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SOUTHERN OREGON'S PROTEST.

Just as a hunch to the politicians, it is suggested that they put in a little time studying the election returns from southern Oregon, and they may learn something that will be of use to them in 1916. It will be remembered while conning this little lesson that southern Oregon has been practically without recognition either in state or federal offices so long that it has become sort of understood among politicians that she neither wants nor deserves anything. An examination of the votes for congress will disabuse the mind-political of this idea. The republicans of southern Oregon wanted the nominee for congress at the last election, but they did not get him. The democrats put up a Coos Bay man, who was little known in the district, and yet a study of his vote will convey the idea of what southern Oregon intends to do. Notwithstanding Congressman Hawley's strength, had the democrats put up a southern Oregon man with wide acquaintance and popular, such as could have been easily found, it may well be doubted if Mr. Hawley could have won. It is not that there is any especial feeling against Congressman Hawley or any other man, but that southern Oregon is demanding representation in congress, and she is going to have it. That section is naturally republican, but if she can't have a republican congressman, she will take a democratic one. There is no charge for this hunch to the republican leaders, but it is worth much more than the cost.

STRANGERS IN TOYLAND.

This year only a part of the \$7,000,000 usually spent by the United States importers upon foreign toys will go abroad; the rest will help to swell the \$2,000,000 usually spent upon domestic toys.

There will be less variety in dolls than heretofore. There will be a larger proportion of the hardy rag and rubber races with their imperishable charm.

The Christmas tree will glitter less splendidly with tinsel and glass globes, but more appetizingly with cornucopias and popcorn balls.

German confections will be generally replaced by domestic goodies; elaborate mechanical toys by carts and bulky apparatus meant to keep the child's body active; quaintly carved knick-knacks from the Black Forest or from Russia by blocks, dominos and simple wooden or paper mache materials that challenge the child's ingenuity.

It will be a boon to harassed mothers and nursemaids if this year's toys, for a chance, are of the sort that age cannot wither, nor custom stale, the twelvemonth round.

One of the main troubles in providing a remedy for unemployment is that the jobless man and the manless job are often so far apart. Work being plentiful in Texas is of little benefit to the jobless man in Massachusetts unless some means can be provided for bringing them together. The jobless man usually has not the price of a ticket, at least for any great distance, and the man who would give him work does not feel disposed to advance him the fare, even if he could trust the man to use the money advanced him for that purpose. This has caused a suggestion that the United States, using its department of labor and its postal service, arrange not only for letting the jobless know where there are jobs, but also of providing the means for bringing them together. The matter has been taken up and perhaps some solution of the vexing but serious problem may be found.

Every matter has somewhere a humorous feature if it can only be discovered. In the European war the real humorous feature and about the only one so far developed is the sudden awakening of Canada to the fear of invasion by Germans from the United States, and her sudden determination to prevent this at any cost—even if it is a whole dollar.

The legislature has a job lot of business coming in passing laws to make the prohibition amendment a workable proposition. It has been suggested that the easiest way to get the new law working is to get the Kansas legislation on the subject and re-enact the whole business.

Now that the Social Service Center has been organized, it is hoped it will not be so long in getting at work as it was in getting ready. It is a wise and good move, and there are already a number of cases where its aid will be appreciated. Some wise old philosopher said that "he who gives quickly gives twice," and there is much truth in the idea. The most generous aid is of little use to one who has already starved to death, and a much lighter contribution to the living is far better.

That was a wise law that provides no bridges shall be built where there is not a county road. Yet it might be gotten around by building the road while getting ready to erect the bridge. About all it amounts to is providing the road shall be built first. Maybe the legislators had an idea the county engineers might not be able to hit the ends of the bridge in laying out a county road, and so wanted to be sure the bridge could be used.

Secretary of State Olcott is most assuredly correct in calling the census taken by the state every five years an unnecessary luxury. He shows it costs about \$100,000 to collect the data for this census, and this is never compiled. There is a mass of stuff stored away in the capitol basement, and that is all there is to show for the expenditure of the \$100,000. The legislature should repeal this law as a starter, and to get its hand in for other work of the same kind.

Judge Stephenson, of Portland, is disposed to be fastidiously particular. He holds that "September Morn," woven in little rugs and given away with tobacco, is an obscene picture, but that the same picture in a studio would be a work of art. This indicates the judge has an idea that it would take something much worse than "September Morn" to make anything like a showing of vulgarity or obscenity in a studio.

There are a number of persons mentioned in connection with the state printer's office, and there seems to be some doubt as to their being qualified under the law to hold the place. There is some provision of the law which requires experience in the printing business, and whether this means the position must be filled by a practical printer remains to be settled.

Oregon is giving strength as well as tone to the eastern markets since the opening of the Panama canal. Ten carloads of onions helped the work along some.

Rumania is still neutral but seems to be wishing something or someone would push her off the fence and on the allies' side of it.

THE ROUND-UP

The deed conveying the property of the Crown-Columbia Paper Co. and the Willamette Pulp and Paper Co. to the Crown-Willamette corporation was filed at Oregon City Monday. The property is valued at \$1,500,000 and the filing of the deed on that day instead of a day later saved \$1500 in revenue stamps.

The damage suits against Governor West and others arising from the Vesper affair are set for hearing at Baker December 17. It is thought it will take a long time to secure an unprejudiced jury.

Opportunity, in the opinion of the Silver Lake Lender, is knocking at the door of "the man with \$2000 to \$2500," who will establish a creamery enterprise at that place.

Lebanon Express: For the many beautiful days we have had in November let us be thankful. We do not always make a record of the sunny days, but we never forget the dark ones.

Sheriff Taylor of Umatilla county is mourning the death of two blood-hound pups presented to him several months ago. Both succumbed to distemper, one on election day and the other a few days ago.

Canyon City Eagle: All of the rich men of Grant county live on farms. And, moreover, they made their money on the ranch. It is a conspicuous fact that there is not a business man in any of the little Grant county towns who is on the tax roll for any considerable amount.

Committees are at work at Marshfield on plans for a refuge for the unemployed. "It was decided," says the Record, "that the coffee house or club, should be started on a small basis at first and be built up to a flourishing affair." Labor unions and churches promise to support the project.

The 36 elk in the Billy Meadow pasture from the most healthy and best developed band of this species in the United States, in the opinion of A. C. Cooper, of the United States biological survey, who spent the summer studying the captive big game, and who is so quoted in the Enterprise Record Chiefly.

PREACHER TO MOVE

Independence is to lose another of its preachers. This time Rev. W. T. Patterson, pastor of the Baptist church, will go. He preaches his farewell sermon Sunday and after December 1 will be at Dallas. His successor, who is not yet determined, will be Independence's third new preacher this year, and Rev. Crow, who is entering upon his second year as pastor of the Christian church, will be the dean of this city's clergy—Independence Monitor.

The Trifler

The man who loafs the hours away, who does not strive to earn his pay, fall soon his job will lose; ere long his boss will rise in wrath, and chase him down the garden path, and put him with his shoes.



The poor are wits for all the time, according to a book sublime; we need not wonder why so many dodge all kinds of work, and loaf and lounge, and fool and shirk, and let each chance go by. So many will not try to cure the coin they're drawing in return for hours they loaf away; so many see their bosses swamped, yet don't endeavor to be prompt except when drawing pay. The trifling inefficient joy, who goes his bootless, fiddle way, across the modern stage—he is the human race's jinx, he is the riddle of the Sphinx, the problem of the age. As thick as sand beside the sea, or as the dogs upon a floor, we see him everywhere; the more we muse and contemplate this human puzzle and his fate, the greater our despair. And while we muse, the men who toil must pay to make the kettle boil for him who will not strive; must buy his coffin when he's dead, and see his howling children fed while he remains alive.

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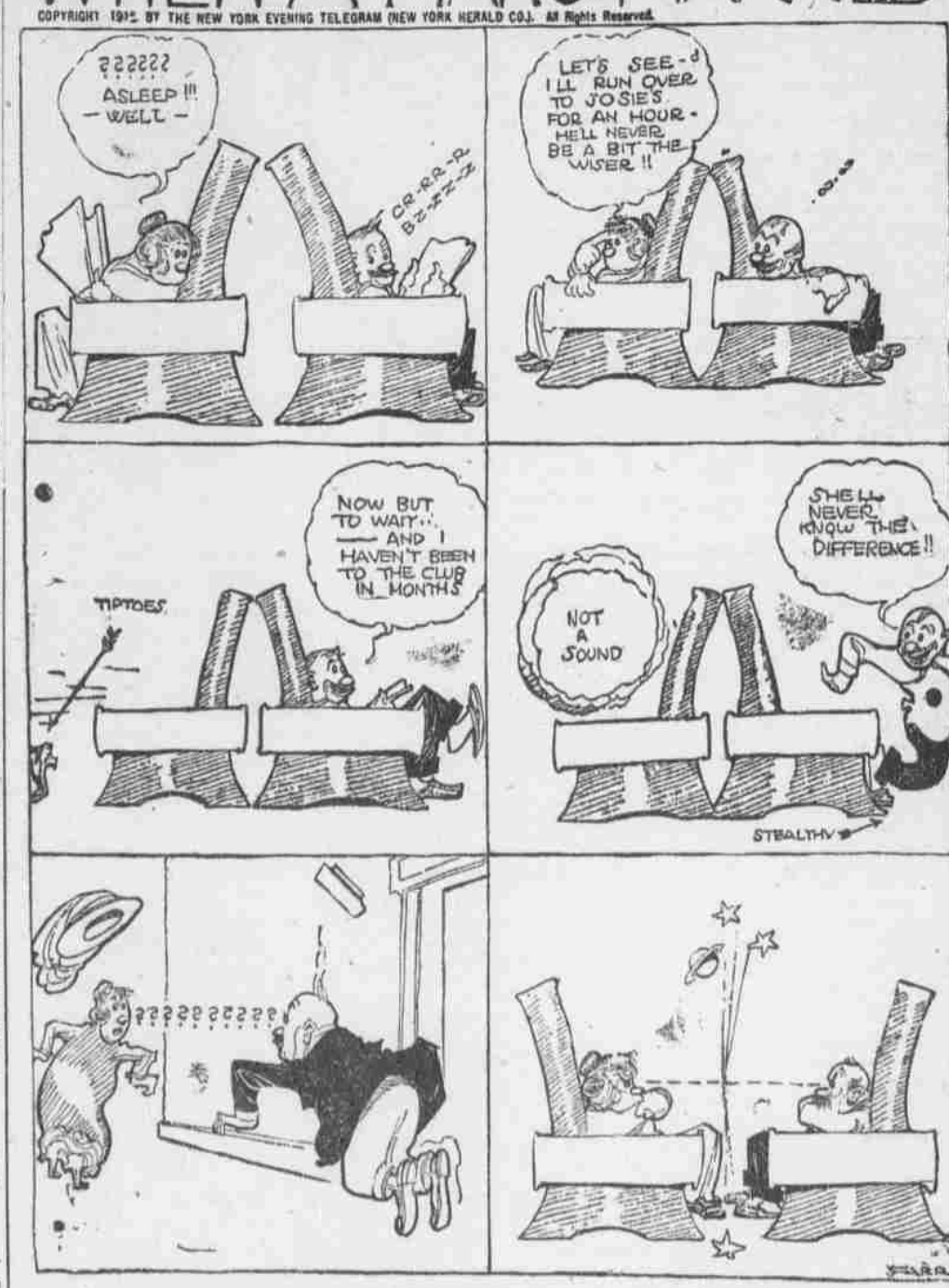
UPLAND FOR HOP RAISING

(Independence Monitor.) F. M. Brown has demonstrated this year that hops can be raised abundantly upon high ground and were he able to secure a reasonable price for them from a financial standpoint it would have been profitable. For experimental purposes, he planted an acre May 1 of last year. There were 1025 hills. He did not train them that year and planted vegetable between the rows. This year, of course, he did everything possible to assist them in bearing a good crop and the response was bountiful. From this one acre on the upland, where some people allege hops will not grow with success, he harvested 143 boxes, averaging 12 pounds to the box, a total of over 1700 pounds.

Thus it has been proven by Mr. Brown that hops can be raised successfully upon upland and had the price this year been good he would have done well financially.

Concerning the progress of the Baker-La Grande Y. M. C. A. fund contest, the La Grande Observer comments: "Baker seems to be hanging it on our boys in the Y. M. C. A. campaign to raise funds. But Baker has Miles Lee and a few sheepmen to draw from, and sheepmen always have money."

WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED



READ THIS THEN ASK THE CLERK

Tuesday was stamp day and clerks at the county clerk's office were kept busy explaining the terms of the law which apply to the particular cases which arise in that department. The stamps to be used at the county clerk's office are all 10 cent stamps and the following is the list of instruments affected by the new order:

Certificates. Letters of administration and other probate papers, no stamp required. Certificates required by law, issued by any department or officer of the government at the request of private persons, solely for private use, should be stamped. The stamp should be furnished by the person applying for the instrument and for whose use and benefit the same is issued, and should be affixed before the document is delivered.

Any document, the stamping of which would make it necessary that the State should furnish and affix the stamp, are exempt from the Stamp Tax.

Return of birth, certificate of death, and certificates of the registrar as to the facts declared concerning birth, marriage and death are none of them subject to the stamp tax imposed upon certificates.

A marriage certificate, to be returned to any officer of the State, County, City, Town to constitute part of a public record, requires no stamp. A marriage certificate issued by the officiating clergyman or magistrate and given to the parties, if required by law, must be stamped at the rate of 10 cents.

The certificate of a Clerk or Court to the qualification of a notary public or Justice of the Peace is held to be a certificate requiring a stamp.

Certificates required by law which are made by court officers under the direction and authority of the Court, and which are necessary to give proper effect to the court proceedings, are exempt.

Court processes, such as summonses, writs of attachment, subpoenas, warrants, orders of court, etc., are not required to be stamped.

Certificates of acknowledgments of deeds and mortgages are not required to be stamped. The memorandum on the back of the deed or mortgage, made by the register or recorder that the instrument has been placed upon record, is not subject to taxation.

Certificates of birth, marriage and death, when issued to private persons for private use are subject to the 10 cent stamp tax.

MURPHY CONTROLS TAMMANY.

New York, Dec. 2.—Charles F. Murphy, who was ejected from Tammany hall a year ago, regained control of the organization, his candidate, John M. Reible, winning the presidency by a vote of about 3 to 1.

TO MEET KING GEORGE.

Paris, Dec. 2.—President Poincaré left (name of town eliminated by censor) today to meet King George.

One advantage of American "shirt sleeve" diplomacy is that it teaches this country to keep its shirt on.

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