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JUDGE BOISE IS NOT TO BLAME.

The Journal has been trying to represent the interests of the smaller creditors of the Gilbert Bros. suspended bank and has been making a demand that the receivership be wound up and that they be paid off.

This is treated by those opposed to the above propositions as presumption, and charges have been bawled on the streets and in the newspapers, that The Journal publishers were blackmailers, and wanted advertising out of the receiver.

As the receivership was first in the hands of H. B. Thielson and is now in the hands of Mr. Gatch, and as neither gentleman can show that The Journal publishers ever asked them for any advertisements or for any money, directly or indirectly, accusations of the above character will fall to the ground of their own weight and are not made in good faith, but simply to try to drive this paper into silence by an unusual uproar.

In all that has been said or shall be said in this paper, no one should be led to believe that Judge Boise, under whose direction the receivership has been conducted, has not in every way sought to protect the smallest creditor on equal terms with the greatest.

The poorest depositor will get even justice at the hands of Judge Boise, with the richest preferred creditors of the Gilberts. If any large creditor has collateral to the full amount of his claim and has been getting dividends on top of his securities without giving up his collaterals, Judge Boise will in the end make him surrender his grip.

But the smaller creditors have a right to ask that the affairs of the receivership be expedited. They have even a right to inquire into the manner in which the assets are being disposed of. But the court is not directly responsible for the methods adopted by the receiver in transacting all the details of the receivership.

The creditors have some rights to complain, as this is a free country, where the smallest may have his kick. The Journal has tried to voice their complaints without fear of intimidation by rich or great or influential persons. What are the main complaints of creditors?

First, it was represented to get the receivership and to defeat throwing the estate into bankruptcy, that under an economical receivership conducted in the local court the creditors would be paid out in full and that under bankruptcy proceedings they would not get ten cents on the dollar. These were the representations of Gilbert Bros., of their attorneys, of the attorneys of the receivership. This was the belief of Hon. Timon Ford and of others who opposed bankruptcy. Some of them may now deny that those were the representations made, but the fact remains that those were the statements presented to Judge Bellinger, and presented so strongly that he virtually held the Gilberts were solvent.

Second, the smaller creditors are not satisfied with the way the assets are being handled, as they are not speedily being converted into cash. The \$68,000 of musical instrument securities were a special class of securities that could only be properly collected by someone fully understanding all the ins and outs of the musical instrument trade. There were hundreds of these notes payable on the instalment plan, and now at the end of nearly two years it is claimed such an expert collector of musical instrument notes has been found and appointed by Judge Boise, and that plan will be given a trial.

It can be readily seen that Mr. Gatch as manager of the largest bank in the valley, and a well-known politician, would not wish to make enemies for himself or his bank by crowding the collection of these notes for the creditors, and has not crowded their col-

lection, and this is not any reflection on his integrity or standing as a man in any way, but it is severe on creditors so unfortunate as not to have secured collateral either before or after the bank shut down.

There is not a practical musical instrument dealer or business man familiar with the closing out of a receivership who will say that the proper course has been pursued in collecting these piano and organ notes. We will waive discussion of the disposition of real estate and other assets, but give a few instances of what has been done, or what is said to have been done in the collection of musical instrument notes.

In some cases the collections were put in the hands of persons who again employed others to do the work, and both were paid, as in the case of musical instruments at Portland looked after by Jeff Myers. In Coos county the notes were given for collection to a musical instrument dealer who was not interested in getting them cashed, but rather in selling his own instruments in place of those sold for the notes, but not yet paid.

In the case of one of the preferred creditors, the musical instrument notes were turned over to the receiver and pushed in the same manner as the others were—and the push consisted mainly in a typewritten request to call and pay—and they were not paid and this creditor took them out of the receiver's hands and sent word by an attorney if they were not paid suit would be brought, and they were all paid up promptly, and one of them was against a church in this city.

It is stated by business people that three instruments are to be disposed of at present. Two private bids have been received—one bid for \$200 and one bid for \$220. One dealer says the three instruments ought to bring \$350. Of course, this is all street talk, but by fairly good men, and it can only be said if they would fetch \$300 or \$350 the creditors ought to get it. The Journal knows one musical instrument dealer who would like to bid on them, and one young business man who wants to buy a piano has not had a chance to bid.

The Journal does not state these matters as mere fault-finding with the receiver, and it is more than likely that these statements have not been made to him. But it is fair to ask, has he advertised these three instruments? Why should there be but two private bids? How much of the assets has been disposed of in this manner? Neither is it to be supposed that the court knows of all these matters, and the court is not in any way censurable for these methods. But they are not the methods Judge Boise or even the receiver would employ to dispose of the assets if they were their own property. And it can be added that under any receivership these assets would probably not be as well disposed of as under private ownership. Neither does The Journal vouch for every detail of these statements, but they come to this newspaper office in good faith from good, common, reliable people and we believe, and the creditors believe, these conditions generally to be true.

REVERSING JUDGMENT ON MARK HANNA.

There is not another instance in the history of our country where the general public estimate of a public man was so completely changed in the short term of a few years, as in the case of the late M. A. Hanna.

The unfavorable conception of the man's character was not confined to the opposition parties, but pervaded more or less every section of the country where the Republican party had an organization.

Represented from the start as the foe of laboring men and the exploiter of industries, as the enemy of the agricultural interests, he was made the

especial target of misrepresentation and calumny.

All remember the revamping of the old Nast cartoons of Tweed that Homer Davenport buried at him for four years or more. They did not drive Hanna out of public life, but virtually drove Davenport out of that line of cartooning.

Many of the leading Republicans of the nation came to look upon Hanna in an entirely different light when they became personally acquainted with him. Represented as a corporation man, he went among the farmers of Nebraska and Dakota and showed them he was a friend.

He came to occupy the unique position politically, of having the confidence of the capital of the country and being trusted almost implicitly by the laboring classes.

If he could have been spared he would have accomplished a great work for this nation, as he would have been the means, in a political sense, of bringing capital and labor closer together, and to the realization of the importance of co-operation.

He had devoted himself to accomplishment of that grand result of late years more than he had to politics, and had doubtless decided to consecrate the remainder of his life to that purpose.

Who can doubt that he would have accomplished very much for the benefit of his country? His death is a great misfortune, and his life has taught the nation a lesson that it will not soon forget. The best man may be misrepresented by political calumny.

TREAT ALL CANDIDATES FAIRLY.

The Lane county papers are booming in Harris for congress. Some of them go so far as to say his nomination is already assured, but all are not fair in dealing with the situation. The Springfield, Lane county, News has this:

"Hon. L. T. Harris, of Eugene, speaker of the house of representatives, announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for congressman from the First district. What will Binger do now? It was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Harris that Mr. Hermann received the nomination for congressman at the Eugene convention. Mr. Harris was born in Lane county about 31 years ago.—Brownsville Times. Mr. Hermann can do just what he should have done a long time ago; go to the rear and sit down."

It will be recalled that the Lane county politicians insisted last spring on nominating Hermann. They could have nominated Harris then, but all the leaders said it must be Hermann. The district has no sooner got itself adjusted to their way of thinking than the managers turn around and say Mr. Hermann must go away back and sit down.

Well, it is a good thing that Lane county is not the whole thing. There are seventeen counties in the district that will all have a little something to say, and at least, it can be insisted upon that fair treatment be accorded to all sections.

It looks as if Marion county would not have a candidate this time, unless Walter Toose of Woodburn enters the race. Lane county would be just as quick to tell him to go away back and sit down.

Binger Hermann has about as many friends in Marion county as any of the aspirants, and this county owes it to the Republican party in a presidential year to treat all fairly.

IS OREGON INTOLERANT.

The following newspaper item would indicate that there is still some of the intolerance and bigotry of the middle ages:

The Free Methodists are in dead earnest and enthusiastic to a degree, but it is wrong to confound them with the Holy Rollers. A recent dispatch from Oregon City to the Oregonian spoke of two Free Methodist preachers, Blair and Kaywood, who were threatened by citizens of Mulino with a coat of tar and feathers if they did not desist from their Holy Roller actions and leave that place. They departed but should have remained and stood their ground. As we have remarked, they are extremely enthusiastic, but are not Holy Rollers by any means.—Woodburn Independent.

Who gives anyone authority to run any class of religious people out of the state?

In the towns that have been severed on the so-called Holy Rollers, gambling and other lawlessness is carried on openly.

But religious enthusiasm and emotionalism, even though it have the appearance of insanity at times—harmless to all but the victims themselves—must be mobbed and treated to tar and feathers.

The above editor patronizingly excuses the Free Methodists on the ground that they are not Holy Rollers. He thinks he is liberal. But is it not a fact that we are far from allowing others religious liberty.

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs can not take care of without help, there is such an accumulation of them.

They litter the whole system.

Pimples, boils, eczema and other eruptions, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, bilious turns, fits of indigestion, dull headaches and many other troubles are due to them.

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Work done by the old and the new French companies, with an estimated removal of about 6,000,000 cubic yards of material at a cost of a little more than \$88,000,000.

Maps and drawings and the records gathered by the French engineers, valued at \$2,000,000.

The Panama Railway, including three steamships.

For these several items the second or new French company it to receive \$40,000,000. Twenty-four millions of this amount, less obligations, will be turned over to the old company, which had spent at the time of its collapse nearly \$20,000,000, largely in promotion.

The total excavation yet to be done is estimated at about 95,000,000 cubic yards, not including the work at the Bohio dam and the Gignate spillway.

The completion of the canal to a depth of 36 feet from ocean to ocean, a distance of 49 miles, is expected to cost about \$145,000,000. Vessels will navigate this canal at a rate, including lockage, of four miles per hour. All sailing crafts will be towed not only through the canal, but on the Pacific side for a long distance out to sea.

WONDERFUL WORK.

Lots Like It Being Done Right Here In Salem.

Salem people are surprised at the work being done by "The Little Conqueror." Public expression on the subject brings the matter frequently before the people. At first there were many doubters; and why not? So many claims of a similar nature have been made with little or no backing excepting the word of some stranger residing in a far-away place; this evidence was accepted for lack of better. Not necessary to accept it any longer. All sufferers from any kidney ill can find plenty of local endorsement for a remedy that will cure them. Surely the wonderful work of Doan's Kidney Pills right here at home is proof sufficient to satisfy any skeptic. Read the expression of one citizen on the subject:

Harry M. Shaw, day foreman of the Eugene Morning Register, residing at 285 West eighth street, Eugene Ore., says: "I predict much less suffering from backache among Eugene people when the merits of Doan's Kidney Pills are thoroughly known. Their use stopped an acute attack of backache which had annoyed me for five or six weeks and which was caused, I think from constant sitting at my work in an upright position. I took them as above and they proved to do all that is claimed for them."

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You cruel wretch, how could you write, Those wicked crooked lines Did you suppose I would think Those shapes were valentines, Or did you think is such a maze Love hid, or ever could? No Sir! Love's hand is plain enough And quickly understood.

The morning that I got your hand Your "scriptural" hand in mine I thought, "some one remembers me And sends a valentine." Of course I thought that the address Was simply in disguise How e're it reached me, puzzles me,— It quite defied my eyes.—

But when I opened it, ye Gods! You never saw such shapes Of birds and beasts, insects and fish. And frogs, crawfish and snakes, And other shapes you safely might Have worshipped without sin— They are not fashioned after aught Upon the world, or in.

I thought the thing was pictures first Of Japanese design And thinking so I showed it to A lady friend of mine She argued it was poetry And after quite a time We placed it underneath a lens And studied out your rhyme.

Then I got mad, to tell the truth Was ready for a fight But now I've thought about the thing Slept on it over night.

I think I've found the meaning out, Am willing to suppose That you commenced Oh! Chloria! But we thought it was "old clothes"

And where you wrote, "My Valentine I could have killed the man Who dared to write such things to me We read it "Valley Tan," The sentence "I should never dare To whisper of a quarrel" The way we got the last of that Was—"Whisky in a barrel."

And then, (but this I hate to tell) We made a "louse" of "love" And got a "lively little dog" For "lovely little dove." Enough—I've read your valentine Re-read it through and through And should you write another one, Please have it printed.

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