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WHAT ABOUT PRESS DISPATCHES ?

The morning paper harps about being an "Associated Press" paper—as if there were something in that to be proud of. Its bunk that you often read in slow, sleepy proud of. It's bunk that you often read in slow, sleepy getting a superior class of news when they are not.

The Capital Journal is not an "Associated Press paper." It could be if it wanted to be—but it does not want to be. The publisher has on his desk this morning a letter from the Pacific manager of the Associated Press soliciting his membership. This is only one of twenty similar letters received in the past year, supplemented with personal visits from representatives of the association.

We have no grudge against the Associated Press. We think it is a good news organization, doing the best it can to serve its patrons and through them the public. The Journal publisher was a member of the Associated Press in Boise, Idaho, and Eugene, Oregon, for years, and the Eugene Daily Guard, of which he is president at the present time, takes the leased wire afternoon service of the Associated Press. So we know a good deal about the organization and the news service it furnishes. We have never before been a client of United Press and are retaining its service now only because we think it is a little better in all respects for afternoon papers than the Associated Press. It is livelier and more wide-awake it seems to us. The older association is prosier, slower and ultra conservative. Perhaps it has old retainers to take care of in important positions and this fact has weakened its value as a news-gathering organization.

To be frank with the public, this matter of the relative value of telegraph wire service is a matter of individual opinion among newspaper publishers. Hundreds believe as the Capital Journal does, that the United Press is the best service an afternoon paper can secure, and are slipping away from the Associated Press. Others still cling to the belief that the old organization is preferable.

Twenty or twenty-five years ago the Associated Press was the strongest of the news gathering organizations and gained the prestige upon which some old-fogy publishers still lay great stress, forgetting that the world has moved far ahead in a quarter of a century. Now there are the United Press, the International, or Hearst news service, the Pacific news service, and several more, all strong, reliable and progressive. The value of an "Associated Press franchise," once so much vaunted, is now, in the estimation of many of the leading publishers of this country, an especially for afternoon papers, not worth the paper it is printed or written on. They are being voluntarily relinquished all over the country.

To sum up, the Capital Journal is endeavoring only to give good public service. It wants to print readable news and reliable news. It has its choice of at least three full leased wire services—and the difference in cost is not material. These are the United Press, the Associated Press and the Pacific News Service, working in conjunction with the International news service of the Hearst papers. We have no prejudice against any of these organizations, and no particular partiality toward either, except that we now take the United Press and are quite well satisfied with it. We think it is liked by our readers, since the growth in the circulation of the Capital Journal during the past two years has been a record-breaker in newspaper fields of similar size. We see no reason for making a change. If at any time we feel that another service will better serve the public we shall not hesitate to change.

In the meantime, don't let that old buncombe about an "associated press paper" fool you. That kind of boasting has been out of fashion everywhere, except in a certain fossilized Salem paper, for many years. It's the character of news a paper gives its readers that counts now a days, not the brand on its news service. Recognition of this fact accounts for the success of the Capital Journal and a great many other newspapers.

Colonel Roosevelt makes a very patriotic appeal for support, while saying he is not seeking the presidential

nomination, but it is easily seen that is just what he is seeking, and seeking with all his heart. He is still hoping against hope that the seemingly impossible will happen and that something will occur to stampede the convention to him at the last moment. It is a vain hope for the majority of the delegates have been elected, and they are not for Roosevelt. Even California with the strong backing of Johnson failed to go for him, and failed by 40,000 majority. It is all over except some shouting that may still be done for the Colonel. He got plenty of applause but the harvest of votes was shy.

Joseph A. Morgan, of San Francisco, is planning to make a legal fight for the recovery of his wife taken from him at midnight Wednesday in San Francisco, by his wife's mother. The first intimation Morgan had of "Mamma's" presence was when the door of their room in the hotel was burst open and the typical irate mother-in-law sailed in, grabbed the weeping bride, and sailed out again without clearance papers, pilot or tug. She asserted the girl was only 16 years old, was too young to marry, and that "anyway she had another man in mind who would be a better son-in-law." If Morgan eventually loses his bride he can console himself with the fact that he also lost—a mother-in-law.

The reply of Germany to President Wilson's note should on the whole be satisfactory. Abject apology and submission could not have been expected, and since promise is made to respect in future the American view of submarine warfare the object sought has been attained. The suggestion made by Germany that we use our best endeavors to put a stop to British violations of international law is proper; providing the president finds that such violations have occurred. We should play no favorites in assuming a neutral position toward the European war.

When Henry Ford was nominated for the presidency by Michigan voters, it wasn't with any thought he could possibly be president. It was a protest against militarism, a notice to the war bunch that Michigan was opposed to the program of war preparation that means war.—Benton County Courier.

More likely it meant the discharge of a debt of gratitude to the man who has made Michigan famous—and rich. Through the automobile industry the entire nation pays tribute to Michigan, and its automobiles are one of the principal factors in the present war in Europe.

If the kiddies had a vote in the presidential election Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of the colony of the late Alexander Dowie would get the job unanimously. He is going to start a school where the pupils will not have to study things they do not like, and where, as he somewhat forcibly expresses it, "There won't be any damnable examinations." If he will add a baseball diamond and a swimming hole to his attractions he can get the job of king or any other, so far as the kids are concerned.

William Lorimer, ex-United States senator, as soon as he was acquitted Thursday of a bank fraud charge, announced he would again make the race for the senate. He also stated he would devote the balance of his life and all his earnings except such as were needed for his family, to reimbursing those who lost when his bank failed. These statements coming together might make the suspicious have some ideas of their own as to what he considered the most attractive field for making some quick money.

The Statesman is so persistently wrong that it is never expected to be right; but when it keeps its force up four hours and works over time to get its dispatches in print but cut off before their real news contents were stated, and its headline statements diametrically wrong, it is exceeding the limit in the way of misinformation. As a "scooper" the Statesman is generally the thing scooped.

Charles F. Rhynd, of Los Angeles, was wifeless today by order of the divorce court. He is 52 and his wife 17. She alleges Charles was entirely too fatherly and upon one occasion took her over his knee just like she was a child, and used the back of her hair brush as a punitive implement—as she blushing and diffidently told it. "Judge, he spanked me!"

What has become of the Ford peace delegation and Rockefeller's minister, Dr. Aked? The last that was heard of them they were somewhere in Europe and arranging to get the armies out of the trenches by Christmas. They seem to have disappeared as utterly as the Kilkenny cats, and mayhap from the same cause.

The Statesman is not aware of its capacity to be wrong. Friday morning it worked four hours over-time to accomplish this despite the fact that heretofore it has never failed to accomplish this on regular hours with time to spare.

From present indications the Fairground road is at last to be paved. Sam Simpson, were he still with us, might find a theme for a companion piece to his poem, "They're going to build, I feel it, yet, a bridge across the Willamette."

The morning paper says it "sold several hundred extra copies" of its joke edition yesterday. We would hate to make a confession like that—we don't need the money bad enough to do it.

ST. LOUIS NEWS

Alphonse Le Brun and Miss May Briggs were visiting Miss Briggs' sister at Beaverton last Sunday.

A few St. Louis young girls were Gervais movie visitors Saturday.

Sister Dominic and Irma Sohrweid were Woodburn visitors Tuesday.

H. Sohrweid was in Corvallis on business the forepart of the week.

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HAS COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS

A. A. Elvin, deputy county assessor for this district, has completed his work for this year and has turned in his books and reports to County Assessor West. He was among the first to complete his work. Mr. Elvin makes an exceptionally capable assessor. He is pleasant to deal with yet firm in his estimation of values and a good judge of same. We have yet to hear of dissatisfaction through Mr. Elvin's assessments.—Silverton Appeal.

"Waiter," said the man in the hotel dining room, "there's a fly in this ice cream."

"Serves him right, sir," replied the waiter. "Let him stay there and freeze to death. He was in the soup yesterday."—Sovereign Visitor.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of F. A. Legg, architect, Murphy building, Salem, Oregon, until 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, May 15, 1916, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and the erection of a four room, frame school building with concrete basement in Keizer District No. 88, Marion county, Oregon, according to plans and specifications prepared by said architect.

Plans and specifications may be had at the office of the architect. The school board request that the contractor give local workmen preference, everything being equal.

A certified check for five per cent of the amount of proposal, payable to W. E. Savage, clerk, must accompany each proposal, to be forfeited to the district in case the bidder refuses to qualify upon being notified of the acceptance of his proposal. The board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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DEATH OF WM. WHITLOCK

Wm. Whitlock passed away at his home in Klamath Falls, Sunday, April 23, 1916. Deceased was born on the Whitlock farm a short distance from this city, August 26, 1857. He had been in poor health for a long time. The cause of death was a cancer of the stomach. Mr. Whitlock was a contractor and builder and the last work he did in Silverton was the erection of the People's Bank building. Associated with him in this work was his brother, Loze. He moved to Klamath Falls in 1904. He is survived by a wife, whose maiden name was Belle Thurman and one son, also six brothers and three sisters: Abner, Loze, Lum, John, Howard and James Whitlock, of this place, and Mrs. L. Ames, of Fullerton, Cal.; Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, Salem, and Mrs. Eva Zimmerman, of Silverton. Abner, Howard and Mrs. Lamb attended the funeral which was held from the home Wednesday, April 20.—Silverton Appeal.

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MRS. S. E. STRAND PASSES AWAY

Mrs. S. E. Strand died Thursday a few minutes before 12 o'clock at her home east of this city. She was born in Norway, November 1, 1865, and came to this country when 18 years of age. At the time of her death she was 50 years, five months and 25 days old.

Mr. and Mrs. Strand came here from Ellendale, North Dakota, where Mr. Strand has a large farm of six quarter sections, last June with the intention of making this their future home. Since December Mrs. Strand has been sick, having been in the Portland hospital for many weeks. An affection of the spinal cord seemed to be the cause of her illness and for a time before her death she was paralyzed from her hips down.

The body was shipped Friday to their old home at Ellendale, North Dakota, accompanied by the husband and two children, Willie, aged 11, and

Doris, 8.

Coro, another daughter 17 years, will remain until school is out. Mr. Strand is a brother of Mrs. O. A. Lee and Mrs. K. A. Lee, of this city.—Silverton Appeal.

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KEEP OFF THE GRASS

The thoughtless fellows blithely pass, and cut a corner here and there, and wear a path across the grass, and fill the owner with despair. I try to have a nifty lawn, that will do credit to the town; and thoughtless fellows trot thereon, and break the dandelions down. I set out flowers till I go broke—I buy the richest and the best—and bow-wows owned by thoughtless folk come there and knock things galley west. And thoughtless people let their cows perambulate the town by night, and on the well kept lawns they browse, and make the scenery a sight. And thoughtless people all keep hens, and roosters with destructive feet, which come a-whooping from their pens, and spoil my flowerbeds and repeat. There's no protection for the jay who'd make his home a beauty spot; the thoughtless skates will come his way, and climb all o'er his garden plot, and spoil the grass and pluck the flowers, and bark the trees and crush the shrubs; and it will take him nineteen hours to tell just how he views such dubs.

No. 57—

Report of the Condition of

LADD & BUSH, BANKERS

At Salem, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, May 1, 1916.

Resources.

Loans and discounts \$1,490,161.50

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 82,512.57

Bonds and warrants 92,751.92

Banking house 75,994.00

Due from approved reserve banks 598,471.54

Exchanges for clearing house 528,379.81

Cash on hand 411,579.86

Other resources 450.00

Total \$3,220,301.30

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in \$ 500,000.00

Surplus fund 13,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 36,712.47

Due to banks and bankers 225,692.49

Individual deposits subject to check 1,928,964.01

Demand certificates of deposit 236,822.57

Certified checks 10,773.55

Cashier checks outstanding 4,442.25

Time and savings deposits 264,063.75

Total \$3,220,301.30

State of Oregon, County of Marion, ss

I, Wm. S. Walton, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. S. WALTON, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:

A. N. BUSH,
ASAHEL BUSH,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 1916.

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