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EASTER, THE LIFE-BRINGER

With Easter comes spring, whatever the secular calendar says. It is one of the oldest of human festivals, if not the very oldest.

Nearly all races in nearly all ages seem to have developed the spontaneous celebration of three annual events: The winter solstice, when the low southern sun turns northward again; the vernal equinox, when the life-giver is half-way on his northern journey, and the harvest time, when sun and human hands have done their work and the crops are garnered.

Christmas is pre-eminently the children's day. Thanksgiving is the day of the mature and old. Easter is a day that thrills the hearts of all, old or young, whether consciously religious or seemingly irreligious. For in it is the pulse of Spring, which has wrought in the blood and spirit of the race for uncounted thousands of years, and whose influence, if the scientists are right, goes back through millions of years to the first crude beginnings of life on this planet.

At every Easter-time comes this new surge of life, this awakening from the dead of an apparently lifeless earth, this uprising of sleeping plant and bird and beast and man. And in man the awakening is, of course, most powerful of all. It brings a new zest of life, a renewal of hope, a new consciousness of the vital energy that courses through all things and of the essential goodness and power of the Creator.

We jest at Easter sometimes, as we jest at all things high and sacred. But beneath all the light talk of Easter bonnets and dress, there is an inevitable vein of solemnity. The new, bright apparel is good, because it typifies an old world made new and bright again. And every man or woman, whether attending church or not, or taking cognizance of the day in any other formal manner, cannot but feel and celebrate it in his heart.

THOSE TAX NOTICES.

Nothing is more interesting right now than the tax notices. Nothing commands so much attention, and causes the citizen to ask himself if he is getting value received for the money he is paying into the public treasury.

What does it all mean? Are we any better off than when the running expense of the state, colleges, county, were one-third the amount we are paying today?

We are not! The numberless frills added to government carry enormous cost and return mighty little. We are gone stark mad on regulating everything and everybody, all of which costs money.

Oregon would be far better off with a plain governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, a school superintendent. We would have fewer troubles and less expense, a happier people, and a great many office holders would be released to engage in making the great state produce, if they should so choose.

BRODIE OF OREGON CITY.

Noted for many things, such as being the oldest town in the state, the place where the state mint was once located, the home of Bill U'Ren, Chris Schubel, Judge Ryan and other notables, Oregon City now lays claim to one more celebrity.

Editor E. E. Brodie, of the Oregon City Morning Enterprise, has been elected president of the National Editorial Association at a recent meeting in Georgia.

This election follows Mr. Brodie's announcement that he hopes to be chosen Minister to Siam by the Harding administration, so evidently the whole machine will work out all right.

Oregon is quite proud to have the presidency of the association. She is also proud to be able to offer so worthy and so able a man as Mr. Brodie for the office. Knowing the Brodie ability for organization, the Observer looks for splendid work by the National Association during his administration.

IS IT THE THING TO DO?

Washington state passed a cash bonus law for the soldiers and then put on a straight five dollar poll tax on every man and woman voter in that state to raise the money to pay the soldier his bonus.

In one way this looks rather queer, but looking at it full in the face we are not sure but what the state of Washington hitched onto the right idea.

A bonus for the boys is a little different obligation than any other obligation, so why not let the voters, both men and women, step forward and pay the poll tax necessary to take care of the proposition?

Besides, every soldier fought for the country and, therefore, rendered personal service to the voters—another good reason for departing from real estate security and taxing the individual to pay the bonus.

Walk about a million men rising, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 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