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THE SENATOR FROM LANE

Lane county is having a terrible time. They elected Ike Bingham as their senator, and how Ike is back in New York selling horses or munitions of war to the Allies and Lane county is without a senator.

And now the papers are fussing about Lane county's new senator and some of them are getting real unkind and saying that if Lane elects a man like Ike Bingham and he goes away, it ought to suffer.

The La Grande National Bank Issues Booklet

"BANKING MADE PLAIN"

Educating the public in a practical knowledge of the simple methods of banking is a mission to which enterprising banks all over the country are more and more devoting themselves, and as a means of service to the community, one of the latest booklets along this line entitled "Banking Made Plain" is now being distributed by the La Grande National Bank.



Great Annual Clearance Sale---Ends Wed., Jan. 17

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Table listing coat sale prices: Regular \$10.00 Coats, Sale Price \$ 5.00; Regular \$12.00 Coats, Sale Price \$ 6.00; Regular \$15.00 Coats, Sale Price \$ 7.50; Regular \$20.00 Coats, Sale Price \$10.00; Regular \$25.00 Coats, Sale Price \$12.50; Regular \$30.00 Coats, Sale Price \$15.00; Regular \$40.00 Coats, Sale Price \$20.00.

A Quick Clean-Up Offering of Our Entire Men's Clothing, Your Choice 1/4 Off

THE FORUM

God and War.

La Grande, Jan. 10.—(To the Editor of The Observer)—Dear Sir:—In your issue of yesterday there appeared an article from the Christian Herald which contained some very sweeping assertions and new ideas about the purposes of God in war.

Really, we think it is not worth worrying about. We don't know whether they will let Mr. Griffin vote or not, but he may be a real nice fellow, and it may be that we have discovered a new way of electing senators by letting the boys at the chamber of commerce do it.

A person who won't work in this beautiful clear, invigorating Eastern Oregon weather and sunshine must have the hookworm.

In Favor of Good Roads.

We need good roads in winter as well as summer. In fact the sick people and the doctors need good roads most in winter.

North Powder, Jan. 10.—(To the Editor)—Everyone at this time is interested in good roads—I have a suggestion I think very applicable to Union county—more especially to the Grande Ronde valley because of the many impassable drifts in the roads in many places, while other places are bare, making the roads suitable for neither sleigh or buggy or auto.

I understand the county commissioners are in favor of at least one and possibly two more engines to care for the roads of the county—then why not buy the caterpillar engines next winter and prepare to use them winter and summer?

Very truly yours, C. H. LAW.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

Philadelphia, Evening Ledger—It was Mr. Bryan, we believe, who came back from a memorable trip abroad and proposed Government ownership of railroads.

Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin—Congressman Moore's bill to give ex-Presidents seats in the House with no vote and pay them annual salaries of twenty-five thousand dollars should go into the discard.

Batavia (N. Y.) News—(From the Milan, Italy, Gazette) Speaking of America; We all know the Italians discovered it. The Germans made it. The Irish rule it. The Jews improved it. The Yankees ran it. The Gasoline men own it—so where is your Americanism?

N. Y. Sun.—The mint is hurrying the output of the half dollar, a coin now used for the purchase of things that used to cost a quarter.

Omaha Bee—That "High-Cost-Of-Living" coon doesn't seem to want to come down any faster just because Congress is in session.

Des Moines (Iowa) Register-Leader—There is before the Mexican Congress a proposition to abolish the death penalty. But the population will continue to dwindle so long as they don't abolish Villa.

Kansas City Star—There is just about as much danger of the United States becoming "militaristic" by giving a few months' training to all its young men as there is for an office clerk to get the bug of being a prize fighter by talking fifteen minutes' systematically exercise every day.

Philadelphia Inquirer—If congress would now place a tax on hot air and make it apply to legislators, money for running the whole blooming government might be raised right in Washington.

Providence Journal—Speaker Clark is reported to be engaged in writing a book of reminiscences. The celebrated houn' dog will probably appear as an appropriate tailpiece.

Omaha Bee—In quoting Abraham Lincoln, Lloyd George cites an authority whose motives will not be questioned by any one.

Grand Rapids (Mich) Press—A woolen goods importer prophesies

that men's suits will soon cost \$50, so the outlook is that we will all be blanket Indians by spring.

A Road Code.

With several agencies at work shaping a new highway code it is reasonable to assume that the legislature will enact a law which will in part at least, be satisfactory to all interests. To satisfy everyone is outside the range of probability.

The introduction of motor transportation has revolutionized the road problem. Attention has been directed to the need of better construction and the elimination of wasteful methods.

In the discussion of a new code for Oregon two lines of general thought are observed. One is the view of the engineer, centralizing supervising authority at least over the county road organization in the state highway department.

Again in the matter of the degree of cooperation that should exist between state and county in the construction and maintenance of state aided roads, some advocate that the cost should be on an equal basis, that is half and half. Others would place all the burden on the state.

Another division of thought is between those who advocate what they call market roads and those who urge trunk highways.

In theory the division of all roads into three classes, state, county and district, to be built and maintained respectively by state, county and district, is an ideal one.

In practice, however, it is difficult to define the line of demarcation and fix the limit of authority. Districts would naturally desire to throw as much of their burden on the county as they could and the county would likewise wish as many of its roads as possible classed as state roads.

All legislation is a matter of compromise and any road code which the legislature will pass must necessarily make some concession to conflicting interests.—Portland Journal.

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