewed as a problem by Congress.

Apology is made to this col. for sinking to the depths of poetry (?) yesterday.

Col. Lindbergh, the peacetime hero of America, and the idol of all small boys, may move to France.

PIONEER SCRIBE FULMINATES

We do not hold ourselves responsible for anything contained in the following letter, not having a very clear idea of what the writer means or intends.

A law should be passed prohibiting people, classified as "well-meaning and knowing better," from being gored by the same bull more than twice each year.

F. Bybee, the J'ville seer, traded in town Wed. He is sporting what the whistler-jankers call a modified C. Chaplin mustache.

It looks more like war between China and Japan.

"BANDIT BLAMES SIN" - (Del Norte Tripletate) By no chance could crime be to blame.

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Time to Wake Up!

IF a transcript of the statement of Judge Harry D. Norton, to the present grand jury in today's paper, does not wake up the people of Jackson county, to their PERIL, and to their DUTY, then we fear nothing CAN!

But we believe it will wake them up. We believe conditions in Jackson county have come to such a pass, that the dangers confronting the people of Southern Oregon, are now so apparent to all that this courageous and forthright statement will arouse them to definite and concerted action, as nothing else could.

JACKSON county has come to the parting of the ways. Either we are to have law and order here, either we are to have a community where the courts are upheld, where public officers, whose duty it is to support the law, are supported by the people, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY, or we are going to have lawlessness and disorder,—a reign of anarchy and terror.

The time has passed when this dangerous situation can longer be ignored. The time has passed when there is any profit, in one small group of citizens calling another small group names.

The issue is GREATER than any one organization. It is GREATER than any one individual. The issue is squarely between good government and bad government, between upholding the fundamental laws of this country, and state and nation, or treating them as mere scraps of paper; between having a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, or submitting supinely to a lawless and unscrupulous dictatorship. And the fate of that issue depends upon the people—all the people—of this community—and upon no one else.

WE do not mean by this that another militant organization is necessarily essential,—although it may be,—we certainly do not mean that open threats of violence and bloodshed should be met by counter threats, of the same thing. That would only make a bad—an extremely DANGEROUS situation—worse.

But WE DO MEAN, that the time has come for every citizen in Jackson county, young and old, to stand up and be counted, to take a definite and uncompromising stand on one side or the other, and see this fight through to a finish,—here and now.

And the first step in this action, is for the people, who BELIEVE in law and order, who believe in the fundamental ideals and principles of this free country, to stand behind the public officials, who are trying in every way in their power to uphold those principles, and to give them their ACTIVE, UN-REMITTING SUPPORT.

AS Judge Norton points out, he is merely a servant of the people. It is not his duty—or the duty of any judge—to step down from the bench and join in this free-for-all campaign of vituperation, abuse and slander. He was elected to enforce the law, just as the other officials of this county were elected to enforce the law, and when that is done his duty ends.

But if the people show by their indifference and inaction, they don't much care, whether the law is or is not upheld,—if a minority in this community, can by incendiary agitation of violence, so intimidate the rank and file in Jackson county, that they will not assert themselves one way or the other, then not only are Judge Norton's hands tied, but the hands of every law enforcement officer in this community are tied,—and there is no way out but ruin.

AS has been frequently stated in this column however, we have absolute faith in the underlying good judgment, the sense of fair play and even-handed justice of this community. Because of that faith, it is to that spirit, that we now appeal.

We believe the time has come for every citizen in Jackson county to do his bit, in this fight for what is right, and true, and for the maintenance of law and order in this community; against what is WRONG and FALSE and leading to absolute anarchy and violence.

An aroused public opinion can clear up this mess, and restore this section to normalcy,—and only an aroused public opinion CAN do it.

WE have no doubt some citizens, realizing conditions are bad, honestly anxious to better them, are in doubt as to which side in this controversy is right, and which wrong. They have been victims of the poison that has been spread near and far, for so long.

Beginning today the Mail Tribune will publish a series of news articles dealing with the situation, and particularly with the formation of the Good Government League, which we believe will go far toward removing any doubts that may exist.

We are CERTAIN that if the people know the facts,—know the truth—that is all that is needed to protect this community from the destructive forces that now threaten it.

This paper is not going to abuse anyone, not going to return mud slinging with more mud slinging, not going to indulge in any irrelevant personalities,—the personal equation is only coming in where personalities have become ISSUES.

But it IS going to deal in facts,—all the facts regarding this deplorable situation,—it IS going to put the truth before its readers, so those who run may read,—and it is going to continue this, until this fight for the right is won,—as the right WILL WIN!—and Jackson county returns to its former enviable position in this state, to which its resources, and the high quality of its citizenship, entitles it.

HOT RETORT BY KLAMATH SOLON DURING DEBATE

SALEM, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Senator Jay H. Upton replied heatedly to Senator William F. Woodward of Multnomah today in discussion of a bill authorizing the construction of an armory at Klamath Falls.

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.

MEDICAL ASEPIS PROTECTS DOCTORS AND NURSES. A reader asks that we discuss here why it is that doctors and nurses, year in and year out, can come in contact with contagious diseases in their daily work and yet keep immune from them, while the layman is ordinarily such an easy victim when he is exposed.

Doctors and nurses are not immune, but they escape infection because they know how to practice asepis in their dealings with contagious or infectious diseases. There, now, I'll have to explain the difference between contagious and infectious diseases.

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The main reason why the layman does not get sick is because he doesn't know how to practice asepis. The main reason why he doesn't know how is because he is so wise we can't tell him anything about such matters. I know, for I have tried hard, for years and years, and the lay reader just doesn't get it.

The active ingredient in a proprietary mouth preventive is said to be sodium-aluminum silico-fluoride. Is there anything harmful to health in using this spray on rugs, clothing, blankets, etc.—Mrs. R. R. C.

Is the plain coaloil we often use for cleaning bathtub, etc., the kind to use on the scalp? Will it harm the hair?—Mrs. R. S.

Answer—Refined coaloil—kerosene—is sometimes useful as a remedy for itching scalp, but is not a remedy for ordinary hair or scalp troubles. Send for instructions for Care of the Hair. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Tonic. If wine is given as a tonic it must be beneficial. Please explain the effect on the system of a glassful of port wine.—Mrs. A. M. M.

Answer—Wine contains perhaps three or four times as much alcohol as beer does, so a glass of wine has the same effect as three or four glasses of beer. So far as the nutritive value is concerned, material to give nourishment, strength, warmth or vitality to the body, you'll get more of that in half a glass of milk.

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JUDGE NORTON IN GRAND JURY TALK POINTS OUT EVILS

(Continued from Page One) agreed on the facts which were expected to be brought out from that party and stipulated them to the trial jury, as a stipulation of fact, and the party was not wanted as a witness.

Now, then we come down to this contempt matter. Why did not the court act and exercise its powers in bringing on proceedings for contempt? I do not know whether the public knows it generally, but ever since this state has been organized there has been a statute on the books providing that a litigant had a right to file an affidavit asking for a change of venue or change of judges and he had a right to make his showing and that matter had to be determined whether or not the judge were prejudiced against him, and he had a right to have a trial in another county or before another judge. That statute is still in full force and effect, and for years back by reason of certain conditions existing in certain territory in the north, the people, through the legislature saw fit to provide that any litigant could pre-emptorily challenge two successive judges in any action, or proceeding, or in any proceeding, or in any proceeding, or in any proceeding.

The supreme court is thereupon given power to send another judge in and that it does to the best of its ability. It appoints some other judge from some other district to come and sit in the case and the other judge comes in as soon as he can and does his best he can. He has probably a congested condition in his own district, which he has the right to attend to first and he gets around to some other district when he can. He stays as short a time as possible, gets the matter along as best he can, and then goes back to his own work.

When a judge comes in and gets to a point where he is ruling in some matter not satisfactory to the party who filed the affidavit, or the party can file a second affidavit against that judge. Then the supreme court must go through a like process again and try to find another judge somewhere in the state, not too busy, and send him in as soon as he can get the time to come here, and the thing goes merrily on in that way, with the result that any litigant who desires to file affidavits of prejudice can prolong matters pending before the court almost indefinitely. That is the way in which the people are responsible, disqualifies these two judges in any action, suit or proceeding.

Contempt not in the presence of the court is just as much a proceeding as any other proceeding; it is a matter that has to have inquiry, examination, consideration and determination. Now, under the situation in this court and this county, with original libel and criminal syndicalism being flaunted from the pages of a daily publication, the question up to this court is whether to attempt to bring in a party on a comparatively minor charge of contempt of court when under the statute of the state all the party has to do when he comes into court is to walk up and throw on the desk an affidavit of prejudice and say to the judge "I defy you. You can't try me for anything."

This situation has received very little attention from the press—this phase of the situation we are involved in here. There is plenty of criminal syndicalism, plenty of criminal libel, but there is very little given out to inform the public as to the real situation, nor the limitations by our statutes hedging the court in making the court innocuous and ineffective. Not only are we unable to protect ourselves but we are unable to protect litigants in this court, honest litigants who have honest cases to try. It brings it to a point where a person can evade being brought into court through terrorism threats of bloodshed and violence and talk about ropes and nooses.

I am arraigning the public of the state of Oregon for the fact that such legislation is permitted to stand on the books of the law of the state, rendering the court ineffectual to enforce orderly and legal procedure, if a person wants to take advantage of his legal rights and file affidavits of prejudice. I am arraigning the citizenship of Jackson county because such conditions are allowed to exist and are permitted to exist in any civilized community that pretends and purports to maintain a semblance of orderly government.

Perhaps it is not generally realized that in this county the higher grades of crime can be brought to trial only through an indictment returned by the grand jury. The people of this county or any other county can speak only through their grand jury in accomplishing such ends. There is no other method. Whatever people want, that is what they get. If the people of Jackson county want their officers hamstrung and hogtied by legislation, it is their privilege. If they want their officers under daily fire of criminal libel and slander and subjected to threats of violence, bloodshed and sudden death, because they do not acquiesce in the mandates of private individuals, that is their privilege. The people have the kind of government they want and they have the kind of law enforcement they want.

Grand jurors of the counties are drawn from the body of the people, they are the cross section, and they represent the view points and the desires and the qualities of citizenship of the people and all these things speak for themselves and the people thereby get what they want.

There has been a great deal of criticism of grand jurors in this county and that has been the basis for many threats of bloodshed and violence. It has been claimed that this court and the district attorney's office were controlling the actions of the grand jury. (That has been going on for a long time.) Every grand jury that ever sat in this court since I have been presiding over it, they know what the facts are in this regard. Whether the grand jurors have been interfered with or the court has attempted to interfere with them, I leave it to every member of the grand jury to say, and I believe I can say the same thing as to the district attorney's office. I don't think any grand jury has ever been persuaded or intimidated in the four years I have been in office of grand jurors in this county and that has been the basis for many threats of bloodshed and violence. It has been claimed that this court and the district attorney's office were controlling the actions of the grand jury. 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