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The Reformed Soap Box

An active campaign for "making the soap box safe for Buffalo" has been undertaken in that city recently sponsored by the Constitutional Defense League. Speakers in all parts of the city are mouthing soap boxes and preaching the doctrine of law and order, and protesting against any attempts to change the form of government save by those processes laid down in the Constitution of the United States. It is a part of a systematic undertaking to offset radicalism in all parts of the country.

A notable feature of the work in Buffalo is that one of the most enthusiastic speakers is David Preisch, formerly a member of the staff of the New York Call, long a leader in radical circles. He was led to change his views because he became convinced that ultra-radical doctrines were the enemy, not the friend, of the worker. It is only by meeting radicalism in its own haunts that it can be eradicated. Hence the pulp of the agitator becomes the natural speaking place of those who would overcome him and the soap box method of fighting has much to recommend it.

As to the fight itself, it is doubtful whether excessive radicalism of the Bolshevik type is a very acute menace in this country right now. Russia herself has defeated it. But if the doctrine of Bolshevism is not to be replaced by others just as unwholesome and dangerous, there is the greatest need for education in the government. In this education, the soap box conservatives can play an important part.

The Milkman's Inning

Prohibition has been much abused and much lauded since the land went dry. Almost every crime in the calendar has been charged to it—and almost every benefit credited—more or less convincingly. Now comes a new friend, the National Dairy Council.

The president of this body, as might be expected, is interested in milk and milk products. He speaks with some authority, and when he spoke last week in the annual convention at Atlantic City he was much applauded. Prohibition, said he, has stimulated enormously the demand for milk, cream, ice cream, buttermilk and kindred things to drink and eat. The dairy farmers and all the manufacturers of dairy machinery are for it. They have profited directly as a result. So, too, we may suppose have profited those who used to neglect in alcoholic beverages and have come to know how satisfying and how wholesome are the products of the dairy farm.

Now the dairymen are considering a world's dairy council of producers, distributors and consumers to consider an international educational campaign which shall make plain the part milk plays and should play in national health.

An Open Agreement

If there was reason for secrecy at the Versailles conference, there is assuredly none for it at the Washington conference. There is every reason in the world for the fullest publicity not only of all the conclusions but of the proceedings by which they are arrived at.

This disarmament conference is, to a far greater extent than was the Versailles gathering, a conference of peoples. Peace after the World War had to be made by governments. Statesmen proceeded automatically to make peace. It was largely a legal matter, with vast complications calling for expert knowledge. The people trusted, of necessity, to the men who had represented them in conducting the war. Now it is different.

Disarmament is a demand not of government, not of statesmen, but of nations. It is a demand of bereaved families and of taxpayers. The spokesmen of the five major powers who will control the conference will be representing their public at home to a far greater extent than usual, and will be answerable accordingly. The people know what they want in the settlement of other questions that have a bearing on armament.

The mandate they have given is not evaded through diplomatic muddling or trickery on the part of any statesman or group of statesmen that may come to Washington. To this end, the public will want to know all about the proceedings, from start to finish. It is their right, and it is for the interest of mankind. It will serve both as a check on the conference and as instruction to the uninformed. Never has there been so good an opportunity for useful publicity.

Thirty-four years is the age of the Union Republican, but not the age of its editor, George Scribner, for George has been knocking around Colorado and Oregon for quite a long long time. He gets out a splendid weekly and the Republican is justly rated in the state as a good, substantial, reliable newspaper. Here's hoping the Republican will prosper another thirty-four years as it has during the past, even if George and ourselves will not be on the stage of action at the end of that period.

If we would have a city we must have an Ad Club. A business organization is a needful thing and must be kept up. The outside country expects it and La Grande could have three good prospective settlers by having no organization and thereby be financially out of pocket besides being a tail-end in the procession.

Over four thousand pieces of china were handled at the Buyers' banquet in the Wiltomah hotel recently and but one piece was broken. Another evidence that John Barleycorn is out of the game almost entirely.

The soft drinks people have always acted as if the country went dry for their particular benefit. Pretty soon for them now, if the tax is taken off.

A Wisconsin child has just been operated upon for the removal of an extra stomach. Wasn't she lucky not to be living in Russia?

It is said that women will soon adopt knickerbockers for street wear. Knickerbockers for the women and knock bickers for the men.

The Irishmen in this country will be glad to welcome Lloyd George to the disarmament conference.

With his great musical gift Garuso should have no trouble in finding the key to Paradise.

'Round The County

Incidents with Human Interest Attached, Gathered by The Observer.

Fifty Successive Crops.

Anyone laboring under the impression that summer-fallow is an indispensable practice with the soil of Union county is mistaken. There are at least two conspicuous exceptions to the general practice of this method of farming in the Grande Ronde valley. The Caviness place near Island City is now producing its 51st or 52d successive crop in as many years, however. In neither of these two instances has there been summer-fallow, but wheat has not been the "only" crop. Both have been in alfalfa at least once, and sugar beets were planted for a season on the Caviness place, but the vast majority of years have seen wheat, and a lot of it, too, greenish that particular piece of land. To the person who must let his land lay idle at least one year out of three, or some times every other year, the idea of producing a crop every year is novel. However, in the middle west where farms are small and farming intensified, the rule is reversed and it is rarely that land is summer-fallowed.

Western Senators Form Union to Secure Action Favoring Protection

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(Repa) Bean senators from all states west of the Missouri river and Iowa organized Tuesday for the purpose of demanding fair treatment of the west in the pending tariff bill. Senator Gooding of Idaho, at whose instance the organization was undertaken, was chosen chairman of the western conference, and will assume active leadership of the western tariff campaign. While a more satisfactory wool tariff is one of the main ends sought, western senators will urge material changes in agricultural and mineral schedules, will fight for a duty on hides, and will demand rates on their products equally as protective as are placed on manufactured products of the east. Senator Gooding is outlining his plan to his colleagues impressed on them that only through united effort can they make their influence felt, and he said the time had come when the west should rise in its might and demand what was coming to it.

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Smiles will cause the lumber man to enjoy a frame-up, and "grin" at a put up job.

Smiles will cause your fall, if so, fall in line every day and read the Office Cat for we need you everyone.

Yet She Never Strikes

Sir: If mother got time and one-half for overtime she could pay the way with her back pay. T.H.M.

J. T. Magin says the only night shift the modern youth knows about is the rear shift.

Who is the lucky stuff that catches all the fish shown in the illustrated ads of the summer resorts?

But your life is your life, not an apology. Date to live it.

Toddy and Phimpup sir. New Jersey women, says a headline. It's a safe bet that they also agitate the Jersey men.

Leo Stoop says a practical joker in usually a Stamford who has sense enough not to play practical jokes on men who are bigger than he is.

We Claim Your's Done Noble Thus Forward Should Go Ahead With It.

There is work to be done. There is really only one person who can do the work satisfactorily. And sure that person—Mother Goose—is sleeping the long sleep in that buying ground just off Tremont street in Boston, perhaps we had better go ahead with the work. Un-sir.

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less, of course, you are a personal friend of Sir Oliver Lodge, and can get into spirit communication with the party before mentioned.

The work to which I refer is reviewing the famous "Goose Thumbe". Really, they are 'way out of date, you know. This talk of Kings was all right when they were the fashion, but styles do change (see Ladies' Home Journal or Vogue). Sing a song of mixed drinks. Make the birds all cry—Alas, the mighty nation Now is high and dry.

As they drink their near beer. All the birds do sing. "Isn't this a dainty way For us to take a fling?"

Please submit this to the public and get their opinion and final o. k. before going ahead with the work. —Rufus R.

Circumstantial Testimony

"You ought to have seen Dr. Marshall when he called to see Dolly the other night," remarked Johnny to his sister's young man, who was taking tea with the family. "I tell you, he looked fine a stittin' alongside of her with his arm—"

"Johnny!" gasped his sister, her face the color of a boiled lobster.

"Well, so he did," insisted Johnny. "He had his arm—"

"John," screamed the mother, frantically.

"Why?" whined the boy. "I was—"

"John," said his father sternly, "leave the room."

And Johnny left, crying as he went: "I was only going to say that he had his army clothes on."

Thirty Day Recess Is Planned by Congress After Passage of Bills

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Congress, in the light of Tuesday's developments, hopes to begin a month's recess about the end of next week.

After a conference with President Harding, Republican leaders of the senate and house indicated that both would remain continuously in session until the house has passed the tax revision bill, which Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee told the president would be reported Monday.

In that event, Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the Republican leader, announced that it could be put through the house by August 20, or possibly a day or two later. The president at a conference Tuesday with Senators Lodge and Curtis is understood to have opposed a senate recess before passage of the tax measure by the house, and the plan urged by many senators for three day recesses beginning Monday is said to have been abandoned.

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Country Club Notes

High Lights About the Links, Club House and Natatorium.

New Stove and Tables.
A new stove for picnickers at the Country Club picnic ground has been installed by Dan Tanner and R. L. Poarch, of the Geo. Palmer Lumber company. It is a stove, sure enough, being a large cylinder, flattened on top to accommodate a dozen pots and kettles, and set in a cement foundation, is provided with a door and a flue, so that it is as comfortable to cook coffee or any other item in the menu as it would be at home. At the same time the two men added several tables and benches to the park supply so that as many as 200 can now be seated at one time.

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Insects That Dive.

Among the natural curiosities of Japan are singing insects. The most prized of these is a black beetle named "sumusubi," which means "insect bell." The sound that it emits resembles that of a little silver bell.

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