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THE TEST

The biggest jolt in a decade came yesterday when the pride of Klamath burned to the ground and the White Pelican became a memory. The whole panorama was so much like a movie thriller it was hard to figure it as actually real. We know it now with all its embarrassments, for nothing can take the place of a good hotel in making a town attractive.

Almost before the flames were out plans were being made to rebuild. That is Klamath. Just as a rough sea is the test of good seamanship, so will this disaster toughen the fibre of us, and make for greater accomplishment. It is just such occasions as these that weld together the full strength of a community and make everyone pretty much akin. The lessons learned will be turned to good advantage, and the incident of Civic Expansion Week will develop into a program of surprisingly real extension.

THE PROMISE

To the management of the burned hotel we extend sympathy. To the building of the new hotel we advance greeting.

The new Pelican should allow for a city of 50,000 and a tourist trade that will swamp its facilities. The whole Klamath country is growing, and the center of every activity will continue to be its old-time rendezvous.

Klamath may have been a bit lackadaisical at times, but now comes a chance for tremendous accomplishment. The whole thing spells opportunity in capital letters. Here's to the White Pelican that is to be.

UNAFRAID

"Nor deem it that acts heroic come by chance." Something happened at the hotel fire which proves the calibre of men some are, and the measure of courage sometimes in reserve.

Contrary to all orders to keep out of the burning building, a bell-boy braved everything to rescue a dog, and succeeded. There was no playing to the galleries and no expectation of reward, simply the loyalty every man should feel for the animal that is usually loyal to man.

It does one's soul good to know of big hearts underneath the every day routine. It makes one happy to live over again the quiet heroism of other days. Nothing can be very much wrong with a man who risks all to save a dog. Will someone please see that he gets promoted?

WARNING

It is quite in good form to lock the stable door now that the horse is gone, and equally simple procedure to urge more fire facilities now the damage is done. There is nothing new in this. Every town everywhere goes through the same experience at one time or another. We seem to live and thrive on procrastination, and nothing the News can say will change it.

But out of compliment to the splendid work of the fire department and out of respect for firemen's lives it might not be a bad idea to think twice this time before we pigeon-hole the various suggestions. Under different conditions of wind and weather the whole of Main street might readily have been wiped out, and then what? With most of the buildings mere tinder-boxes, and many of the stores poor risks, anything is liable to happen any minute of any day, with the fire department as our only protection.

Somehow, all the twaddle of political gossip fades into nothing alongside the warning of yesterday. We need better safeguards than we have had. We must have better equipment at whatever cost.

"GONE WEST"

(Portland Telegram)

A granite shaft has been dedicated at Meacham, Ore., to the memory of those who undertook but failed to survive the adventure of the Old Oregon Trail and whose lonely graves mark the tragically brief haltings of the caravans.

As one reads the records of those early journeys, he wonders not so much that these were so many, as that they were so few. Families moved as units and the very old and the very young, however ill suited to the hardships and privations of the way, must go on, since they could not be left behind. These were the greatest sufferers, and in the case of the old, physical discomforts were more easily borne than homesickness for the familiar life that lay behind, and dread of the untried life that lay before. Perhaps many of those who died were not sorry to be set free from the stern necessities of their enforced migration.

Long years after, on the battlefield of a great war, when death was so near that its name must not be spoken, men cloaked its harsh reality under a phrase, and said that their missing comrades had "gone West." So, in the great westward movement of the pioneer army, there were those who "went West" by a shorter road. It is fitting that we raise such monuments as this at Meacham, to honor the memory of these fallen soldiers, gone West too soon, who did not live to see the victory accomplished.

BUSY WITH THE BOOBS

(From the Salem Journal)

As election approaches, we are about to be saved again, this time by the "Clean Government League" whatever that may be, which has a press agent in the person of the young woman who won fame during the last session of the legislature as "Tilly from Tillamook." Whether this new league is the Dry Legion of Snappers in a new guise, deponent sayeth not.

That the situation is a serious one, we are assured by the "Proclamation" of the new league. In fact the octopus, whatever that is, is about to grab our fair state and crush us all in its manacles. We quote as follows:

Never in the history of Oregon has the welfare of our state so been threatened by the insidious forces of organized corruption. With crafty cunning, the exponents of big business, personal aggrandizement, and greed are laying hold on our city, county and state institutions, which we, the people have given of ourselves, to create and maintain, that our children might enjoy and reap the full benefit, and rich inheritance of liberty.

Colled in musty corners of dark by-ways, these "vipers" are lying in wait, ready to strike at the heart of the state government—our legislature. With their venom, the paid lobbyist, they plan to again kill progressive legislation—to give Oregon a throwback of a decade in reaction; purposely forcing our state

Fall House Cleaning Time



THE HAPPY MAN

He always lived on Sunny Street,
 His heart was light and gay;
 He'd walk afar a friend to greet
 And cheer him on his way.
 No cloud e'er hovered o'er his head;
 No gloom his threshold marred,
 And paths were velvet to his tread
 That others found so hard.
 The house he built on Sunny Street,
 Had welcome on the door;
 Within the atmosphere was sweet,
 And friendship warm in store.

SPIRIT WILD WEST DECLARED GENERAL

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were en route for other points of call in Oregon and California.

T. P. Henderson, resident manager for the Klamath Development company, and local representative for the Fleischhacker interests owning the razed hotel, turned first to the Southern Pacific railway company in an attempt to secure Pullman cars for hotel guests. One Pullman sleeper, already in the local yards, he was able to obtain and this housed about 25 guests last night. It was expected today that another sleeper will be here from the north offering additional accommodations.

Wires from San Francisco advised Henderson that no sleepers were available, he stated, so the plan for a trainload of the Pullmans was frustrated.

Provisions Promptly Made
 "We'll take care of all guests," Henderson declared, when it was seen that the hotel was doomed to destruction, and with this assurance many who were planning to go to Ashland and Medford for the night, remained here. A slightly heavier stage and train business, however, indicated that a few guests went to nearby towns for rooms over the week-end.

Without solicitation, many calls from private residences throughout the city were received at the office of the Klamath Development company, proffering accommodations for the homeless hotel guests. A room exchange was established at the chamber of commerce late in the afternoon, and through this medium many were established in comfortable lodgings for the night.

Accommodations Secured
 Thus, through consistent effort on the part of White Pelican hotel officials, civic organizations and others, the guests were all comfortably situated by nightfall.

Within two months it is expected that the Willard, Anchor and Young hotels, now under construction,

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The proclamation does not say whether the rescue of Oregon consists in turning over all the power and irrigation resources of the state to an irresponsible self-appointed "Housewives" committee with \$52,000,000 state bonds to start with, to spend as they please.

Before every election, these self-saviors of the public imbibe something strong enough to see "vipers coiled in musty corners ready to strike at the heart of government" and you can only do your share to preserve the state by shelling out liberally your donation to the good cause for them to spend without accounting.

What do the "saviors" do between elections? That is a mystery. Presumably, however, they live on the donations of the boobies.

SPORTSMEN OBJECT TO TITHING BILL

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booth on November 2. That vote will kill the Tithing Bill which will take between \$25,000 and \$40,000 from the game protection fund each year and make necessary the abandonment of five or six of our trout hatcheries. Yours may be among them.

"You as a sportsman and a taxpayer have contributed your regular proportion of the tax expenses of the state. In addition to that you have purchased a fishing license, a hunting license, or both, and when you did so it was with the promise that this money would be used in making it possible for you to hunt and to fish. It is morally wrong for the state or anyone else to divert part of this money into the general fund.

"The sportsmen of this state with their license fees are maintaining the greatest asset the state of Oregon has—its wild life. They are doing this cheerfully although thousands of people who neither fish nor hunt profit either directly or indirectly because of the existence of this resource.

"One-half of all game fines goes into the county treasuries to the extent of approximately \$10,000 each year. This more than pays for the cost of the trial of all game cases because ninety percent of them are obtained on pleas of guilty. Very few game cases ever go to trial.

"If you really desire to defeat this, as you certainly should, kindly see to it that everyone with whom you come in contact is acquainted with the unfairness of this Tithing Bill and ask them to vote No. 2."

U. S. Marines to Guard Mails Says Head Department

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(United Press)—The United States marines were called out today to guard the mails. Postmaster General New and Major General John A. Lejeune issued the orders for armed "leather-necks" to guard valuable mail shipments.

The order follows closely the Elizabeth, N. J., hold-up, in which one mail defender was killed and two wounded before the slayers escaped with between \$100,000 and \$300,000, as well as several other fatal robberies and robbery attempts elsewhere.

The marine guards will continue on duty until the postoffice department can organize its own armed guards for money shipments. New will ask congress for money for this purpose and to compensate the marine corps for its expenses.

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