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TAFT AND THE OREGON SYSTEM.

A Portland newspaper throws itself into a spasm because President Taft failed to eulogize the "Oregon system."

Why should the president eulogize a system that has brought criminal extravagance to a commonwealth possessing but a handful of people? Why should he hypocritically put political tricksters on the back when he cannot agree to their measurement of moral obligation to the public?

Why should he clap his hands with glee at a system that is rapidly elevating unpatriotic, demagogues to office?

No, President Taft did not commend Oregon's system that has sent a Bourne to the senate, a Lafferty to

the house, elevated a Chamberlain to junior senator and put a West in the governor's chair.

And thank God he did not. You can say what you will about Taft; you may say he is weak, but you can't prove it; you may say he is not a statesman, which is not true—but you cannot accuse him of being a hypocrite, neither can you say truthfully that Taft is not a friend to his country and his people.

It is decidedly to his credit that he is sufficiently poised to remain silent on the "Oregon system," and did not tell some of his audience, such as the head of the Journal, just how much is being done to tear down and keep back a great state by wild and insane laws.

HOT LAKE GAINING.

It is gratifying to every person who is loyal to Union county and her institutions to know that the crowds at Hot Lake are increasing rapidly.

After a reasonably quiet summer those afflicted are seeking the waters of this sanatorium, which has no equal this side of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

This is a direct benefit to the valley for Hot Lake consumes no small amount of produce and the management has the splendid habit of "buying at home."

"NON-PARTISAN."

"Non-Partisan" George is following in Dewey's course. He is almost ready to say, "I am a democrat." At any rate he thinks Woodrow Wilson will win out and that some democrat will beat Bourne. He might have said, "Some other democrat will beat Bourne," for goodness knows Bourne is no republican. The democrats may not want him but he is their kind.

How do some of the republicans feel who, aided "Non-Partisan" George in the last senatorial fight?

La Grande's number of automobiles is increasing so fast that the time is now ripe for city regulation relative to driving, also leaving cars stand and the use of the "cut-out" in uptown districts.

The true merit of single tax is liable to fall by the wayside in Oregon since C. S. Jackson denounces U'Ren and claims to be the originator of the idea here.

The least obstruction to a child's education should be the motto of Oregon. Then why not shake the text book trust loose and have free books for the youngsters?

After all, the railroad employees now on a strike are only trying to do what large capitalists have done and are doing—form a trust.

A grand prize awaits the inventor who will put a muffler on the motor cycle—and keep it there.

If you are a baseball fan you are living a strenuous life just now.

Don't jump on Italy too hard. Remember our own Columbus.

TRAMPS CONSIDERED AN ECONOMIC NECESSITY.

Salt Lake, Oct. 16.—Of 4,600,000 tramps in the United States sixty per cent are American born, 15 per cent are under 21 years of age and only one per cent are professional beggars, according to James O'Neill who has written a monograph on "The Hobo," which adds to the evidence to the overcrowded tenements, high rentals and low taxes on the property rented bad housing of children resulting in their loss of vitality and lack of education for the trades, explains the reason of the army of unemployed, of which he says:

"To the capitalist system the tramp is indispensable. The tramp is the illegitimate offspring of the capitalist. Many innocent country folk, and many innocent city folk believe that the tramp should be exterminated, or that laws should be come so drastic that trampdom will become impossible. If every tramp were rounded up tomorrow and heeded on a desert island, away from every avenue of escape or intercourse with the outside world the United States would be shaken by a panic, the like of which was never seen. Certain work can be done only at certain seasons.

"Ninety per cent of the enormous fruit crop of the United States is annually gathered by migratory workers—tramp workmen. In the agricultural districts, especially, the native population is insufficient to cope with the sudden increase in labor demands. Most of them are either permanently employed or have departed for the great industrial centers in search of permanent employment. The oyster crop is practically all gathered by the professional tramp. The enormous harvests depend largely upon tramps. The hop crop, which is by no means unimportant, depends almost entirely upon tramps.

"The lumber woods are full of the proverbial hobo. Most of the traffic of the Great Lakes depend almost entirely upon tramp labor. Without the tramp, hundreds of low class saloons in Chicago and every great city in the land would have to go out of business. Many thousands of tramps litterly swarm into the potato country as well as tobacco, onions and vegetables of all descriptions. The railroad construction camps employ multitudes of tramps. Every half baked wise guy has his solution for the problem of the unemployed. Fines, imprisonment, and penal servitude, ridicule, prohibition, temperance, colonies, brute force, vagrancy laws, and many other weird and extraordinary measures are advocated.

Every year the army of sheep shearers start on their annual migratory tramp. They start early in the spring away down on the Mexican line and as fast as one job is done they go to another, always going to the north. Late spring finds them yielding the sheepshears away up in Manitoba, and thence back again to the sunny southland. Next year it is the same thing. These men are tramps. But they are hard workers and most of them have money.

DEATH BY FALLING.

Pain and Fear Seem to Have No Place in the Ordeal.

It is difficult to imagine a more horrible accident than falling with an airship, yet in the opinion of a German psychologist, Fritz Kahn, death resulting from such a fall is not exceptionally painful, says the New York Evening Post. He argues that it is likely to be met in a state of indifference or even an agreeable half-conscious condition of mind. He witnessed the fall of Heim—a fall which lasted a number of seconds, as the airship tumbled to and fro like a piece of paper before the final descent. The distance was about eighty yards. On recovering consciousness after several days Heim remembered only the ascent. Everything between that and his awakening in the hospital was a blank.

Mountain climbers have had similar experiences. A French geologist who fell over a precipice attests that he swooned and never knew what happened. Whymer, on the other hand, remained fully conscious when he fell on the Matterhorn. Bounding from rock to rock, he calculated the intervals between the shocks, wondered how long he could stand it, felt no pain and came to the conclusion that death through a fall must be one of the least disagreeable ways of ending one's life. A boy of eight who fell twenty-two yards declared that his only thought was that he might lose his new pocketknife.

At a meeting of the Swiss Alpine club the geologist Heim described his

feelings during a fall. His first thought was that now he would be unable to deliver the address he had promised; then he thought of the effect on his family of the news of his death. He wanted to take off his spectacles to save his eyes from being damaged by broken glass. Various scenes from his past life flitted across his consciousness in rapid succession. There was no fear, no pain, but rather in agreeable state of mind, like that which is brought on by soft music.

of a Chief Justice Defendant's Wife Don't worry, dear the judge's charge was certainly in your favor. Defendant immediately I know that it's the answer, because I'm thinking about Boston Train.

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FOR RENT—Furnished room for light housekeeping at 1406 T. Ave. (10-1-11)

FOR SALE—Wood in any quantity. Phone 706. Waters-Stanchfield Produce company. 10-9-11

FOR RENT—Two furnished front rooms with light and phone. Phone Black 3752. 1902 Oak street. 10-13-11

FOR SALE—Thorough bred English bloodhound pups. Inquire Savoy Hotel. D. C. Brichoux. 10-14-11

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WILL TRADE—Good five room house and 4 lots. Will trade for horses or cattle. 10-11-11

LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO. La Grande, Oregon.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of February, 1910, creating improvement district No. 17 and designating Jefferson avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 23rd day of September, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Jefferson avenue in such improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement walk, combination curb and gutter, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made:

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that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Jefferson avenue, from the east curb line of Elm street, to the west line lot 8, block 112, Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, block 112; Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$591.60. That the council will, on the 18th day of October, 1911, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, October 4th, 1911. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON. By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 10-7-101

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