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THE MAYOR'S DILEMMA.

MAYOR RUSHLIGHT occupies a position "between the devil and the deep, blue sea". On the one hand, he had to face a determined committee from the Portland Realty Board, armed with a resolution of condemnation of all soapbox ranters and demanding that they be snuffed out and a similar resolution from the grim and determined Spanish War Veterans, to the same effect. Opposed to this stand was that of H. D. Wagon and a group of single taxers and the resolution adopted by the Central Labor Council.

Now, THE TIMES desires to treat the mayor fairly. He is in ill health and seeks restoration in California. It is true that Portland has, at present, inadequate jailing facilities, during the demolition of the old building, and pending the erection of the new structure. He is right in intimating that the authorities do not want to start something they cannot finish. The Spanish War Veterans can solve the problem and may yet do so. The lack of a large-enough jail wouldn't deter them. There would be no need of a jail, for there wouldn't be any one to put in it. At the first determined move the rabble would flee, and it would be a good riddance of bad rubbish. The experiment is worth trying.

The opposition shown by the Central Labor Council is what might have been expected, for that body is always on the wrong side of every question, and since unionism is an enemy to free and independent action, it readily allies itself with the elements favorable to anarchy and disorder.

A RESOURCEFUL MAYOR.

A. J. SPLAWN, first mayor of North Yakima, Wash., under the commission form of government, is a man of action. He grappled with the I. W. W. problem and solved it to such an extent that not one of these idle loafers has been at North Yakima since. Mayor Splawn made himself chief of police and also police judge. At night with a squad he rounded up the "undesirables," arraigned them before himself next morning and administered the proper judicial dose. His course of procedure was something like this, to use his own expressive vernacular: "Let 'em go the first time, pop it to 'em the second time and twist their necks the third." Of course the latter was a metaphorical statement. Mr. Splawn said this "was the formula, and it worked."

Every man was given an opportunity to saw wood for his meals and a bed. If he was not afflicted with chronic laziness, and was a man with an honest purpose in life, he took the chance. Mayor Splawn is a wise and resourceful man, a man with a backbone and just the kind of a mayor Portland ought to have.

In New York state, at least, the doom of the loan shark is sealed, and a recent decision of the appellate division of the Supreme Court will establish a precedent for courts of other states to follow. The decision is sweeping. It completely brushes aside the contention of the money sharks that they may do business as brokers and charge any fee they please for granting a loan. THE TIMES hopes to see the Oregon Legislature frame a law closely following the New York decision, for the relief of the victims of this dirty business. They are the vampires and bloodsuckers of society and deserve to be driven out of their following.

Many wonderful things are done in surgical exploits these days. Bones are transplanted into human bodies from animals and even organs. The liberties surgeons take with a fellow's "innards" passes all understanding. They are now talking of removing a kidney from William E. D. Stokes of New York, which two showgirls unkindly perforated with a gun. This they will replace with one from an animal. This is good for Stokes, but a little hard on the animal.

Eating corn isn't as harmless as one would imagine. James B. Powell is a rich farmer down in Hoosierdom. He formed the dangerous habit of eating a few grains every time he fed his stock. One day he developed the unmistakable symptoms of appendicitis. The doctors opened up a remarkable prospect in Mr. Powell, and snaggled out an appendix eleven inches long—big enough for a bologna sausage. In its interior were found several grains of corn that had sprouted.

The minister of the Central Christian Church recently made application to the chief of police for a detail of police to attend his church on the occasion of a lecture on Socialism. He feared that Socialists and I. W. W.'s would attend and disturb the meeting. A squad of 12 big fellows was on hand, but not a disturber appeared. That is the way with these fellows, all of whom are cowards.

"Moonshine" whisky in a bottle at Vancouver, Wash., focused the sun's rays upon a piece of tissue paper and set it ablaze. This is certainly "going some".

Back in Massachusetts a syndicate is forming to raise rattlesnakes for their oil and skins. Snake "ile" is quoted at \$5 a pint. A distillery, whose products are said to be good for snake bites, ought to be established near this snake farm.

MASTER DAVID SCHOOLER



"5 FEET OF GENIUS"

AT THE ORPHEUM THEATRE.

RANTERS BECOME DEFIANT

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didate for nomination as sheriff, offered to withdraw from the race if the police commission would make him, temporarily, chief of police. He said he would clean these fellows out in 30 days. He called the mayor cowardly for not taking definite action and then went on to say:

"These fellows are puffed up with false pride and bravado because they think the police fear them the same as our cowardly mayor, but they are wrong. Nine of ten men in the department are courageous, God-fearing citizens, and their hands fairly itch to take these dirty ruffians into camp. Give them the word, and the I. W. W. would get their's quick."

"Little is to be expected from the mayor and the police commission, however, because the mayor appears to be too big a coward, and the members of the commission are too busy running for office to attend to their official duties. Take Police Commissioner Fitzgerald—he wants to be sheriff, too. A pretty sheriff he'll make if he doesn't rise to an emergency any better than he does as commissioner of police."

"It doesn't look as if we had much more to expect in relation to handling the I. W. W. from the Governor of the state and the sheriff of Multnomah county than from Mayor Rushlight. Really the business men are to blame for not going to the polls and registering, so they can put officials in place who are willing to do their duty and are not afraid. This I. W. W. performance is going to be kept up until Scout Young Camp of United Spanish War Veterans, of which I am proud I am a member, goes up and joins hands with the citizens of Portland in driving this foreign seum from Portland. I have talked to a good many union men and I find they are strongly opposed to the I. W. W.—the 'I Won't Work' outfit. We have union men in the ranks of Scout Young Camp, and I know what they think of the situation. The I. W. W. and the radical Socialists are really anarchists, and in almost every instance foreigners. There is no question that the mayor should order the whole bunch out and see that they go."

After Mayor Rushlight left for California, statement was issued showing the mayor's plan for elimination of the riff-raff. It provides for co-operation between the Federal and local officers, and contemplates securing the names and addresses of all offenders and quietly arresting them. Such plan would cut out all heroes or chances to pose as martyrs.

Tuesday the word went out that the agitators proposed to storm the Spanish War Veterans at their camp. The latter declared they would give them a warm reception.

The Chamber of Commerce forwarded resolutions to Gen. Baden-Powell condemning the action of the agitators on his recent visit here.

The Portland Rotary Club inveighed against them. The United States Marshal stands ready to proceed if any warrant is placed in his hands.

HARD PROBLEM FOR MAYOR

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country, desecrate the monument in the Plaza block erected to the memory of our heroic dead, advocate violence, rowdism and rebellion, make utterances that are reasonable in their nature and agitate to overthrow our system of orderly government.

"We, the members of Scout Young Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans, hereby beseech you to instruct the police force of our city to arrest all persons guilty of the aforesaid conduct and to vigorously prosecute them before the proper tribunal, and we pledge ourselves to give you and your administration our hearty support in ridding the city of said seditious characters and agree to furnish any assistance necessary to do so, and further,

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be given to the press of the city. (Signed) J. H. Upton, Richard Deich, J. Benjamin Hayes, Seneca Fouts, committee on resolutions."

On the other hand, the Central Labor Council adopted this resolution:

"We commend the city administration for its action in protecting the common people in their rights of free speech and public assemblage."

H. D. Wagon and other single taxers asked the mayor to ignore

the Realty Board's resolution, and others asked the mayor to do the same thing.

Mayor Rushlight, on the eve of departure for California for his health, said he would do what he could on his return to adjust the difficulty, and that he would also confer with the Central Labor Council. He pointed out that the old city jail was shortly to be demolished and so could not house any street speakers who might be arrested.

C. C. Craig, one of the Realty Board committee, offered his services to the mayor. He desired to organize a band of huskies which he would head to "run every last one of the disturbers into the river," and said he would "guarantee the city won't have any further trouble."

"AT THE FAIR."

Rice and Cady With New Company Open at Lyric Monday.

Keating & Flood, managers of the Lyric, commencing with the Monday matinee, will present a new treat in the musical comedy line. Rice and Cady, with an entire new company brought direct from New York, will present "At the Fair," a comedy of comedies that will convulse the most morose person in the audience. Rice and Cady need no introduction to the Portland public. They are known as stars in their line from one end of the country to the other. They have played in all the best houses in America and Canada at top-notch prices and it was only through a big guarantee by Keating & Flood that they were induced to come to the Lyric and play at the popular prices charged at this popular playhouse. Rice and Cady have starred on Broadway for two seasons and were always a knock-out, later playing in vaudeville over the largest circuits, where they wear a riot. Rice and Cady have a way of their own that is irresistible and always makes them big favorites right from the start.

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Mrs. NEWLYWED

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The company numbers 60½ people, 75 per cent of which are girls. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

SAN DIEGO VIGILANTES AND THE I. W. W.

SAN DIEGO, CAL.—Plans are under way today for the organization of a vigilantes' committee, which proposes to aid the police in clearing the city of I. W. W.'s who have been flocking here to make a free speech fight. Merchants and citizens have pleaded to take a hand in the fight. The committee proposes to whisk a number of the "agitators" out of town in automobiles, and to guard the city limits to prevent others from coming here. Chief of Police Wilson said that his men have been working on an alleged dynamite plot, in which a number of the I. W. W.'s are said to have been implicated.

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