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Suggested Improvements

IN a letter on this page written on the occasion of his leaving Klamath Falls, Police Judge Carl K. Cook advocates a number of changes and improvements; namely, a better jail, increases in the terms of elective city officials from two to four years, and "staggering" the city council offices. All of these suggestions deserve consideration.

The jail problem is a tough one. No one questions that the city jail is in a bad state; it is inadequate, insanitary, and particularly lacking in proper facilities for women prisoners. Voters, however, when hard pressed for taxes for many improvements, are not inclined to be generous with expenditures for persons who get themselves into jail. A bond issue or levy for a jail is the most difficult sort of a thing to sell to the taxpayers, for this obvious reason.

There has been some discussion of a combined city-county jail. This would eliminate duplicated services and would solve the matron problem in connection with city women prisoners. It would, of course, entail an outlay for construction, but it would have economy features that should appeal to taxpayers. Such a plan makes good sense in many ways, despite the probability of technical obstacles to such an enterprise.

The other suggestions—for four-year terms for city officials and alternate councilmanic terms—entail no extra cost to taxpayers. The arguments in behalf of these proposals have been offered publicly on a number of occasions, and no one has offered to dispute them. Such amendments, placed upon the ballot, would have an excellent chance of passing. There has been some talk of holding up such changes until the whole municipal charter could be worked over, or possibly a new one prepared for submission to the voters. There being no concerted effort along these lines, however, this is not a good reason for withholding the longer terms and "staggered" council proposals from the November ballot this year.

Old Glory's Week

THIS is National Flag Week and Friday was officially observed as National Flag Day. Earlier in the week, the Elks' flag ceremonies on the courthouse lawn drew a much larger crowd than has attended this traditional event in many years—indicating an awakening patriotism that is traced, of course, to the international situation.

Well may we pause to give heed at this time to the Flag as a symbol of America's free institutions, her honorable history, and the place she occupies today in a world that seems to be cracking wide open. Well may we gaze with rapture and affection upon the banner that floats over a land to which the freedom-loving people of the world look as the final harbor of the things in which they believe.

It is true that we pay too little heed to the meaning of the Flag in times that are easy and smooth. But let's not carp on that. What better time than this to give appreciative thought to the Flag—to America—and what better time than this to resolve to uphold its honor, to maintain its freedom, to stand unflinchingly for those things which the very word, America, has come to mean.

A Warning

A DISTURBING series of sexual offenses, or attempted offenses, some of them against children, has occurred in this community in the past few weeks. Not all of the cases have been the work of one man, and there have been a few cases which have been reported in the papers.

The time is here to say enough about this situation to warn parents of the danger. Children should not be permitted to go about without escorts, particularly in the evenings. They should be warned against talking to strangers, or accepting proffered gifts from them. They can be so instructed that they may give immediate information which can be relayed to police and may assist in the removal of these offenders from public circulation.

All decent persons may well be alert for suspicious actions that may lead to the fiend or fiends who are committing these acts. A quick report to the police should be made in such cases. Delay may let a guilty suspect escape the punishment he so richly deserves.

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SIDE GLANCES

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Telling The Editor

MR. COOK WRITES
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I wish to express my appreciation to you and the staff of The News and Herald for the splendid cooperation you have given me during the past 10 years in my efforts towards recreation and the reduction of so-called "juvenile delinquency" in this city. I extend the same words of thanks and appreciation to all organizations, citizens, and the boys and girls of this city.

Klamath Falls has treated me very kindly and I have possibly succeeded in a small way only through your generosity and kindness in giving me splendid cooperation on any project I have attempted. Believe me, I sincerely appreciate all of this and wish you to know my thoughts will always be kindly towards this city and its people who have given me such a splendid opportunity to go forward.

It is my desire to once again call to the attention of the voters of this city the deplorable condition that exists in our city jail. I offer as a suggestion—one which has been made before by the local newspapers—the possibility of making arrangements whereby an addition can be built on the county jail, in the rear of the courthouse, which would save a good deal of expense and duplication.

I also respectfully call your attention to the fact that the mayor, police judge, city treasurer and councilmen are elected for a term of only two years. In my opinion, a four-year term of office for the mayor, police judge and city treasurer would promote a great deal more efficiency and thoughtful planning than a two-year term. At the present time, an elective officer of the city spends his first year in office learning the business of the city and the second year is spent in campaigning for re-election, thereby decreasing his efficiency and value to the city administration.

The councilmen could be elected to serve alternate terms so that at no time would there be a complete new group of men to serve on the council without there being one or two "hold-overs" from the last election. The city of Klamath Falls is a large business concern and many important issues arise that cannot possibly be handled by a new group of men.

I offer these recommendations with all sincerity and because I believe I have had considerable experience in city affairs during the last 10 years and I am only thinking of the future welfare of the city of Klamath Falls.

Very truly yours,
CARL K. COOK,
 Police Judge.

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BY V. T. HAMLIN

News Behind THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, June 14—The speech Mr. Roosevelt did not deliver at Charlottesville may make an interesting contribution to history when it turns up in Mr. Roosevelt's memoirs long hereafter.

The story told (and believed) in the congressional cloakrooms is that Mr. Roosevelt decided on Sunday as a result of earlier telephone conversations with Mussolini to make a speech indirectly threatening American participation in the war if Italy did not remain neutral. He planned it only as a diplomatic threat to promote peace. This draft was about completed when Ambassador Bullitt called from Paris at 11:50 a. m. Monday with the information that Italy was going in. Mussolini, so the story goes, was aware of Mr. Roosevelt's intentions from the telephone conversations and hurriedly entered the fray before Mr. Roosevelt could issue his threat.

The president thereupon had to rewrite the address entirely and he hastily chose the somewhat undiplomatic language that he later enthusiastically delivered over the airwaves.

The story may be apocryphal as it lacks direct confirmation, but his congressional supporters like to believe it because it removes from Mr. Roosevelt's language any suggestion of direct and early American entry into the war.

Courthouse Records

(THURSDAY)
Judgments
 (The following are judgments on distraint warrants in favor of the Oregon State Tax commission):
 A. J. and Martha Lundell, \$596.88.
 Frank Burns, \$30.78.
 Bernald Hughes Donaca, \$12.19.
 Bernald Hughes Donaca, \$6.46.
 John N. Freind, \$17.77.
 C. W. Cameron, \$14.52.
 A. A. Rhoten, \$15.48.
 A. L. Hutchison, \$8.16.
 Joseph Truchon, \$33.02.
 Perry J. Olson, \$2.54.
 Thomas J. Isitt, \$7.56.
 Leo Oldaker, \$7.00.
 Harley A. Westfall, \$3.09.
 Harley A. Westfall, \$2.01.

Divorce Complaints
 Frances E. Haskins versus Milo Haskins. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married August 22, 1930. Plaintiff asks custody of three minor children. William Ganong, attorney for plaintiff.
 Bonita Holverson versus Leroy D. Holverson. Charge, cruel and inhuman treatment. Couple married at Cottage Grove, Ore., on November 6, 1932. Plaintiff asks custody of two minor children, support money, property settlement, attorney's fees. Hugh C. Gearin, attorney for plaintiff.

Basin Area Chambers to Meet in Alturas

A meeting of the chambers of commerce of the basin area will be held next Monday night at 7 o'clock at the Niles hotel in Alturas. It was announced Thursday by Earle C. Reynolds, executive secretary of the Klamath chamber.

Invitations have been sent for representatives of the Alturas, Lakeview, Bieber, Tulelake, Merrill, Malin and Klamath Falls groups to attend, Reynolds said.

There will be a short talk by a member of each chamber followed by a discussion of mutual problems, it was stated. The meeting will be adjourned at 10 p. m. in order to allow attending representatives time to return to their homes that night.

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