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WHO IS ABUSING IT?

The cry is made by the democrats that if they are put in power they will give the people a more economical administration. They think they can cut down expenses of the government tremendously. Perhaps they can, but their present actions do not show it.

The democrats, when they were not in power, complained of the action of congressmen and senators in sending out franked matter through the mail, claiming that this privilege was being abused. But now who is abusing this privilege? The speech of Woodrow Wilson in accepting the democratic nomination for the Presidency is being sent out all over Eastern Oregon under the frank of a democrat of Virginia. It is being sent out to republicans as well as democrats.

This matter is being franked twice, as it is sent from Washington to a local party who addresses the envelopes and mails them again at the local office.

This action is hardly consistent with the plea for economy in administration of the nation's affairs.

MUSIC TO OUR EARS.

One of the interesting facts brought about in recent reports by the de-

Vote for Millage Bill Number 320 X Yes

It provides six-tenths of a mill tax for support of Agricultural College and University of Oregon, giving them permanent support and taking them out of politics. It also provides one Board of Regents, thus solving the problems of co-operation, consolidation, division of sources and economy of management.

It does not increase the average rate of taxation.

It repeals the \$500,000 University appropriation bill.

The bill is endorsed by Governor West: "This Bill is in the interest of good business and should pass."

By L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent Public Instruction: "Experience in other states shows millage bill principle to be correct."

By W. H. Daly, President, Oregon Federation of Labor: "No argument can successfully combat the benefit to the state that will follow the adoption of the millage tax plan."

Endorsed by Portland Tax Payers League.

Bill prepared by committee of Governor's Commission, Board of Health, and administrative officers of the tax institutions.

W. W. NEWELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

partment of commerce of labor is that the sale of American-made musical instruments is increasing in foreign countries. Last year alone American pianos to the value of \$1,300,000 were sold abroad. China and Japan are about the only countries that are not buying our pianos and organs.

The sale of smaller musical instruments also is increasing. In faraway Ceylon the lowly native is making the air mournful with the tones of the Yankee flageolet. In Slam the yellow tinted water carrier pauses to practice on a clarinet made somewhere in New England, and even now some brave Montenegrin may be tooting a call to arms on a cornet or trumpet, or whatever the Montegrins use for a call to arms, said cornet or trumpet having been manufactured here.

For many many years the Italian venerated voices have lured yellow money from American pocketbooks. For many many years pianists and fiddlers from Russia and Poland and of Hungary have taken fortunes back to the older sod. Now it's pleasant to know that some future coloratura soprano on the banks of the arno is accompanying herself on a Yankee made piano as she makes day hideous with her practicing. And it is just as soothing to our spirits to know that in Moscow, or mayhap in Kioff, some future Pole or Russian virtuoso, whose name ends in "ski" is scratching the "C" string on an American made violin.

All the world plays our own "rag time". Let us hope they will soon play it on instruments made in our own country.

It must be cheerfully admitted that Senator Chamberlain is the only political speaker of this campaign who really attracted a crowd of people to hear him. Of course, the local Democratic committee made some strong personal appeals to be sure of a crowd, but these appeals proved unnecessary as "Our George" retains his powers of attractiveness.

What are you doing against Single Tax? Do you know that the importance of the defeat of this measure is greater to Oregon than any other one issue? Eastern Oregon cannot afford to try it, and it is hoped that Western Oregon will use sane judgment in the matter.



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MARK TWAIN IN UNIFORM.

Occasion When the Humorist Posed as General Sherman.

Albert Bigelow Paine in Harper's tells of the time when Mark Twain on his way to West Point to deliver an address found himself in the same train with General Sherman, who had been attending a dinner in Hartford.

"A pleasant incident followed, which Clemens himself used to relate. General Sherman attended the banquet and Secretary of War Robert Lincoln. Next morning Clemens and Twichell were leaving for West Point, where they were to address the military students, guests on the same special train on which Lincoln and Sherman had their private car. This car was at the end of the train, and when the two passengers reached the station Sherman and Lincoln were out on the rear platform addressing the multitude. Clemens and Twichell went in and taking seats, waited for them.

"As the speakers finished the train started, but they still remained outside, bowing and waving to the assembled citizens, so that it was under good headway before they came in. Sherman came up to Clemens, who sat smoking unconcernedly.

"Well," he said, "who told you could go in this car?"

"Nobody," said Clemens.

"Do you expect to pay extra fare?" asked Sherman.

"No," said Clemens; "I don't expect to pay any fare."

"Oh, you don't! Then you'll work your way."

"Sherman took off his coat and military hat and made Clemens put them on."

"Now," said he, "whenever the train stops you get out on the platform and represent me and make a speech."

"It was not long before the train stopped, and Clemens, according to orders, stepped out on the rear platform and bowed to the crowd. There was a cheer at the sight of his military uniform. Then the cheer waned, became a murmur of uncertainty, followed by an undertone of discussion. Presently somebody said:

"Say, that ain't Sherman; that's Mark Twain," which brought another cheer.

"Then Sherman had to come out, too, and the result was that both spoke. They kept this up at the different stations, and sometimes Robert Lincoln came out with them, and when there was time all three spoke, much to the satisfaction of their audiences."

MUCH INTEREST IN FAIR.

Mexico Will Make Permanent Exhibit at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—President C. C. Moore of the world's fair today received a letter from the Japanese consul general Nagai expressing the government for the kindness and sympathy shown by San Francisco over the death of Emperor Mutsuhito.

Moore also received word that the Mexican exhibit will be permanent. South American newspapers confirm the report that Chill is to appropriate \$200,000 for an exhibit.

Wood Enjoys Short Trip.

San Diego, Oct. 26.—Major General Wood today inspected the local harbor at Fort Rosecrans and enjoyed a short trip with John D. Spreckles in

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, aiding up the constitution and assisting and giving the patient strength by its nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Notice of Call for Redemption of Improvement Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that Improvement Bonds of the city of La Grande, Oregon, bearing date December 1st, 1910, and numbered from 1 to 30, inclusive, will be called for payment and redemption on December 1st, 1912. Interest will cease on the above numbered bonds on and after the 1st day of December, 1912.

RAY W. LOGAN, City Treasurer.

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WEST'S The Quality Store

Without doubt Senator Chamberlain while ostensibly supporting Lane, still has that brotherly feeling for Bourne. The position of Senator Chamberlain must be very embarrassing at this time. For, although elected repeatedly as a non-partisan he now announces his strict allegiance to

the Democratic party. But the senator is the best political acrobat in the world and he will come out of the present political mixup with his same bland smile and his capability of "letting the people rule" so long as that ruling favors his idea as to candidates.

As the election approaches there is little doubt left as to the senatorial

fight in Oregon being between Dr. Lane and Ben Selling. Bourne's entry seems to have made it possible for Selling to win. But perhaps Bourne thought in the political game he had but one chance left and thus is betting his money on a single card. His repudiation of the very principle that once elected him will put him down and out forever in both state and nation.

INITIATIVE FREIGHT RATE BILL

THIS CONCERNS EVERY RESIDENT OF OREGON.

The initiative freight rate bill, No. 358, vote yes, on the ballot is a non-partisan, people's measure. It is in the interest of the producer, the manufacturer, the consumer, and fair to the carrier.

The principle and method of rate making provided by the bill is endorsed by the interstate commerce commission, the foremost expert rate making tribunal of the world.

The enactment and enforcement of the bill will stimulate all industrial and commercial development in Oregon, reduce the price of transportation to the consumer, who ultimately pays all freight bill.

The bill will not cancel a single commodity rate which is less than the rates fixed by the bill. It does not take any authority from the railroad commissioner in the making of minimum rates, nor does it open a way for the railroads to advance special or commodity rates, or any class rates.

The need of passing and enforcing the provisions of this bill are seen in the following conditions and reasons:

ONLY 5 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT BY THE OREGON CONSUMER FOR MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES IS FOR OREGON MADE GOODS. 95 cents of every dollar so spent goes out of the state for goods manufactured in other states. Under this system which is caused by the present freight tariffs the wealth of the state is being needlessly depleted.

Under the stimulus of manufacturing Illinois increase in the 1910 decade over 800,000 inhabitants which is practically 200,000 more than the entire population of Oregon. Illinois towns under 10,000 inhabitants manufactured \$1 to \$1.50 manufactured for the whole state of Oregon.

50 cents will buy 500 miles of first class freight transportation under the Illinois rate schedule, and only 100 miles under the Oregon rate schedule. The Oregon dollar is worth only 20 cents as compared with the Illinois dollar.

The leading railroads of Illinois earn about \$3,000 net per mile of road; Nebraska roads earn about \$1,500 net per mile, while some of the Oregon roads earn \$6,000 net per mile of road.

From 1906 to 1910 the O. R. & N. Co. paid \$109 per share on stock of par value of \$100, returning to the stockholder the full value of the stock and \$9 to boot per share. In 1908 the same stock paid 79 per cent on its stock. In 1910 it paid 15 per cent on its common stock and 17 per cent on its preferred stock.

The Southern Pacific Company is capitalized at over 500 millions of dollars. Its only tangible property is 11.8 miles of railroad in California worth probably less than \$250,000. Its earning right is on the 11.8 miles of road, or about \$12,000 yearly. And yet this company is paying dividends yearly in excess of \$17,000,000, and together with interest on its bonds, about \$21,000,000 yearly. Every dollar so paid in excess of its earning rights on the 11.8 miles of road is filched from the people, therefore robbery.

The people are the power. It is for you to say whether you will longer tolerate these conditions. A vote yes for the initiative freight bill is a vote for better transportation charges and the upbuilding and blessing to the whole state of Oregon. The bill does not favor anyone; it does not discriminate against anyone.

This is a state measure and cannot affect interstate business. If you want to build up your community, vote for this bill and secure a square deal in freight rates.

OREGON EQUITABLE RATE LEAGUE. By E. A. WELCH, Secretary

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