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There was a twilight before the dawn and a dawn before the morning and a morning before the day.—Gladstone.

RUINOUS? A NEW YORK economist has come forward with the statement that rigid restriction of immigration to this country would be ruinous.

And just who is going to be ruined if immigration is curtailed? Is the American worker to be ruined?

Why not let American workers care for the construction plans? Why not employ them in industry?

And after all, will the captain of industry be ruined because they will not be able to secure labor for a song?

And would America suffer from the higher standards of living? When workers can send their children to school...

At one time the highway bill contained a provision which cut 25 per cent the tax on automobiles that had been four times licensed.

DOWN TO DIE DEATH in San Francisco sealed the lips that could tell a pitiable story of stolid suffering.

John Earle was an 84-year-old Chinaman. He is believed to have served with Farragut at Mobile, and has since been employed as a cook on revenue cutters.

As the weight of the years bore him down, the aged Chinaman could not earn a living. His finances grew, and either too proud to ask or

friendless, the old man searched out a cheap lodging house, entered his squalid room, and lay down in a corner to die.

Things are not yet right in this country when the aged, whether Americans, Chinese or Hindus, seek a cheap room in which they may, moneyless, friendless, and alone, lie down to die.

There have been several serious automobile accidents in Portland recently. In most cases, the driver has not been held by the police because the pedestrian was believed to be responsible for the accident.

WE USED to have the "straight" party ballot. But that was 40 years ago. And it was abandoned, just as we abandoned the ox team and the tallow candle for better things.

Nobody would want to go back to the ox team or the tallow dip. That would be resistance to progress, rejection of development, repudiation of civilization.

But Senator Moser stood up in the senate and declared that we ought to go back to the "straight" party ballot. In that declaration, he rejected the united opinion voiced in the action of all those states in the Union which have adopted the Australian ballot.

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The "straight" party ballot was the basis of political corruption. It was abandoned because it was the ward heeler's and the corruptionist's best vehicle for vote buying.

Only a few, a very few, want corruption or irregularities in public affairs. The great mass wants cleansed and purified government.

If the legislature had passed the "straight" party ballot bill over the governor's veto, it would have been a crime against the Republican party of Oregon.

It would seem that the public is entitled to some little consideration and protection. The people of this state pay legislators to make laws.

With brilliant promise of becoming a national figure, William F. McCombs, who was national party pilot in the first Woodrow Wilson candidacy for the presidency, is dead.

BEYOND THE PALE TREACHEROUS and murderous, the Turkish government, new that the allied armies are dispersed, demands the restoration of the complete economic and commercial independence of Turkey.

Howard and Hanging THERE is no charge that George Howard did not have a fair trial. It is admitted that his crime was wanton, deliberate and premeditated.

Back of the efforts to save Howard from execution is no failure of the law or the courts. What the public is witnessing in his case is the innate and profound objection to capital punishment.

Turkey has enajored, duped and fooled Europe for centuries into permitting her to pursue her own bloody course unmolesied. She was restrained and submissive only when America's mailed hand was temporarily waved over the world.

This conviction is expressing itself in the agitation for commutation of Howard's sentence to imprisonment for life. Murders have been more numerous since the people of Oregon, in a moment of heat and ex-

citement, restored the death penalty. They were more numerous in the five-year period immediately preceding the abandonment of capital punishment by about 50 per cent than they were during the five years in which the death penalty was not applied.

In time, the heresy of capital punishment will be abandoned in all civilized countries, for it is a survival of the ideals and practices of barbarism.

SHOULD only part of the people who break laws go to jail? And should others be carefully shielded from the rigors of a penitentiary cell?

May Weinstein was convicted in May, 1920, of robbery of a government warehouse. He was paroled on condition that he pay a fine of \$500 in \$50 monthly installments.

Six months later he held up and robbed a man and his wife of more than \$2000 in jewelry. A week ago he was convicted in circuit court and sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Perhaps there are mitigating circumstances of some kind. But regardless of circumstances, here is a man who has twice within a period of a few months committed robbery, twice been paroled, and is now wanted for failure to meet the terms of one parole.

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Urging that successful reorganization must come not from the leaders but from the rank and file, the Baltimore Sun (Ind. Dem.) declares that not until the choice of leaders is made by the voters can the party be reorganized.

However, the question of the choice of a new chairman is discussed with interest by a Chicago writer, who says that the American people are not being deceived by the "neutral" view, "considering it a matter of no pressing importance if the Cox-White League (Rep.) does retain control."

But Chairman White has his supporters, too. Among them is the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Ind. Dem.), which declares that there is nothing in the "neutral" campaign "that calls for his resignation now."

Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places The gargoyles of Notre Dame are commonly associated with the medieval spirit and the queer obsessions of old Paris.

INCOME TAX [Communications concerning income tax problems will be answered by The Journal. All communications should be addressed to the Income Tax Editor.]

Question—Is interest paid on mortgages among the amounts deducted when computing income tax? Answer—Yes.

Question—When a car is used about equally in business and pleasure, what part of the expense, if any, is deductible? Answer—Yes.

Question—Can storage, oil, repairs of tires, etc., be deducted as part of the expense? Answer—Yes.

Question—Is license tax on autos deductible the same as any other tax? Answer—Yes.

Question—Do school teachers have to pay income tax? Answer—Public school teachers are considered employees of the state, and compensation for such service is exempt and need not be reported for income tax purposes.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: Some of our statesmen and statesmen has found em a brand new way of raisin' revenue, and that's by taxin' of fivers. There don't seem to be no limit to what they're capable of. In fact, there ain't no more reason why there should be a license on fivers than on hay wagons or header-beds.

DEMOCRACY'S NEW START Challenge to Chairman White Makes Many Democrats Apprehensive of a False Step Basis of Reorganization Than That of Mere Leadership is Enjoined in Any Event Daily Editorial Digest

The "threat" to Chairman White of the Democratic national committee to call a meeting of the body for the purpose of ousting him from office is not the kind of "reorganization" the Democrats are looking for. The majority of Democratic editors call for "principles instead of personalities" and the attempt to create "factionalism."

THE LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL (Dem.) stresses the need of "performance" and describes the "Democratic folly" in terms of party machinery and the New Orleans Times-Picayune (Dem.) doubts that four years of factional wrangling will "pave the way to constructive action."

It is upon the conduct of their congressmen, rather than the "premature" choice of leaders, many writers feel, that success depends. The Norfolk Virginian Pilot (Dem.), can be "converted" to an executive position, and the Richmond Times Dispatch (Dem.) quotes Representative Flood's remarks to the effect that "the winning issue in the next congressional campaign will be the Democrats in the senate and the house in the next four years."

During the Spanish-American war I served in the company of volunteers. I fought, and I was not cowardly, but rather through kindness and illustration, an army can be successfully organized, but an ideal never was, is not now and never will be successfully resisted with force.

But I find that the Americanism I fought for and that which you apparently fought for are of different character. I fought to spread the benefits of Americanism, not to forcibly not forcibly, but rather through kindness and illustration.

There is nothing to be gained by repression. Just about 20 years ago I joined the United Mine Workers of America, which was the first union to be an outlaw. But we claimed that we had as much right to organize as the employers.

I dislike the term revolution, for revolution usually results in bloodshed. I much prefer evolution. Evolution means instruction and intelligent decision, which can only be gained by the exercise of those inalienable rights guaranteed by the constitution.

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In those days Pendleton was also a stage station. The first time I saw the rails, this stage station later became houses there, a saloon or two, Aunty Riley's eating place, a blacksmith shop and a store.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE What's happened to "Shadow"? The reform element hasn't prevented the old moon from getting full.

Disarmament: More than \$462,000,000 in navy appropriations for 1921. The quietest grapefruit is to be expected in an age of kiwi grape juice.

What do all the men who attend mid-week matinees do with the rest of the week? "Centenarian slashed brush on Broadway" crowded out of his job by the barbers.

Really, it's wonderful; but what good is to come from a 22-hour transcontinental trip? "The rule that the 'Lord helps him who helps himself' is the only thing that saves the boat."

And since an "estate" is a possession, maybe the paste pot and the shears are used—Klamath. It's no everlasting much about these days.

The radical Mr. Tucker scorns reporters. Wonder if his own ears burn from the things reporters think about him but are too self-respecting to say.

WALTER M. PIERCE, who would have been governor of Oregon once if he had not had a few more votes, is in town on business and is a guest at the Seward. He is a good loser, for he always bobs up serenely and doesn't cry his energy.

Robert C. Paulus of Salem is a guest at the Seward. He has just returned from a three weeks' trip to New York city, Washington and other Eastern cities in the interest of the fruitgrowers.

Judge R. R. Butler, lawyer, orator and booster for his home town, is down from The Dalles and is putting up at the Imperial.

F. L. Knight of Anchorage, on Ship creek, near the entrance of Knik arm of the inlet to Alaska, is transacting business in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bain of Castle-rock and Robert A. Durr of Cascade Locks are at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Miss Emma Bergstrom of Heppner are guests at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McMillan of Lexington, Or., are registered at the Cornelius.

A. J. Bollens, hailing from Grass Valley, is transacting business in the metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Morton of Kodiak, Alaska, are registered at the Multnomah.

A. R. Baker of Astoria is at the Multnomah.

Mrs. L. W. Robbins and daughter of Molalla are at the Multnomah.

W. B. Hancock of Seaside is a Portland visitor.

P. E. Burke of Klamath Falls is at the Multnomah.

The Oregon Country Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader

OREGON NOTES The Lacombe oil well is down 540 feet and stockholders are optimistic as to final results.

Albert Peterson, government trapper at the Lacombe well, has secured a month's catch of 19 coyotes and three bobcats.

The new Methodist church at Sutherlin was dedicated Sunday. The sermon was delivered by Dr. W. W. Youngson of Portland.

Steinhoff & Jackson, who have built a sawmill at Myrtle Point, have started cutting fir lumber and are employing a full crew of men.

Wilbur Clayborn Doak, for many years a resident of Lane county, died suddenly of a heart attack near Coburg while feeding the hogs.

W. B. Andrews, for 36 years a resident of Eugene and a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home in that city, aged 82 years.

The Union mine and stamp mill at Halsey has closed down and all crews have left the camp until it reopens in the spring.

S. B. Powers, a pioneer farmer of Clatsop county, died at his home near Seaside, where he resided all his life.

The number of farms in Oregon, according to the recent census, is 59,206. The total acreage of farms is 10,000,000, of which 4,913,851 acres are improved land.

An increase of 41 per cent in the value of farm property in Marion county has been reported. The total value of farm land and buildings now are valued at \$48,338,558.

Work started as soon as possible on a new suspension bridge connecting Oregon City and West Linn. The bridge will employ a large force for about a year.

A fire department consisting of two hose teams and a hook-and-ladder team has been organized in Clatsop county. They are being made for the construction of a fire hall and the installation of modern equipment.

WASHINGTON Fully 5000 packmen were slain in a drive held near Ellensburg last Saturday.

Shoemen in all the railroads operating through Spokane are now on the five-day week.

The dance hall at Heinson in Clarke county was closed within the last 10 years. The building and contents were a total loss.

Eugene E. J. Lair, a Reardan farmer, convicted of second degree murder, was sentenced to life in prison for a 12-year-old boy, hanged himself in jail at Davenport.

Fire from an overheated stove destroyed the cookhouse of the Western Logging company near Wind-look.

Unless unforeseen disaster happens to the apple crop of the Wenatchee district, the yield this year will be 16,000 carloads, valued at \$20,000,000.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley (Reminiscences of a pioneer of pioneers in Umattilla county are here recorded by Mr. Lockley, who has made his way to distinct success in life.)

J. T. Llenalun of Umattilla county is spending a few days in Portland on his way home from Southern California, where he has spent the winter. "How long have I lived in Umattilla county?"

"I have lived there more than 57 years. I decided to come to Oregon when I was five years old. We came across the mountains in the Taylor Green when I was born. I started for Oregon in 1863.

"You have to stay on the job to amount to anything in any line, so I have bought out homesteaders who got cold feet, till I have about a thousand acres of wheat land and also some timber and range land. My boys and I had 2500 acres in wheat last year. It yielded 35 to 45 bushels to the acre. The year before we had 1920 acres. We sold at \$1.90 a bushel, though if we had held it a month or so we could have got \$2.50 a bushel; but even at \$1.90 it runs into quite a bit of money. Not over 25 per cent of last year's crop is still in the farmers' hands."

Speaking of staying on the job and making good reminded me of a bit of news that was in the Taylor Green crossing of Pine creek. Taylor Green later became the father-in-law of Bert Huffman, editor of the East Oregonian.

The name of the road is "Work." It has been open for only about 10 miles. Trade blocks to the town of Sutherlin. The road is open all hours of today. And now is the time to start on your way. For goodness sake, be on time.

Nearly all of the way is an uphill road; but once on your way just bear up your load. Trade blocks to the town of Sutherlin. You will pass through many towns each day. Such as Fellows, Glenn and Despair. At each of these stations just keep on your way. For "Work" does not vary there.

KNOW YOUR PORTLAND

Community Service, an idea, an ideal and an organization born of war experience, decided to improve our town neighborhoods in big cities, has become an accepted organization among the people of the country and in Portland. It is identified by its usefulness.

Last year, which was really its first year, from the "War Campaign" Community Service, was a strenuous year of neighbor-making. There were 76 sessions of committees and 36 sessions of directors, and an aggregate of 1011 members.

Fifty-nine military drill and physical training classes for girls attracted an attendance of 474. Twenty-nine "drama" classes in folk and ethnic dancing had an attendance of 1142.

Girls were initiated into the enthusiastic "Fifteen girls" club, an organization of 15 girls, with an attendance of 25, and 67 mixed classes for choruses and rehearsals, with an attendance of 2617.