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NO AFFILIATIONS

Casually, but quite firmly, we want to correct the impression that the News is anybody's "organ." During the recent campaign it was brought to our attention that we were Southern Pacific or Copco or anything else that happened to suit anyone's convenience. This sort of thing is fine up to a certain point. It was to some extent excusable in the case of Mr. Murray whose fondness for the News was a matter of record, and whose occasional reflections never really did any harm. As a matter of fact we miss them. If Mr. Murray would care now to answer questions we would like to ask a few on our own account.

As things stand today we are prepared to stop-gap quickly any suggestion that the News is controlled in any way by either Copco, Southern Pacific, or any other corporation. The ownership is vested largely in Mr. Byron H. Hurd, and the mere fact that he has other interests in no way discounts the faith he has shown in Klamath or his readiness to do for Klamath. As the paper grows in circulation and prestige reasonable credit should be given its Publisher, whose genius for organization reflects itself in the News staff. In the short space of two years Mr. Hurd has accomplished wonders, and out of compliment to this achievement we protest any affiliation with anyone or anything outside.

RESTING OUR CASE

Pleading at the bar of public opinion the News has recommended rebuilding the White Pelican in anticipation of the Klamath that is to be. In endorsement of this, prominent business men have pledged their support. And to show how efficient we can be on occasion, working plans and details are sufficiently perfected to carry through if this paper should be called upon to promote the enterprise.

But, as per usual, local interests are conflicting. Out of fairness to those already operating hotels and others planning to do so, we prefer to submit facts to our readers and let them decide.

Arrangements now underway will provide approximately three hundred additional rooms of one sort and another, and the prospective opening of the new Willard hotel will relieve the immediate situation. There is no intention on our part to interfere with these, all calculations being based on the stretch ahead. As things continue to grow Klamath will certainly need an up-to-date community center, with facilities for special entertainment aside from the matter of rooms. A similar hotel recently completed in California provides refined dining service for every possible occasion. The generally accepted opinion is that hotel restaurants are losing ventures, but when we see a town not much larger than Klamath boasting banquet rooms and dining facilities for five hundred, together with an attractive dance floor and assembly room we cannot help wondering just a little. We are thoroughly aware such a picture is overdrawn for now, but what about two years hence, and five years? The assumption that the White Pelican did not pay is not a fair criterion for future business. If Klamath is to have 20,000 population shortly, it will mean some enlargement of present facilities without disturbing anyone's chances.

The only possible interest the News has in the matter is that of community welfare. It remains for the business men and Chamber of Commerce to decide how soon the city will be qualified for such conveniences and to what extent they will be justified in building for tourist trade.

"RIDE 'EM COWBOY"

The biggest need of Klamath today is larger community faith. In spite of railroad talk and steady payrolls many persons act like scared rabbits, afraid first of this thing and then that, and busying themselves with matters of really no consequence. What is lacking is the tremendous accomplishment of which the town is capable, providing we all pull together and work together to make this Oregon's second city.

If we could only capture the adventure spirit of the Round-up, things would very quickly be doing. Sitting firmly in the saddle and riding like blazes would at least make fun for the spectators, and in our case the entire Pacific coast is looking on. What are we particularly doing that any other town on earth wouldn't cheerfully do on request? Why leave the schedule of development to the weather and Providence? And why assume that Klamath will grow fast enough of its own momentum without any aggressive program?

Somehow we've got to break through and break down the village spirit. In some way we must learn to sidestep the incantations of those who are sufficiently well entrenched to want to leave things as they are. In spite of all the churches can do, certain people still cling to the art of being selfish. Nothing can be gained by overdoing and over-boasting, but Empires are certainly not made by being lukewarm. To Klamath is given the custody and future of a vast expanse of territory now mostly in the primitive, and unless we measure up to the opportunity things will remain generally as they are, regardless of through trains and through routes, and all the lure that goes with Klondyke discoveries.

The more we see other towns reaching for pay-roll industries the more considerate we ought to be of those we have. Both Roseburg and La Grande are worrying over the handicap of insufficient manufacturing, and here we are operating on a million-a-month schedule, and more in sight. The Weyerhaeuser coming alone will give Klamath a big increase in all kinds of trade.

THANKS LIVING

A Thanksgiving Message by FRANK L. WEMETT

Pastor First Methodist Church Klamath Falls

Text, Ps. 116:12. "What Shall I Render Unto the Lord For All His Benefits Toward Me?" It is a fair question, and a searching one too. The Thanksgiving occasion, properly considered, is something more than a time of feasting and social fellowship. It ought to be to every thoughtful citizen a season of introspection and spiritual readjustment. There are three things which the Lord has a right to expect from the recipients of his bounty.

"Think on These Things"

First, an honest consideration of the fundamental facts of human life. Man is a dependent creature. His oft-repeated boast of independence is a fiction. Another must feed and sustain him. He is compelled to look to sources outside his own puny effort or ingenuity for the elemental requirements of life. If the orderly processes of nature were interrupted for a single hour the race would perish. God administers the universe. He controls the forces by which harvests ripen, and all homely comforts are made available to man. And He is a devoted administrator. Our best interests are even in His thought. Actuated by a love that knows no bounds, and from resources that are limitless, God gives, and gives continually. Clear up to the utmost of man's willingness and need, God pours His bounty into the hands and hearts of men. He is the source of all good. Think of the multitude and magnitude of the benefits bestowed on each of us by this Father, God!

Say "Thank You" to God

Second, the dependent relation which we individually sustain to God lays upon us the obligation of thanksgiving. How beautiful is the grace of gratitude, and how rare! How many hands are weary of giving because their gifts awaken no grateful response! The human heart is selfish, and selfishness and true gratitude cannot exist together. Consider a man living in God's world, feasting on its substance, cheered by its beauty, solaced by its manifold ministries, living on from year to year and never saying "Thank you" to his benefactor! "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!" Even an ordinary dog will respond to an act of kindness.

"Not Yours, But You"

Finally, the character and faithfulness of the divine benefits demand a quality of gratitude which can only be expressed in terms of life. The mere saying of thanks will not suffice. The heart, the hands, the feet must echo the testimony. God pays scant attention to what we say. He is tremendously interested in what we do. True thanksgiving is thanksgiving. The first duty of a genuinely grateful soul is to recognize and acknowledge the right of God to control the life. Gratitude inspires devotion, and devotion leads to enlistment. The Lord of heaven has exhausted every resource to awaken our gratitude. He has possessed Himself of every claim to our devotion. He wants no cheap and meaningless praise. He demands life. That alone can satisfy the yearning of the Divine heart, and the deep instinct of manly honor. "Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!"

KLAMATH

Population 11,500. Altitude 4,000 feet. Monthly payroll of \$1,000,000. 140,000 acres of irrigated lands. Several standard rigs boring for oil. Klamath has tributary to it 25 mills and factories. Climate clear and cool in summer and mild in winter. The center of the greatest stock raising section of Oregon. 1,000,000 undeveloped horse power on the Klamath River. It has one of the twenty-four United States reclamation projects. More undeveloped resources than any other county on the coast. This city is second of Oregon in amount of freight shipment out by rail. There is tributary for manufacture 40,000,000,000 feet of soft pine. The largest box shoo manufacturing center in the United States. The largest percentage of growth in telephone and telegraph service of any city on the coast. The irrigable acreage in Klamath county totals 270,000, of which 140,000 is sandy loam and the balance peat. Irrigated lands under cultivation total 100,000 acres. The value of beef handled annually in Klamath county is \$1,500,000, while the lamb and wool crop brings in excess of \$1,000,000. Over \$500,000 in dairy products are handled annually, while poultry products are valued at \$125,000 a year.

KLAMATH FALLS

Klamath Falls, that wonder town. Well known almost the world around; A center fast growing in splendor and fame. A center for all that is worthy the name: A center for lumber and business and trade. With plans for the future wise and well laid; A center for livestock and the most fertile land. The home of the Spud of White Pelican brand; The center for farming that is only begun. But with fields of alfalfa second to none; A center for railroad, and highway and trail. A center for airline that carries fast mail; A center for scenery with fame justly won. Of lake and of mountain, of rod and of gun; A center for broadcasting music and play. That gives so much pleasure by night and by day; A center for sunshine and rarified air. The home of strong men and of women most fair; A center of welcome, good will and fair play. The very best assets that man can display; The center of opportunity, and this is no jest. The center of attraction for the last Great West; A center, yes, a center, but only begun. All hail to fair Klamath with her place in the sun. —E. W. GREGORY, Dairy, Oregon.

Episcopal Guild To Hold Bazaar On December 10

Because Thanksgiving falls on the regular meeting day of St. Paul's Episcopal Guild, members of the group will meet Monday afternoon in the parish house to make final plans for their bazaar which will be held in Veterans Memorial building on December 10.

Mrs. Carroll Seeley announced that hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. V. E. Parker and Mrs. L. E. Decker, and all members of the Guild are urged to attend the gathering.

The bazaar is looked forward to as one of the most interesting events of the year, and the dance Friday evening will complete the sale.

Free Text Books In Public School Now Possibility

PORTLAND, Nov. 20. — (United Press)—Free text books for pupils of the elementary public schools will be provided in Oregon if the recommendations of the textbook committee of the Oregon Teachers' association lead to enactment of a law to this effect.

Only two definite decisions were made by the committee which met here today. The other point agreed upon was that in case free textbooks are provided by law as the committee recommends that the state should not do the printing. The committee members were A. C. Hampton, Astoria; Brenton Veder, Clackamas county school superintendent; F. C. Bauman, McMinnville; C. W. Hoetticher, The Dalles and Edna Geer, Albany.

While the committee was of one mind regarding free text books, a difference of opinion arose as to whether districts should select their books or whether the state as a whole should adopt a uniform set of textbooks for all districts.

Former Justice Supreme Court, McKenna, Dead

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21. — (Sunday)—(United News)—Joseph McKenna died here early this morning.

The noted jurist and legislator, an associate justice of the supreme court from 1898 to 1925, passed away quietly from exhaustion and old age. He was 82.

His health had been failing for two months, following his retirement from the supreme bench in January of last year.

Death, which came just before 2 a. m., was ascribed to "infirmities and old age," by his physician, Dr. Sterling Huffing.

Four of his children were present at the bedside.

DESCENDENT EDGAR ALLEN POE DIES SUDDENLY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. — (United Press)—George Poe, 44, a descendant of Edgar Allan Poe, dropped dead on the sidelines at the Marine Army football game here today while taking an action picture of the game.

Mrs. Coolidge was a spectator at the game, and its tragic interlude. Poe was a newspaper photographer.

CHILEAN NEW CABINET ASSUMES OFFICIAL DUTIES

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 20. — (United Press)—A new cabinet of the Chilean government was sworn in tonight, headed by Manuel Vicuna.

A crisis prevailed the previous week following statements from the minister of war of the old cabinet that government principles resulting from the revolution of 1924 were not being carried out.

James Luebke, principal of the high school at Bonanza, was among the out of town business visitors in Klamath Falls during the past few days. Luebke was in Saturday, also, to obtain school supplies from the office of superintendent of schools.

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