

COUNTY SETS BAD EXAMPLE IN FIRE RISK

Puns are intended to be funny and by many persons are believed to fulfill the intention, although there is the statement of an expert in rebuttal, namely, that "a pun is the lowest form of humor."

Regardless of a difference of opinion regarding the worth of a pun in wit, no one thinks that it is essential for a pun to be truthful in order to be funny.

Therefore the statement of a local punster that the "dilapidated condition of the courthouse is accounted for by the De Laps in the county clerk's office" may be very funny but it is very far from being true because the De Laps in the clerk's office, being in close touch with the situation, recognize the danger that daily menaces in valuable public records and other county property stored in the ramshackle old courthouse and as such anyone would welcome the day that sees the records moved into safe quarters.

Both before and after the recent hotel fire it was easy to find persons who "knew that some night the Houston hotel would go up in smoke and when it goes there will be a big life loss." Eventually their prediction was fulfilled.

It is just as easy today to go out on the street and find a score or a hundred people who believe that some day the old courthouse will burn "and when it goes a lot of county records that can never be replaced will go with it."

Men, women, children, even animals, learn by experience.

If those persons who saw their prophecy fulfilled in the case of the Houston hotel, are in the class that profit by the lessons of the past, the logical conclusion is that each of them who has a vote will cast a ballot for Chastain and Peterson, who are both pledged to end the old courthouse dispute and divert the money and energy expended in the prolongings of this fruitless quarrel into forwarding a program for road extension and school betterment.

Fire risks and fire prevention are a subject of paramount importance in this community. The city council is considering a number of regulatory ordinances. The fire chief is working with might and main to abate the risks in public lodging places and other buildings. The civic conscience is experiencing a widespread awakening. In the face of it all, the worst fire risk in the city, perhaps, is maintained by the county of Klamath at the corner of Fourth and Main.

On the east side of the courthouse building is a crumbling stone vault for the storage of all the records of the county clerk's and recorder's offices. The floor is broken, the walls stand only because of the steel reinforcements. There is an air space under the door of the vault. The vault is merely a little one-story stone cellar. It cannot contain all the records and the overflow is kept in steel filing cases on the floor of the office. In case of a conflagration—persons who saw the destruction accomplished by the Houston hotel fire will not argue otherwise for a minute—it would make little difference whether the records were in the vault, or outside. The vault would offer no protection in a fire of the proportion that a building the size of the courthouse would furnish.

On the west side of the building, northwest, is two story brick vault. In the lower story, the sheriff and tax collector stores his books and records. On the upper floor are all the records of the circuit court. There is a wooden floor between, plain glass windows light the vaults from the outside. In case of fire the vault would be merely a roaring chimney. Instead of being a protection its construction would make of it a forced draft furnace.

The county assessor is without a vault of any kind for the storage of his records. While the county tax rolls are being made up they are absolutely unprotected. A fire would destroy half a year's work if the annex that houses the assessors office burned, to say nothing of the fact that it would be impossible to collect a year's taxes, practically amounting

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TREASURY HEAD IN TILT WITH FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Secretary of the Treasury Houston today reiterated to representatives of the country's agricultural interests in a conference here that the treasury department would not be a party to withholding any commodity from the market in order to maintain artificially high prices. The spokesman of the farmers' delegation criticized Secretary Houston's recent statement that prices generally had begun to recede. Secretary Houston told the committee frankly that his statement was a true representation of existing conditions.

NIGHT SESSIONS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Night sessions of Klamath county high school will open Monday, October 18, at the high school building, at 7 o'clock, and will be held on Mondays and Thursdays thereafter from 7 to 9 o'clock for the term of eighteen weeks.

These night sessions are conducted for the benefit of children and adults who are working during the day and who wish to pursue some subject taught either in the elementary grades or in the high school.

Courses will be offered in any subjects in which eight or more students wish to enroll.

For the benefit of those who wish to become naturalized citizens of the United States, a strong course in Americanization will be offered. This course will include reading and writing English and a study of the origin, form and functions of our government; in short all the subjects necessary to secure naturalization papers. The prospective citizen owes it to himself to become acquainted with what this government can and will do for him, as well as the responsibilities he assumes by becoming a citizen.

CHURCH WOMEN FORM AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church was formed at a meeting of the ladies yesterday afternoon in the basement of the church. Officers elected to carry on the organization are Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg, president; Mrs. Marion Hanks, vice president; Mrs. E. S. Henry, treasurer, and Mrs. T. S. Abbott, secretary.

The first regular meeting will be held November 4, and will be a social meeting, at which tea will be served. All ladies of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend. The purpose of the auxiliary will be of a social nature and to raise funds for the furnishing of and equipping the church.

Telegraph Tabloids

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The United Kingdom is facing an ominous industrial crisis through a threat of the coal miners to strike Saturday night, following the rejection of a compromise offered to their demand for an increase of two shillings per shift in wages.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Shanghai rumors of the Chinese government's overthrow are believed disposed of by a message today from the Chinese President, Hsu Shi Chang, to President Wilson, replying to Wilson's recent congratulation on the occasion of the Chinese national anniversary.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Cuba has appealed to the American government for aid in her present financial difficulties. The appeal has been taken under consideration to see if some plan of assistance can be worked out.

NO FURTHER CANDIDATES FILE FOR CITY OFFICES

The list of candidates for city offices announced in yesterday's Herald was not enlarged by any eleventh hour filings of petition and is complete. Time for filing petitions expired last night.

SAYS PUBLIC WATER POWER IS MENACED

AMHERST, Mass., Oct. 14.—The federal water power control commission has agreed to refuse any applications that may be made for power permits in existing national parks until congress has been given opportunity to pass upon the question of power development within such parks. This is according to the announcement today of J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Civic association, at the opening session of the organization which is in convention here.

"Water power interests now have the right," said McFarland, "to file on every drop of falling water in any federal reservation, be it park, monument, forest or even cemetery. These interests control senators and representatives in congress, some of whom threaten to block all road building and all other development in the nation's parks if their clients are not given first use of the water."

YOUNG COUPLE JOINED IN BONDS OF WEDLOCK

Steve Sabo, Jr., and Miss Coral J. Carter were married yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence. Mrs. Bedford, a sister of the bride, and the mother of the bridegroom were the only witnesses.

Mr. Sabo operates a truck here and Miss Carter has been employed in the office of the Sprague River Lumber company at Chiloquin. In a few weeks they plan on making their home in Klamath Falls.

CATHOLIC FAIR DATES FIXED

December 1, 2, 3 and 4 are the dates selected by the ladies of Sacred Heart church for the big annual bazaar that is to be given this year. The plans are very elaborate, it being the intention of the promoters to make the bazaar this year the event originally contemplated—a sort of a Mardi Gras that will draw to the city visitors from the surrounding country. Each year something has more or less interfered with the complete development of the extensive plans that were laid at the beginning of these bazaar, but the indications now are that no untoward circumstances will arise this year to prevent their full fruition.

The opening day will be Wednesday and nothing will be left undone to give full swing to the spirit of gaiety and good will that it is the intention of the promoters shall prevail throughout the entire period of festivities.

The closing day will be Saturday and the bazaar will go out in a blaze of frolic and fun equal to, if not surpassing, that of the opening night.

Thursday will be given over principally to the sale of fancy work, the supply and variety of which is much greater and finer than any heretofore had and which has done so much to make these bazaars famous. Afternoon tea will be served, in the evening the ladies have in store an unique method of entertainment, the details of which they are not going to make public at this time.

Friday will be children's afternoon, during which there will be a special sale of toys, dolls, etc., from 4 to 6 o'clock, and a big frolic in the evening for the grown-ups.

Saturday afternoon there will be a special sale of articles and in the evening the big closing dance.

UP-TO-DATE SHINING SHOP OPENED, CENTRAL HOTEL

Metropolitan in size and appointments is the new shoe shining parlor, opened in the Central hotel building. The shop has seven chairs and its proprietors claim it is the most modern establishment of its kind between San Francisco and Portland. The shop prides itself on the special accommodations offered lady patrons.

BETTER SCHOOL IS THEME OF PRINCIPAL

At the weekly forum of the chamber of commerce yesterday Robert Goetz, principal of the Klamath County high school, in speaking on what the high school needed and what the high school could do for the county emphasized the following points:

The need of a gymnasium. The need of everyone backing the high school with their moral support as well as their financial support.

That the high school could and should offer short courses to the farmers of Klamath county during the winter.

To build up the high school so that when the need of junior college appeared in the state the high school would be ready to do that work.

In speaking on the first point Mr. Goetz stated that the students of the high school were equal to those of any other school and that the things done in the past that had brought discredit upon the school were not caused by children who were bad at heart but were done because they had the surplus energy and that energy was not rightly directed. It was not rightly directed not because the teacher could or would not direct, but because the high school lacked the "tools" and equipment to do the work.

Many cases of round shoulders, weak lungs, and poor posture could be corrected and cured if the school has a gymnasium and the teacher to do the work. The school has at present \$6000 for a gymnasium, but needs \$20,000. This could be raised in one levy and the gymnasium built.

The speaker also said that he knew the people gladly paid their taxes to support schools, but that he wanted to see more of them take a special interest in school and come out and visit and know what the school was doing and trying to do.

The speaker stated as a self evident fact that the high school and Klamath Falls was situated in the midst of the most wonderful agricultural region in the world. The high school should do as many other schools in the community are doing—offer during the winter to the farmer on this land short courses in their work. This would be of direct benefit to every person in the county because as the farmer becomes progressive and prosperous, all prosper.

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION HAS GOOD MEETING

The directors of the Klamath Farm Loan association held a business meeting Saturday in the office of Mrs. L. B. Hague. They have received a dividend from the federal loan bank and due to the good financial condition of this organization 6% dividend was declared on all outstanding stock.

The farm loan case was to have been argued before the United States supreme court Monday, but nothing has yet been heard from it.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight, rain; Friday, rain in west, fair in east portion of state.

PERMIT FOR WATER USE

SALEM, Oct. 14.—The state engineer's office announced today that the application of the Fort Klamath Meadows company, covering the proposed appropriation of 116.49 second feet of water from Four Mile creek had been approved. The application states that the water will be used for irrigation of 3318 acres.

The permit covers part of the irrigation and reclamation project known as the Meadows drainage district, recently authorized by the county court, in which the Abner Wood estate, A. C. Marsters, J. G. Pierce estate, W. T. Olive, E. R. Roama and D. B. Campbell are property owners. The entire project comprises about 20,000 acres.

HARDING INVADES SOUTH; CRITICIZES WILSON

ABOARD THE HARDING SPECIAL, Oct. 14.—Senator Harding is today on his way to Louisville, Kentucky, where he will speak tonight. He spoke last night at Chattanooga to a great crowd that had assembled in the armory. The big hall could not accommodate the audience and Mr. Harding was forced to deliver a second address to the overflow gathering outside.

The train is scheduled for six stops today. In all his talks the republican presidential nominee made the record of the present administration a basis for his appeal for support in the south.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Klamath County Sunday School association will be held at the Presbyterian church, corner of Pine and Sixth streets, Saturday afternoon and Sunday, Oct. 16th and 17th. Sessions will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and Sunday evening at 7:30.

Norman Johnson, general secretary of the association, of Portland, will be here for all of these days and will deliver address with Sunday school work.

Members of all churches and friends of the various churches are invited to attend. The meeting will be of special interest to young people, adult bible classes and teachers of all the Sunday schools.

The present officers of the association are: W. E. Slough, president; Mrs. C. R. Miller, vice president; E. M. Chilcote, secretary-treasurer; Rev. C. F. Trimble, executive manager; H. N. Dunbar, superintendent; Mrs. Rachel Stewart, superintendent; young people's department; Mrs. E. J. Mayer Superintendent, primary department. New officers will be elected at this session.

SUES TO FORECLOSE ON \$3300 LOAN

Suit has been filed in the circuit court by G. L. Holbrook against Fannie A. Paddock, J. E. Paddock, her husband, and others, to collect \$1385, alleged to be unpaid on two notes, aggregating \$3384, dated December 1, 1915. The state land board, Governor Olcott, Treasurer Hoff, Secretary of State Koser, the First State & Savings bank and others claiming interests in the land which is security for the loan, and on which plaintiff seeks to foreclose mortgage, are named co-defendants.

Plaintiff is a brother of W. M. Holbrook, who, with the defendant J. E. Paddock, was convicted of the slaying of Creed McKendree at Dry Prairie in 1918, and whom the supreme court recently decreed must serve prison year sentences for the crime.

H. N. MOE SIZING UP THE S. F. MARKET

This is buyers' week in San Francisco and at the invitation of the San Francisco Manufacturers' and Jobbers' association, H. N. Moe of the Woman's Store is visiting in San Francisco to get first hand information in the many lines of merchandise in which he is interested.

It is Mr. Moe's custom to keep well posted always upon the trend of the market and now that prices seem to be taking a slight turn downward he is more eager than ever to keep closely in touch with the situation in order that customers may have the benefit of any reductions. He is expected to bring some interesting news in price conditions and possibilities when he returns from his trip.

REDDING YOUTH HAD LONG SLEEP

REDDING, Oct. 14.—Glen Haines, 16-year-old youth of this city, better known as the modern Rip Van Winkle, awoke early recently after a continuous slumber of 730 hours.

SENTIMENT IS SWINGING TO BOB STANFIELD

Robert N. Stanfield, republican candidate for United States senator, will be in Klamath Falls Saturday and Sunday and arrangements will be made by local republicans for at least one, and possibly more, public addresses while the candidate is in this city.

Mr. Stanfield is on a political tour of the state and has spoken in all of the Willamette valley towns, and in Mashfield. He is now in Jackson county en route to Klamath.

Prospects for the election of the republican candidate for senator are bright this year, most republican voters realizing that they must submerge their personal feelings of friendship for Senator Chamberlain, the democratic candidate, for the sake of republican principles.

Mr. Stanfield in a public statement issued in Coquille, sized up the situation as follows:

The campaign is progressing finely, so far as I am concerned," said Mr. Stanfield. "Harding, of course, is already elected. Two months ago people treated me very cordially, but many of them were not inclined to commit themselves. I couldn't feel sure that I knew where they were. Today there is a different atmosphere entirely. Many men openly tell me they voted for my opponent years ago, but this year they are not going to vote the republican ticket straight but they are out working for it. The spirit is fine. I confidently believe that I will be elected by a substantial majority."

Senator Harding, in a telegram to the Klamath and Coquille club of Portland in the opening of the campaign, emphasized the need of the election, Mr. Stanfield saying: "We are earnestly desirous that the republican party shall take the lead in national affairs, so that we may restore the health of the republic and ensure the good of the country, will wish, as I wish, that the voters of Oregon may find it to their best judgment to support Robert N. Stanfield for United States senator."

A republican president cannot put republican policies into effect unless he is aided and supported by a republican majority in the United States senate. That is one of the principle reasons why Senator Harding is anxious that Oregon shall elect Robert N. Stanfield, the nominee of the republican party, to represent his native state in the United States senate.

The republicans have a bare majority of one vote in the present senate. It is clear, therefore, that it is entirely possible that Mr. Stanfield's vote, when he is elected, may be the deciding vote necessary to ensure republican control of the senate. On the other hand, if Mr. Chamberlain's vote might be the very one which would turn the control of the senate over to the democrats.

The election of Harding to the presidency, therefore, would be but a barren victory unless a republican senate is elected at the same time to back him up in supplanting democratic one-man rule, extravagance and inefficiency with republican protection, progress and prosperity.

Senator Harding's interest in the election of Mr. Stanfield is shared by other republican leaders of national reputation.

Calvin Coolidge, republican vice-presidential candidate, has given expression to his desire for Mr. Stanfield's election to the senate in a telegram to the republican state central committee in which he says:

"The success of the republican ticket in Oregon is earnestly to be desired. More than that, my own desire to preside over a republican senate leads me to hope for and recommend the election of R. N. Stanfield to represent your great state in that honorable body."

Several of the leading republican United States senators have similarly expressed their earnest hope that Mr. Stanfield will be chosen by the people of Oregon to add to the republican membership in the next senate.

U. S. Senator Miles Poindexter, chairman of the republican national senatorial committee, has telegraphed

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