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KILL IT AT THE SOURCE.

Petitions are about to be circulated to place on the ballot a measure that would limit the legal rate of interest to 4 per cent and the contract rate to 5 per cent.

This is one of the freakiest of freak measures that has been proposed in Oregon and there is little probability that the voters who have repeatedly defeated freak measures will act favorably upon a proposition of this kind, but the time has come when the damper should be put upon these freak would-be law-givers to such an extent that they be not permitted even to get such a measure on the ballot. The fair name of our state demands that we take such action and that we advertise to the world that no longer can it be said that Oregon at every election casts thousands of votes for measures that would wreck the commonwealth.

These petitions are signed by thousands of voters who have no idea of what they are signing and who afterwards may not even go to the polls to vote upon the proposed measures.

No one should sign a petition for a measure unless he expects later to go to the polls and vote upon it and no one should put his name to a petition unless he fully understands what the proposed measure is and has some idea of what it proposes to do.

In the case of this measure it takes but a few words to explain. If you do not want such a measure enacted into law, refuse to sign the petition when presented to you. Refuse to encumber the ballot, refuse to put the state to an expense of thousands of dollars which might just as well be saved by a refusal to let such measures go on the ballot.

The way to stop a thing is to stop it at its source. That is the way to treat these proposed freak laws.

ONLY THIRTY HOURS A WEEK.

With prices still advancing and production staying way behind the demand, some working people are talking of the six-hour day and the five-day week.

It has not been very long since we heard so much talk about the degeneration of the idle rich. It is all right to talk of the working man being entitled to plenty of time for recreation and the development of his mind, but there is little assurance that the short working day and the short working week would bring about any such result.

With but 30 working hours in a week and two days of a week with nothing to do but satisfy a craving for amusement and entertainment, it does not take a very vivid imagination to see immorality rampant everywhere, the jails full of those who have too much time in which to get into mischief and the race degenerating because of a lack of bodily and mental exercise to keep it in condition.

Too much work may not be a good thing but too much time for loafing and getting into devilry is far worse.

Six working days a week of eight hours a day is not too much for any person, leaving eight hours for sleep and eight hours for recreation. A person who wishes more idle time than that must be getting downright lazy. Certainly he would not be a success in the country newspaper business and not much of a success in any other kind of business.

RAILROADS AND POLITICS.

Congressman Hawley has assured the shippers of lumber in this section that he has prevailed upon the railroad administration to furnish the necessary cars for the movement of the product.

We wish to commend Congressman Hawley for his energy and also to draw attention to the fact that this action bears out the claim often made by The Sentinel that turning the railroads over to the government would be to make them a political football. This is the first concrete evidence that we have had of the truth of this statement, but it shows to what extent influence at Washington could be used in the securing of service from government-owned railroads.

A congressman whom an opposing administration desired to punish might have some trouble in getting any favors for his district, but the fellow who was on the inside could get anything he wanted. The West would stand a fat chance of getting what was coming to it under such a system with the great bulk of the members, and the more influential ones, coming from the east with its greater demands for service.

We are grateful to Congressman

Hawley because he has been successful in this instance, but we do not wish to be placed in a position where we will be dependent upon action by our congressmen to get railroad service. No government ownership for us.

MEDDLE AND MUDDLE.

(Providence Journal.)

The administration's course up to this time has been futile. It has been a melancholy mixture of meddle and muddle, and conditions are a good deal worse now than they were when Mr. Wilson entered the White House. Not only have outrages against our national dignity been multiplied, but the Mexicans have been encouraged to believe that they need not fear anything in the way of real punishment from us. We ordered Mexico to salute our flag; five years later the salute has not yet been given. We forbade the Ypiranga to land her cargo of munitions; but she landed it nevertheless. We made our brave entry into Vera Cruz harbor, suffered a considerable loss of life, and then sailed back again. We set out to capture Villa, but we did not get him. Now we have undertaken to kill or capture the outlaws responsible for holding our American aviators as prisoners, and we shall see what we shall see.

It has been a sorry record of unwisdom and incompetency at Washington, and the country is more than ever tired of it. The American people are thoroughly convinced that watchful waiting, punctuated by effervescent manifestations of futile activity, is played out.

The Canadian Pacific railroad has paid the same wages paid on American railroads without advancing its charges for service, and it came through the war period unimpaired financially. Why? Because the big Canadian system was privately managed by experienced railroad men. The American roads and the American public have paid a frightful cost to show what political management and control can't do.—Washington State Weekly.

The National Dancing Masters association has proscribed the "shimmy" as a ball room performance. The dancing masters have the right idea of decency to preserve the dance as a permanent institution and one that may be patronized by those who object to vulgar displays at public gatherings.

The interstitial gland operation is said to have all the invigorating effects of the mythical fountain of youth and to put renewed vigor into aching bones and worn-out muscles. We would like to recommend a few for liberal treatment.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

Criticize not, lest ye be criticized.

You hear many sharp criticisms of music produced by a flat piano.

Time is ours to make what use of it we will—but it bows not to our will.

Some politicians are afraid that with wireless politics they will be unable to make the connection.

Women may be the wine of life, but they would strenuously object to being put on the shelf until properly aged.

Some people do not care to lay up treasures in heaven for fear that they will never get there to enjoy them.

A physical giant with a dwarfed soul seems sadly out of place in this old world.

Every man has a right to his own opinions—so don't use them without giving credit.

Clothes may not make the man, but no gentleman will try to get along without them.

The man who keeps his eyes on the face of the clock will never see the wheels go round.

Remember that today is the time to do the things that you put off till tomorrow yesterday.

Don't traduce your enemies. It won't help you any—and then you may want to use them tomorrow.

The sun may never set on the stars and stripes, but a new star is hatched out every now and then.

The man who wanted to take out a fire insurance policy on his life must have had a hunch as to where he was going.

As a matter of political history it would be interesting to know who was clerk of court when Adam got his marriage license.

An exchange says that all American girls are born with voices. It is not probable that anyone will contradict the statement.

The man who spends his leisure hours improving his mind is making an investment that will pay more than a hundred per cent.

The woman who went after her husband with a stick of dynamite evidently intended to give him a regular old-fashioned "blowing up."

A newspaperman always speaks of an article written for a newspaper as a story—probably because that doesn't sound as harsh as to call it a lie.

A dispatch says New York is to have a building 62 stories high, with a flag pole 150 feet above that. The whole thing sounds like another story, which makes 63 in all.

The proud parents who have their baby's picture taken in the nude don't stop to think what an embarrassment they may sometime prove to the original in later life.

The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children, even unto the third and fourth generations, so we are told—and some people will leave enough to go around.

A French doctor says that you are liable to bring on insanity unless you lie in bed fifteen or twenty minutes after you wake up. There is no need of special asylums out this way.

In the olden time Assyrian lovers used to write their letters on clay tablets, resembling bricks but somewhat thinner, which were often used as material for building castles in the air.

It must be some consolation to congressmen to know that if they are defeated the successful candidate will two years from now have to do the same explaining that the present congressmen are doing now.

A young lady who tries to keep house on her musical education will find married life rather flat and out of tune. A poorly fed man isn't in a position to enjoy the best music, while a well fed one will listen to most any kind without kicking.

A homesteader at Rainy River, Canada, woke up one morning recently and found that he had grown completely bald headed during the night. Scientists are puzzled to account for the occurrence but it is probable that his scalp and hair had a falling out.

CULVER REACHES SAFETY; OTHERS STILL SEARCH

Follows Stream for Fifty Miles and Reaches Hatchery on Coos Bay Near Marshfield.

Leonard Culver, brother of Harry Culver of this city, who was lost for a week in the woods out from Sutherlin, reached Coos Bay Saturday morning, where he was provided with food and clothing. He remained till Sunday, when he returned to Sutherlin by rail through Eugene. While he was on his way home parties were still searching the woods for him. The following dispatch from Marshfield, under a Sunday date line, tells of the struggle young Culver had before he reached civilization and safety:

Leonard Culver, the 21-year-old Portland boy for whom parties have been searching since last Sunday, when he became lost from companions who went into the woods 22 miles west of Sutherlin, reached civilization Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when his journey down the creeks and Coos river came to an end at the Coos river hatchery.

He remained at the hatchery until today, being of a disposition to rest after his wanderings. His people were not informed of his finding safety until today, owing to the telephone service being out of commission from the hatchery to Marshfield.

Potatoes Provide Food.

Chief of Police J. W. Carter, on Culver's arrival in Marshfield today, set the telephone and telegraph wires in service to inform parties who are widely distributed in the search for Culver. Among these are his brother, William, of Bandon, who has been out for several days. There are parties in several districts between here and the Umpqua river valley.

Culver's condition when he reached the hatchery was not serious although he was without food until Friday night, when he chanced upon a cabin on Coos river, where he found half a sack of potatoes, but no other food. The cabin was his resting place that night and finding matches there he cooked some of the potatoes in the coals. "I thought I could eat the entire half sackful," he said, "but when I had eaten four my appetite was satisfied."

Wanderings Last Four Days.

The wanderings of the youth lasted Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. When he became convinced he was lost from his party Sunday night, he decided to stay where he was and spent all of Monday in the same vicinity. Not hearing anybody out in search of him he concluded his situation was desperate and so decided he would follow a small stream nearby. It occurred that he had crossed the divide and the stream he had found was one which led him eventually to Coos river and he steadfastly kept on with his determination to follow the waterway, knowing it would lead him to some locality where residents could be found.

Hunger Causes Suffering.

"I suffered greatly with hunger Monday and Tuesday," said Culver, in relating his adventures, "but after that the hunger wore off and I became so tired that at times I thought I would give up the struggle."

Culver's clothing was absolutely in rags and his trousers were just clinging to him when he landed at the hatchery. A new sweater he wore when his tramp began was in shreds and full of holes. He was carrying his gun until the afternoon of Thursday,

but on that day became so exhausted that while climbing through a canyon over a big rocky precipice, his gun slipped from his grasp and went into deep water.

"I hadn't enough ambition left even to attempt finding it, and so crawled along as best I could. On Thursday my feet, which had been getting sorer and sorer, seemed to have reached the stage where they would carry me no further. But I crawled and at times walked and I finally came upon a cabin. That cheered me up, for there I found shelter for the night, even without food or light."

Night Passed in Cabin.

The young man said his rest Thursday night in the cabin gave him new hope and Friday morning he started out with added determination.

Being so ill clad to resist the chill of the nights, Culver suffered considerably. He stuck it through without getting up and walking to keep warm. He said he was so exhausted at that time that he could not arouse ambition enough to move. On the nights before finding the first cabin he slept at the foot of big trees. In all his journey, which is estimated to have been all of 50 miles through dense underbrush and over rocky chasms, he saw no wild animals except deer. He did not get within range of any which could have provided him with food.

New Clothing Is Supplied.

Roll Goodman, assistant at the hatchery, furnished Culver with trousers, and lent him other clothing. Today Culver spent most of his time bathing his feet to reduce the swellings and heal the sore places, where his heavy loggers' shoes had caused great blisters. Chief of Police Carter took the young man in charge and communicated with his sister at Sutherlin, where he will go by way of Eugene today.

He had gone to Sutherlin on a vacation and was accompanied in the early part of his hunting trip by Tom Ridge,



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way, Gus Gilstrap and Jack Wilson, all of Sutherlin. Last Sunday when the party arrived at the hunting grounds, the men ate their lunch of two sandwiches each and then separated, in

tending to hunt westward within call of each other. Culver said he did not recall just when it dawned upon him that he was lost, but thought it was late in the afternoon.

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