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EVADING THE CONSTITUTION.

AMERICANS generally and Oregonians especially spend some printer's ink and spoil much innocent white paper changing and amending the state constitution every election or two, in order to do something which it is discovered that sacred instrument prohibits. In most cases this is a waste of time, as a shrewd lawyer can find a way of getting around almost any constitutional inhibition. For instance, the constitution prohibits the voting by a city of bonds for a subsidy for any corporation. This was intended as a protection of the people from themselves, and to prevent their being saddled with bonds through an idea, mistaken or otherwise, that they were doing a good thing for themselves. However, in the hands of the lawyers this provision is made of no effect, at least in the matter of voting bonds for aiding in the construction of a railroad. The city cannot vote to give the bonds or the proceeds thereof to a railroad company, but it can vote bonds to build a certain piece of railroad, at the same time having a contract with a company to build the balance, and then the road it has built can be turned over to the company. The same result is reached in each case only one violates the sacred constitution, and the other puts its fingers to its nose and scornfully wiggles them at the venerable but variously patched document.

BRIEF VIEW OF BELGIUM.

BELGIUM is the most densely populated and one of the most prosperous countries in Europe. She has an area of 11,373 square miles, a little less than one-eighth of that of Oregon, but sustains a population of something more than 7,000,000. The last census gave her 7,423,000. This would make her population about 615 to the square mile or one to each acre of land within her borders. The army has a peace strength of 45,000 and a war strength of 75,000. She exports manufactured goods yearly valued at $750,000,000, and her imports are said to be about $900,000,000.

She has 5401 miles of railroad, or a mile for every two square miles of her territory. She has no navy. Liege, where the fiercest fighting has been going on, has a population of about 170,000 and one of its important industries is the making of embroidery thread.

The Duchy of Luxemburg lies between her and Germany, near the southern line, and the province or state of Limburg, a part of the Netherlands, forms a buffer between her and Germany on the northern part. This leaves her with a frontier bordering on Germany of only about 25 miles, and Liege lies about a dozen miles from the line between them.

The democrats claim that Dr. Withycombe has made a political blunder in declaring his opposition to the single item veto. The republicans have not objected to Dr. Withycombe taking this view, but since it is one of the pet hobbies of Dr. Smith, the democratic candidate for governor, the democrats will naturally look on Dr. Withycombe's opposition as a blunder.—Albany Herald (Rep.)

We pass this up to the Oregonian. Before the primary election, it demanded pledges in favor of the single item veto from the republican candidates, and Dr. Withycombe, the only one in favor of the old-fashioned pork barrel appropriation bill, was nominated. If the Oregonian was sincere before the primaries, then it must feel that Dr. Withycombe has made worse than a blunder in his stand against this honest, common-sense idea—but then you can never tell about the Oregonian.

Since the war broke loose in Europe the Czar has suddenly discovered the Jews are a pretty fine people. "Jew baiting" will stop in consequence until the war is over, for two reasons—one, that the Russians need the Jews' money, the other that they are in danger of being pretty thoroughly baited themselves by the Germans and Austrians.

The fact is stated in many newspapers of a hopeful disposition, that "many lifelong democrats will this fall vote the republican ticket." This has a familiar sound and amuses the aforesaid lifelong democrats.

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TOO MANY CHURCHES.

LET somebody propose a schoolhouse for every street corner with geography a specialty in one, arithmetic in another, history in a third, reading in a fourth, and so through the curriculum. The vote would be unanimous to send the proposer to an insane asylum.

The difference between the creed of Episcopalians and Evangelicals, Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans and Presbyterians is far less radical than the difference between history and penmanship, or arithmetic and geography.

If children do not become confused, but may readily acquire knowledge of all these things under one roof, why does each slight shade of a religious belief require a costly individual plant for its dissemination?

Having a church at almost every corner is one way to create church debts, to make little congregations, to pile up huge operating expenses and generally divert the fire of religious endeavor.

A Canadian genteleman, a member of parliament, drew a picture of European condition as follows: "Should European war come, it would mean a new story in the history of civilization—a kind of death grapple in the darkness, a cosmic catastrophe." Too bad the kinglets in the old country did not know this. Had they realized that this cosmic catastrophe would follow war, they might well have hesitated before venturing their all on the hazard of doubtful battle, even though they were in no personal danger in the aforesaid scrimmage.

No doubt the Kaiser was deceived as to the course England would take when he declared he would back up Austria. You see the Kaiser had no means of knowing, and of course never suspected the suffragettes would quit and thus leave England free to join his enemies.

Foraker, who thought he could "come back" in Ohio, was only an "also ran." He should have been warned by the fate of Jeffries and Corbett, but, come to think of it, Foraker was not in the heavyweight class.

THE ROUND-UP

Coos county will soon take steps to encourage the building of the railroad from Roseburg to that city, and will give substantial aid besides.

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Jack Hurlburt and Bill Looney, pals, living at Corvallis, got an extra dose of "saints' delight" aboard Saturday night and as they were about to separate for the night got in a quarrel. Jake is in the hospital with 15 knife wounds presented him by his handy friends.

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A barn, three mowers and about $1,000 worth of hay were burned in Upper Langille valley, Sunday. The barn belonged to George McDonald, of Klamath Falls, but the other property to George Noble, who has the place rented.

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The council of Klamath Falls has instructed the city attorney to order the United States to build a bridge across a reclamation canal at that place or "take the consequence."

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Dallas has sold the $5,000 bond issue for purchasing a fair site to a local bank at par.

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Editor Young, of the Coquille Sentinel, is still registering former Kansans for his Sunflower club, and his field has now broadened to include all of them in Coos county.

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A postoffice has been established at Otter Rock, in Lincoln county, with mail daily for July, August and September and tri-weekly the remainder of the year.

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The Port Orford Tribune reports the forests of Curry county swarming with deer hunters, estimating that there are twice as many as last year. Twenty-one men were camped on Bald mountain the night before the season's opening day.

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Medford Mail Tribune: Though the woods are full of hunters, and the deer are reported plentiful, the reports of deer killed are small. Old hunters attribute this to the inability of the first rush of hunters to hit anything, and not being acquainted with the habits of the deer.

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Sumpter American: The Sumpter Valley-Burnt River fair promises to become a permanent institution, and no state or county aid has been asked for. Last year the Sumpter exhibit at the county fair took second prize as a community exhibit, but this year we will be satisfied with nothing less than first.

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The Prineville News has just celebrated its thirtieth birthday. It was founded by Horace Dillard. Its present editor, Charles O. Pollard, says of it: "The paper has had its ups and downs; has met courageously the vicissitudes of the frontier and has first and last stood by the interests of central Oregon through thick and thin as any of our old timers will verify."

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

(New York World.)

It was in 1870. Bulletins had been issued by both governments to the effect that France and Germany were on perfectly harmonious and brotherly terms. A few days later their armies clashed.

Napoleon Bonaparte, 60 years earlier, had overrun Germany, and had especially humiliated Prussia and grossly insulted Louise, Prussia's adored queen. Prussia never forgot. Bismarck for years strengthened Prussia, not only to prepare for a revenge on France, but to seize the whip hand of Germany. He persuaded Austria to help Prussia in seizing the Schleswig-Holstein duchies—an act of international highway robbery—and then in 1866 thrashed Austria and seized the stolen duchies for Prussia. This made Prussia the strongest kingdom in Germany. Next he made ready to whip France.

Napoleon III., pudgy charlatan and nephew of the great Napoleon, was emperor of France. His lovely wife, Eugenie, ruled him, even as he ruled France, and she in turn was ruled by her advisers. These advisers (prompted or bribed, it is said, by Bismarck) urged a war against Russia. And war was accordingly ordained.

A relative of Prussia's king was named as a candidate for Spain's vacant throne. France protested. The king of Prussia withdrew the candidacy. Still bent on picking a quarrel, France demanded pledges that the candidacy should never be renewed. The king of Prussia refused to grant this absurd mandate, and within a few days war was declared.

Prussia had been preparing herself for years. All Germany joined her, in three mighty armies (each a perfect fighting machine) the German forces invaded France—just as now three German armies are reported to have done, 44 years later. France was about as well prepared for war as an ex-pugilist who has been drunk every night for a year is prepared to put up the ring fight of his life.

Her troops were ill trained, ill officered, ill equipped. Her commanders were incompetent. They did not have correct maps of their own land, to say nothing of the enemy's country. Graft, incompetence, general crookedness were rampant in government circles. The best racehorse cannot win if the jockey is worthless. Nor could the heroic French soldiers make headway under the burden of bad leadership. Yet all France was confident of quick triumph.

"On to Berlin!" was the universal cry.

The French and German armies met near the frontier. The French won the first fight—a small engagement at the Saar river. It was their only real victory. Steadily the Germans hammered them back across France, winning battle after battle, driving the bravely fighting but doomed Frenchmen ahead of them as a star football team rushes its lighter and weaker rival across the field. Paris was the French goal, Berlin the German.

In barely a month France's armies were whipped, France's armies overpowered, France's empire had fallen and Napoleon III. was a prisoner. Then Paris was besieged and after a gallant resistance, was captured. France lay at Germany's mercy. The conquerors demanded and received from the broken foes a war indemnity of one billion dollars. Bismarck seized the psychological moment to weld the victorious German states into an empire, with Prussia's king (grandfather of the present German emperor) as its emperor, or kaiser.

CONSULATE UNDER FIRE.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Secretary Bryan was informed today by American Minister Whitlock at Brussels, Belgium, that he (Whitlock) had received the following message from the American consulate at Liege:

"The consulate here has been exposed to fire since hostilities started. May find it necessary to establish headquarters elsewhere."

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The Prodigal Son

"At last I'm wise, I will arise, and seek my father's shack;" thus muttered low the ancient bo, and then he hit the track. From dwellings rude he'd oft been shooed, been chased by farmers' dogs; this poor old scout, all down and out, had herded with the hogs. His heart was wrong; it took him long to recognize the truth, that there's a glad and smiling dad for each repentant youth. "I will arise, doggone my eyes, the prodigal observed, "and try to strike the old straight pike from which I idly swerved." The father saw, while baling straw, the truant, sore and lamed; he whooped with joy; "my swaybacked boy, you're welcome!" he exclaimed. Midst glee and mirth two dollars' worth of fireworks then were burned; "we'll kill a cow," cried father, "now that Reuben has returned!" His sisters sang, the farmhouse rang with glee till rafters split, his mother sighed with hope and pride, his granny had a fit. And it's today the same old way, the lamp doth nightly burn, to guide you home, O, boys who roam, if you will but return.

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G. O. P. SHOWS ITS COLORS

(Medford, Or., Daily Sun (Pro. Rep.))

Senator Bristow was one of the republican politicians of sound progressive principles who lacked the courage to join the progressive party.

With Hadley, Cummins and other members of the straddle squad, Bristow declared the place for reform was within, not without, the G. O. P.

So he ran against ex-Senator Curtis for the republican nomination in Kansas and got fairly well walloped, as most of the progressive republicans are getting walloped now.

With the Penrose victory in Pennsylvania, it is as plain as Kaiser Wilhelm's war mustache that the republican party as at present constituted is standing as pat as the rock of Gibraltar. Hard times, the European war and other calamities are being capitalized by the old guard as a kind of Horse of Troy, in which to make their way within the walls of congress again.

But they won't get there. The people in general are somewhat tired of freak and disturbing legislation, but they are just as much opposed to crooked and privileged legislation. They do not want to go forward quite so fast, but they refuse to go backward.

The temper of the country in the main is to take bearings, digest the legislation on hand, temper radicalism with common sense, and, above all, put business upon a sound and substantial basis again.

The trouble with Bristow was the inevitable trouble with the timid.

He was neither fish nor fowl.

As a result, Victor Murdock, the progressive candidate for senator, running against a man like Curtis, will have an excellent chance of election and the stock of the progressive party will go up a notch all over the country.

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Fine lines and even deeper wrinkles often appear at this season. In such cases nothing is better than a face bath made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered saxolite in ½ pint witch hazel. This is remarkably effective.

THREE REPORTED KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Bakersfield, Cal., Aug. 13.—Three miners were reported to have been killed today and several others entombed by an explosion in a mine near Kernville.

Members of the Bakersfield fire department, with smoke helmets started for the scene in an automobile.

LOS ANGELES GETS IT.

Los Angeles, Cal., August. 13.—The International Typographical Union, in convention at Providence, R. I., selected Los Angeles today for its 1915 convention, according to messages received by the local union. Los Angeles received 166 votes to 113 for Washington.

CRAWFORD FUNERAL TOMORROW.

The funeral services of Sherman Crawford, who died Wednesday, Aug. 12 in Portland, will be held tomorrow, Friday at 5 o'clock at the Odd Fellows cemetery. The body will arrive tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock on the Oregon Electric. Mr. Crawford, who was 48 years old died following an illness of heart disease, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Dora Robertson in Portland.

He leaves two brothers, Fred and William M. Crawford of Amity, two sisters, Mrs. Dora Robertson, of Portland, and Miss Belle McCanney of Amity, a cousin, Lewis Savage, of Salem, and other relatives in this vicinity. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Amity and the B. P. O. Elks at McMinnville. Friends and lodge members are invited to attend the funeral.

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" Chemawa	6:00 a. m.	" Albany	7:20 a. m.
" SALEM	6:15 a. m.	Ar. Newport	12:20 p. m.

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