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Kick autocracy in the ear.

Our old friend, Doc Yak, is missing from his accustomed haunts.

What has become of Fern Hobbs? Why don't she run for something?

Twelve states have ratified the prohibition amendment. Get used to water, boys, she sure is going dry.

If Oregon voters had to pick a legislature from the worst of the field that has filed for the places, pity Oregon.

Mr. Stanfield may be a good sheep man but there are many who doubt if he would make a good political shepherd.

Hinnie Hindenberg, due to arrive in Paris April 1, is now nine days behind his schedule. He is considerably delayed by hot boxes near Amiens.

The government chemist has sent out word that there is no danger in eating ground glass. Still we prefer to stick to the war bread for a while yet.

The only way we can lose is to lay down like a pack of whipped curs and whimper that we haven't got enough red blood in our veins to color a bucket of water.

This we donate to the war garden publicity bureau, it don't belong to us: "If you can't raise chickens yourself, encourage others to do so by planting a garden."

It has occurred to us that it might be well for someone to enquire if Mr. Simpson, Mr. Withycombe, Mr. Moser, or Mr. Anderson has a brother-in-law that is a Democrat. That would give somebody a chance to question their Republicanism.

Some time we are going to duck under the tent of military censorship and ask some officer, Captain Tooze if he's not sitting in the game, what a poor private is to do who has written to his best girl that he has been promoted to the guard house for thirty days and she post haste proceeds to a newspaper office and wants it published and the fish of an editor publishes it.

Some one writes the Post to ask if it is "correct as printed in the Dallas Itemizer that LaFollette was the only senator to vote against the bill to take the property of alien enemies and if there is an agreement among the newspapers to never mention his name." Mr. LaFollette was not the senator who voted against the bill and one sees his name in the papers almost daily.

A poor fellow was hung in Illinois recently, it being alleged that he uttered disloyal remarks. Since the hanging no one can be found who ever heard him say anything disloyal and it has been revealed that he patriotically reported a friend to the government for the same crime that he was hung for. Mob rule has no place in a civilized country and it is seldom that there is any justification for it.

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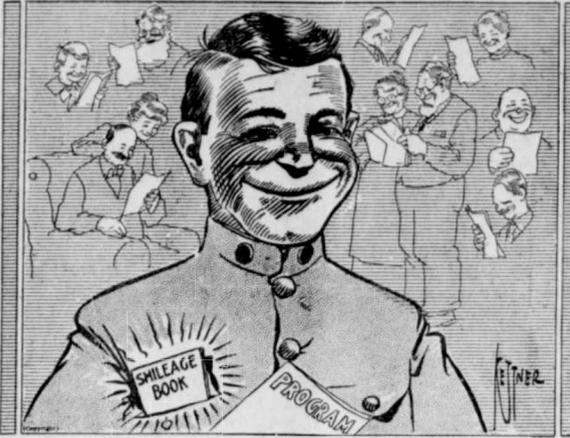


In the advisory council formed by Secretary Wilson to assist in carrying out the war labor program the public is represented by John Lind, former governor of Minnesota, and chairman of the council.

Like Senator Kaute Nelson, whose political rival Mr. Lind has been since he went over to the Democratic party, he is of Scandinavian birth and parentage. He was born in the Parish of Kanna, Sweden, in 1854. When he was thirteen he came with his father to the United States and settled at Goodhue, Minn. He attended the public schools, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1876. In 1881 Mr. Lind was appointed by President Garfield receiver of the United States land-office at Tracy, Minn. Five years later he was elected a representative to congress and was re-elected in 1888 and 1900.

At the opening of the Spanish war Mr. Lind became quartermaster of the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteer infantry, with the rank of first lieutenant, serving in this capacity until the regiment was mustered out. In 1896 he was a nominee for governor of Minnesota, but was defeated. In 1898 he was elected and in 1900 defeated again. After this he took up his residence in Minneapolis and turned again to his law practice, which he interrupted two years later to serve again as representative. The next interruption came in 1913, when he went to Mexico as President Wilson's envoy and personal representative.

Radiation



THE STOUT HEART

At one dark hour in the Revolution Washington wrote his brother that "the game is pretty near up." But he was unshaken and the colonies never gave up.

Every great cause has its critical days and hours. There are times that try men's souls. But the stout of heart carry the cause to victory.

CRITICIZING A CRITIC

The Portland Telegram recently permitted one of its readers to express himself freely and he did. Boldly striking at the Telegram he declared "you make a lot of noise about the misfits of the present administration but if you will take the time to investigate you will find that the misfits are not in Washington, but on your editorial staff. I am sure the kaiser would be delighted with most of your editorials." While we cannot agree with the critic of the Telegram, believing that any paper should be privileged to do such criticising as it deems best for the public interests, the Telegram invites criticism of its criticisms by the peculiar stand it takes regarding the same. Such comment as the Telegram may make concerning public questions, public men and the conduct of the war are inspired by patriotism and love of country but when some newspaper, man or organization takes a position or criticises in a manner that does not tally with the ideas of the learned scribes in the editorial rooms of the Telegram, they at once brand and cartoon it as disloyalty and pro-Germanism.

THE "FREE" GARDEN SEED QUESTION

The U. S. Senate was rather surprised a few days ago when Senator Jones read a letter from the secretary of a grange at Cloverdale, Wash., who had been instructed to write and protest against the so-called free distribution of garden seeds. "We consider it an imposition on the public," wrote the secretary, "from the fact that they are not free as you would have the people believe. As we as tax payers have to bear this unnecessary burden, and all the members that have received the seeds have been instructed to return them, thus strengthening our voice on the above subject." Senator Kenyon arose and declared "it is the most remarkable indication of an awakening of the public conscience on throwing away the public money upon a lot of garden seed." Senator Jones said he "thought it would be a rare contribution" and Senator Thomas added that "it looks like an oasis in the desert."

There is not a greater imposition on the people than the distribution of garden seed and while a large number of the members of congress realize it, all attempts to stop it have been defeated.

BECOMING MORE SANE

It is more evident this year that as far as filling county offices is concerned, the voters are not going to pay much attention to party labels. The candidate with the proper qualifications, the greater popularity and the greater ability of making an impression among the populace is going to win, barring accidentals such as sectional fights or pokus pokus flim flammings of the electorate.

The ideal method of choosing county officials is to start the bunch of candidates around the track in the primary heat; then take the two winners and send them away for the final reckoning in November. Bar all political brands and let "every tub stand on its own bottom." It will be only a few years until this will be the system anyhow and the party bunc hauled to the junk pile; among the relics of the days when we were considerably more crazy than we are now.

The advance in the price of wheat, if eventually decreed by government act, only applies to the 1918 crop. It will be pretty hard for anybody to pass the old off for the new and there is no advantage to be gained in holding onto it.

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McNARY IS FIGHTING FOR PRICE CONTROL

Senator McNary's broad bill for price-control of food and clothing is what the American people have been waiting for and demanding.

For five years the producers and consumers have watched prices of necessities advance 66 per cent, each month see them aeroplane two per cent, and yet never a man in congress makes a worth while effort to stop the robbery and protect the people who are patriotically backing the government.

And Senator McNary, less than a year in the senate, has had to take up the fight—one that should have been made long ago by the old-time members of the senate.

The man who goes up against the concrete gang of profiteers with such a far-reaching bill as the McNary measure, has to have some inwards.

Every power and influence that money can produce will oppose this bill and the senator who introduced it. It will be chloroformed in committee if possible; operated on and its vitals cut out by amendments if the committee reports favorably, and every killing and crippling means known to the thug gang will be employed to prevent any teeth being left in the bill if it should get to a record vote.

But McNary is some fighter and he won't see this measure lie like a stiff on the operating table and the knife gang carve it up.

The Courier is mighty glad to support a Republican who has sand enough to shake clear of the tribute-takers and stand squarely with the back-bone of America—the producers and consumers—and if the voters of Oregon are the red-blooded, patriot kind we think they are, they will back him to a standstill in preference to the wool millionaire who would recall him.—Corvallis Courier.

JONES ENTHUSIASTIC FOR GOOD ROADS

Salem, Or.—B. F. Jones, of Newport, is so enthusiastic for good roads that, in his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination for the legislature from the 12th district, which he filed here yesterday, Mr. Jones declares as his slogan that "no country can become greater than its road system." In his

B. F. JONES

Candidate for Representative Polk and Lincoln Counties, May Primaries.

(Paid Advertisement.)

platform Mr. Jones says: "I stand on my legislative record 1903, 1907 and 1909. Will go the limit to win the war; develop all Oregon, improve our rivers and harbors; bond the future for good roads and a military coast highway."

FORTUNATELY THE FARMERS LET MOST OF IT BY

If the farmers of America have really taken all the advice they've had handed to them during the last year, heaven help the crops!—New York Sun.

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