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JUDGMENTS THAT COMFORT:—I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself, Psalm 119:52.

Yes, airplanes cross the oceans; but how? Everything considered, nobody but Arthur Brisbane is worried yet about the problem of armed invasion by air.

We've been reading some of the "pledges" and "platforms" of some congressional candidates. "Immediate farm relief legislation" and "economy in government and lower taxes" are two very popular subjects. What kind of farm relief legislation? What specific methods of economy in federal government? What particular items in lowering taxes? The chances are they don't know the answers to their own implied questions. It's perhaps natural that they shouldn't, but as voters we would prefer specific statements or none at all. These generalities are too well worked in politics.

WHY WE'RE UNPOPULAR

A recent issue of the Literary Digest summarizes a number of articles on the United States which have been appearing in British and European newspapers of late. The tenor of these articles is hardly calculated to make the native Americans swell with pride; indeed, some of them are distressingly bitter.

"The United States is now, I suppose, the only country in the world that no one visits for pleasure," remarks one English writer. "After it had enjoyed a century or so of material prosperity, Europe recognized that here was the largest and most gullible public to be found anywhere. And Europe proceeded to exploit it, and has been exploiting it ever since." A French writer complains that America is densely ignorant of Europe.

This sort of thing need not be disturbing if one takes it in the proper light. Underlying all of it one seems to detect a twinge or two of jealousy. There is back of it, in addition, the very quality of which the French writer complains; ignorance.

When the World War closed, Europe began to realize a new fact; that while it had been paying for its long regime of provincialism and chauvinistic nationalism with four years of death and destruction, the United States had sped past it in the matter of material well-being. Markets that once were exclusively European were now getting their goods from America. The banking center of the world had moved across the Atlantic. The war which Europe had brought on herself had dealt a crippling blow to her old supremacy in finance, commerce and industry.

This has been hard to swallow. The result has been that we have not been especially popular overseas. No European publicist would think of letting slip an opportunity to lambaste us. It doesn't hurt us particularly, and if it soothes a little ruffled vanity overseas why should we complain?

Added to this is the fact that England and Europe know almost nothing about us. They accept a "Big Bill" Thompson as a typical American mayor, and view the antics of a movie magnate or a coal oil Johnny on a spree in Paris as the normal behavior of the average American. They tell themselves that our worst moving picture films depict us at our best.

We needn't get irritated by all of this. There may come a change. Some day Europe may stir up a new war for itself; and when that day comes every nation will be wooing us with honeyed phrases, telling us that we are the finest, bravest, most self-sacrificing people on earth. And if we're wise we'll take that with a grain of salt, too.

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THE OPEN COURT

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SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO
THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE
LETTERS PRINTED.

To the Editor:

It was kind of The Observer to grant space to V Avenue, to tell the tale of woe. But alas, one-half of the tale has not yet been told. V Avenue happens to be one of the principle lanes of traffic, to and from La Grande's most prolific field of labor, where the unemployed flock for work to the Mount Emily Lumber company mill.

This notorious V Avenue from Spruce street west is a menace to business of any kind when it rains. And from Spruce street west V Avenue is a great impediment to the Greenwood school grounds by the children and their teachers.

V Avenue, with its dirty, wet mud reaching west, paralleling the south front of the school ground, until it strikes the virgin mud of Greenwood street, which parallels the west front of the school, practically shuts off access to this fine building except by some side door or back door. Here some 500 children are being educated by a corps of teachers and a principal that for efficiency is second to no school of like size in Oregon or elsewhere. Really, neighbors, this is not a condition to be proud of.

Besides, it is not a square deal and we stand without an excuse. La Grande is now blessed with a form of government, the best form ever tried, by men. It is to be hoped that La Grande's commissioners will remember and fully realize that they were selected and elected to rule us as a community. If they have to tell us that our deeply revered but short-sighted progenitors, burdened us with laws that obstruct the city's progress, we realize that such is a sad truth.

Any law that blocks progress must be amended. In paving the unpaved streets of La Grande the word of our rulers should be the only law that is needed and let us hope that this all important work will go forward without delay.

Probably there be some who are constitutionally averse to progress. All such could be rounded that inactivity is death, that there is no such thing as standing still for six years or any other number of years. The city that ceases to go forward will assuredly go backward.

Respectfully
L. Garrick.

SMALL STORES POPULAR
TOKYO (AP)—Tokyo has one retail store for every 28 inhabitants, many residents running the establishments in conjunction with living quarters. Often the men of the family engage in other work, while the women and children tend store. Most of the shops are confectionery and bakery stores, but flavor and fruit stores are numerous.

New Treasurer



NEA Washington Bureau
H. Theodore Tate is a signature you'll be seeing on our good United States currency pretty soon, and we hope you don't tire of seeing it. Mr. Tate, whose home is Rutledge, Tenn., has been named treasurer of the United States by President Coolidge, succeeding Frank White, resigned. He had been assistant treasurer since 1925.

Why Not Mr. Pierce?

Editorial from the Pendleton
East Oregonian

In his letter published today Frank Rack, former resident of Umatilla county, asks why the East Oregonian is not supporting ex-Governor Pierce for congressman. That is a fair question and it will have a frank answer.

This paper's support of Mr. Pierce for the governorship was due to the tax adjustment program he advocated, an income tax law being the chief feature. Mr. Pierce was told at that time and the public was informed exactly as to the reasons for the East Oregonian's activity. Mr. Pierce proposed a good program that called for justice and for the settlement of a question that should be settled upon a basis of fair play to the farming districts. The East Oregonian all favors the program and has done so consistently. Mr. Pierce himself has not. When Governor Patterson surprised the state by advocating an income tax law and persuaded the legislature to pass such a bill Mr. Pierce fought it. By doing so he nullified his own record and showed poor gratitude toward the agricultural folk who had previously upheld him, as did this paper in the belief he was fighting for a principle.

But lack of confidence in Mr. Pierce is not based merely upon this one score. He was also going to have the eastern Oregon normal school located upon merit only, absolutely free from political manipulation on his part. Upon that basis he sought support and was given it, carrying Umatilla county by a large vote. When the location decision was finally given there were indications that the governor had played politics with the subject and at the expense of Pendleton, his former home town, and it the expense of the people of Milton-Freewater and Weston.

Note that all of the story Umatilla county is the banner farming county in Oregon and as is well known our people during the famous return to normalcy met with misfortune. In a short time the appraised value of their lands shrank from a \$70,000,000 appraisement of an estimated value of \$50,000,000. Our farmers have had to work hard to restore their fortunes and they have used their heads as well as their hands. They have resorted to a rotation experiment station doing work applicable to the wheat lands of this county. Since this is a heavy taxing county they are entitled to the service. It looks like they will have their wish for we now have \$2000 annually in state money and through support from the federal department of agriculture and good work by our delegation at Washington the sum of \$10,000 was provided for the station in the department of agriculture bill now before congress. If the plan succeeds we will have a joint station that costs very little of real value. It is easy to believe them because we have numerous problems to solve and one single improved farming practice when worked out and applied may mean millions of dollars to the people of this county and others who will be served.

What has all that to do with the congressional race? Just this, when our first \$2000 appropriation was passed by the legislature at the request of the Umatilla county farm bureau, Mr. Pierce vetoed the bill though he signed another bill costing about one hundred times as much and having been secured by logrolling was entitled to a veto. The law we now have giving up \$2000 a year was signed by Governor Patterson, not by Governor Pierce. The chief work in securing passage of the station measure at Salem was done by Roy Ritter, who worked as hard when not a legislator as he did when he was a member of the state senate. He also helped initiate the move that has secured federal help at Washington. If the federal aid for this station needs safeguarding in the future, as will be necessary, who is the man to do it? We have given the record; judge for yourself.

In his letter Mr. Rack mentions the Umatilla rapids project. The interest this paper has in that project is a further reason why it is not supporting Mr. Pierce for congress. If he has ever shown any interest in the project it has been very casual. In the announcement of his candidacy for congress he did not mention the project though it is the premier affair of the district and deals directly with the question of a federal policy that will permit us to get the good out of the great river God has given us. The rapids project is sufficiently meritorious that it has had valuable help from Congressman Sinnott and from Senators McNary and Steiwer. Mr. Pierce of course may be too busy to bother with subjects of that sort.

The matter of continuous service in congress is a factor that should also be given consideration when we choose a successor to Mr. Sinnott. A one term congressman is usually a total loss to his district or the next thing to it for he scarcely has time to get settled and learn what it is all about. If elected would not Mr. Pierce be a one term member? Would he not want to run for governor or senator next time? This aspect of the situation may not concern those who wish to vote upon a basis of partisanship. It is of decided importance to the district and those who have relations with the federal government and its different departments. The good work Nick Sinnott did mostly came about after he had been in congress many years and had established himself.

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