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LET THAT THEREFORE ABIDE IN YOU which ye have heard from the beginning. It that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.—1 John 1:24.

All the germ of indolence wants to be let alone. It will work like yeast.

It might help a lot toward improving our belief in our fellows if we could raise vegetables like those shown in the seed catalogues.

The lure of the screen doesn't seem to be as strong in La Grande as in most communities when one considers the difficulty thus far in securing 300 extra men to take part in the Frank Lloyd production at Wallowa Lake. Or possibly we are wrong and it is simply due to the fact that masculine aid is sought. If women were wanted, would it be as difficult securing 300 applicants?

GOOD WILL.

In the transfer of the ownership of the Dodge Brothers Automobile company it was reported that the corporation's business good will sold for \$30,000,000. Good will in business means reputation, prestige, public confidence and established trade.

Here was a business whose reputation was worth \$50,000,000. There are other corporations just as large in tangible assets and volume of business which could not demand a penny for good will.

Men are not unlike business enterprises in this respect. A man's "good will" is represented in his wage or salary. Some men can demand a salary as large proportionately as the price of Dodge Brothers' good will. And there are thousands of other men who can not even demand a fair wage.

Good will in business is accumulated service to the consumer. Years of honest service, extensive advertising and intensive effort form the structure on which business good will is erected. Man, also, must give honest service and a heaping measure of effort to increase his "good will."

HUMAN RIGHTS.

H. H. Powers, American exponent of imperialism, writes that "it is time to challenge the assumption that any people possess an inalienable right to dispose of that portion of the earth's surface which it occupies. We Americans, of all nations, who hold our land not by right of primitive squatter-sovereignty, but by power to subdue and create, should be immune to such sophistry. The fact that in the aimless wanderings of the race a savage tribe has pitched its wigwams on a diamond field or a coal mine, whose existence it has not guessed and whose use it does not understand, gives no rational claim to exclusive possession. . . . The weak, the ignorant, and slothful races can not expect to remain undisturbed in their habitat. It is much that they are allowed to remain at all, a concession due rather to the humanity of their betters than to their own right."

This is a convenient philosophy for those nations which are neither "weak, ignorant nor slothful" but which have imperialistic ambitions. It is the philosophy under which powerful races, nations and tribes have conquered and slaughtered throughout the ages and by which they have vindicated their imperialism. It is the same philosophy as "might is right."

There have been moments in the history of the United States that its government and, perhaps, its people, have entertained imperialistic aspirations. At least it is so accused by its historians. But at this time and for at least two decades back imperialism has found little favor in this country and the inalienable right of the "weak, the ignorant, and slothful races" have been conceded and protected. The resources of the earth belong to all humanity through trade, not through conquest.

THE OLD HOME TOWN • • • By Stanley



GOVERNOR TO TRY BUSINESS

RALEIGH, N. C. (AP)—Every department and institution of North Carolina has been placed on a budget basis as a result of legislation passed by the 1925 assembly. The act exempts the state highway commission, which always operated on its own funds as a separate portion of the government, and which will continue as heretofore.

The governor, under the new law, becomes the real financial head of the state. He is vested with the power of drawing up, after consulting with the budget commission, the revenue and appropriation bills each year, and he is charged with responsibility to see that appropriations are sanctioned by revenues.

Department heads are brought directly under the governor's control by the new law. He has been given the power to investigate the cost and methods of operation used by every department and institution, and may recommend to the legislature such changes as he deems necessary to effect economy in government. He may order detailed reorganization of departments if he feels that thereby the state's money may be saved.

Heretofore numerous independent appropriation measures for individual institutions have been passed by each legislature. The result has been that the general appropriation bill amounts, if ever carried, covering all the state institutions. In addition a number of institutions and practically every department, had the power to draw on the state treasury for funds and this resulted in large overdrafts of the general funds. As an outcome of this policy it has been estimated by the state auditor that at the close of the fiscal period June 30, 1925, the state will have a deficit in the general fund of close to \$1,000,000.

The new policy will become operative July 1, 1925. After that date all departments and institutions will have to keep expenditures within the definite amount fixed in the appropriation bill for their operations.

The state highway commission derives its revenues from the four cent tax on gasoline and the auto license taxes. Out of this income the sinking fund for the road bond issue is cared for, as well as all operating and maintenance expenses of the commission.

OFFICE CAT



Law Seems Too Involved; Common Sense Is Needed

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that the Department of Justice itself cannot tell, under the involved and intricate technicalities that have come to surround grand jury procedure when it should and when it should not take a bond in preventing evidence for prosecution. Any other conclusion would mean that the department deliberately acted in a way to jeopardize the validity of the indictments; that the department was directly seeking to thwart, not to obtain justice.

Anyhow, Assistant Attorney General Oliver Pagan was present as an assistant to the special counsel appointed to preside over the trial to prosecute the oil cases, and McCoy holds he ought not have been there. The indictments are voided on this ground alone.

In the meantime—full year having passed since the indictments were returned—the statute of limitations has expired on the charges of bribery on which two of the indictments were based. If, on appeal, the action of Justice McCoy is sustained, the government will, by the action of one of its assistant attorneys general, have lost the right to press those bribery charges further.

The whole cause of justice therefore, rests not on the fact of bribery or lack of it, but on a technicality which bars the way to any trial on the real facts. And in this case the government itself set up the technicality which thwarted its own prosecution.

Speaking of bribery—Democrats suggest that actually, though not morally or legally, some such influence was responsible for their cheer county, Maryland, going Republican for the first time in its history last November.

At the story goes, the presidential yacht, *Mayflower*, on one of Coolidge's work-and-trips last fall, put in at Cambridge, Md., on lower Chesapeake bay one Sunday morning. The president and his party departed and made their way to church to attend services. When the collection plate was passed, Coolidge put into it a crisp new \$5 bill.

The church authorities, proud of

The Queen of Spain, we read, was a typewriter of white enamel and gold with ivory keys. Still just as rotten work can be done on it.

"Why all this fuss about women governors?" asked a La Grande man and then adds, "Every one has one."

It has become comparatively rare in this country to dance with a girl who danced with the Prince of Wales.

Divorce courts records show that the old flame doesn't always turn her love letters.

The scientist who predicts that some day we shall live on air doesn't seem to have observed how many people have been living on hot air for years.

Father sternly: "Now you understand what I have just said, young lady."

Small daughter (triumphantly): "Will you please broadcast it again, I haven't gotten and your wags length."

Some nice girls think that when they go to a public dance they can check their modesty at the check room with the rest of their things and get it again when they come out.

Most of the people who are worrying about the difficulty of carrying around large quantities of silver dollars will not have any chance to carry many.

A La Grande gentleman who rather suspected that some one was peeping through the keyhole of his office door, investigated with a strange full of pepper sauce, and went home to find his wife had been cutting wood and a slip had hit her in the eye.

Customer: "I want a quarter's worth of vanilla seed."
Proprietor: "Well, that is a funny thing, but mister we have paper, money, and rollers."

Every farmer wishes to be rich enough to live in town and spend his time at the country club.

There is a bright side in everything, even including last years and all clothes.

YOUNG WANDERERS HELD

RENDLELFON. One-four young persons of Rendlelfon who left here the night of April 2 on an unexplained trip that was held by authorities and on the return they were held in Rendlelfon. They were held in Rendlelfon for some time and then they were released. They were held in Rendlelfon for some time and then they were released. They were held in Rendlelfon for some time and then they were released.

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