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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1922.

WHISPERING

WE have been told several times in the last few days that the men of Klamath Falls will not vote for the re-election of Mayor Wiley.

We do not know who is responsible for originating this bit of suggestive and slanderous propaganda. We do know what we think of it.

It's a variation of the outworn, scrupulous methods of the ward politician; a device known as "whispering a candidate to death."

It's as foul and cunning a thing as ever devised this side the link of hell.

The suggestion that the authors are to implant in the public mind that Mayor Wiley has been derelict in his guardianship of public morals, and will be rebuked on election day by the women voters of the city.

To those who are speeding the whisper along, knowing full well that they are making charges for which they have no possible substantiation, we have nothing to say. Their own consciences fail to rebuke them, our words would be wasted.

But to those who have no interest, except in knowing the truth, we could advise careful investigation of the motives of those who are making this unclean attack.

They never have sat where the writer has sat and discussed with the mayor, the problems of city government, these people who say that moral transgression is permitted or condoned by the city's chief executive.

They've never heard the mayor say for his own growing boy, and in desire above all things to see that boy has the protection of a clean environment in which to grow.

They don't know—they don't want to know, for they could find out very easily if they desired—just how seriously the present mayor of Klamath Falls takes his responsibilities.

There doubtless are moral evils in Klamath Falls. It would be strange, in a city of this population, and complexity of population, there were not. The aftermath of war, the general weakening of the moral fibre through the wholesale violations of the prohibition act, have created nationwide conditions that only the concerted action of all true Americans, working through the public authorities, the schools, churches and homes—and especially through home influence and training—can remedy.

It is unfair to the point of absurdity to pick one man in a population of five thousand and attempt to make him the guardian of the individual consciences of all the community. The omniscience and omnipresence of the Almighty alone would be equal to such a task of supervision.

The critics of Mayor Wiley cannot point to a single flaw in the administration of the city's business affairs. He took control at a time when finances were in an apparently hopeless muddle, and with the aid of a wise council, and the co-operation of civic organizations, whose confidence was enlisted by his ability, has straightened out the tangles in a large measure and set the city upon a sure foundation for growth.

Two years is a short time for the accomplishments that have been attained. In grappling with the large problems that had to be confronted, likely many minor matters have gone unattended.

But in the matter of morals we do not believe that Klamath Falls has more than its share of transgressions. It is no pleasure to condemn the shortcomings of others. We feel that the whispering campaign that has started is a wanton attack. Charges that cannot be substantiated

In the daylight are being whispered in the dark. Those capable of willful attempts at the destruction of character and reputation in order to gratify petty political grudges and gain petty political ends, deserve the severest excommunication.

We are not concerned greatly, however, with the effect upon Mayor Wiley's reputation. His standing is too secure to be injured by petty malice.

Therefore we seek to escape from stirring up bitter feelings by employing bitter words.

We only warn, as we feel our position compels us, against this campaign of curbstone whispering and backstairs gossip. We merely defend, as we feel it is our duty, a public official who has endeavored to serve to his best ability the whole people of this city, whose only crime in the eyes of enemies—if they would honestly admit it—is his refusal to extend patronage or play favorites at the expense of the people he serves.

And we feel that we can safely leave the sting of rebuke to the women voters of the city, whose intelligence is being gratuitously insulted, when their decision is registered at the polls.

County Court Proceedings

Monday, September 11th, 1922.

Court Met Pursuant to Adjournment, when were Present: R. H. Bunnell, County Judge, Burrell Short and Asa Fordyce, County Commissioners. The following proceedings were had:

G. M. Raymond, reporting, \$35.30. G. M. Raymond, reporting, \$15.00. Road Claim allowed and warrant drawn:

Burrell Short, mileage, \$108.00. Road Bond Claims allowed and warrants drawn:

Clark-Kendall & Co., assistance in issuing bonds, \$1,500.00. L. W. Copeland, right of way, \$300.00.

A. W. Bradshaw, right of way, \$250.00.

Whereupon Court Adjourned until Saturday September 16, 1922.

R. H. BUNNELL, County Judge. ASA FORDYCE, Commissioner.

BURRELL SHORT, Commissioner. BE IT REMEMBERED, That at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Equalization of Klamath County, Oregon, begun and held at the Court Room of said County on Monday, September 11, 1922, the same being the Second Monday in September, 1922, and the time fixed by law for holding a regular term, when were present:

R. H. Bunnell, County Judge. W. T. Lee, County Assessor. C. R. DeLap, County Clerk. The following proceedings were had:

The members of the board were sworn in, and assumed the business of the board and the notice of such meetings was filed, whereupon the examination of the rolls of 1922 were examined, and recommendations, suggestions and protests were considered, and upon motion duly made, the Board decided to meet and adjourn each day of the term and would continue the hearing of any protest filed until near the end of the term, to-wit: until and including Monday, October 2, 1922.

R. H. BUNNELL, County Judge. ASA FORDYCE, Commissioner. BURRELL SHORT, Commissioner.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE KLAMATH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNE 19, 1922, AND SEPTEMBER 18, 1922

Table with financial data including Balance on hand at end of school year, June 20, 1921, Received during school year, June 20, 1921, to June 20, 1922, Total money received during this period, Total amount of money handled, Total amount of warrants drawn by all the districts of the county, etc.

Distribution of Expenditures of Pro Tem Board During Period From June 20, 1922, to September 18, 1922:

Table with expenditure data including Warrants drawn to redeem outstanding warrants which were drawn during school year June 20, 1921, to June 20, 1922, Warrants drawn to redeem outstanding warrants which were drawn during school year June 20, 1920, to June 20, 1921, etc.

Total 9,530.99 + \$ 48,019.94 * Accrued bills this date, September 18, 1922, contracted by pro tem board and not yet acted upon by board \$3,176.05 E. L. DAVIS, Clerk, Klamath County School District.

The Liberty PRESENTS D. W. GRIFFITH'S "Orphans of the Storm"

at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Orchestra directed by Mr. Borel

October 20

Is the Last Day To Submit Your Essay

Subject:—"Why the Mis-Named Compulsory Educational Bill should be defeated." The following are the rules of the contest.

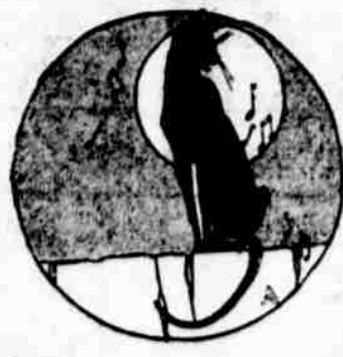
- 1. Essays must be limited to 500 words. 2. Must be written in ink and on one side of paper only. 3. Mail all Essays to Essay Contest, Box 427 Klamath Falls. (Letters will be delivered unopened to the Board of Judges). 4. No Essays bearing a post mark later than Oct. 20th will be accepted. 5. Essays will be judged on subject matter and construction, spelling, punctuation, grammar and neatness of the work submitted.

Judges of contest will be: F. R. SOULE, Herald Editor CHAS. F. STONE, Attorney REV. H. T. MEYER, Lutheran Minister

For the best essay on the above subject a cash prize of \$20.00 will be given. For the second best essay \$10.00 cash. For the third best essay \$5.00 cash. The above contest is being conducted by the Catholic Civic Rights Association of Klamath County.

D. H. CRUMP, Sec'y. Manager.

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See the Cat Cattleman, Dairyman and Farmers, as well as all other progressive citizens of Klamath county, should plan to join the crowds Saturday at Malin. That's where the free dinner will be served. All the details in large ad on this page tomorrow.