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THIS IS YOUR BUSINESS

IT IS a sorrowful spectacle, when an officer charged with the enforcement of law, who, by virtue of his position, should set an example in respect for the law and reliance on the law, resorts to force that results in such a disgraceful scene as occurred in the district attorney's office yesterday.

Having known the district attorney's former assistant for several years, long before he came to Klamath Falls, we cannot believe that he gave his superior any reason to fear an aggressive attack, which might have justified the latter's violence. Of all men, he is the mildest and most inoffensive, and his control of temper, his failure to retaliate under the unwarranted and brutal attack, is a credit to his character and intelligence.

Klamath county now has the disagreeable distinction of having under arrest, charged with serious crimes, an ex-chief of police, two federal law enforcement agents, and its district attorney.

Isn't it about time for the law-abiding majority to assert itself, and demand a cessation of this misrepresentation of the community in the eyes of the world, through the lawless unrestraint of a few?

Klamath county is not a lawless community. Probably less serious crime occurs here year in and year out, than in any other similar area of like population in the country.

Yet, because of the acts of an undisciplined few, we are gaining unenviable notoriety, and are being shunned by timorous tourists. Ask any observant person who has traveled up or down the coast in the last few months if you think this is not so.

The inability of the district attorney to work with his official colleagues and assistants has another bad effect.

Since the resignation of his former assistant, W. A. Wiest, the county court, instead of relying upon the county's legal adviser for services and advice, has paid out large sums of money for legal service, secured outside the district attorney's office.

The minutes of proceedings show, as part instance, that on June 9th, the court allowed bills, aggregating \$875, presented by Wiest. One item was salary, \$175. Why should the county court be employing an attorney at a higher salary than the district attorney, who gets \$166.66 a month, is receiving, to do what is presumed to be a part of the district attorney's work?

The other items of \$350 each were for special services, one in a case against the Strahorn railroad, one for legal work in connection with the Merrill highway. Is the district attorney's office so overburdened that it could not have attended to these matters?

Eight hundred and seventy-five dollars at one clatter—nearly one-half the district attorney's entire annual salary. No wonder we hear the incessant cry of taxation too heavy to bear.

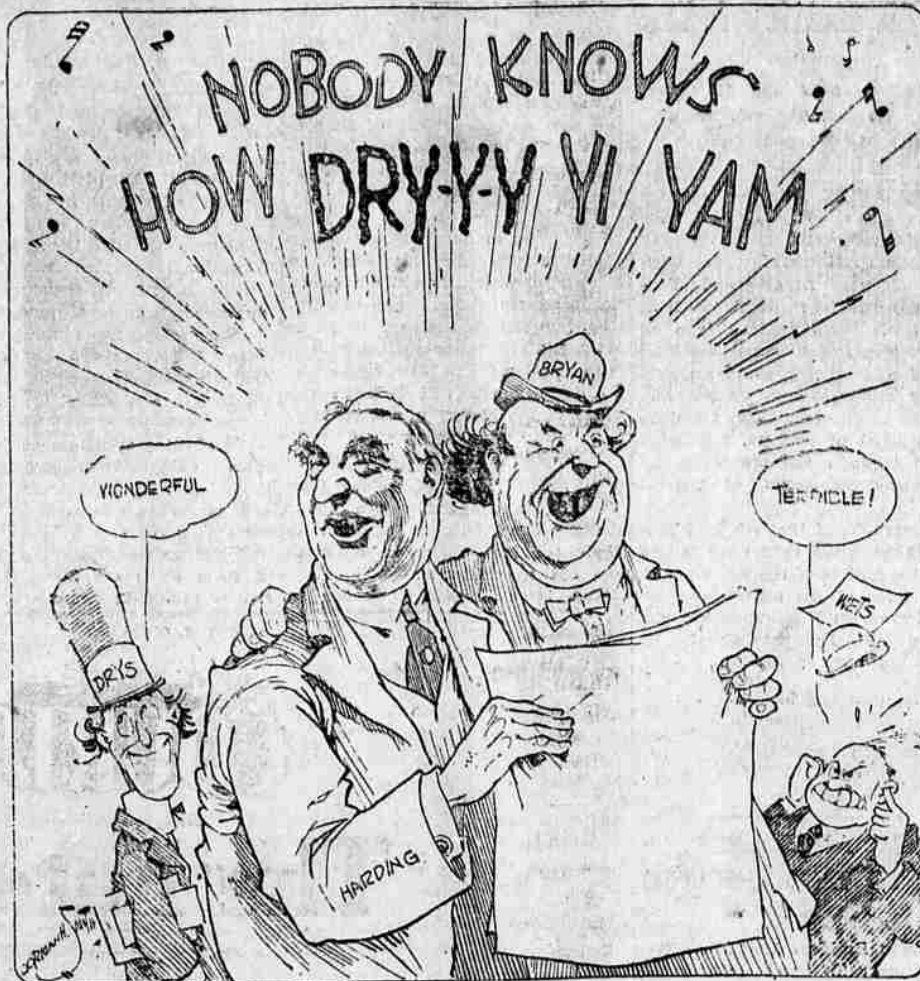
The Herald is talking facts now. It seeks to criticize no one, to place no blame, except upon the shoulders where it belongs, upon the tax-payers who permit such a situation to exist.

The county court would advance as a reason for this duplication of expenses, doubtless, that the services of a legal adviser are immediately necessary, and that having proper legal advice in the situations for which they paid \$350 each for the advice, saved a larger sum, and that they are forced to seek this legal advice because of the dilatory, procrastinating methods and lack of co-operation of the district attorney's office.

The district attorney might say that he was being disciplined for political insubordination. There may be some truth on both sides. With the causes of the inharmonious we are interested only slightly, but the results are plainly disastrous.

This payment of such large sums of money for service that the district attorney should be able and ready to render, is beyond the bounds of all reasonable business.

PERFECT HARMONY



If it is necessary under present conditions, it proves nothing except that the conditions should be immediately changed.

And for the less apparent, but none the less certain, loss that is being inflicted upon the community by the lawlessness of those charged with enforcement of the law, that too must cease, and the law-abiding citizens of the community cannot shirk the duty, and keep faith with their consciences, of taking a stand that will bring it to an abrupt end.

The cause of justice is not served in the present instance by the adjournment of the circuit court until December, a probability announced today.

As public interest wanes, witnesses remove from the county, and material evidence is lost, the odds are increased against a square deal for the people of the state. The accused gain by delay.

If those officials charged with crime are innocent, it is equally to their interest and the state's to bring about speedy trials, that they may rest no longer than is absolutely necessary under the stigma of false accusation. If they are guilty, every passing day increases the probabilities that they will escape more lightly from just punishment.

We understand that this particular delay is due to lack of available jury material, and that the state law is specific in ruling on the procedure for securing a jury. Perhaps there is no local blame attachable, but a deplorable condition remains, calling to high heaven for remedy in the name of simple justice. And it looks at first glance like a condition that a very little foresight might have prevented. Certainly a recurrence should be prevented, if the whole state code must be changed.

The Herald is not clamoring for the persecution of innocent men. It intends to start no argument, nor appeal to public passion. But at its masthead it carries an epitome of all its belief: "Equal rights and equal justice are the twin pillars of democracy."

Are rights equally apportioned in Klamath county, if these conditions are allowed to exist?

Are we dealing equal justice when we passively acquiesce in such flagrant disregard for the elemental principles of justice?

You answer these questions. It is the duty of this paper to present the facts only. It is your duty and your business, as you have faith in democracy and love for your home, to answer the questions that arise from a truthful presentation of conditions.

LIBRARY NOTES

Following is a list of the new books received this week at the city library:

- Peter Pan—Barrie.
- The Man From Maine—Bok.
- Mother West Wind—Burgess.
- Story Hour Favorites—Harper.
- A Hind in Richmond Park—Hudson.
- Up Stream—Lewiston.
- Life of Christ—Papini.
- Irish Twins—Perkins.
- Japanese Twins—Perkins.
- Steps in Enjoyment of Pictures—Oliver.

The librarian will be glad to give information regarding articles or books in the library pertaining to our national playgrounds to anyone interested in or contemplating a trip to any of the national parks. There are several interesting books and articles available on the subject.

FORMER EMPEROR RELUCTANT TO PAY DUTCH TAXES

AMSTERDAM, July 7.—William Hohenzollern is quarreling with the Dutch over the payment of taxes. He is now engaged in a dispute with the municipal authorities of Doorn over the question of local assessments. The former German emperor refuses to pay, contending that the municipality is not entitled to its demand because he came to Holland under compulsion.

The Doorn city fathers maintain that he came there voluntarily, and have decided to enforce the law with retrospective effect.

The municipal council of Amerongen, where the former emperor resided the first year of his exile, has not been slow in following up the decision of the Doorn council, and proposes to submit its claim for arrears in taxes.

CATHOLIC SERVICES IN MERRILL. Services in the Catholic church of Merrill will be held next Sunday, (tomorrow) at 11:15. This necessitates but one service in Klamath.

See Winters and see better. 6-7 Falls at 9:30.



The Office Cat

MY JUNCTION

I'll sing or bust!
It can't be helped,
If but to say
Just why I yell.
The other day
When I went forth
My bite to eat
My umbrella hung
Beneath my coat,
Hid so neat!
It did not rain
When I went out,
So I did leave
The umbrella right
Where it did hang.
But I did grieve
When I returned
To find it gone.
I hope the man
Who took the tent
Will bring it back
And hang it up
On the same hook
From which he took
The darned old thing,
And if he does
All will be well.

The office grouch loves argument so well that he deliberately eats things that don't agree with him.

Still, there has to be a groom before she can be a bride and get in the rotogravure section.

No one has any respect for a rank and deliberate liar—not even other liars care for him.

Man may be the head of the household and yet may be merely a block-head.

Variety is the spice of life. When the coal men are through with us, the ice men soak us.

If the vamp wishes to test her powers, Byron Hardbrook says let her marry a man and try to hold him.

An old-timer is one who can remember when it was good manners to ask your guests to excuse the light when you took it out of the room.

The reason ideas get into some heads slowly is because they have to wedge themselves in between prejudices.

Talk about changing times, it's a long way from a grandfather's clock to a grandson's wrist watch.

Two or three roses left mysteriously and anonymously on an office girl's desk can create as much com-

THEATRES MOVIES

AT THE LIBERTY

The smashing blows from the flailing flukes of a wounded fifty-ton whale in its death struggle came close to crushing several members of the cast of "All the Brothers Were Valiant," presented at the Liberty theatre Sunday. The episode took place during a recent trip to the Farallone islands off the California coast.

During the morning, a week after the arrival of the whaling party, they sighted a "single," then a "pair," and finally another "single."

"We'll get that or bust," grimly declared Willat. The two, small power boats, were loaded. One had a harpoon rifle mounted in the bow and was manned by Bob Kortman, Vincent Higgins, Jack Graham, John Hanson and Otto Hansen.

Both boats chased the whale for an hour, the cameramen stationed on the "traveler" cranking now and again. Finally Bob Kortman fired a one-pound shell into the under side of the bull and he scudded. By this time the other boat had reached the spot. The men stood, harpoons in hand, and when their prey came up again it was at a distance. The next time he came up they were more fortunate and one launch was able to reach him in time to land two harpoons.

Weakened through loss of blood, the bull came to the surface and stayed there for perhaps three minutes. "Red" Thompson, in one of the launches, ordered Richter, the first mate of the "Traveler," to guide the small craft alongside. When this was done he leaped to the back of the animal, maintaining a footing by aid of his spiked boots, and scored the death blow, a thrust through the lungs.

AT THE PINE TREE

Goldwyn's super-feature, "The Christiana," adapted from Sir Hall Caine's most famous novel, directed by Maurice Tourneur, is coming to the Pine Tree theatre on Sunday. This photoplay is a credit to everyone concerned in its production; it takes rank among the really big films of the year. Tourneur was selected by Goldwyn production executives to make the film because of his fine record of achievement in adapting famous novels to the screen.

Director and principals were sent to England to make exteriors in London, at Cambridge, at the derby at Epsom Downs and on the Isle of Man where the big thrilling climax of the story takes place. The author gave his assistance to the director in obtaining the correct atmosphere and in getting the consent of the London officials to photograph the big mob scene in Trafalgar Square—the first time such permission had ever been granted.

The story of "The Christiana" is well known to readers and playgoers—it concerns the efforts of one John Storm, become a Christian socialist, to live at Christ would live, and his struggle to free himself from his love for Glory Quayle. He meets the usual end that comes to all reformers and prophets—is mobbed to death.

Richard Dix plays the lead and opposite him is Mae Busch. Other players are Phyllis Haver, Gareth Hughes, Mahlon Hamilton, Joseph Dowling, Claude Gillingwater, Cyril Chadwick, Beryl Mercer, Harry Northrup, Robert Bolder, Milla Davenport, Alice Hesse and Alleen Pringle. Cedric Gibbons, Goldwyn art director, has outdone himself in some of the sets for the film and the photography is super-excellent. The story is a thrilling, emotional drama, realistically acted.

PINE TREE

TONIGHT

The Strange's Banquet

One of the best
MARSHALL NEILAN
Productions

A picture that holds the attention every minute.

—Also—

MONTY BANKS

—in—

BRILLANTINO THE
BULLFIGHTER

SUNDAY

Sir Hall Caine's

The Christian

Who Shall Be Judge!

Which of us shall pass judgment on a man hopelessly enslaved by a great love?

The story of John Storm who renounced the life of religion for the love of an actress is the most stirring and dramatic love story the world has ever known.

FELIX CAT and

HEE HAW Comedy

SUNDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Musical Entertainment By the Orchestra

AT THE LIBERTY

Orchestra Every Evening—Mr. Harry Borel, Director

Playing today

"THE FORBIDDEN TRAIL"

A story of the early days of the west with JACK HOXIE in the leading role.

Special today only—Round 8 of

"FIGHTING BLOOD"

Sunday

"ALL THE BROTHERS WERE VALIANT"

It's a whale of a sea story—of green seas and blood—both red and yellow. Don't miss this one—the show will start at one o'clock and is continuous so you have ample opportunity.

Lue F. Vernon at the Organ

"He plays the pictures."

ment and speculation as the discovery of a bomb in the office waste basket, grins Arthur Wilson with a case in mind.

"A little bit goes a long way," said the dwarf as he fell off the cliff.