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MR. HUGHES' KEYNOTE SPEECH

The speech of acceptance delivered by Mr. Hughes is a lengthy one, so lengthy indeed that the Capital Journal could not print it yesterday without cutting out about all its other telegraph news.

It would have required about a page and a half to hold it, as it contained some 8,000 or 9,000 words. To boil it down would be to lay the Capital Journal open to the charge of attempting to garble it.

Editorial comment upon it is varied, just as political beliefs are. To the old stand-pat politician it seems strong and convincing. To the rabid democrat it perhaps appears weak and forceless. A midway opinion would perhaps be nearer the truth. One thing crops out throughout the whole, and that is that Mr. Hughes is relying entirely on what the democrats have done they should not do, and what they have left undone that they should have done. It is a negative campaign he fore-shadows.

Another peculiar thing about Mr. Hughes' campaign keynote speech is that while attacking the administration for what he is pleased to call its shortcomings, he never once asserted what should be done or what he would have done under the circumstances. It was a critical speech entirely. He spoke at some length on things the country should do in the way of preparedness and in some other ways but that was all in the way of outlining his policies. He said for three years the Mexicans had been torn by internal strife, but he forgot to say that this condition had existed not only for three years but for five, two of them while Mr. Taft was president. He says we should have had a firmer policy with Mexico, but he does not state whether he means we should have had war, or intervention, yet one of these is necessarily implied in his assertion.

He says he is in favor of equal suffrage, and he goes further than his party platform in this direction, intimating that personally he would have the question submitted to the states in the shape of a constitutional amendment.

Taken all in all it is an artful speech, the speech of a trained politician who points out all the weaknesses of his opponents without suggesting a remedy, or binding himself to anything better. It is also the argument of an able and brilliant lawyer, who is relying on the power of oratory and the intricacies of argument, to influence the jury, rather than depending on the weight of evidence or the preponderance of testimony. Mr. Hughes is a past master in this line, both from natural ability and life-long training. This crops out through his entire speech.

He repeats trite things such as that he "stands for the unflinching maintenance of all American rights on land and sea." "Utterly intolerable is the use of our soil for alien intrigues. Every American must unreservedly condemn the mad support every effort for their suppression," and many more things that every American regardless of party stands for.

In some ways Mr. Hughes descended to arguments beneath him. For instance he said: "Our opponents promised to reduce the cost of living. This they failed to do; but they did reduce the opportunities of making a living." It required some nerve to make that assertion before an intelligent audience in the light of the unexampled opportunities that have been opened for all classes and the unequalled prosperity that for nearly two years has blessed the country, the east especially. True, these opportunities were not due to the democrats any more than to the republicans, for neither had anything to do with the causes that produced them. They were the natural result of conditions in Europe; but that does not justify his statement that the people "had been deprived of opportunities of making a living." It was a piece of ward politics unworthy of so big a man as Hughes.

His arraignment of the administration is presented as an able lawyer presents his case, and like most legal presentations is made to bewilder and mislead the jury.

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It is in its entirety the speech of a lawyer who has a weak case, a candidate who has no issue and who can only attack what others have done. The intelligent reader of Mr. Hughes' speech will not have his opinion of Mr. Hughes heightened, and it is probable the very high opinion most Americans have had for Mr. Hughes as a man and judge will suffer somewhat from a study of his speech.

At 5:35 yesterday the Deutschland that has been the cause of so much speculation and guessing for some weeks, slipped her anchor and in tow of the tug Timmons that has stood by her so faithfully started for the ocean. The harbor woke up and gave her a send off that must have made Captain Koenig's ears tingle and his officers and men proud. Every whistle in the harbor turned loose and tooted a friendly good bye. It was a tribute to human daring, a recognition of that admiration all real men have for gallant acts bravely performed, and this whether done by friend or foe. Those whose sympathies are with the allies as well as those favoring the Teutons, alike are forced to hope the big diver and her gallant crew may get through safely, and reach their home port without mishap.

San Francisco it is claimed has an organization of some eight or ten thousand voters, who regardless of politics, are pledged to but one thing—that is to vote against any and every measure that savors of "reform." The members claim they are tired of having first one faddist and then another spring some illy-conceived "reform" at every election. They admit that some "reforms" are needed, but that horse has been ridden to death, and their purpose is to help put an end to the whole business. Here in Oregon we have reformed so much, so far, so fast, so indiscriminately that the average voter feels like he was in a reformatory for life. We have reformed almost beyond reformation, and should have a rest. Will the Oregon City political Moses kindly make a note of it.

That little chap who was found a few days ago in a tiny boat floating down an irrigation ditch in Arizona, starts life with a wealth of romance woven about him. Every mother in the neighborhood wants the baby and the men are equally desirous of giving him a home. Among those desiring to adopt the modern Moses is one millionaire cattleman. It would seem that he is a lucky infant in this respect, but still if he has to go through life with the name tacked on him that has been given him temporarily, fate will largely even up her favorable gifts. It would take more than adoption by a millionaire to compensate for "Phoenix Moses."

The fellow who has a liking for juggling with figures might find a good opening in making a calculation as to how much work that piece of money found last Sunday near Wheatland could have done, how many debts paid and all that had it attended strictly to business ever since it was made in 1715. It probably was onto its job pretty steadily up to the time it was lost, but as that date is unknown, the period of its idleness cannot be determined. Evidently it had a long vacation, and came back to find all of its kind gone out of existence.

Nothing can be proved about the fighting abilities of militia by referring to Bull Run. It was a case of militia on both sides there except a few regulars, and these were on the Union side, which lost.

The announcement is made that a treaty has been made between this country and China by which parcels can be sent by post at a charge of only 11 cents a pound. Mr. Hughes should have criticised it.



ANCESTRY

Among my forbears there were princes, and conquerors, and kindred quinces. My pedigree is fine, and stately; no wonder I admire it greatly; but no one shares my admiration, and none will stand my conversation. When of my blue blood I am boasting, I usually get a roasting from some cheap skate who'd think it bother if asked to name his father's father. "I started out in life obscurely, and I was educated poorly," remarks the skate, who's made his riches by dealing in machine-made ditches; "advantages, I hadn't any; I had to scarp for every penny. My parents couldn't read or figure, and all they left me was the vigor, which kept me always busy humping, while all the blue blood stuff was slumping. While you from princes were descending, I upward from the rut was wending, and O, patrician, let me tell you, that I can buy you up and sell you!" Whenever I would tell the story of how my fathers conquered glory, as rulers, statesmen, sages, fighters, I'm headed off by some cheap blighters.

SUPREME COURT WILL TAKE VACATION

At the conclusion of the hearing of the case of James Level, to determine

whether or not he is illegally confined in the Multnomah county jail, which hearing is being held today, the supreme court will adjourn until September 5.

THE TATTLER

Pretty good bathing beach, what?

Farish sort of rusers, those Russians. Anyway the local "Mikado" company had a lot of fun.

A few State street sports are betting on the Deutschland's chances of getting home.

The regular monthly go-as-you-please between the collectors and the collectees is in progress.

Going east with no return ticket—another big shipment of Salem lognaberry juice.

A grouch says that "Riverside Dip" sounds like a dance. Well, what if it does?

August started off with a building permit, and that's a good sign. Reports are current that "The Birth of a Nation" is coming back after a while. The picture may become the "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of the movies.

Court House News

A default judgment has been entered in the case of Henry Scafield vs. Josephine Armstrong and Alex Armstrong, an action to recover money.

Alleging that a hop contract had been violated and asking for cancellation of the same, Rose Mallory and Ida Mallory have filed an action against J. J. Metzler.

A demurrer has been filed by the defense in the case of Samuel Shaffer vs. Earl Gardiner, insufficient cause for action is given as grounds for same.

Appraisers appointed by the county court in the estate of Joan V. Schmidt have reported a valuation of \$769.54, and the court has issued an order directing the administrator of the estate to distribute the funds to the heirs.

On grounds that the defendant has not filed an answer and that the time permitted by the statute has expired, a motion was made yesterday to have judgment rendered for the plaintiff.

John Schultz, a sailor who was sentenced to the Marion county jail several months ago for attacking a man with a hatchet, and who was paroled on condition that he report to the district attorney once a month, has just been heard from at Niagara Falls, New York. He has been pretty much all over the world since leaving Salem.

Sheriff Esch is holding an automobile which was attached on behalf of Thomas Catherwood to satisfy a claim by Catherwood against George Claufield. Claufield has filed an action asking for an injunction to prevent the sheriff from foreclosing a lien on the machine. Also he asks a judgment of \$5 a day for the time the car is held.

Angler's licenses have been issued by the county clerk to the following residents of Salem: John Knowles, T. W. Steiger, John Bailey, George W. Lewis, A. J. Lemmon, A. J. Kreuger, J. J. Elliott, J. N. Skafie, J. D. White, Edward Tallman and Fred Tainer. Thomas D. Yarnes of West Salem also took out a license.

Hunter's licenses have been issued to J. K. Commons of Scotts Mills and to A. J. Vick, Francis W. Young, J. E. McCammon, A. J. Lemmon, Joe McFall and H. M. Reese, all of Salem.

A hunter's license has been issued to J. N. Commons of Scotts Mills.

The defendants in the case of Benjamin Bowden vs. Sarah E. Bowden et al not having appeared, Judge Gallo-way has entered a decree that plaintiff is sole and exclusive owner of notes, mortgage, bank account and real property named in the matter.

Marriage licenses have been issued at the county clerk's office to Hugo P. Keil, 24, of Aurora and May Anna Heminghaus, 30, of the same town; Richard L. Melbauer, 30, of Cliftonville, Wis., and Imogene Miller, 28, of Gervais; Willis Sumner, 25, and Rose Iainz, both of Salem.

An answer was filed this morning in the divorce case of Wallace Hart vs. Estella Hart, in which plaintiff prays for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between him and the defendant and awarding him the care, custody and control of his minor child, Virginia Hart.

A motion has been filed by the plain-

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tiff in the case of C. B. Rhoades vs. Mrs. R. L. Moody that judgment be awarded on the grounds that the defendant failed to answer within the time required by law.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Bressler, incompetent, Frederick S. Lamport, guardian, reports to the county court a bid of \$853.44 for real property belonging to the woman and advises acceptance of same.

Some Strange Things Happening in Oregon

Portland, Ore., Aug. 2.—Strange

things are happening in the northwest, according to reports reaching Portland today. Oregon and Washington have had a touch of the wild and woolly, a little shark excitement, and a spook thrill.

For instance, ranchers near White Salmon, Wash., are hunting a cougar that killed two horses on the Ben Broadlove estate. In John Day, Ore., bears continued raiding pastures. A shark five feet long was nailed at Seaside, Ore. A sow that tried to kill men appeared near Coquille, Ore., and a "shadow of mystery" who has been seen prowling around houses near Marshfield is still doing business at the old stand.

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