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THE CALL FOR A NEW DEAL

In Eastern Oregon's earlier days when gambling was common a game only progressed for a short time until some one called for a new deck of cards.

Why? Experienced gamblers soon learned the cards by their feel, and they succeeded in depositing secret marks upon them so that the identity was certain. With this knowledge men who had their money on the table demanded a new deck in order to have a fair chance in the game.

The illustration may not be attractive, but it is nevertheless clear.

The Republican party of Oregon has for years been playing with a marked deck of cards. There are those who sit in the party council year after year who know each card without looking at the face.

The people of Oregon are sitting in this game. They have a great deal at stake on the political outcome of the state and—

The people in many parts of the state are demanding a new deck.

Not only that, they are also demanding some new dealers.

They have lost confidence in some of the men who handle the cards. They feel the dealers have been at it so long they can deal from the bottom of the deck as well as the top without being detected, and with that in mind the call is going up from the 'cow country' and from many other parts of the state for a new deck and new dealers.

WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT

The Institute for Public Service, at whose head is Dr. Allen, who formerly directed the New York bureau of Municipal Research, has discovered that the expenses of the national government has increased 50 per cent in seven years, while population has increased only 12 per cent, and is calling the attention of chambers of commerce to this fact.

The Institute points out that congress "does not know where increases are, nor how large they are, nor what the net result on the nation's finances will be, nor how present and past ex-

penses compare. It votes on bills separately and does not appreciate what the total will be."

One important reason for congressional extravagance, is the fact that the most important source of federal revenue is the tariff. Many people still entertain the idea that the tariff is paid by the foreigner who wants to get his goods into this country. Even those who understand that it is the consumer who foots the tariff bill do not know how much of the price paid is absorbed by the government tax. If they did know, they might pay more attention to the country's finances, and bring the same pressure to bear on their congressmen that they do on their mayor when a city tax rate is abnormally high.

If the burden of government were to be thrown more and more on the income tax, it is reasonable to suppose that the persons thus hit—and they would be the most influential persons in the community—would make themselves heard in behalf of national economy. Under the tariff system, they do not know how much they are contributing to the government, because their contribution is indirect and piecemeal. But let the tax be paid in one lump, and let it be labeled "Your Share to Support the Government," and the business men of the nation would rise in sudden wrath and demand an investigation of the extravagant budget system.

Even without that stimulus however, it should be easy enough for business men to see that a great deal of money is wasted every year because of the fact that congress cannot handle the budget intelligently with the small amount of information which it is furnished. A little of the attention that is being paid to city finances might be led along to state and national systems.

AN IMPORTANT GATHERING.

Many may not realize just what an important meeting was held in La Grande Saturday when the superintendents and heads of different Eastern Oregon schools gathered in La Grande to discuss "shop."

As an indication of its importance one need but know that State Superintendent Churchill came from Salem to attend, and he is a very busy man. Had the meeting been ordinary he would have sent a telegram or a letter. But he came in person, and in speaking of the Saturday meeting he said, "This is the kind of meeting that accomplishes results. These men and women have come to La Grande with their different experiences, each anxious to give others the benefit of those experiences and to take home with them the experience of others that will be of benefit. Continuation of this work means standardizing all school departments and getting more out of the work."

That the discussions were earnest and sincere were apparent to a visitor;

that each educator was here to obtain information and give forth his own innermost thoughts was also apparent. Prof. Purcell, of Enterprise, gave out one thought that was worth a good deal. In combating the cigarette in the schools he says his system is to do it with athletics, ruling no tobacco user can work in the athletic field, but always telling the users of the weed when the school term is out they can do as they please. The effect is good, for the boy joins the educator in his effort for athletics fully realizing he can smoke at the end of the term without being a "criminal from justice." It is found that the school athletics tone up the youngster and when the school term is finished in very many instances the boy has no desire to smoke.

This is but one illustration of the hundreds of good things brought up at Saturday's meeting. We predict great good as a result of these meetings.

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE READING.

Tendency to read the Holy Bible is growing in La Grande. In fact, tendency toward Christianity is growing here. You never hear neighbor arrayed against neighbor any more; each seems to have respect for the other, and the day of extreme hatred seems to be passing.

Reading the Bible is being practiced in a systematic manner and congregations are separating the book into units, each unit being allotted a certain time.

The idea is a good one, for many good people who really want to read more of the Master's teachings fail to do so because of lack of system, frequently finding their time occupied.

If all denominations could join in a Bible studying period and induce a portion of the non-church going people to join in the study the uplifting effect would be perceptible on the community in a very short time.

Villa has announced that he will kill every American in Mexico. At least this much can be said for Pancho; he combines a warning with almost all of his announcements.

Does the human comedy grow wearisome? A man is walking backward from San Francisco to New York, on one of those mysterious \$5,000 bets.

A non-partizan tariff board theory a ways has an earnest friend in the minority.

MARVELS OF ACCURACY.

Wonderful Instruments in Uncle Sam's Bureau of Standards.

Standing on one of the many high hills that fringe the nation's capital is a group of buildings that house one of the greatest aggregations of wonder workers in the new world. In their enchanted chamber truth makes fiction seem tame and commonplace. Men make fairies appear, weak, insipid and impotent as doers of strange things. Entering, one may see a grain of sand become a mountain, an inch become a mile, an unappreciable zephyr become a howling storm, the footfall of a fly become the thundering tread of a draft horse upon a thrashing floor, the heat of a candle a roaring furnace, the unperceived warmth of a star a cheering fireside and the pressure of a finger the force of a thousand giants in one.

These enchanted chambers are the creation of the United States bureau of standards.

Here can be seen instruments of such delicacy and precision that the mind at first fails to grasp the full significance of what they can accomplish.

In one room is a balance so sensitive that the mere presence of the operator's body generates an amount of heat sufficient to disturb its accuracy.

In another there is one so delicately adjusted that it shows the loss of weight due to the reduction of the earth's attraction when two pieces of metal are weighed one upon another instead of side by side.

Remarkable beyond the imagination are the heat measuring instruments which register infinitesimal fluctuations of temperature. A ray of light may have started ten years ago from some distant star and may have spent all of those ten years hurtling earthward bound through space at a gait so astounding that it could girdle the globe in far less time than it takes to blink the eye. Yet when it falls upon the sensitive bolometers at the bureau of standards they will tell the observer how much heat that ray brought with it from the star to the earth.

Such are a few of the most delicate instruments. But there are others which are as powerful as they are sensitive.

In the engineering laboratory there is a huge testing machine which can tear apart the strongest steel girders used in building great skyscrapers, while on the floor above are little electrical furnaces capable of generating a heat intense enough to melt the most refractory materials. The bureau can measure accurately cold great enough to liquefy the very air we breathe and heat which can melt solid rock.—National Geographic Magazine.

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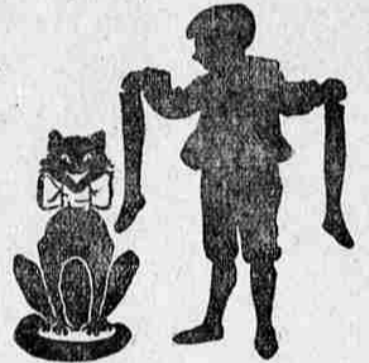
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The Human Voice. You may find two persons who resemble each other. You may find them of the same size and weight and complexion—and disposition. But you will never find two whose voices are the same. For there seems to be that about a human voice which is individual, never to be copied, never to be resembled by any other. There is not another person upon the whole earth whose voice could deceive you as being the voice of an acquaintance, whether you catch only a few faint whispers or hear it distinctly.—Columbus Dispatch.

Von Moltke in Arabia. The most famous of German leaders, Von Moltke, gained his first taste of warfare in Turkish Arabia in 1830. The future "organizer of victories" was attached to the sultan's armies, which were utterly routed by the Syrians under Brahman Pasha at Nezb, and he escaped only by riding two days and two nights almost without a pause and with no food save half a biscuit, two onions and a glass of water.—London Opinion.

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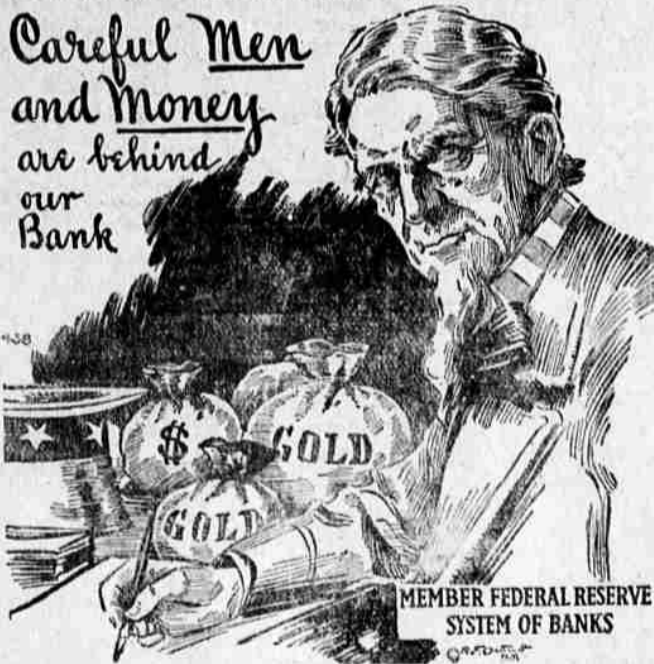
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