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A MOMENT FOR JUSTICE

THE first definite step has been taken at the national capitol to bring about correction of a long-standing injustice worked under the federal conservation policy upon states in which the large areas of reserved lands which are withheld from taxation and to relieve private timberland owners of the effects of unfair competition now set up against them through the government's policy of selling timber under non-taxable, no-interest, installment-financed contracts.

Senator Steiwer of Oregon has taken the initiative. He has introduced in the senate a resolution providing for creation of a joint congressional committee to study conditions and recommend a remedial legislative policy, including legislation for the relief of states such as Oregon to whatever extent they are injuriously affected by the facts that the forest lands within their borders do not yield taxes and that privately owned lands must carry an additional burden of taxation sufficient to make up the lack caused by such exemptions. Under the resolution the proposed committee would be instructed to report its program of remedial legislation not later than December, 1930.

Senator Steiwer initiated his effort on complaint of the Ashland chamber of commerce, which had petitioned the Oregon delegation for relief. The petitioners stress the necessity for correcting the injustices of the present government timber sales policy. They propose that timber in all forest service sales contracts shall be taxed on the same basis as privately owned timber and that all lands in forest reserves not already included in timber sales contracts shall be placed on a taxable basis so that the federal government shall pay to the states the equivalent of a fair tax on the lands.

The movement is one of very great importance to Oregon. One of the principal factors in our tax difficulties is the fact that such great areas of government owned lands within our state are withheld from their fair participation in carrying the tax burden. Similarly the federal reserves, desirable and necessary though they are, constitute a clog upon the state's development whose effects ought in justice to be ameliorated so far as possible. Senator Stanfield showed what can be done in the line of gaining deserved restitution from the government when he obtained the Oregon and California land grant tax refund. Another effort over a longer period as well directed as that one was ought to result in justice being rendered to the state in the matter of the reserved lands within its borders.

The Steiwer resolution was not acted on in the short session but the senator has said he will reintroduce and press it at the next session. There ought to be full co-operative action by all commercial organizations of Oregon.

"All one would have to do to stop the Mexican revolution is to throw some chocolates at the soldiers. A Mexican would rather reach for a sweet than a gun any day." Thus today's news dispatches quote Philip Russell, author. Lacking candy one might wait until spring and throw some June bride's first biscuits.

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POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

A DREAM OF ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born, probably, in Wales, about the year 387, and was carried to Ireland by pirates in 405, and some six years later escaped to Gaul where he became a Christian. Heroically returning to Ireland as an evangelist in 1832, his immense vigor and earnestness had tremendous effect in the conversion of Ireland to Christianity. He is the subject of many legends, one of them, often referred to, is that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland, Sunday, March 17th is St. Patrick's day.

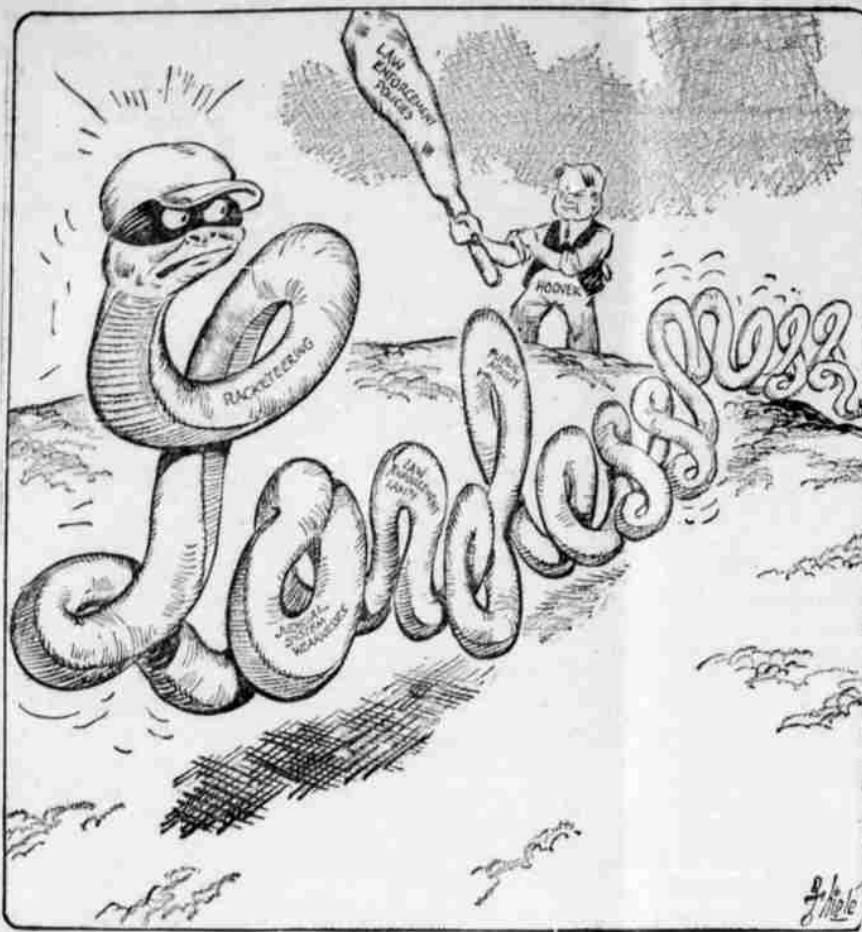
I love that legend hoary, old,
About St. Patrick often told:
How in his gallant, manly days
He made crusade for better ways.
Old Ireland suffered so from snakes
That brought about so many wakes,
He vowed to set all Erin free,
And drove the snakes right out to sea.

In later years our nation found
That not all snakes are on the ground.
That if a man would liquor drink
Then he on serpents soon would think:
And if he drank it long enough—
Until his nerves were raw and rough—
His eyes would then see blinding snakes
And that it filled our land with wakes.

We hearkened to St. Patrick tales
Because our land was full of wakes.
And came to feel the only way
Was put the liquor off to stay.
Then for a hundred years we fought,
With sacrifice and gold we bought
Our freedom from those liquor snakes
And multitudes of shameful wakes.

Oh, good St. Patrick, come again!
They need you now, mong' Irish men.
For though ground snakes you drove to sea,
From whiskey snakes they're not yet free.
Come help us in this battle great!
Lead on the hosts of Ireland's state!
And, with our banners high unfurled,
We soon shall shout, "A Sober World!"

Now for a Little o' the Spirit o' St. Patrick!



Butte, so called because at its summit there was a gigantic fir. The bottle is now known as Mount Angel. Butte Creek was known in the days of pioneer settlement.

EDITORIALS ON
THE DAY'S NEWS

(Continued from page 1)

On the evening air the scent of popcorn was wafted to the country seats and his sweetheart as they sat in the luxury of the "My, that popcorn smells good!" said the farm belle.

"I'll drive closer so we can smell it better," said the youth.

The new salesman eased himself very carefully into a chair in the big buyer's office, explaining:

"I'm a little stiff from bowing." "I don't care where you're from," snapped the buyer. "What have you got to sell?"

Teacher—And why do you think Washington did twice as much for his country as Lincoln? Boy—Cause Washington and Lincoln each had a birthday, but Washington gave us the Fourth of July.

The Groom—I understand your daughter has gone out in service. The Butler—You have been misinformed, my man. She has accepted the management and control of a private household.

"Why do you always go out on the balcony when I begin to sing, John? Can't you hear to listen to me?" "It isn't that, but I don't want the neighbors to think I'm wife beating."

"As I was going over the bridge the other day," said an Irishman, "I met Patsy O'Brien. 'O'Brien,' I says, 'How are you?' 'Pretty well,' she says. 'Fine,' I says. 'That's not me name,' 'Faith,' she says, 'and mine's not O'Brien.' With that we looked at each other, and sure enough it was neither of us!"

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me the meaning of the word collision?" No one knows. Well, it is when two things come together and meet. Now, can anyone give me an example? All right, Johnny, what is it?"

Johnny: "Traffic."

A professor once spent some time figuring out why professors are almost-minded. He figured the answer.

Do You Know Your Own State?

Excerpts from "Oregon Geographic Names" by McArthur, which explain the origin of names of geographic landmarks throughout the state.

TODAY: BUTLER BASIN

BUTLER BASIN, Grant and Wheeler Counties. This is a large basin in the John Day valley north of Picture Gorge. It was named for an early settler, Frank Butler, a householder who lived in a little cabin near the present site of Grants. Butler was the only resident of the basin in 1877. The name Butler Basin is occasionally used to this geographic feature, but Butler Basin seems to be the generally accepted name. There was once a post office in this locality called Basin.

BUTTE CREEK, Clackamas and Marion Counties. Butte Creek was probably named for Garret Butte, or Lone Tree

NEWS BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 16.—The rum runner Quadra, seized with a cargo of liquor off the California coast in 1925, came to an ignominious end yesterday. The former smuggling vessel was sold for \$1,025 to an Oakland wrecking firm at the federal building here yesterday. The Quadra is to be broken up and sold for junk.

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 16.—Messengers of control of the Federal National bank with the old National at bank and Union Trust company interests, and their organization of a National Savings bank was made known yesterday by officers of the two institutions. The messengers' headquarters of more than \$20,000,000.

LONDON, Mar. 16.—Fire involving 1200 houses and public buildings in Yokohama, Japan, was reported in an exchange of telegraph dispatches from Tokyo yesterday. Troops and firemen, hampered by lack of water resulting from drought, fought the flames all night long.

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—Woodrow Wilson is the subject of a play by A. R. Pinet. Production this season is forecast. One of the night scenes shows a banquet meeting after the Lusitania was sunk.

HAMBURG, England, Mar. 16.—What is left of the ship under which Ryan cut in Harrow churchyard has been preserved for posterity in a glass case in the library of his old school. Gates and rifle bullets, nearly made away with the whole of the tree.

BUDAPEST, Mar. 16.—The new state constitution is being discussed in Budapest about Easter. Szamos Kozmetich, son of a former Hungarian, wears a sheep skin hat, white spats and a frock coat.

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CONNIE TALMADGE
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(Associated Press Special Wire)
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 16.—Friends of Constance Talmadge, one of the most reported engaged movie actresses in Hollywood, today had set May 8 as the date of her marriage to Townsend Netcher, young Chicago merchant. The wedding it was said will be held 53 days hence in the Beverly Hills home of Buster Keaton, film actor, and his wife, Natalie. Talmadge Keaton, film actress, sister of Constance.

Dispatches similarly quoting "friends" but not the principals as announcing the impending wedding of Netcher and the film actress, have been carried from various parts of the country for the last time to buy. The Roseburg Garage.

We are overstocked on General tires and offering a special discount to clean up. If you are looking for a high grade tire now is the

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INCOME TAX SCANDAL NABS ANOTHER HOLLYWOOD MAN

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15.—Edward H. Hayden, "income tax counselor," who operated in the Hollywood film colony, today was indicted by a federal grand jury for violation of the revenue act. Miss Marjorie Berger, previously had been indicted on a similar charge.

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