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THE INFINITE PROTECTOR: —If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.—Psalm 139: 9,10

Breeding the Same Old Trouble

The Republican national committee seems to fail in learning lessons by costly experience. It was presumed that the propaganda sent out the past year to Republicans to the effect that representatives of the Democratic south in future national Republican conventions would be cut down and that a few office holders in the south could not in the future have as large a delegation as states like Oregon where a large Republican vote is always polled.

But the national committee has blundered once more. It would seem that the fear of Hiram Johnson as a factor in the presidential race prompted the committee to go back to the old custom and give the south its former large representation so that the administration could control those southern votes in the next convention, therefore making the nomination of President Coolidge that much easier, provided the committee centers on Coolidge which is quite likely.

This is the same old rock that rent the party asunder in 1912. It is the same old rock that has brought disturbance and discord within the party for half a century. It is manifestly unfair to give the south such a representation in a Republican convention, and then expect the northern states to elect the candidate which the south selects, for too often those delegations from the south hold the balance of power in a Republican national convention.

Some of the larger newspapers appear to be surprised that Hiram Johnson should raise his voice in protest against the committee's ruling. It is the same voice that Theodore Roosevelt raised, and Hiram Johnson is only faithfully and honestly carrying out the Roosevelt protest.

The Portland Oregonian, a decidedly anti-Johnson newspaper, cannot swallow the committee's action without a remonstrance, for editorially on the subject it had this to say under the head of "Another Outrage:"

"Withal, The Oregonian does not hesitate to concede that Mr. Johnson has valid grounds on which to criticize the action of the national committee. He should voice them on items dissociated from his own personal disappointment at its effect on his candidacy. The scandal of disproportionate southern representation, much of it venal, has tainted every republican national convention for fifty years. Too many delegates from the south are put up on the auction block and knocked down to the highest bidder. The bargain is usually for patronage, not money, but it is nevertheless politics at its lowest level. The republican organization during the past several years has sought to shake itself loose from practices with southern delegations which were and are a reproach; and it has in part succeeded. But now the national committee, under coercion of the southern bosses, who threaten the defection of the colored vote in the north, backtracks and withdraws the reduction ordered by the convention of 1920. It seeks to compensate the north and west by increasing the representation. Oregon, for example, will get thirteen delegates, instead of ten; California twenty-nine, instead of twenty-six; and so on. If there is the slightest credit to the claim of Mr. Johnson that he will carry California, Oregon, Washington and various middle western states, he will gain, not lose, by the action of the committee. Does he not believe in his own claims? He does not.

"Yet candor compels the declaration that the whole scheme of apportionment to the republican national convention—and to the democratic convention as well—is wrong. A fair plan would be for a state to have fewer delegates at large, in recognition of its sovereignty and a quota of delegates in proportion to the party's vote at the last previous presidential election. Why should Oregon, which always but once in sixty years has gone republican in presidential years, have but thirteen delegates in a convention, and Georgia, for example, which never yet went republican and apparently never will, be given eighteen votes? George gave Harding 42,726 votes in 1920 (the high-water mark of many elections) and Hughes 11,294 in 1916. Oregon gave Harding 143,592 in 1920 and Hughes 126,813 in 1916.

Minnesota forbids advertising signs on trunk highways. Evidently Minnesotans prefer to look at the scenery.

Kansas wheat acreage is reduced to about pre-war dimensions. Back to normaley thus wheat prices will respond.

Editorials From Over the Nation

EASTERN OREGON STAGING "COME BACK"

Mining Truth: If general conditions become no worse and the local situation remains as satisfactory as at present, Eastern Oregon seems destined to lead the procession of western metal-mining states back to reasonable prosperity. Conditions just now are of the best and, with increasing output from small and large properties scattered over a wide area, the movement seems certain to gather impetus.

The improvement in a state that has for many years occupied the unenviable position of cellar-champion, is primarily due to the rehabilitation and operation of the Sumpter Valley smelter, closed for almost twenty years. Its revival has finally been accomplished by a loyal, indefatigable group of men who believe firmly in the ultimate outcome of metal mining in the state, and to them should go the admiration and thanks, not only for Oregonians, but of mining men throughout the Northwest. As things look now, the project has surely gone "over the top" and may be expected to continue to spread optimism and practical financial assistance to many promising camps unable to earn profit under previous smelting conditions.

The area served by the revived smelting plant is an empire in itself, stretching as it does clear through the eastern part of Oregon, across the Snake river into Idaho and covering a largely unprospected region, perhaps one hundred and fifty miles in length, east and west, by half that width, north and south. In this great area are prospects, partially-developed mines and old producers of magnitude, yielding copper, gold and silver ores of exceptionally high average grade, all making an ideal smelting charge that should result in good profit for smelting operations and good margin for those who mine it.

The old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country has again been proven true by the experience of the promoters of an enterprise that should be the salvation of the mining districts of eastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho. Baker, the seat of Baker county, built by mines and undisputed metropolis of surrounding mining districts, has looked upon the project with skepticism, not unmixed with occasional expressions of actual condemnation. To the credit of the state, however, be it said that the necessary capital has come almost wholly from Portland, where men of means have been convinced that successful launching of the smelting enterprise meant prosperity, not only for the eastern part of the state most directly affected, but also for the Queen City of the Columbia.

There is one very obvious deterrent to return of maximum mining prosperity in Oregon — its drastic blue-sky law, which has unquestionably caused most of the stagnation apparent for so long. True, administration of the act has been liberalized within recent months, but it still entails unnecessary and exasperating restrictions and delays which will continue to handicap legitimate promoters especially those whose capital is slender and who must therefore get quick action if they are to succeed. This feature of the Oregon situation is one which merits the most earnest consideration of all classes of business men in the state. A great mining field awaits the touch of energy and capital. Is it worth while to place unnecessary obstacles in the way of honest men who seek to turn capital that way, that a few dishonest men, easily reached by criminal statutes, may be deterred from filching the credulous public? We think not, and we also think that the state legislature could be made to see the matter in the same light. If the present law can be repealed, or modified to reasonable scope, we see no reason why Oregon should not enjoy a sustained period of mining prosperity such as it has never known before.

LOS ANGELES TO THWART "RUM" AUTO RUNNERS

LOS ANGELES, (INS) — Another move has been made in an effort to check the auto rum-runner. United States Attorney Burke and Federal District Judges Bledsoe and James have announced a new and stringent policy of disposing of motor cars seized from bootleggers and smugglers.

In the past it has been possible for such violators of the Volstead act to conspire with others and repossess their machines, which were usually high powered and expensive motor cars and trucks, through a third-party claim.

Other instances of alleged fraud uncovered by the authorities reveal that valuable parts such as engines and high-priced accessories were released from cars released on bond, making the vehicles practically worthless when surrendered later on condemnation proceedings. In other cases cars released in such a manner disappeared and were never heard of again.

In order to make such trickery and deceit impossible, Burke and his assistants conferred with the district judges concerning the adoption of a new line of procedure to "outsto" the nimble minded Volstead law violators in this regard.

Under the new system the Federal Attorney's office will endeavor to foil all third - party claims of the so-called conspirators by seizing the cars used in illicit transportation of liquor under provisions of the Internal Revenue laws.

More than 100 machines seized by the "dry" officers are to be sold under the revenue act provides for the confiscation and sale of vehicles used in transportation of merchandise upon which a Federal tax has not been paid.

In cases where cars have been released on bond and not returned of the officers will ask orders forfeiting the bond money, and in instances where valuable parts are missing their return will be demanded.

THE VILLAGE IS GOING OUT

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and dais hewn out of buildings heavy with age, apartment houses as splendid and as expensive as those of 5th Avenue have progressively reared their tea or 13 stories from 14th Street down to Eighth, and hundreds of picturesque old houses have been renovated into similar apartments to contribute to the real estate agents' paradise.

The pleasant Italian and French table d'hotes where once one dined in old-world fashion for a small sum, now offer food as an accessory to their red wine. The closed blinds hide from passing policemen groups of men and women who seek amusement with as much efficiency as they put into their chores in the skyscrapers of workaday New York.

The younger generation is in charge in the tea-rooms. The flapper and her mate, the collegiate (who is more often a clerk) dance and drink and bask in the knowledge that they are emancipated.

In striking contrast are the serious minded men and women, young and middle aged, who have come to the Village to dwell and work among the artists. They live for the most part alone, hope against hope for the great success for which their people are waiting, and write glowing letters of progress back home.

The Village has become an outpost of America, the symbol of changing America.

XMAS TREE BALLS BLOWN IN BUBBLES

NEW YORK, (INS)— This is the busy season for Santa's assistants, the workmen who make the fancy glass balls so essential in decorating the Christmas tree.

The balls are made just as a child blows soap bubbles and, like the bubbles, pass into obscurity after gleaming for a brief period in all their Yuletide glory.

To manufacture the ornaments a glassblower heats the end of a glass tube in the flame of a gas-lamp. When the end of the tube is at red heat he blows on the other end until the embryo ball has attained the desired size.

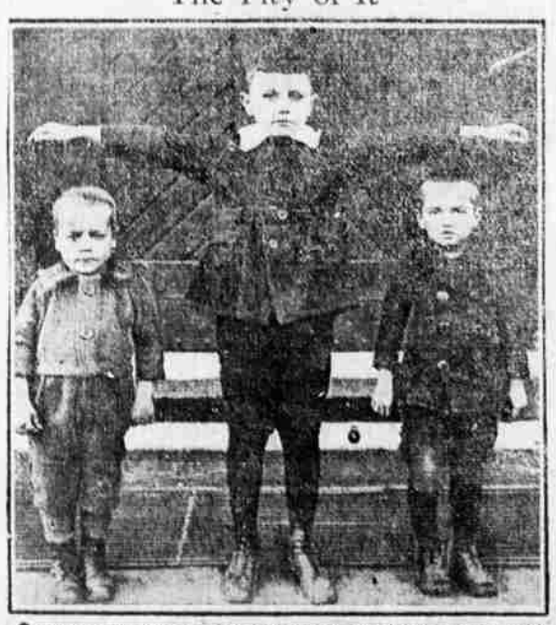
After the balls have cooled off they are covered with a coat of silver nitrate, giving them a shiny sparkling appearance. Then they are dyed in the bright colors.

One reason why daughter has such a hard time with algebra is because it is difficult to fix algebra and boy in the same little head.

THE OLD HOME TOWN · · By Stanley

THE EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY CLARION, CONGRATULATED SAM HARPER, PROPRIETOR OF THE DOLLAR STORE, FOR HIS ORIGINAL IDEA CONCERNING CHRISTMAS

The Pity of It



● Compare the American boy of eight years as shown in center, with the two German lads of the same age. ● The caption accompanying the photo stated the German boys were undernourished though their faces do not show signs of suffering particularly.

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

Junie says she knows of a young couple who tried to get married in Baker county without a Union county marriage license. They had to come back to La Grande to have the nuptial ceremony performed but "they had a good trip" says one of the fellows who is listed among the employes of the local fire department.

Xmas Cheer Recipe.
Take a little sentiment,
Add a little girl,
Sprinkle lightly while snow-drops,
Have them dance and whirl,

Garnish this with holly green—
Best results at night;
Santa's best for mixing it,
If you want it right.

Set it close before a fire,
Keep it very still;
Something ought to happen—
SOMETHING PROBABLY WILL!

A LOS ANGELES MAN MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COAL DEALER. COULD YOU CALL HER A COAL-ED BRIDE?

Being afraid to lose keeps many from trying to win.

One La Grande man, reminiscent of summer days, said that the nice thing about a porch swing is that it never runs into a ditch or has a puncture.

Fixing Things.

Down in Alabama a colored preacher enjoyed a flock of contributionists but he was fearful. When younger he had served a term in the county jail and, although he had been the essence of propriety since then, was afraid that his congregation would find it out.

One Sunday, rising to begin his sermon, his heart sank to see a former cellmate sitting in the front row.

Quick thinking was necessary. Fixing his eye on the unwelcome guest, the preacher announced solemnly:

"Ah takes mah text dis mo'nin from de sixty-forth chaptah and fo'hundredth verse of de Book of Job, which says: 'Dem as sees and knows me, and says nothin', dem will Ah see later!'"

First Numskull: Why is a pretty girl's face and fireworks similar.
Second Ditto: I'll bite.
F. N.: Because they're always going off!

A real diplomat is he who can persuade his wife, who abhors smoke, to buy him a jar of tobacco for his "evil-smelling pipe" instead of a pair of house slippers for a Christmas present.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE NEWS WE PRINT, DON'T MAKE IT, SNORTS THE EDITOR.

Nine more days until Christmas—the day when you are authorized by custom to eat until you're sick.

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They went riding after the party,
And the night was very cold.
He didn't attempt to keep her warm
For fear she'd think him bold.
"Are you nice and warm?"
The lad asked her twice,
And, with chattering teeth,
She said, "At least, I'm NICE!"

REVOLT HELD NOT SERIOUS BY OBREGON

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From the meager reports coming through from Mexico City, the government evidently is not taking the movement of the rebels, which has as its leader Adolfo de la Huerta, former secretary of the treasury and a candidate for the presidency of the republic, as an uprising that will have successful results. President Obregon himself has declared that the revolt will be short lived.

At last accounts the revolutionists in three columns were keeping up their advance, which started at Vera Cruz, with Mexico City as its chief objective. To the northwest of the capital, the rebels are reported to have taken the town of Celaya, where President Obregon's summer home is situated.

Government advices reaching the Arizona frontier say the Obregon forces in Jalisco are hot on the heels of the rebels driven from Tepic, and that a fight is imminent. Government reports also say the west coast of the republic, with the exception of Manzanillo, is being controlled by the federal authorities.

President Obregon personally is directing the federal troops marching on Guadalajara, in the state of Jalisco. In the northern part of this state, according to government advices, the rebels have been defeated and the rebel generals, Fermin Carpio, Mario Carpio and Magana, killed. The possibility of a naval engagement between the gunboats Bravo and Zaragossa would seem indicated by a report that naval officers were on their way to New Orleans, where the Bravo has been in drydock, to take the vessel across the Gulf of Mexico to Vera Cruz and give battle to the Zaragossa, which is in the hands of the rebels. The commander of the Bravo, however, is quoted as saying that the vessel will not be able to leave New Orleans for at least a month.

MAKE POPULAR LONDON MOVIES, AIM OF DRIVE

LONDON, (AP) — The British used to smile at the American custom of picking seven days out of the calendar to stir up interest in sundry things, Fire Prevention Week, Better Babies Week, Whatnot Week. But now the British are acquiring the habit themselves. Or perhaps it is being thrust upon them by press-agents and go-getters and the lively worshippers of the verb "to sell."

The custom slipped into England by the back door, or maybe underneath. The first "week" was set aside for the purpose of getting people to annihilate a few millions of the rats which infest these isles. Hardly anyone got excited over "Rat Week," but now that the cinema manufacturers have instituted "Great British Film Week," and adorned it with appearances of the Prince of Wales and Princess Mary (themselves, not a movie), the public is responding.

It seems that only 15 per cent of all the films shown in Britain are of British make; the rest come from America. And in the colonies and dominions of the British Empire, the Yankee movies are even more popular, only two or three per cent of the reels being British products. The British National Film League opened its "week" by inviting the Prince of Wales to luncheon, and the prince in a speech recounted what he called the "good points" of the movies.

Princess Mary did not make a speech to further British Film Week, but she consented to be present at a first-night performance of a spectacular film based on the British efforts in battle during the World War. The house was packed.

The producers here apparently do not visualize any possibility of driving the Yankee reels off British screens. What they hope for, they said, is to bring up the home industry so that 50 per cent of the films shown on English screens will be British.

Several times in the past, both in London and the provinces, certain theatres have set out to show nothing but home-made films, but sooner or later box office woes have driven them back to accepting appearances of the well-known American actors and actresses on their screens.

Concert, Monday evening, at L. D. S. Tabernacle. Proceeds go to purchase of piano for new Presbyterian church. Mrs. A. L. Richardson, coloratura soprano; Mrs. Barker Carse, violinist; Mrs. W. W. Berry, accompanist, and La Grande Municipal band, Andrew Loney, Jr., director, will give the program. 12-14-3t

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