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POLITICS AND THINGS

WE wonder why so much quietness, all of a sudden, in things political. A few days ago politicians and others were busy selecting candidates for this, that and the other office, when all of a sudden comes a great stillness, as if all were waiting for the overtone to be played by the political band before the curtain is raised on the continuous all-summer performance.

No one is deceived by the change into believing that the coming political campaign is going to be a tame affair. There is an undercurrent of seriousness evident that is assurance that every candidate from governor to justice of the peace will undergo the most rigid scrutiny before he receives the favorable sanction of the mass of the voters.

In local politics the one office around which the greatest interest centers is that of county judge. Not a great many years ago there was greater importance attached to the office of sheriff or clerk, but sentiment has changed since that time. This may be due to the factional strife that has existed since the present court went into office, but it is more probably caused by fear of the hundreds of citizens and others all over the county, who have invested their savings in county warrants, and do not know whether they will ever get their money or not. There seems to be a conviction that a change in the personnel of the county court is the only hope of settlement of the many suits for the repudiation of warrants.

There are very few, if any, taxpayers in the county who desire to see a repudiation of the just debts of the county, but they all acknowledge that this will happen if the cases are fought to an issue in the courts.

About as far as a political discussion gets at the present time is the query: "Is Judge Worden going to be a candidate again?"

No one seems to be able to answer this question, and Judge Worden isn't saying anything. It is probable that the judge is having as much trouble and worry in solving this problem as are the anxious voters.

It seems to be taken for granted on the streets that Sheriff Low will be a candidate to succeed himself, and it is also a sure thing that Billy Barnes will contest the republican nomination with him. No democratic candidates have been mentioned yet, but it is safe to say that there will be a full field, as \$3,000 a year and tax collecting taken away, is more of an inducement that most politicians need to cause them to run for office.

City politics is not assuming as important a role as was anticipated several days ago. It is probable that proper attention will be shown just as soon as the voters receive a little more enlightenment on certain candidates for county offices. Mayor Nicholas is evidently waiting to find out whether the people are satisfied or dissatisfied with his administration.

UNEMPLOYED IN

A CONVENTION

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 27.—Demands for many reforms tending toward amelioration of the conditions of the unemployed of the United States were made here by speakers at the annual convention of the National Brotherhood Welfare Association, which opened here this morning.

Dr. James Eads Howe, the "millionaire hobo," is in charge of the convention.

Resolutions presented by the Missouri delegation were adopted, providing for demands to be made upon congress that the United States furnish employment at all seasons, and that transportation to the place of employment be paid out of Uncle Sam's pocket.

Skating Championship on

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Under the auspices of the Saranac Club, the final series of championship ice speed races began here today with the best ice skaters of the two countries entered. To the winners will go the international amateur ice skating titles of Canada and the United States. The events will run through today, tomorrow and Thursday.

Testimonial to Gompers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—President Wilson and members of his cabinet were invited to attend tonight a testimonial dinner to President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

OPIE READ'S NEW LECTURE, "SCARECROWS," IS GOOD ONE

When Opie Read lectured here two years ago, a large audience greeted him; Monday night when he spoke there were few empty seats in the house; tonight, or later, should he lecture here again, standing room would be a premium.

Many men, who have been as long before the public eye as has Read, reap a mint of money by a lecture tour, but this "lecture" is usually a tiresome recounting of the palmy days of the one-time celebrity, the causes for his doing, saying or writing this or that, etc., with a few platitudes thrown in between. This, though, is not the case with Read, for each year sees him bringing forth some homely lesson to the people, a lesson long evaded, but brand new to the rostrum.

Like wine, Read, as a lecturer, appears to improve with age. His lecture, "Scarecrows," which he delivered for the first time in his career, is far better than any theme he has expounded from the platform. Klamath Falls people are far from illiterate, and after such hearty approval as Read's initial efforts with an entirely new theme received here, he need have no fear of its going elsewhere but to the hearts and minds of those composing a typical American audience.

"When I get some of the rough spots worn off," he told some friends last night, "it will go lots better."

"Scarecrows" was a raillery against superstition, prejudice, fear of public opinion, ignorance, and the kindred frights that cause men often times to work against their better judgments, to express other than their true sentiments. Particularly did he speak of the political scarecrow, which predicted dire disaster, should there come a change in administration, tariff revision, etc. The emancipation of the negro was a far more radical step, said Read, and the country was better off, despite the indignant howls that went up.

To appreciate Opie Read it is necessary to hear the gaunt, tangle-haired Southerner talk. Throughout his speech, there flashes to the fore homely and funny, though none the less true similes and metaphors, marvellous descriptions, but not once do these short vagaries carry him from the earnestness and the import of the theme.

Last night's entertainment was concluded by Read with a recital of "A Kentucky Feud," one of his own short compositions, which sets forth the burning family pride and the undying hatred which was characteristic of the Old South, and kept up* for years a neighborhood warfare.

John V. Houston is receiving many congratulations for securing such an attraction for Klamath Falls.

SUGGESTS A COMMISSION FOR PROWER UTILITIES

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Jan. 27.—To prevent the "riding of a free horse to death," Illinois' new public utilities commission has found it necessary to limit the number of complaints that may be made to it.

It was announced today that a ruling which will define the nature of the complaints it will receive will be issued in the near future. Whether it will take refuge behind some system similar to that by which the high courts escape endless inquiries and pleas, by establishing a subordinate commission or tribunal which will decide the worthiness of a petition to be received, has not yet been determined, but this is thought by some to be the only solution for the problem.

There is scarcely a city in the state, it has been discovered, that has not on file a score or more old-standing squabbles with utilities companies, and some which offer quarrels between competing concerns.

All have availed themselves of the opportunity offered by the new utilities law, and the commission today is literally deluged. Under the law creating the commission there is no limitation on the number of kind of petition that may be filed, and some of the commissioners are not yet sure how far they may go in their restrictive rulings.

May Come Back.

Chas. Smith Jr., son of the manager of the Pine Tree Lumber company, left on Tuesday for San Francisco. He will make a very short stay in California before going to Portland, the family home. If the Williamson River is opened to logging this coming season, he will return to Klamath Falls and assist his father in the management of the lumber business.

GRAND JURY GOES INTO SESSION; TO REFOOT FRIDAY

FURTHER MATTERS WILL BE GIVEN ATTENTION

When Adjournment Was Taken by Inquisitorial Body Last Week It Was Supposed That This Was for the Purpose of Waiting for the Return of Judge Benson From the North. Session Started Today.

The Klamath county grand jury will not make a return to Circuit Judge Benson.

Instead, it will consider matters until Friday, before making any report.

This information was given to Judge Benson today by Prosecuting Attorney John Irwin, following the reconvening of the inquisitorial body. An adjournment was taken early last week.

At the time of the adjournment, the grand jury had already been in session several days, during which time at least fifty witnesses came to Klamath Falls in answer to summons. It was expected that the session today was for the purpose of reporting to Judge Benson, then absent from the city.

Owing to the storms, Judge Benson announced in court this morning that unless there are some criminal indictments with the accused persons imprisoned, he will not call the members of the jury panel from their homes at this time.

SCOPE OF RECLAMATION PUBLICATION IS ENLARGED

The current issue of the Reclamation Record, official publication of the reclamation service, marks a new epoch in the relations between the water users and the men in charge of the service. Instead of being a publication merely for the employees and attaches of the service, the Record is now to be for the water users as well.

Project Manager J. G. Camp is preparing to send to each water user under the Klamath project a copy of the Record. This will be done each month hereafter.

The Record each month contains the official reports as to progress under the various projects, bids to be asked for, and many other matters of interest to the farmer as well as the official. Hereafter, articles by water users will also be featured.

The following letter has been sent to the various water users association by Statistician Blanchard:

With a view of extending the scope and usefulness of the Reclamation Record now edited by the service, I am writing to the several water users associations inviting their co-operation and assistance in making the Record a publication of more general interest and value to the farmers on our projects.

Properly employed, the Record might easily become a medium for the distribution of valuable and helpful information, and at the same time develop a spirit of mutual co-operation among the farmers on all projects.

It is proposed to include in this publication statements from the associations and their members, showing the condition of crops, markets, and the progress of development, together with brief discussions of questions affecting the welfare of the people, and constructive criticism which will tend to improve the methods of operation and distribution of water.

Individual experiences in the use of water; the development of more efficient irrigation methods; of obstacles encountered and the means adopted to overcome them will be of special interest.

In order to eliminate the relatively unimportant communications and to avoid controversies and personalities in discussions, all papers should be transmitted through the water users associations, which organizations in a measure should verify the truth of the statements.

FIREMEN NAME

SAME OFFICERS

Fire Chief Wakefield was Tuesday night re-elected to office by the members of the volunteer department. This is Wakefield's fourth consecutive election.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Oscar Brenneman; vice president, George Tugnot; secretary-treasurer, Harry Goeller.

A feature of an attractive Rogers Brothers silver display in the window of William A. Masten is a silver soup ladle, which justly bears the hall mark "1847." This ladle was made that year, being one of the first articles manufactured by the then new concern. The ladle is the property of Mrs. E. M. Marple, having been given to her mother, and though it has been in daily service since it was made, it is good for a century or so more.

The French military authorities have succeeded in making a man-carrying kite.

HORSEFLY FILING APPROVED BY LANE

MEANS SUFFICIENT STORAGE FOR WATER TO IRRIGATE MANY ACRES

Approval by the Secretary Is a Matter of Prime Importance to the Irrigation District, Which Has Been Awaiting Anxious Some Move in This Matter, of Vital Interest to the Project's Future.

Secretary Franklin K. Lane of the department of the interior has approved the application of the Horsely Irrigation District for a filing on the reservoir site.

The news arrived Tuesday from Congressman N. J. Sinnott by Kuykendall & Ferguson, attorneys for the district. The message of cheer follows:

"I have at last succeeded in prying loose the Horsely reservoir site matter. Both the commissioner of the general land office and the secretary of the interior have approved of the application."

"Notice of the same will be forwarded in a few days to the local land office, as I was informed when I personally called on these officials today."

The approval of the filing by the secretary of the interior is a great big flaring red feather in the caps of the men who have been working to transform dry lands in the vicinity of Bonanza into productive irrigable acreage. Encouraged by this success, they will now be spurred on to greater efforts, bringing about the completion of the project.

That the approval of Lane was secured is due largely to the efforts of Congressman Nicholas J. Sinnott. Ever since he was elected, and the matter was put up to him by the Horsely people, the lawmaker has been hammering away, and his persistent efforts in this, as in other matters for the good of Eastern Oregon have brought results.

FLOOD CONDITION

IMPROVED TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Flood conditions are reported improved everywhere in the state, except near Santa Barbara.

Hundreds of marooned passengers are there, and it is not expected that train service can be resumed for three days.

The Southern Pacific has chartered a vessel to take passengers to coast points nearest their destination.

LAWSON GRILLS "NEW

FREEDOM" OF PRESIDENT

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 27.—Pretty words, pretty strung pretty song, pretty sung.

It will thaw much housed ice, but cut little standing timber. A masterful document, well nigh a perfect movie of the rainbow which should bridge the rotten past, the raggedy present, the radiant future. No normal man can read it and not know we have a president who recognizes the leprosy of the back-there, realizes the degeneracy of the now, and intends to do all in his power to millenniumize the over-yonder.

No honest man or woman can quarrel with President Wilson over a word or a phrase, a literalism or a figurative, a statement of fact, hypothesis, conclusion or prophecy. No honest man or woman but must "amen" its beginning, its conclusion, and its in-betweenings.

If President Wilson combined within himself the robbed and raped American people and the beast money brutes who have with malice aforethought forcedly robbed and raped them continuously for four decades, today would be the beginning and tonight the maturity of a lease of grandly glorious, superbly perfect, national and individual American angelism.

Unfortunately, he does not. Unfortunately, upon one side of the present crisis are the few robbers, a-burst and a-bloom with that old, old "the-people-be-damned-what-the-hell-can-they-do-about-it" remorseless insolent dollar power patriotism backed by forty billions of spoils, and upon the other the ninety-nine millions of robbed and raped, face on to the inevitable—"if the few are allowed to retain their stolen-from-us forty billions, the entailed two-billions yearly-five-per-cent-interest - tribute - will make impossible any reduction of the present can't-be-met high cost living."

President Wilson has done his part of the New Freedom job, superbly done it. He has pointed out to congress the beasts' trail, the cave where they lay in wait behind their forty billions of spoils. He has in a masterful manner shown congress that further robbing and raping cannot square itself with the New Freedom. He has A B C-edly said to congress: "There are the beasts, and there the weapons for their destruction," and then sweetly, coolingly, has he commanded, "Go to your job!" "Of slaughtering the big business beasts?" "Tell, no, taming them." Just listen

to him chant, "It will be an easy job, for already the antagonism between big business—the System—cold, brutal, dollar beasts and the government is over."

President Wilson is a wonderful man, and his public career so far is signboarded with proof positive that he knows—most everything. But his "antagonism between big business—the System—cold, brutal, dollar beasts and the government is over" shows he does not know these two-legged rangers of the tall, tall dollar timber. These human beasts have stolen, bribed, perjured, debauched, murdered—yes, murdered—to have their way, to maintain their way, and they would rather die a clubbed-to-pulp death than not have their way.

These are the men who grinned at Candidate Wilson's Haman's halter; who sneered at his tariff and currency shackles; and they are the men who today are chuckling at his "the antagonism between big business and the government is over."

President Wilson does not know these men. Every wind that blows brings grist to their mill. From President Wilson's election till now they sold short the fears and anxieties created by his election, and hopped billions from the selling. Now they are loaded up with billions of stocks and bonds from which they have at slaughter prices separated American and European investors, and are preparing to toss their bonnets into the clouds in an outburst of patriotic "amens!" "Long live President Wilson! Long live his reign of big business-Government peace!" When they have bagged another billion's crop of the people's savings, they will have things to say to President Wilson and his reform congress.

President Wilson's part of the job which the American people have assigned to the new administration has been splendidly done, and none can quarrel with any part of his doing of it—it will be mighty interesting from now on to watch congress do its part.

There are today in the United States a few dollar overlords, men who have uncountable wealth which they have stolen from the people. This wealth will continue on into eternity collecting through the cost of the people's necessities 5 per cent annually, unless these billions are returned to the ones from whom they were stolen.

This is the problem. Laws may be made, unmade, and reformed, but—While ever these stolen billions remain in the possession of the thieves, big business and the government must war.

Yesterday a big business-system man scrambled a lot of railroads into a Union Pacific egg. The scrambling took but a day. By it he and his big business pals "made—took from the people—over a billion dollars. Their egg has now been decreed illegal and ordered unscrambled, but—

The man and his pals keep the billion, which is a legal license to take annually from the people fifty millions by adding that amount yearly to the legitimate cost of the people's necessities.

What was done in Union Pacific has been done in scores of other Union Pacifics—other big business.

Strange it would be if these big business thieves would quarrel with the government in the enactment of new laws which will legalize their stolen billions!

While President Wilson has done his part of the job superbly, it may be well for the honest business man to keep in leash his hallelujahs until congress has finished its part.

If new laws are made along the lines blue-printed by President Wilson, wholesale big-business-trust-system robbing and raping will in the future be done in new ways. But that should not worry the big business-trusts system thieves, for today they have forty billions of loot which the new laws are to legalize.

While President Wilson's New Freedom prospectus is mighty fine reading, it looks to the stick-whittler on the fence as though the big business-trusts-system robbery problem was about where it was when Teddy leased out Cabinet-man Cortelyou to Standard Oil; and Government-official Vanderlip to the Standard Oil City bank, and Money-Trust Morgan consented to act as 1907 savior for the country, all in the interests of smooth ing out "antagonism between big business and the government."

Today, when all are hallelujahing the coming New Freedom prosperity, I would go on record that President Wilson's New Freedom prospectus marks the beginning of—

1—A reign of prosperity, inflation and boom stock gambling, and—

2—The crystallization of the incubating revolution which will within a few years bring the American people face to face with the most terrible condition possible in a civilized community, a condition that will not be stayed by "words, idle words," even though they have behind them scores of as honest, able and conscientious public officials as President Wilson.

I would go on record: That the working out of the nation's difficulties along the lines laid down by Pres-

ident Wilson will bring good times—marvelously good times—but that they will be heeled with—hell.

President Wilson and congress are confronted today with—

Unrest, uncertainty, fear throughout the land. President Wilson's and congress' successful efforts, as crystallized in their tariff and currency accomplishments, focused it. Public opinion ominously said: "A step farther along big business-Government antagonism, and—hell will be to pay."

President Wilson heard, and his proclamation of today is his answer: "No more antagonism; in the future, conciliation."

In the opinion of a humble student of affairs, if President Wilson had met this cleverly manufactured, adroitly-nurtured-by-the-system public opinion with "It will be big business and government antagonism straight from the shoulder until big business surrenders," lasting, permanent relief would have come to the nation and the people, even though the highways of business were littered for a few days with the corpses of the big business thieves, and the byways of retail honest effort with some of their victims.

WILSON TALKS OF

RAISING EMBARGO

FROM MUNITIONS

END OF DICTATOR'S REGIME IS PREDICTED

Senators, in Conference With President Are Surprised to Learn How Much Mexican Territory Is Now Controlled by the Constitutional Forces—Conditions There Worse Than Generally Believed.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27.—It is reported that Colonel Gonzales with five other men, implicated in a plot to kill Huerta, were secretly executed here today. Huerta is said to have ordered their extermination, and the killing of all in any way connected with the plot.

Developments indicate that he had a very close call.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Officials believe that the downfall of Huerta is in sight. It is expected that Wilson will soon announce the removal of the arms embargo.

The Carranzales have long had ammunition under option in America, ready to be rushed over the border when the embargo comes off.

President Wilson held a conference with the senate committee on foreign affairs last night. It is learned that he gave the committee secret information revealing a much worse condition in Mexico than they realized.

Several of the senators, as a result, changed their minds regarding former objections to Wilson's raising of the arms embargo.

The committee members were surprised to learn the strength shown by the constitutionalists, and the big amount of territory they control.

KAISER WILHELM IS

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OLD

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Kaiser Wilhelm was the recipient today of the congratulations of the world's rulers, statesmen and diplomats on the occasion of his 55th birthday.

Among the cablegrams and telegrams which kept the telegraph operator at the palace busy all day were congratulations from three Americans, Allison V. Armour, Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Andrew Carnegie.

The emperor has aged greatly in the last year.

His hair is so much more gray and the last twelve months have deepened the furrows and lines in his face as if the burdens of his jubilee year had been unusually heavy.

His eyes alone retain their old-time fire and spirit.

Some Fruit for January.

The Ashland Fruit store is today unloading a car of fruit and vegetables, and will have a car of canned goods in tomorrow.

Application for citizenship has been made by Thomas Arthur Treloor, a native of England. Treloor is a well known Klamath county rancher.

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