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THE COUNTY JUDGESHIP.

Things have been very quiet in the county campaign since the primaries, partly because national issues have overshadowed it and partly because the bunch at Medford have changed their tactics and are making strictly a gumshoe campaign. The fine Italian hand of the same old bunch of political buccaneers is coming in evidence in strong relief in the Tou Velle campaign as held the boards against George Dunn in the primaries. The difference is this: In the primaries the campaign was made openly and the results were disastrous to the purposes of the gang. It was openly charged that the Mail-Tribune support of Mr. Merrick did more than any other one thing to defeat him. That scared Tou Velle. He did not want the Mail-Tribune millstone hung about his neck. So he called Putnam off. Merrick wanted to call him off before the primaries, but he was not as close to Putnam as Tou Velle and did not succeed in quieting him. However, Tou Velle has been successful in silencing his old friend Putnam and the Mail-Tribune has made not a cheap since Tou Velle's nomination. The difference between Merrick as a Medford gang candidate and Tou Velle as the candidate of the same bunch is this: The gang believed they could handle Merrick if they could elect him, but it is different with Tou Velle; they have made a deal with him by which they know they can control him. George Putnam and Mr. Tou Velle have long been intimate friends and close companions. Mr. Putnam is the bell-wether of the Medford buccaneers. After the defeat of Mr. Merrick in the primaries it did not take Putnam long to make the deal with Tou Velle that put the gang solidly behind his candidacy. But it was very necessary that the deal be a secret one. The voters of Jackson county have had enough of the domination of the Medford political gang. If they knew it they would stand for it no longer. It had already looted the public treasury to the tune of about half a million dollars during the past four years, with little practical good to the community. That same gang put up a job through which the county treasury would be further looted to pay for a concrete bridge with feathers and frills for the city of Medford and the Eastern Oregon Railroad Company, and for which the taxpayers from the remotest sections of the county would pay without getting any benefit, while the roads in their neighborhood would have to be left belly deep in black sticky because the county money which should have been spent on them had been used to build electric chandeliers and street car tracks on the proposed Medford bridge.

And the Medford gang have made an awful howl because Benton Bowers and other taxpayers of the county brought action to restrain the gang-owned county court from so spending the treasure of the whole people for the benefit of the few. Because Mr. Bowers restrained them they make the claim that it grew out of the antagonism of Ashland for Medford, and give that as a reason why George Dunn should be defeated. George Dunn had absolutely nothing to do with the Benton Bowers suits against the Medford bridge, and the political buccaneers who inhabit that town well know it. It is not the bridge situation that is hurting that gang. They but use that to muddy the water. The real thing that hurts them is that the election of George Dunn means that they will not be allowed to get their chubby hands into the county treasury. Since they have succeeded in making a satisfactory deal with Mr. Tou Velle every one of them have been busy throughout the county quietly canvassing for Tou Velle. Because the people have not been able to properly connect the deal the work has had some effect. Mr. Tou Velle is a fine looking fellow. He has a gib tongue and an attractive bearing. He is a splendid mixer and he is turning over heaven

and earth to get the job. He wants the job bad, and the same crowd that backed Merrick in the primaries are very anxious that he be elected. They hold daily conferences with Tou Velle and help him plan the campaign. They go into the remotest corners of the county in fair weather and foul to forward his candidacy. Putnam writes not a word about the judgeship, but he lays awake nights figuring out schemes to elect Tou Velle. Mr. Tou Velle has been grabbed by the Medford gang and if he is elected he will be as absolutely dominated by it as has been the present county court during the past four years.

ONE MAN WHO BETRAYED THE PEOPLE.

(Eugene Guard.)

Former Congressman Joseph C. Sibley is a mental wreck in a sanitarium and will be unable to appear before the campaign contributions investigating committee. Sibley is now a very rich man, who accumulated his wealth after entering public life, and the source of his income is at least partially explained by the Archbold letters, given publicity by William R. Hearst.

A man of brilliant attainments, an orator of ability and a gentleman of pleasing address, Sibley is now a mental imbecile at the time when he should be in the prime of life. In an evil moment he was tempted to betray the people and serve the interests which ever clamor for special privileges, and he fell. He was dazzled by the glitter of gold. The disgrace of exposure wrecked him mentally and bodily.

The old adage that honesty is the best policy is not exactly ethical, and it is time that honesty should not be regarded as a matter of policy. Strictly speaking, one should do right because it is right, whether materially advantageous or not from the view point of policy. But such an object lesson as that furnished by Joseph Sibley tends to strengthen the position of those who preach honesty as a policy. The money that he received as the price of his dishonor as a representative in congress was dearly paid for; even if public exposure had never come, its fear would always have been present, growing stronger with each successive honor bestowed by the people he had betrayed. One's conscience has to be reckoned with in all the acts of life.

The honest man, rich or poor, walks erect and looks his fellow squarely in the eye. He is the noblest work of the Creator. More men would be honest if they only realized early in life all that it means to them. Most of us learn only through experience, however, and like the once brilliant Joe Sibley, may take the step which can never be retraced, without full realization of its meaning.

The old motto, "Honesty is the best policy," should not yet be turned to the wall.

The senatorial investigation into trust campaign contributions is developing one very prominent fact. The big trust fellows are all against Mr. Roosevelt. In every case their testimony is so formed as to reflect as much as may be on the former president. If they are against Teddy it simply means that either Taft or Wilson is more acceptable to them. As we are opposed to trusts and their crooked alliance with the government we feel it safe to support Teddy because they are against him, rather than Taft or Wilson, either of whom the trusts prefer to Roosevelt.

Mr. Clark, candidate on the progressive ticket, and Mr. Lane, candidate on the democratic ticket for United States senator, are both excellent gentlemen as far as we know. It is simply a matter of endorsing Mr. Bourne because he has made good. The Tidings does not believe it wisdom to turn down a man who has faithfully represented the principles in which we believe and trying a new one who is untried. Jonathan Bourne has made good. That is why we are supporting him.

It's all right to tell a boy he must stand up for his rights on the school playground, but he will probably apply your advice by checking the tremendous tendency to lawlessness on the part of the smaller boys.

Patrons of restaurants should stand on their rights, and insist that at some time in its history oyster stew should have had one or two oysters swimming in it.

SUNSET MAGAZINE and Ashland Tidings one year \$2.75 to old or new subscribers. Regular price of Sunset Magazine is \$1.50 per year.

The United States ranks first in production, exports and imports in 16 out of 34 industries.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

An exchange says that one trouble with this world is that there are too many people who will not cast their bread upon the waters unless they are assured that it will come back to them in a few days a full-grown sandwich all trimmed with ham, butter and mustard.

It seems that a 25-cent piece is about the most unlucky article a person can carry. On the American quarter dollar there are thirteen stars, thirteen letters on the scroll held in the eagle's beak, thirteen marginal feathers in each wing, thirteen tail feathers, thirteen parallel lines on the shield, thirteen horizontal bars, thirteen arrow heads, and thirteen letters in the words, "quarter dollar." These 25-cent pieces, unlucky and curse-laden as they are, are gratefully received at this office.

It is well to be up on umbrella flirtations. To leave your umbrella in the hall means, "I don't want it any more." To purchase an umbrella indicates, "I am not smart but honest." To trail your umbrella on the sidewalk means, "The man behind you is thirsting for your blood." To lend an umbrella indicates, "I am a fool." To put a cotton umbrella beside a silk one means, "Exchange is no robbery." To urge a friend to take an umbrella, saying, "O, do take it; I'd much rather you would than not," indicates that you are lying. To return an umbrella means—never mind what that means, no one ever does that.

You are not allowed to carry deadly weapons of the ordinary kind, but you can go anywhere in the city with an unmuzeled dog.

It is said that an evangelist recently told the people of a neighboring town that if they wished to see the newspaper man of that place converted, the immediate payment of their back subscriptions was the first step to be taken towards the desired end. That's a good, practical suggestion. When a man walks into a printing office and planks down the cash for ten or fifteen years' back subscription he's got a genuine dyed-in-the-wool religion, and it makes a profound impression on the editor.

An observing farmer is responsible for the following: "When you pass a farm and see a large barn and a small house you may know the man is boss; when you see a fine house and a small barn you may understand that the woman has things her own way; and when there is a good barn and a nice house you may take it for granted that the woman and man are equals and work together in harmony."

Stinginess.

If there is anything on earth that gives us a longing for eternal rest and deep, damp solitude, it is a man who comes to a town or county, builds up a big, paying business, grows rich and then squats down on the gold like a hen on a doorknob, and is too stingy even to let the gravels grind in his own big gizzard.

A real, genuine, 18-carat, stinky, selfish man can't be honest, and if he ever gets to heaven and has wings, he will fold them up and walk for fear he will ruffle a plume or lose a tail feather. The kind of men who build up a town and county and enjoy life and make the best citizens are the enterprising, energetic and liberal men, who believe in living and letting others live, and who do not, when they get a dollar, squeeze it till the Goddess of Liberty feels like she had on a corset. Such squeezing is what causes hard times and stops the circulation of the American eagle. If it were not for our broad-gauged, enterprising men it would be impossible to build up a prosperous city.

We are the people and are growing gradually and sure. We have a good town to tie to. We are in excellent shape today and have been during the panicky times, more so than any other town of its size in the state. There are no flies in our town, and though we all kick and grumble now and then, we have just about the best, the most promising and the most prosperous city of homes in this grand old commonwealth. Now, own up—haven't we?

Some people say that advertising is all a matter of luck; that you cannot tell what advertising is going to do or whether or not it is going to pay. This may be true, but it is very strange that a man who gives intelligent thought to his advertising, and does it in an intelligent, straightforward way, usually has the luck on his side. He is lucky in his advertising because he has reduced it to a science. Advertising is just as certain as paying rent. Advertising is governed by just as much common sense as governs the purchase of potatoes or codfish.

Don't blame the newspaper man for what happens in the community. If there is anything in the life of the place that you do not wish to go abroad in the world, blame yourself that it exists—not the paper for saying something about it. It is the editor's duty to make a typographical photograph of the town each week, and if you take a homely picture don't kick the instrument, but try to get a better expression on your face the next time.

If anybody can tell why all motorcyclists are always in a lickety-split of a hurry to get anywhere and nowhere, he will clear up a lightning mystery.

THE PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM.

(Last installment.)

Peace and National Defense.

The progressive party deplors the survival in our civilization of the barbaric system of warfare among nations with its enormous waste of resources even in time of peace, and the consequent impoverishment of the life of the toiling masses. We pledge the party to use its best endeavors to substitute judicial and other peaceful means of settling international differences.

We favor an international agreement for the limitation of naval forces. Pending such an agreement, and as the best means of preserving peace, we pledge ourselves to maintain for the present the policy of building two battleships a year.

Treaty Rights.

We pledge our party to protect the rights of American citizenship at home and abroad. No treaty should receive the sanction of our government which discriminates between American citizens because of birthplace, race or religion, or that does not recognize the absolute right of expatriation.

The Immigrant.

Through the establishment of industrial standards we propose to secure to the able-bodied immigrant and to his native fellow workers a larger share of American opportunity.

We denounce the fatal policy of indifference and neglect which has left our enormous immigrant population to become the prey of chance and cupidity.

We favor governmental action to encourage the distribution of immigrants away from the congested cities, to rigidly supervise all private agencies dealing with them and to promote their assimilation, education and advancement.

Pensions.

We pledge ourselves to a wise and just policy of pensioning American soldiers and sailors and their widows and children by the federal government. And we approve the policy of the southern states in granting pensions to the ex-confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows and children.

Parcels Post.

We pledge our party to the immediate creation of a parcels post, with rates proportionate to distance and service.

Civil Service.

We condemn the violations of the civil service law under the present administration, including the coercion and assessment of subordinate employes, and the president's refusal to punish such violation after a finding of guilty by his own commission; his distribution of patronage among subservient congressmen, while withholding it from those who refuse support of administration measures; his withdrawal of nominations from the senate until political support of for himself was secured, and his open use of the offices to reward those who voted for his renomination.

To eradicate these abuses, we demand not only the enforcement of the civil service act in letter and spirit, but also legislation which will bring under the competitive system postmasters, collectors, marshals and all other non-political officers, as well as the enactment of an equitable retirement law, and we also insist upon continuous service during good behavior and efficiency.

Government Business Organization.

We pledge our party to readjustment of the business methods of the national government and a proper co-ordination of the federal bureaus, which will increase the economy and efficiency of the government service, prevent duplications and secure better results to the taxpayers for every dollar expended.

Government Supervision Over Investments.

The people of the United States are swindled out of many millions of dollars every year, through worthless investments. The plain people, the wage-earner and the men and women with small savings have no way of knowing the merits of concerns sending out highly colored prospectuses offering stock for sale, prospectuses that make big returns seem certain and fortunes easily within grasp.

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We hold it to be the duty of the government to protect its people from this kind of piracy. We, therefore, demand wise, carefully thought out legislation that will give us such governmental supervision over this matter as will furnish to the people of the United States this much-needed protection, and we pledge ourselves thereto.

Conclusion.

On these principles and on the recognized desirability of uniting the progressive forces of the nation into an organization which shall unequivocally represent the progressive spirit and policy we appeal for the support of all American citizens, without regard to previous political affiliations.

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Coal Grifters Found Guilty.
Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 10.—Charles E. Houston and John H. Bullock, coal dealers, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in bidding to supply coal to Alaskan forts, were today found guilty by a jury in the federal court here, after a trial lasting more than three weeks.

The case was conducted for the government by B. D. Townsend, special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham.

The jury returned the verdict at 1 o'clock this morning, having been out since 3:30 yesterday afternoon.

Attorneys Piles and Bates for Houston and McCafferty for Bullock gave notice for a new trial and asked an arrest of judgment, pending preparation of the bill of exceptions.

If it is Tidings work it is the best.

SPECIALS ALL THIS WEEK

Those who appreciate unusual values will do well to visit this store this week. Temptingly small prices are the rule in every department.

A SALE OF

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Cooper's High Grade Underwear, two-piece heavy-weight wool garments, regular \$1.25 values on sale at, per garment, \$1.00.

Boys' odd sizes cotton fleeced garments, 25 to 35c values at 15c.

Men's odd sizes cotton fleeced underwear, 50c values at 25c.

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A most extraordinary offering of girls' coats in sizes from 4 to 15 years, colors gray, brown and blue. Last season's styles that formerly sold at from \$3.00 to \$6.00. We have about twenty-five of these coats which we offer at only \$1.95.

Sale of Women's Underwear

Women's wool union suits and drawers, odd sizes, cream color, formerly sold at \$1.25 to \$1.50, now on sale at 98 cents.

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