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JUDGE LEAVITT'S LETTER

IN ANOTHER column we publish a communication from Judge A. L. Leavitt, for a number of years in the recent past police judge and city clerk of this city, which at this time is particularly pertinent.

Judge Leavitt is recognized as a man of exceptional knowledge and brains, and his conclusions are usually so well founded that they have great weight with the man of reason.

Last fall, when the Herald was advocating the issuing of bonds to cover the warrant indebtedness, as a means of re-establishing the good credit of the city, Mr. Leavitt, stated that he believed our plan was wrong, and asked permission to set forth his views in the columns of the Herald. This permission was gladly offered, as it is the belief of this paper that a free discussion of all public matters is for the best interests. Shortly afterward Mr. Leavitt left for California, but that his interest in the welfare of the city still remains is shown by the receipt of his communication a few days since. It is worth careful reading.

We agree fully with Mr. Leavitt that it would be useless for the city to issue bonds to cover the outstanding warrants, if the present practice of exceeding the income of each year was continued. But the Herald was looking into the future, and it was not difficult to see that a system which kept piling up debt upon debt on the city could not last always, and the end must come sooner or later. We believe that that end has now been reached, and that the people of this city will demand a business administration at the coming election.

We have worked for a commission form of government for nearly two years as the best solution for the proper management of our city affairs, and believe that success is near at hand. Even with a commission charter adopted, there still remains the problem of paying off our warrant indebtedness, and even if the running expenses of the city were cut to the minimum, it would be foolish to think that the outstanding warrants would take care of themselves.

We still advocate that following the adoption of the commission form of government, that bonds should be issued to take up the warrants, and provisions made for paying these off in instalments each year, as fast as possible. Mr. Leavitt argues that issuing \$60,000 or more of bonds for this purpose, with the interest that would have to be paid each year, would draw a large sum of money from local circulation. We may be mistaken, but it would seem to us that it would result in bringing these thousands of dollars of Eastern money to Klamath Falls for circulation here at this time when it is so badly needed.

At the present time our banks and local people have their money tied up in these warrants, and if money secured from the outside to take them up, it would have a tendency to greatly relieve the present financial stress. Mr. Leavitt contends that it is not right to compel our children to pay an obligation for which they had received absolutely nothing. We most heartily agree with him, but at the present rate we are traveling it looks as if it was up to the future generation, anyway, and it would be just the same to them whether they redeemed warrants or bonds.

One thing is certain. A city cannot get full value for its money whose warrants are depreciated, and unless arrangements can be made whereby capital will accept our warrants at par, some other method will have to be devised so that the city can get a dollar in value for every dollar spent.

CAPITAL NECESSARY

FARMING is, as a rule, conducted with too little capital. A goodly proportion of farmers are renters. Another portion are paying for farms, and a very small number are men who are actually going backward in the business. We have a banking system which is responsive to supplying capital at a low rate of interest to manufacturing, transportation and other lines of business. But our banks are not so responsive as they should be to supplying money to the farmers, especially to the beginner and the renter. This is particularly true in the South, though the painful situation following the civil war is being considerably changed, and has improved much during the past several years.

Dr. S. A. Knapp and his 500 helpers have done much to inaugurate a change in financing the annual mar-

keting of crops as well as working out better methods of plowing, planting and cultivating. Some modified form of the European form of "raiffeisen," or farmers' credit banks, is needed in all parts of the country, and especially in the South and West.

The plan started by Dr. Knapp of having a farm efficiency man employed at public expense for each county is beginning to spread through out the North as well as through the South. These men as advisers of credit society committees can assist many farmers who are now making very small yields to enter upon their business with a new farm plan, farm machinery, improved seeds and a new inspiration that will enable them to make large profits on modest loans.

GOOD ROADS PROCLAMATION

Governor OSWALD WEST has issued a proclamation setting this week apart as "Good Roads Week," and it is well worth reading. It follows:

Oregon is on the eve of a great awakening. The morrow will bring the Panama canal, and with it will come unbounded opportunities with their attendant influx of population and consequent commercial and industrial growth, advancement and prosperity.

Our Creator in the beginning moulded our state with kindly hands. When we think of her delightful climate, her hundreds of miles of golden beach, her lofty mountains and rushing streams, crystal lakes and beautiful harbors, her magnificent forests and rolling prairies, fertile valleys and roaming herds, of her waving grain and luscious fruits—a land dotted with prosperous cities and productive farms—we must admit that nature has fully performed her part. The federal government, too, has treated us fairly in the way of appropriations for the development of our waterways and even the railroads have awakened to the realization of our needs and their opportunities, and are checkerboarding the state with bands of steel.

In view of these things we are prompted to ask ourselves what should we do in the way of co-operation with these several agencies for the development of the state? It is true that we have given good laws, good government and good schools, and many other desirable things to those who have come within our borders, but much of this good has been nullified by some of the things we have failed to do, and chief among these is our neglect in the matter of the construction of good roads.

Without good roads there can be no great development and no great progress. What we need is more people—more people in the rural districts. And in order to attract people to the rural districts we must make rural life pleasant and attractive. You cannot maroon a new settler and his family on a farm in an ocean of mud, no matter how beautiful the spot, and expect to find him happy and content. He demands good roads leading to the church and the schools, and good roads leading to the markets, and he is going to locate in that section where these advantages are to be found.

It is not only our duty, but it is in keeping with good business to build good roads. Money spent for good roads is money well spent. When we speak of spending several millions of dollars during the next few years in road construction many are staggered by the proposal and the figures. They apparently are not aware that the several counties in this state spent over ten millions of dollars during the past six years for road work, much of which was lost through lack of system and knowledge as to scientific road building.

The question of good roads has been fairly well discussed of late, and we have learned more about road-building during the past few years than we ever knew before, but we still have much to learn, and still have much to do before we undertake on a large scale the construction of a system of highways in this state.

We need: First—The passage of model good road laws. Second—A competent man at the head of the highways department. Third—Funds sufficient to carry on the work.

These things will come only through united effort, and united effort will come only through a clear understanding of the whole question by the whole people of this state. This understanding will come only through the study by, and education of, the whole people.

Numerous bills are about to be initiated or presented to the legislature

by the friends of good roads in different parts of the state; and,

Whereas, It is most important that the people of Oregon should give deep and thoughtful attention to the consideration, study and discussion of these measures,

Now, therefore, I, Oswald West, governor of the state of Oregon, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby proclaim the week beginning the fourth day of February, and ending the tenth day of February, as Good Roads Week, and I do hereby earnestly recommend to the people of this state that during this period the question of good roads legislation be given careful thought and study through public and private discussion and through the columns of the press, in order that knowledge pertaining thereto may be increased, public sentiment crystallized and effective legislation secured.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following realty transfers, contracts, deeds, mortgages, etc., recently filed with the county clerk, are furnished by the City and County Abstract company:

Klamath Development company to Emma Faulkner, warranty deed, \$10, lot 6, block 18, Hot Springs.

Oregon Valley Land company to R. C. Roberts, warranty deed, \$200, N½ of SE¼ of NW¼, Sec. 11-37-14. Central Wisconsin Trust company to N. A. Coleman, quit claim deed, \$1, SE¼ of SW¼, Sec. 32; NW¼ of NW¼, Sec. 33; NE¼ of SW¼, Sec. 34-32-7½.

Antone Feminis to Fred W. Hyndman, deed, \$1, lots 11 and 12, block 55, Second Hot Springs.

Central Oregon Improvement company to Gottfried Lanz, warranty deed, \$500, lots 4 and 5, block 29, Crescent.

William Banks to Arminta Banks, deed, \$10, NW¼, Sec. 32; W½ of NW¼, Sec. 33-20-10; lots 1 and 2, block 11; lots 11 and 12, block 12; lot 14, block 12, Midland.

Klamath Water Users' Association to L. D. Miller, release of contract, NE¼ of SE¼ of SW¼, lots 4, 7 and 8, SW¼ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼, Sec. 17; part of lots 6 and 12, Sec. 20-39-9.

Oregon Valley Land company to J. S. Kaiser, warranty deed, \$200, E½ of SE¼, Sec. 23-37-15.

J. S. Kaiser to C. E. Noel, warranty deed, \$1, E½ of SE¼, Sec. 23-37-15.

Mallin Townsite company to Gladys Adams, warranty deed, \$70, lots 11 and 12, block 19, Mallin.

Ora E. Caines to Morris M. Greeley, warranty deed, \$1,500, NW¼ of SE¼, Sec. 27-29-10.

H. H. Carroll to J. Z. Dufresne, warranty deed, \$20, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 5, and all of block 4, West Lake Park.

R. J. Edwards to A. D. Harpold, quit claim deed, \$1, S½ of NW¼, N½ of SW¼, Sec. 15-39-11; W½ of W½, Sec. 34-39-12.

Louis Alt to G. W. Houston, warranty deed, \$10, part of lots 1 and 2, block 42, First addition.

Mallin Townsite company to Frank and Annie Ork, warranty deed, \$65, lots 1 and 2, block 63, Mallin.

Mallin Townsite company to Joseph and Tekla Mansik, warranty deed, \$35, lot 6, block 63, Mallin.

Wm. B. Brown to Arista and Alice V. Brown, warranty deed, \$10, E½ of SE¼, Sec. 36-39-11.

Edward Earl Walker to Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, warranty deed, \$10, lot 3, NE¼ of SW¼, W¼ of SE¼, Sec. 7; N½ of SW¼, Sec. 5-27-14.

Earl E. Walker to Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, warranty deed \$10, N¼ of SW¼, Sec. 8-37-14.

Luke E. Walker to Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, warranty deed \$10, SE¼ of SE¼, Sec. 7-37-14.

YOUNG GIRL DESERTED BY MAN WITH WHOM SHE ELOPED

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 7.—Nora Darling, age 17, who disappeared from her home in this city several months ago, and for whom the authorities have kept up a constant search, has been located at Nashville, Tenn., according to advices received by friends in this city.

James Gillespie, who is said to have induced her to flee with him, is said to have abandoned the girl at Nashville. She is now at the home of friends in that city.

CARE FOR STRIKERS' KIDS PLAN OF NEW YORK UNION

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Union officials here have launched a plan for bringing a number of the children of the strikers who have families in Lawrence, Mass., to this city, to be adopted by the families of members of unions here until the strike is over.

The children will be taken en masse to one of the halls where trade unions meet, and the wives of trade unionists will then select the children they wish to adopt.

OPIE READ WILL MAKE ALL LAUGH

AUTHOR OF "THE JUCKLINS" APPEARS AT OPERA HOUSE IN LECTURE NEXT SATURDAY EVENING

Opie Read, the famous humorist and lecturer, will appear Saturday evening at Houston's opera house in one of his famous fun talks, which will not be without its serious and impressive side. Maynard L. Daggy of Seattle, who is treasurer of the



OPIE READ

Redpath-Priest Lyceum Bureau, has written a letter to Manager John V. Houston, in which he says of Read, whom he has heard four times in eleven months:

"Certainly one can not say too much about him. He is instructive, inspiring, humorous, a fountain of wit and fun."

Daggy is himself a lecturer, and author of "The Principles of Public Speaking," therefore should know of what he speaks.

Prices for the Read evening will be, general admission 50 cents, reserved seats 75 cents, children 25 cents.

GRAND JURY WILL REPORT IN DYNAMITING MATTERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 6.—The grand jury reports this afternoon.

Caplases and certified copies of the indictments have been prepared.

Later—The grand jury reported thirty-two indictments in the dynamiting cases.

Over forty men are reported to be implicated, owing to the grouping of individuals in some of the indictments.

Conspiracy to violate federal laws by transporting explosives is one of the charges. Names of those involved are suppressed.

JAPAN TO HAVE TWO WARS IS THE FORECAST OF STARR

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Japan is to have war with both Russia and China within the next two years, predicts Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago, who discussed the situation in the Far East, from whence he has just returned, in a letter to the Society of Natural Sciences here.

He forecasts that both wars will be fought in Korea, which is the bone of contention, he says.

TROOPS AND NAVY FORCE READY TO GO TO BORDER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Thirty-four thousand troops are in readiness to go to the border.

The navy department is preparing the South Atlantic squadron to go to Guantanamo.

LYING TO FURNISH SKIN FOR INJURED AVIATOR

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 6.—The wife of Aviator Frank Champion is lying with John Gibson, a mechanic, who accidentally shot him, over the privilege of sacrificing several inches of skin to be grafted on the wounded man's leg. Gibson shot Champion as they were leaving Dominguez field January 5th, a shotgun which he carried being accidentally discharged.

LAKEVIEW FURNITURE HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

E. R. Willis of the Willis Furniture Co., received a telegram on Tuesday morning from his father, Richard B. Willis, at Lakeview, to the effect that their furniture store at that place was totally destroyed by fire. No particulars were given.

They carried a \$7,500 stock of goods on which there was \$6,000 insurance.

HELPER SAVES HIS BOSS AT RISK OF HIS OWN LIFE

RENO, Nev., Feb. 6.—Sacrificing his own life to save his boss, Luigi Framaschini, a boilermaker's helper, rescued E. L. Briskell, boilermaker, from death in the poisoned fumes of

a locomotive firebox at Sparks.

Briskell entered the firebox to clean it and was overcome by the foul gases. Framaschini went to his assistance, pulled him out, but was himself overcome. Italian laborers found both men unconscious. Briskell soon revived.

DYNAMITING CONSPIRACY CASES GO OVER BY CONSENT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—The Twentieth, Clancy, Munsey and Johansen cases went over by consent to the July term. The agreement was announced in Judge Wellborn's court.

A crowded calendar is the cause.

Assistant District Attorney Horton announced that the Connors, Maple and Bender cases will likely be dropped. He said he would not be positive until he consulted with District Attorney Fredericks.

RAILROAD WHEELS STOP AT PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, Feb. 6.—Every wheel on this division of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway stopped three minutes in respect to Edwin Hawley, late president of the road, whose funeral was held in New York.

The shops had observed a brief cessation of labor together with all other branches of the service.

WILL BATHUB TRUST FIGHT AGAINST THE TRUST CASE?

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 6.—United States officials here declare the defendants in all cases against the "bath tub trust" are likely to plead nolo contendere.

Their belief is based on an announcement that A. G. Ward of the Day-Ward company of Warren, Ohio, has prepared to withdraw his plea of not guilty.

CHINESE SCHOOL BOY IS SLAYER OF WHITE SCHOLAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Wong Dew, Tong Jung and Wong Wah, Chinese pupils of the Oriental public school here, have identified Wong Shee as the slayer of James Kane, a 14-year-old boy killed in a school race feud in Chinatown. Shee's arraignment is set for next Friday.

WANTS TO AUDIT BOOKS OF CITY

E. M. Wilson of Medford, an expert accountant, who will be engaged on Modoc county work until about March 10th, has written a letter requesting the city council to give him employment as its auditor. Councilman McGowan favors getting a local man to audit the city accounts, and says it ought to be done every month or so. The application was filed.

EMPEROR SPIRITUAL HEAD OF CHINA TO SAVE FACE

SHANGHAI, Feb. 6.—In order to prevent humiliating the emperor through abdication, it is announced that he will become the spiritual head of China.

Clashes of the republican governmental organization and spiritual throne are predicted, but the Sun cabinet is determined to fulfill the plan.

GENERAL WEAVER, SOLDIER AND STATESMAN, NO MORE

DES MOINES, Feb. 6.—General James B. Weaver, aged 79, soldier, orator and statesman, died here this afternoon.

He carried six states for president as a populist candidate.

MASKED MEN HOLD TRAIN UP FOR REGISTERED MAIL SACK

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 7.—Seven masked men held up Rock Island train No. 43, west bound, near Hurlbert, Ark. They got only one package of registered mail. Poses are pursuing them.

SINGS OWN FUNERAL SONG BY MEANS OF PHONOGRAPH

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 6.—Prof. W. M. Skinner's own voice sang "Crossing the Bar" during the funeral services over his body here. Some time before his death he sang the musical arrangement of Tennyson's poem into a phonograph. The masterless voice was the only music rendered.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Prosecuting Attorney

For District Attorney for Klamath and Lake counties, Oregon, on the Republican ticket, JOHN IRWIN, subject to the primary nomination to be held on April 19, 1912.

I hereby respectfully announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for Klamath and Lake counties, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on the 19th of April, 1912. D. V. KUYKENDALL.

For County Treasurer

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Klamath County on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the people at primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. JAY MANNING.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Treasurer of Klamath County on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the people at primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. C. H. DAGGETT.

For Assessor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Assessor of Klamath county on the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the people at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. J. P. LEE.

For Sheriff

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Klamath county, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. OSCAR L. CARTER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. C. C. LOW.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the democratic nomination for Sheriff of Klamath county, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. CHESTER AVERY.

For Coroner

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Coroner, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. EARL WHITLOCK.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Coroner, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. E. R. WILLIS.

For School Superintendent

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County School Superintendent of Klamath county on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. FRED PETERSON.

For County Clerk

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held April 19, 1912. C. R. DE LAP.

For Justice of the Peace

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for Justice of the Peace for Linkville precinct, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. W. H. SHAW.

For State Senator

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator in the Seventeenth Senatorial District, including Klamath, Crook and Lake counties, on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries to be held on 19th day of April, 1912. W. LAIR THOMPSON.

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