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Father Joe Schell's Spite Work.

If the Capital Journal knew as much about and had as little respect for Rev. Father Joseph Schell as the people of Tillamook county have, instead of publishing his letters in regard to the Tillamook timber contest cases, it would have thrown the letters into the waste paper basket. Had Bros. Hofer taken the trouble to read between the lines they would have seen at a glance that it was nothing but vindictive, revengeful spirit, and blood, in which Schell shows his old animosity and spite against Mr. Claude Thayer—traits of character which look exceedingly bad to see in a man holding the position that he does in the church. It is nothing but personal spite against Thayer which is prompting Schell, and with the idea that he will obtain some public notoriety, spite, and nothing else, is the reason. Let us mention here, by way of parenthesis, that Schell and Thayer were good friends at one time, but as everyone knows now who have come in contact with Schell he acts more like a tyrannical despot than anything else, and coupled with his somewhat "shady" transactions while here, it was a good thing for the community and everybody concerned when Schell left Tillamook. Not only does Schell accuse Thayer of being the perpetrator in the alleged Tillamook timber frauds, but he says it is "Under the protective wing of a political clique consisting of C. H. Carey, J. H. Hall, United States attorney of Oregon; E. Mays, his assistant; Senator J. H. Mitchell, Congressman Thos. H. Tange, Geo. C. Brown, and the editor of the Oregonian." This is the height of absurdity to connect all these gentlemen's names with anything that is fraudulent, and in doing so Schell has a purpose in view. He wants to bulldoze them, and especially Harvey Scott and the senator and congressman. But a man of Schell's reputation should be the last man to make such charges, and because he cannot rule and run things like a spiteful, vindictive potentate he has started in to drag other person's names into the controversy who are perfectly innocent of having anything to do with the alleged frauds. Schell says also in his letter: "Only \$2500 was offered to me if I would drop all matters, which I could not see it that way." Then Schell thought "only \$2500" was not enough to satisfy his graft. It is pertinent to ask how much Schell wanted not to blackmail Thayer? One of the Astorian newspaper, in discussing Schell's letters, puts it pointedly this way: "Joseph writes in the well-known vague way that indicates his left hand behind his back, palm open." Underneath Schell's letter the Capital Journal should publish some of his "shady" transactions while in Tillamook, so that readers of that newspaper would have some little idea of the character of the man who is venting his personal, venomous spite— with both hands wide open behind back, palms up—upon his one true business friend, Claude Thayer. Schell attempted to bleed Thayer on a counterfeit bill a few years ago, and now every indication points in the direction that he is wanting to work another and a bigger graft, "only \$2500" is not enough blood money now that Schell is an avowed enemy instead of a personal friend of Claude Thayer. It is still fresh in the minds of a number of Tillamook people that Schell positively denied being the author of a letter which appeared in the Oregonian a few years ago, but the return of the copy and with his signature attached proved him to be a sanguinary perverter of the truth. What kind of a graft was it that Schell worked in obtaining a team and the racket he had with the implement house? The Journal had better catch on to all these things without delay. We have refrained from mentioning the merits and demerits of the Tillamook timber contests in this article, but we do know that a large number of Tillamook people are being deprived of their rights by these contests, while people can come in from the "outside" and obtain timber claims without being contested by a lot of grafters.

Rich Year for All.

Over \$25,000,000 will be added to the wealth of the State of Oregon this year from five of her principal industries. The showing is by far the best on record. This amount, together with several millions which will be distributed by other industries not included in these figures, will undoubtedly result in the most prosperous year Oregon has ever known.

Lumber will probably lead the list this year, and conservative estimates place the cut of the year for the entire state at 1,000,000,000 feet, valued at approximately \$10,000,000. Next on the list is a wheat crop, which, at present prices, will net the growers over \$8,000,000. The largest wool clip ever sold in the state has practically all reached market, or at least has passed out of the hands of the growers at better average prices than have prevailed for a number of years. The clip was something over 2,000,000 pounds, and at the prices generally paid has probably added \$3,000,000 to the wealth of the state.

With hops the yield promises to be near the record, with practically a certainty of 80,000 bales, which, at present prices, will amount to about \$2,500,000. The returns are not quite all in on the salmon pack, but enough is known to warrant an estimate of over \$2,500,000 as the value of the canned, frozen and pickled product.

While these are the principal industries and the easiest on which to secure approximately correct figures, there are a large number of others which in the aggregate may exceed the remarkable figures of the big five. Fruit last year was a pretty close running mate with hops and salmon, and this year, if complete returns were obtainable, might make a showing fully as favorable as either of the other great staples which have made Oregon famous.

The livestock industry as a wealth-producer will probably stand very close to the head of the list, and were accurate figures obtainable would astonish people unfamiliar with the magnitude of the industry. Pigs and goats will also help in piling up these millions of money for the agriculturalists to distribute, and the

value of dairy products this year cannot be expressed without the use of seven figures. Oats, barley, rye, flax, corn and other similar products, while not approaching wheat in prominence, are in the aggregate sufficiently important to help out in localities where other collateral is not so plentiful. Considering the population, it is doubtful if there is another state in the Union that can make such a remarkable financial showing—Oregonian.

Things will gradually leak out. The editor sends his respects to the party who went round to several of the business men and advise them to take their advertisement out of the Headlight, because a few parties had a political grudge against the editor after the election was over. How foolish, and even silly, it is for people to attempt to boycott the press, and especially by those who want to rule and when they cannot want to ruin. But the Headlight is too firmly established, and its editorials and comments will continue to form public sentiment on a broader gauge than that of boycott and political spite. We could tell some awfully unpleasant truth about the immoral conduct of some people who have thought fit to do us a little dirt, but we always wait our time to return these compliments, with a little interest added. Moral: Never attempt to monkey with an editor who is independent and cares not one whoop for people's spite; for you never know how, when and where he is likely to retaliate.

We hope Tillamook county will take an interest in and compete for the premiums offered at the state fair this year. Every cheese factory and creamery in the county should compete in the dairy division. Creamery butter, not less than 16 pounds, in squares, and dairy butter, separator process, not less than eight pounds, in squares, are the conditions for butter. Cheese flats, cheddars or Young Americans, flats and cheddars, not less than 50 pounds, while Young Americans not less than four cheeses. It would be a splendid recommendation to either of the Tillamook factories if they could secure some of the prizes offered for butter and cheese.

President Hill made one assertion to the farmers last week which did not appear to offend them. It was this: "You have crops that keep you busy four or five and a half months in the year. You want to do something the rest of the time besides whittling or holding down a nail leg. What you should do is to raise stock, roots, forage. There is nothing better than raising stock." This, however, cannot be applied to all farmers, and it would have looked well had President Hill qualified his remark by exempting the farmers in Tillamook, for they find no time to whittle wood or hold down a nail leg.

Anything to make money, even to exhibiting the gruesome body of a murderer, outlaw and suicide. A show company offered Governor Geer \$4,100 for a two weeks' lease of Tracy's body. Of course the offer was refused, but it was enough to make a man like Tracy turn over in his coffin and reach for his 30.30 and pump lead into those who wanted to make a public exhibition of his body.

So King Edward was crowned after all, despite the fact that so many people predicted that he would not live. Practically, it matters very little whether he was crowned or not, for the King of England is but a figure head in the body politic of that country.

The headlines in the Portland newspapers a few days ago said that the salt trust had raised the price of salt \$5 a ton, and were are politicians and others who argue that monopolies and trust companies are a good thing for the dear people. Bah!

It is reported that Uncle Sam is feeding 375,000 Filipinos. That's nothing, for he's feeding more politicians at the political pie counter in the United States at a much bigger cost, for the politicians believe in fat salaries.

It is a wonder to us, looking at the number of rickety and light conveyances which cross the mountains every summer with camping parties, that serious accidents are not of common occurrence.

We notice that quite a number of rural mail routes are being established in Oregon. And what's the matter with Tillamook City that this county is not coming in for a share of mail routes?

Now that Tracy has gone to the nethermost pit, we wonder what kind of possumen are hot on his trail?

Will Fight for the Reward.

Messrs. Straub, Lauter and Smith pled with Secretary of State Dunbar claims amounting to \$248 65. The sum represents the cost of the transportation of the party to Salem and the return home, and also the expenses of embalming the body of Tracy and the purchase of a plain casket, as directed by the Oregon officials. The claim was filed in the same form as those of others who will ask to be reimbursed. They state within a few days they will file in the office of the Secretary of State a formal claim for \$1500 reward money. These men are willing to compromise upon an agent who shall be authorized to accept and hold the money until it is legally determined to whom the money belongs. In this way, all necessity for litigation in this State will be removed. The three men who delivered Tracy's body to Superintendent Lee declares that their party, which included two others, viz, Joe Morrison, section foreman, and Frank Lillengren, is entitled to all of the reward, and they propose to make a vigorous fight in the courts.

Henry G. Ploeger now lies at death's door from wounds inflicted by his own hands. The arteries in his right arm are severed, and a deep gash in his throat tells the story of his attempted suicide. Ploeger was found in this condition in the suburbs of West Marshfield, Ore., where he had wandered in a delirium to commit the rash act. He had been a resident of that county for 40 years, filling the positions of County Treasurer and postmaster at Emery City several terms. Several weeks ago he resigned the position of assistant keeper of the Umpqua light station, which he has held for six years. It was in this capacity that his mind became deranged, and he suffered temporary fits of insanity.

Forest Fires Raging.

OREGON CITY, August 9th.—One thousand acres of timber are a fire seven miles east of Springwater, about 25 miles from this city. Advice are being sent to town this morning and stated that the fire started on the Willis place last Friday, but did not become general until this morning. The odor of burning wheat was very noticeable here this afternoon. The country about Springwater is mountainous, and some valuable timber is probably destroyed. Frank Busch, a merchant of this city, has an improved ranch near the scene of the fire, and fears that the buildings have been burned. The fires were undoubtedly started by campers, as crowds of them have been out in the mountains picking berries. The atmosphere in the city this afternoon was heavy with smoke from the burning forest.

ASTORIA, Ore., August 9th.—A large forest fire is in progress at the logging camp of the Pelton-Armstrong Company, near Cathlamet. It has been burning since Thursday, and has burned over the land already logged, destroying the logs on the ground, and is now entering a fine body of standing timber. The fire is beyond control, and unless it is put out by rain, will destroy several thousand acres of valuable timber.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Aug. 9.—A forest fire near Cloud Cap Inn here has closed the stage road and several parties en route were forced to turn back this afternoon. A telephone message this evening stated that it was feared the people at the inn would have to move to a place of safety. It is not known just how dangerous the situation is.

The Boer leaders who are coming to the United States to study farming methods are simply following the example of the rest of the world. American farmers and their machinery are in an unequalled class of their own.

A battleship complete in these times costs \$5,000,000. The Georgia and New Jersey, now under construction, will reach this amount, and the Louisiana and Connecticut, for which bids have been advertised, are of the same class.

The 3-year-old son of Nick Davis, of Cathlamet was seriously burned a few days ago, and his injuries are so serious that it is feared he cannot live. He was playing with some matches, which ignited his clothing, burning his body and face severely.

John Goff and Fred Runcorn have returned from the scene of the Merrill killing and brought in the rifle owned by Merrill. They found the gun 200 yards north of where the body was found, about 20 feet from the road, and it had evidently been thrown into the brush from the road. It is a 30-caliber, model 1894, Winchester rifle. There were no cartridges in the chamber or magazine and the gun was cocked when picked up. There are some rust spots on the barrel but otherwise the gun is in very good condition.

Fred Ernst, was struck on the head by the kingly of a wagon and his skull so badly fractured that he will die. Robbery is believed to be the motive for the assault, as \$31 was taken from the cash register, only a few cents in dimes and nickles being left by the robber. Philip Ethier, employed as porter at a Seattle saloon, was arrested on suspicion, and is now detained at the City Prison, awaiting an investigation. Ethier has a bad reputation in police circles, and was arrested four years ago by Chipman for stealing money from the pockets of a drunken man.

B. K. West, of the Commissary Department, writing from Manila to General Weston, Chief Commissary, has the following to say concerning the feeding of natives in the Philippines: "I was in hopes that the closing up of the campaign in Batangas and Laguna would end the feeding of the natives, but such is not the case, although the camps have been broken up. The natives were left in a deplorable condition; had been unable to plant new crops; all the old crops had been destroyed in the military operations, and so the work has to go on. General Bell was in the city, and I asked him about the number of natives he was feeding. He told me that in Batangas he was feeding approximately 250,000 people. In Laguna he could not tell the exact number, but I judge from the quantity that we supply that there must be about half as many."

The drilling plant of the Southern Oregon Oil Company, on the hillside east of Ashland, at the Alford place, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated in some mysterious way in the blacksmith shop attached to the plant, and the whole concern, boiler-house, derrick and out-buildings were totally destroyed. The flames communicated to a large barn on the Wright farm, about 150 yards away, and it with its contents was entirely burned. The Wright home, on the premises, was only saved by the greatest exertion on the part of some neighbors. This oil-drilling plant was the largest in the state and cost nearly \$5000. Work which had progressed on the well to a depth of nearly 2000 feet had been suspended several weeks ago, owing to a lack of funds. Recently arrangements had been made with H. Herchberger, of Independence, to continue the drill to a depth of 2500 or 3000 feet, and operations were to be resumed shortly. No one was supposed to be around the premises at the time and Mr. Wright, the proprietor of the barn that was also burned, was in town at the time of the blaze. The entire loss is estimated at \$7000.

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