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## TO WHOM SHALL WE TURN?

Almost daily we hear of another strike in which thousands of workmen are thrown out of work.

While prices mount skyward for lack of production husky men are loafing on the streets in great industrial centers. Even where they are not on strike it is said that their wages are so high that there is no need of working every day, so vacations of a day or two are frequent while production still lags behind the demand for goods.

With higher wages than ever before paid in the history of the world and with several jobs for every man, the unrest among the so-called working class is greater than ever before.

With plenty for all there is demand for more, and then comes the Centralia incident.

Well may thinking men and women ask where is it going to end and to whom may we turn in this time of trouble.

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To The Sentinel it appears that we will not return to normal conditions until both labor and capital become imbued with the idea that they owe a duty to country that stands above any of their petty little differences, until both show a disposition to settle their affairs in a way that will best conduce to the welfare of both and at the same time give the country the production of goods which is necessary for a restoration to normal conditions.

Some never will be imbued with such an idea as this, especially among the radical workers. The government can reach the capitalist but it will find it impossible to make the laborer produce a day's work.

Where shall we turn?

It seems to us that the American Legion and the Loyal Legion have given us an idea that is worth consideration.

You cannot become a member of either of these unless you are an American citizen, unless you acknowledge your duty to country second only to your duty to God.

None but ex-service men may become members of the American Legion, but every workingman may become a member of an organization such as the Loyal Legion. Employers might insist that every employe be a member of one or the other of such organizations,

or of a similar organization, or employers might organize a legion of their own and refuse to employ any but citizens of the United States, or those who have gone as far as they can in establishing citizenship, they might refuse work to any but those who are ready to take a new oath of allegiance to God and country.

No man is entitled to a job who would hesitate to take such an oath. No employer wants an employe who is not loyal to God and country, and the man who is found loyal to God and country will be found loyal to a loyal employer.

This unrest and turmoil will not stop until the responsibilities of citizenship in this land of the free and home of the brave weigh upon those who enjoy that citizenship. Employers can do much by first setting the example and by getting together upon a proposition to give a wide berth to those who are not willing to make their loyalty a matter of record.

Boost the American Legion, the Loyal Legion and any other organization which sets up the principles which these organizations set up.

## PIECES OF THE PEACE TREATY.

The United States is not to be inveigled into surrendering its birthright for a mess of pottage.

Those who got any satisfaction out of the slaughter of the proposed amendments to the peace treaty have seen those same amendments made effective through reservations to the treaty which have saved the United States its own national integrity and its own supervision of its own affairs, as well as the right to say whether or not and when it will butt into European affairs.

The peace treaty is now in the form in which President Wilson said he would not allow it to be ratified and if he sticks to his word, which he more often has not done, we will find the peculiar spectacle of the proponents of the original treaty fighting to kill the amended treaty and even the president himself refusing to recognize his child in her new diaphanous gown which makes it possible for anyone to see through the mass of verbiage in which the original treaty is garbed.

The action of the senate seems to have caused no furor whatever from over the country and the demand for the ratification of the treaty sight unseen, which the president hoped would be the result of his swing around the circle, has not materialized.

For once the dilly-dallying of the senate has served a good purpose. It has given the sovereign people opportunity for sober consideration.

## THE CENTRALIA INCIDENT.

Not since the day that the hun overrode Belgium, defiled women, murdered children, martyred Edith Cavell and set the rivers of the world to flowing with the blood and tears of an anguished world has any event so stirred the people of the Pacific coast as that incident at Centralia in which ex-service men paid the sacrifice they had escaped paying on the fields of Flanders.

Old men, young men, women and children, all are aroused to a pitch of indignation which bodes no good for the treacherous traitors of their country who fired from ambush upon the defenseless khaki-clad men who were marching in the Armistice day parade.

It would take but a spark to gather in the little community of Cottage

Grove an army of a thousand men fully accoutered to care for any reds who might see fit to attempt to ply their nefarious business here.

The fighting blood of red-blooded men surges through their veins and they are anxious to assist in hustling to justice those who would destroy the government which guarantees equal rights to all, free speech, free schools and a free citizenship.

A thousand men or more in the Cottage Grove country are ready to fly to arms to protect our God-given liberties against such as those who were behind the incident at Centralia.

If there are any reds here they would do well to make themselves scarce.

Probably every other community on the coast has been aroused to a similar pitch.

The death knell of I. W. Wism, anarchism and other such isms has been sounded and the reds themselves gave the opportunity for their own eradication.

## GIVE US WATER AND LIGHT.

There are a few things to which every citizen of a city in these days feels that he has an inalienable right. Two of these things are a water system and an electric light system that are always on the job.

The citizens of Cottage Grove feel that they have not had these things during the past year. Although they are long suffering they begin to fret under the repeated cessation of these services to which they feel they have an inalienable right to an uninterrupted service.

In the case of the water system, they are inclined to feel that they should be lenient with councilmen who give so freely of their time for so little recompense, but the councilmen who have scrippled and saved to hold water rates and levies down may well be convinced that the people demand service, continuous and uninterrupted, even though it be at a little greater expense. If the price of two or three gallons of gasoline each month from each water user will guarantee the kind of service the people want, they will make little complaint.

In the case of the electric light system the people are not so lenient because they have no doubt whatever that the business pays a good profit. Even if it doesn't pay a good profit, it is a private business, and private business is expected to render its service regardless.

To do less subjects the utility to the charge of sacrificing equipment to the making of profits and, anyway, the people don't love a public utility, never did and never will. It is a necessary evil whose sins never will be forgiven by those who pay for service they do not get.

The people of Cottage Grove seem to be rapidly approaching that mood where they will demand service or know the reason why.

The council can easily act upon such a demand. Its business is the people's business. They will do whatever the people are willing to pay for.

The private utility will have to work out its own salvation and would be wise to lay plans to that end or pick a soft spot upon which to land.

The Junction City Times has embellished its office with an Intertype and is putting on real airs. Boyd & Nelson must be real business men to make expensive equipment pay in a city the size of Junction, but they give every evidence of getting away with the goods.

Farmers of The Dalles country are a wise bunch of birds. They have adopted resolutions condemning in no uncertain terms the Towaley Non-Partisan league.

If Ben Oleott is not gongding careful he is going to be cursed with the high regards of The Sentinel. We like the way he speaks up about the Centralia outrage.

Do your Christmas advertising and shopping early.

## THINGS WE THINK

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

A man's political affiliations in these trying days are often merely a question of salary. . . .

Many people mean well who do not do well. . . .

Drinking wouldn't be quite so bad if it didn't make a man want to talk so much. . . .

A woman who can't be flattered is too pessimistic ever to make a happy wife. . . .

More people go to church because they think they should than because they want to. . . .

A person feels pretty lonesome when all alone in the world, but too many relatives are not desirable. . . .

Reform, like charity, should begin at home. . . .

It is lots easier to show enthusiasm when there is no need for it than when there is work to do. . . .

A knocker never yet drove a nail to help build an institution that would make the world better. . . .

It would be interesting to know where paragraphs got their jokes during the time of Adam, who had no mother-in-law. . . .

The high tariff fellows are too modest. They want to cover too much. . . .

A man with several divorced wives is merely a polygamist on the installment plan. . . .

Every man can make his mark if he will only work and wait until election day. . . .

Pretty soon someone will be declaring the ten commandments unconstitutional. . . .

There should at least be a stable market for hay, oats and corn. . . .

## Reasons for Increased Telephone Rates

1. A dollar in the hands of the telephone company has no greater purchasing power in the labor and material market than has a dollar in the hands of the individual.
2. Increases in wages and prices of materials cannot be paid without money and the telephone company is no more capable of paying out money it hasn't got than is the individual.
3. The telephone company must be provided with means to meet the demands made upon it for increased wages and increased cost of materials. As these increased costs are obviously reflected in the cost of rendering telephone service, the telephone company must ask the telephone using public to pay for the service it receives.
4. Higher wages can be paid, increased costs of materials met, and satisfactory and improved service can be furnished, only when the rates are sufficient to meet the costs of rendering the service with a sufficient margin for a reasonable return upon the investment.
5. A large territory served by a utility with many patrons may produce large gross receipts, but not necessarily huge profits. The state of Oregon is a large territory and the telephone company serves a large number of patrons and has large gross receipts, but small profits. Under present rates and conditions it will earn less than 3 per cent on the value of its property in the state. The idea that a large corporation doing a large business must necessarily be accumulating great wealth is a prevalent fallacy which the public must get away from.
6. Telephone rates in the state of Oregon have remained practically the same for 15 years or more. There have been a few adjustments in various classes of service to meet demands of the service, with a corresponding adjustment in rates. Increases in rates are now made because of absolute necessity which made it imperative. Make your own comparison of your telephone rate with the increased cost of shoes, clothing, food products and all other necessities. Is not the increased telephone rate reasonable and consistent in comparison?

## The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company

## WINTER TIME CONVENIENCES

### Seasonable Comforts and Necessities That Should Be in Every Home

Suppose tonight you have a sudden attack of neuralgia—a neuralgia bottle will give you instant relief. Without it you would suffer pain all night.

Suppose it's a cold, raw night—a hot water bottle would provide warmth and comfort.

Perhaps there is a baby in your home—a vacuum bottle will keep baby's food at the right temperature all through the night—ready right when you want it, and no getting up in the cold to heat the milk.

### Special Display Next Week

of the many conveniences and necessities that are especially seasonable at this time. Here are just a few suggestions:

**Neuralgia Bottles**—A wonderful relief from neuralgia.

**Hot Water Bottles**—An absolute winter necessity.

**Vacuum Bottles**—Keep baby's milk just right all night.

**Electric Vibrators**—For massage treatment.

**Canned Heat Stoves**—Quick heat when you want it.

**Thermometers**—Clinical and household sizes.

## The Modern Pharmacy

Cottage Grove Oregon

Doll Contest Begins Thanksgiving Plan Your Campaign to Win — We'll Help You

## NOT LIKE BUYING HANDKERCHIEFS

Don't buy arch supporters over the counter like handkerchiefs. See Dr. French about your feet; he is the only one north of San Francisco or south of Portland who understands the science of fitting arch supporters properly.

Use Dr. French's Corn and Bunion Remedy; no danger from blood poison from his remedies or treatments.

**Dr. Wm. French** Permanently Located at 24 Sixth Avenue East—Eugene, Oregon

The eastern girl who insisted on being married in short skirts evidently wanted to demonstrate to the guests that she was not marrying because of a lack of means of support.

Some scientists now claim that the earth is hollow and open at both ends. If this is true, here is a chance to "get on the inside" that eastern capitalists have overlooked.

It is hard to reform a successful sinner, but when misfortune overtakes him he is very susceptible to a teaching that promises so much and exacts so little.



## PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

NO use arguing about it, or making chin-music in a minor key! If you've got the jimmy-pipe or cigarette makin's notion cornered in your smokeappetite, slip it a few liberal loads of Prince Albert!

Boiled down to regular old between-us-man-talk, Prince Albert kicks the "pip" right out of a pipe! Puts pipe pleasure into the 24-hours-a-day joy'us class! Makes cigarette rolling the toppest of sports! P. A. is so fragrant, so fascinating in flavor, so refreshing!

Prince Albert can't bite your tongue or parch your throat! You go as far as you like according to your smoke spirit! Our exclusive patented process cuts out bite and parch!

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