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Time for the county candidates to get busy.

Parker is not inclined to be "Painless" when he treats what he calls the "dental trust".

Former President Taft is very still. He is not criticizing or finding fault with his successor. He had four years in the presidential chair himself.

It seems that when we took the Panama Canal Zone we were not very particular how we done it. Now whether to pay damages for our indiscretion is the question.

Rumor has it, and rumor sometimes is reliable, that Portland will soon have another morning paper. People have been accustomed for many years to have the Oregonian for breakfast and they will be slow in accepting a substitute.

Candidate Withycombe does not take kindly to Candidate U'Ren's attempt to force him into the "dry" and "wet" fight. Whether Mr. Withycombe can maintain a neutral position on the prohibition question until the November election remains to be seen.

John H. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, has a very pleasing habit of visiting the towns where celebrations are being held and mingling with the people. Mr. Scott is to be commended for showing the people that all railroad officials do not have horns.

The congressman who has done his duty at Washington does not have to hurry home to look after his fences. His constituents will keep out stray stock if he does their work at Washington properly.—Salem Capital-Journal.

Don't the Capital-Journal think that Congressman Hawley ought to hurry home?

The Seaside Band, having met with great success in tooting their own horns, concluded to do a little boosting for the town and community and have issued a 16-page paper, the Flashlight, which is a very creditable effort. After reading it from cover to cover and looking at the handsome pictures, one is tempted to move to Seaside and live in peace and contentment until further notice.

The saying that "great minds run in the same channel" is more forcefully impressed upon us as we peruse the editorial columns of our exchanges. There are altogether too many self-constituted "commissions" working the country press.—Dallas Observer.

An editor wrote us recently that he lets the "State Bureau of Industries and Statistics" edit his paper because he hasn't the brains to do it himself, and in our reply we commended him highly for being frank enough to say what others were thinking.

In a Fourth of July oration at Lents, Congressman Lafferty declared:

"The same blood that coursed hot through the veins of American patriots in 1776, is now beginning again to boil in the Americans of today. A new declaration of independence is long overdue. Multnomah County has sound-ed the battle cry in this new revolution. The eyes of Congress and the Nation are upon the pending struggle in this district. The issues involved are clear cut. Let the battle of Concord be refought and won in Multnomah County, November 3d, next, and victory will follow in the entire Nation inside of five years."

Evidently the fate of the whole nation depends upon Multnomah County, but we have good reason to believe that Multnomah County will respond nobly and save the nation.

Following are extracts from speeches made on the same day at the same place by Speaker Clark and President Wilson:

CLARK
It is written, "Blessed are the peace makers" but after 19 centuries of Christian endeavor we are prone to smite the smiter.

The day has not yet arrived when swords are beaten into plowshares or spears into pruning hooks; and, judging from facts which can be neither blink-ed nor denied, that era of perfect peace is out of sight in the distant future.

If history is to be believed, war has been the most important occupation of man since Abel Cain first worked in a blacksmith shop. The corporations of captains from Nimrod to General Wood occupy more space in the annals of mankind than do all the statesmen, philosophers, poets, preachers, writers and artisans that ever lived.

All history is but one unending story of human butchery. All our boasted and multiplied acts of civilization are but preparations for the sacrifice of war—the festival of death.

We leave it to you to judge which would be the better man to command the ship of state in a national crisis.

WILSON
I can never speak in praise of war, ladies and gentlemen; you would not desire me to do so. But there is this peculiar distinction belonging to the soldier, that he goes into an enterprise out of which he himself cannot get anything at all.

There are battles which are just as hard to go into and just as hard to stay in as the battles of arms; and if the man will but stay and think never of himself, there will come a time of grateful recollection, when men will speak of him not only with admiration but with affection and with reverence. That is their achievement, unequalled anywhere else in the annals of mankind, that the very men whom they overcame in battle join in praise and gratitude that the Union was saved.

This flag calls upon us daily for service, and the more quiet and self-denying the service the greater the glory of the flag. We are dedicated to freedom and that freedom means the freedom of the human spirit.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Japan's Protests Against California Alien Land Laws Is Absorbing Topic.

Washington.—Japan's protests against the California alien land law, brought conspicuously before the public again by publication of the correspondence between the Washington and Tokyo governments, was discussed with absorbing interest in official and diplomatic circles.

One phase of the negotiations disclosed in the correspondence which attracted particular interest in official circles was said to suggest the possibility of an issue entirely new in the history of the United States. In fact, in connection with the promise by the Japanese government to grant land ownership to Americans, appeared the words, "reserving for the future, however, the right of maintaining the condition of reciprocity with respect to the separate states."

This, it was pointed out, appeared to be a distinct reservation by the Japanese government of the right to retaliate directly upon the Californians by shutting them out among American citizens for exclusion from the right to possess real property in Japan.

May Rush Railroad Land Survey.

Surveying lands embraced within railroad grants will be pushed rapidly if the senate sustains an appropriation of \$100,000 made by the house.

The western members, with Secretary Lane, want to make sufficient appropriations each year to carry the work to a speedy termination. It was pointed out to the house that as long as the railroad lands remained unsurveyed they were virtually the property of the railroads, while title could not pass and the lands could not be taxed.

There is a demand in most of the western states to have the railroad lands surveyed so that they can be taxed by the states and made to bear their proportion of the cost of local government.

Senate Secrets Get Out.

Stirred to action by the apparent freedom with which the proceedings of the foreign relations committee in consideration of the Nicaraguan and Colombian treaties have been published from day to day, several senators agreed on a resolution asking for authority to subpoena senators and Washington correspondents to an inquiry to determine how the proceedings of the committee—which are supposed to be especially secret—get out.

Evidence that not all senators entirely approve the idea that the committee's proceedings shall be secret was given by Senator Norris, who is not a member of the foreign relations committee. He offered a resolution that all senators be furnished with copies of the daily testimony before the committee on the treaties, that senators who were to vote on the matter should have the benefit of it.

House Insists on Mileage Cut.

Amid a maze of parliamentary tangles that kept members guessing, the house sent back to conference the question of mileage of representatives in congress.

The body voted in favor of 5 cents a mile each way for senators, and the defeat, 184 to 59, of a motion to reduce from disagreement to the senate proposition of continuing the present 20 cents a mile, sent the whole question back to be threshed out again by the conference.

National Capital Brevities.

Despite the opposition of Turkey the house agreed to the senate amendment providing for the sale of the battleships Idaho and Mississippi to Greece.

United States supreme court ruled that retail lumber dealers who black-list wholesalers for selling direct to the consumer violate the Sherman anti-trust act.

The interstate commerce commission suspended until January 10, proposed increased rates on melons from California to Oregon and Washington.

Railroads are not liable for damages for personal injuries to interstate employees or their families who are hurt while riding on passes, according to a ruling of the United States supreme court.

It has been proposed to President Wilson that the name Culebra cut in the Panama canal be changed to the Gaillard cut in honor of the late United States engineer, who harnessed the mountain at that point.

For fear that the interests of the fall campaign would be affected, house leaders have decided not to force a vote now on the proposed Hobson amendment providing for nation-wide prohibition.

The new federal reserve banking system will not get in operation until some weeks hence, it is thought, as result of the delay of the senate in confirming the president's nominees on the board. The bank was to start August 1.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois Lead in Income and Corporation Excise.

Washington.—New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois paid more than half of the \$71,386,146 turned into the national treasury in income and corporation taxes during the fiscal year just closed. A detailed statement of collections made public showed that these three states contributed \$37,931,717.

New York alone paid \$12,528,247.03 in individual income tax, while the entire amount paid by individuals throughout the country was \$28,306,336.59. The empire state paid \$9,766,248.57 of the \$43,079,810.44 paid as corporation tax by all states.

Pennsylvania ranked second in both individual and corporation taxes. Its corporations paid \$8,096,305.28 and its individual income tax collections amounted to \$3,175,095.28. Illinois was third in the list, with corporation taxes amounting to \$4,293,648.68 and individual incomes aggregating \$2,076,173.11.

Will Prosecute Income Tax Dodgers.

Nation wide investigation of the returns in the income tax filed by corporations and individuals has been begun by agents and inspectors working at the direction of Commissioner Osborne of the internal revenue, to ascertain the correctness of each payment into the treasury.

Fraudulent statements in attempts to evade or defeat the assessment required by the law are held to be a misdemeanor and the person or officer of any corporation rendering a false return is liable to a fine not exceeding \$2000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Officials of the treasury declare the pursuit will be relentless and those caught in the dragnet which is being thrown out will be required to pay the additional amount of their tax or face suits of prosecution.

Borah Continues to Fight Harbor Bill.

There is little likelihood that the fight being made against the river and harbor bill in the senate will accomplish its defeat, though it is believed that the bill cannot go into effect much before August and may not become operative until a later date.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, who is holding up the bill, intends to hold up the conference report later, unless congress grants some of the legislation asked by the west. As a means of accomplishing his purpose, he has offered an amendment to the bill authorizing a loan of \$50,000,000 to the reclamation fund, and is demanding that that amendment be accepted by the senate. His contention is that the river and harbor bill, with few exceptions, carries no direct benefit to the states, where the government is building irrigation works.

Colombian Treaty is Likely to Fail.

The administration by a party vote will be able to secure a favorable report from the foreign relations committee of the senate on the Bryan treaty with Colombia, but senators opposed to that document assert positively that the administration will not be able to force ratification by the senate. It requires a two-thirds vote to ratify and more than a third of the senate are said to be opposed to the treaty.

National Capital Brevities.

Major General Wood, former chief of staff of the United States army, has been ordered in command of the eastern department of the army.

In a wordy altercation over the Nicaragua treaty before the foreign relations committee, Senators Root of New York and Smith of Michigan nearly came to blows.

It is said that leaders are hoping that a vote on the Hobson prohibition amendment to the constitution will be had in the house about August 1.

The United States has been asked by Consul General Cheshire of Canton, China, to send aid for the 2,000,000 people who are said to have been rendered destitute by the recent floods in two southern provinces of China.

The house passed the bill repealing the provision that anyone who was in any way active on the side of the rebels during the civil war should not be eligible for the collection of claims from the government. Claims totaling \$165,000,000 will thus be revived, it is said.

President Wilson will fill all vacancies where negroes are now employed by other negroes, in accordance with a promise which he made about the time of his inauguration. White men will not take the places of the blacks.

The San Dominick situation continues to be a puzzle for President Wilson. He admits having received a report that the American gunboat Machias had fired on one of the warring factions because they had violated an agreement not to bombard the rebel city.

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