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SIGNS ALL POINT TO HUGHES

As the time for the convention to nominate a presidential candidate draws near the republicans who keep in touch with the situation see but two possible candidates: first Hughes and next Roosevelt. It is pointed out that Justice Hughes has never said he would not accept the nomination if tendered him, but has only stated that he was not a candidate. It is fair to presume from this that he will accept the nomination if tendered him, although he will not make any effort to gain it. Indeed it is hardly conceivable that any man would turn down a nomination for the place if tendered him by his party unsought by him. It would be exaggerated egotism so to do.

Mr. Roosevelt has had some of the sharper edges of his vanity somewhat sand papered, one pretty thorough treatment being given him at the election four years ago, and is much smoother therefrom. He wants the nomination but realizes that he must have the support of the party he betrayed in order to win. He is somewhat skeptical about getting this, and he has reason to be.

It is probable the talk of Roosevelt is mostly for the purpose of mollifying his former supporters and drawing them back into the fold; and that in the final show down he will get but little backing from the old guard. There are many who will never forgive his bolting and thus beating his party, and they are numerous enough to beat him if he should run. If he does not know this the leaders in the old party do and will not deliberately commit political hari-kari at the Chicago convention.

For this reason it seems reasonably certain that the next republican nominee for the presidency will be Hughes. Either that or a dark horse, already possibly agreed upon among the leaders, and who will be sprung at the psychological moment. This would solve the problem for the party, but what effect would it have on Roosevelt?

The convention now being held in Salem to discuss rural credits and irrigation will be wise if it turns down the proposition to bond the state for irrigation purposes. This proposal to hitch irrigation and rural credits together is a scheme of certain Portland capitalists to reclaim their desert land holdings at the expense of all the people, lacking the nerve as they do to invest their own money in the project. As State Treasurer Kay has explained in public addresses in several occasions recently, Oregon already has a large acreage of irrigated land for which there is no market.

There is a proposition pending in Lane county to issue \$700,000 of bonds for the hard surfacing of roads. It ought to be defeated because Lane has been making excellent progress in the building of good roads without resorting to bonding for several years past. Five years more of the same kind of work would give them an excellent system of county roads without a big indebtedness to pay interest on. Big bond issues are becoming more and more unpopular with the voters as they well deserve to be.

Strange isn't it that persons who are adepts at passing worthless checks all develop cases of insanity with the aid of their attorneys when caught and brought to trial. Insanity is a great blessing to the captured criminal, as its stages can be so nicely regulated by experts, that when the trial is ended in an acquittal only the remembrance of the affliction remains, and this not long.

That California case in which Rev. Madison Slaughter is on trial for misconduct with Gertrude Lamson, a 15-year old school girl, presents some peculiar features. The girl's parents side with the minister and sit by his side in the court room. It is expected the mother will be called upon to testify the girl is subnormal. This condition seems to be a family affliction.

The desire for publicity is more powerful in its appeal to most congressmen than a little thing like patriotism.

WHY NOT BUILD NEW STATION?

Times are improving, business is getting better everywhere, and the railroads are receiving their full share of the new, and we all hope permanent, prosperity of the country.

This being the case why would it not be in order for the Southern Pacific Company to build that long promised depot in Salem? That would tend to show the railroad's faith in the revival of business, and would inspire confidence among other interests, spreading the contagion of improvement and investment.

Salem ought to have a new railroad station—that proposition need not be argued. And the city has waited long and patiently, accepting the promises of the railroad officials and making little complaint and no trouble over it.

Wouldn't it be the right thing now for the Southern Pacific Company, in appreciation of the patient spirit of the people of Salem, to build that depot this year, thus assisting the return of confidence and prosperity to the Capital City.

The unique distinction of being the only capital city in the United States without a railroad station is one that our people are growing somewhat tired of.

Reports from all sections of both the Atlantic and Pacific coast show there never was such an era of ship building in this country as that now in full swing. The scarcity of ships, and the exorbitant charges for ocean freights has suddenly given the ship building business a boost and it is possible that private capital will solve the problem of ocean carriers and relieve our good old Uncle Sam of worry on that account. Time was when the American clippers were seen on every sea and when they outlasted and outfooted all other vessels. It is possible also that the renaissance of the sailing ship is at hand.

Life is not one glad sweet song for the Eastern millionaires, in fact their condition is far from being a happy or pleasant one. The I. W. W. gang has been sending them threatening letters and the whole lot of them are living in constant terror of their lives. When a man gets so much money he has to travel around armor plated and with armed guards constantly at his heels he had better give his wealth away and enjoy some of the comforts and luxuries pertaining to poverty.

An editorial paragraph in Wednesday's Oregonian says: "War does not stop royal matings. The crown prince of Bulgaria is scheduled to marry a Hapsburg princess, regardless of what the future may bring." But isn't that the way everybody marries?

The ruined farms of northern France may be relocated as mining ground after the war is over. The pickings of iron and lead should be first class around where the trenches were, and at Verdun.

If all the fires and explosions in munitions plants in this country are due to fire bugs and bomb plotters, the criminals are certainly a clever lot, for so far none of them have been apprehended.

Politics "cuts some ice" in all propositions. Even the National Congress of Mothers is having a row over the division of the offices. The Oregon branch is in open revolt.

Mr. Taft says he isn't a candidate for president this year. About the same condition he was in during 1912, except that then he thought he was a candidate.

A German fleet of 29 battleships passed Ymuiden on the west coast of Holland yesterday. You are urgently requested not to tell anyone about it.

Some office holders look upon a public office as a private snap; while others apparently consider it a family affair.



HIGH FLOWN POETRY

Could I but swat J. Milton's lyre, with all of Milton's vim, I would not waste poetic fire on things embalmed by him. We all agree that he was great, a nobly gifted scout; great thoughts were sizzling 'neath his pate, until his hair fell out. We gaze upon his pictured head, admire his bulging brow, and say we're sorry he is dead—but no one reads him now. His poems are a punishment, imparting doleful ache to any busy modern gent who has his way to make. He has a large, imposing name, and it has come to stay; and in Old England's hall of fame he puts up lots of hay; but who would read his long-drawn screeds, without a quip or jest, of dreary gods whose tiresome deeds were pipe dreams at their best? This life's too short for endless pomes that don't lead anywhere, ground out by bards with lofty domes and birds' nests in their hair. Had I J. Milton's gift of song, I'd spring some harmless mirth, embalming topics, all day long, for people now on earth.



THEY REFUSE TO EAT

At periods in most children's lives they fail to relish their meals and refuse to eat even the delicacies prepared to tempt their appetites. They lack ambition, and growth seems impeded, which causes anxiety and worry.

To compel them to eat is a grave mistake, because nutrition is impaired. Healthful exercise in fresh air and sunshine is important, but equally important is a spoonful of Scott's Emulsion three times a day to feed the tissues and furnish food-energy to improve their blood, aid nutrition and sharpen their appetites.

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WORK DONE ON ROADS IN 1916 REVIEWED BY THE STATE ENGINEER

John H. Lewis Makes Report to Advisory Board on Highway Conditions

State Engineer John H. Lewis yesterday submitted his report to the state highway commission and to the advisory board concerning the work done from February 1 to March 6 of this year.

During this period, the state engineer advised with the county courts of Washington, Crook, Lane, Douglas and Josephine counties with reference to the work to be performed by state forces this season. By the time state funds are available in May, it is believed definite arrangements will be completed for all 1916 work.

In compliance with a previous order of the commission, the question as to whether the location from state road pass through Glendale, or the short cut, should be adopted as the state highway was submitted to the advisory board for decision. This was by letter ballot owing to Mr. Benson's absence from the state. The decision was unanimous in favor of the short cut across Cow creek, which leaves Glendale about two miles off the main highway.

This year require some modification of the orders allotting \$18,000 to Douglas county and \$7,000 to Josephine county. The money was to be expended in the elimination of the grade on the divide between these two counties.

No state money can be expended on the road from stage road pass to Glendale, and the combined appropriation for the two counties of \$25,000 will not build the short cut which is estimated to cost \$61,000 including the bridge. The suggestion was made by the county courts that the upper portion of this line be built, connecting into the old road before crossing the creek, thus leaving the balance of the road including bridge, for the future. We find that available funds will not construct the road to any point where a temporary connection on reasonable grade, can be made to the old road.

Unless some provision can therefore be made for financing the balance of this road in the near future, it does not seem advisable to construct a part of the road when it cannot be made use of for an indefinite period if at all.

During February 495 letters were written, 30 packages sent out, and 70 checks written by the office force, also 78 vouchers were prepared, 23 office requisitions received, and 14 purchase orders mailed out. All old vouchers and accounts from the beginning of operations of the department have been gone over, segregated by counties and roads, and permanently filed for reference.

The bridge department has been actively engaged in the design of the inter-county bridge at Salem. Borings for foundations have been completed by this department at the expense of the county. Contract forms and specifications for three bridges in Columbia county and two in Yamhill county were completed.

Accompanied by Judge Clark, of Columbia county, and Messrs. Edly and Peters, of the state force, the work on Rainier Hill was reclassified and a final estimate of the work done was made the Standard-Clarkson company, amount \$7,248.80.

Messrs. Peters and Scott have been in the office for some time finishing the surveys heretofore undertaken in Douglas county.

As most of the field forces are now in Salem, a conference of the principal men was had for the purpose of standardizing the field and office practice of the department, and revising specifications so as to prevent litigation in settling with contractors in the future.

The county court of Coos county wired for assistance in selecting the roads for improvement with the proposed bond issue, and Mr. Cantine was assigned to this work. This work was authorized by resolution of the commission.

Vouchers for the month are herewith presented for approval and the financial report is attached. Respectfully submitted, JOHN H. LEWIS, State Engineer, Salem, Ore., March 7, 1916.

Bethel News

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Bethel, Ore., Mar. 9.—The meeting of the literary society last Friday evening was well attended in spite of the unfavorable weather. The debate was on

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Are Held In Connection With Seattle Blackmail

San Francisco, Mar. 9.—Held pending arrival of officers from Seattle, Lillian Peterson and Dottie Coats occupied cells in the city prison today. They were arrested in connection with an alleged plot to blackmail wealthy northwestern lumbermen.

Mrs. Isabel Clayburg, also a suspect in that case, was arrested recently in Los Angeles. Both women taken into custody here protested their innocence. They said they had no knowledge whatsoever of any blackmail scheme, and declared their acquaintance with Mrs. Clayburg was slight.

Hearing Postponed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 9.—The hearing of the writ of habeas corpus of Mrs. Isabel Clayburg, alleged Seattle "badger game" girl, is again postponed today. Superior Judge Willis at the request of Mrs. Clayburg's attorneys, who are awaiting information on conditions of the Washington criminal court set the hearing for next Tuesday.

Because there was no attempt at a real estate holding when a site was sought for a new sugar factory there, Grants Pass is enjoying a healthy real estate boom. There is a moral. Wonder whether it applies to Portland?



A Leading Food Expert

stood before the big battery of milling machines in the Grape-Nuts factories at Battle Creek, Mich., and after inspecting both the wheat and flour said to the miller:

"That's selected wheat, and no 'patent flour' stunt, either. That wheat comes out of the rolls as honest and unrefined as it went in. Where did you ever make flour before that retained the true mineral content of the grain?"

And the wise miller replied: "I have worked in a good many mills, and I am no youngster, but let me tell you, I never made whole wheat flour like that until I came with this company."

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