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4 PER CENT MONEY AND 100 PER CENT IGNORANCE.

The Eugene Register very truthfully says that the only hope of favorable action by the people upon the proposed four per cent interest amendment is by playing upon ignorance. The Register continues:

"The amendment has nothing to recommend it—that is, nothing decent and honorable. It is confiscatory in its nature. It undertakes to make the scratch of a pen superior to the law of supply and demand. It sets up the theory that a man may not sell that which he has in the best market that offers. Its effects, if it should be approved by the voters, would be disastrous in the extreme."

"All of these things its promoters know. They know that if their scheme should be adopted money would shun Oregon as well people shun the leper colony at Molokai. They know their measure has not the shadow of a chance of being adopted on its merits, for it has no merits. But they have hopes of an ignorant vote. They reason that most people are borrowers and that a great many of them may vote to reduce their interest without stopping to inquire into consequences."

"But there is another side to the question. It is easy enough to say, if we choose to say it, that money shall not be loaned in Oregon for more than five per cent, but it is not so easy to say that money will be available at that figure. We might say that eggs shall not be sold in Oregon for more than 10 cents per dozen, or butter for more than 20 cents per pound, or that labor shall not receive more than a dollar a day, but if California and Washington and other states were offering more than that for eggs and butter and labor we should soon find that all the butter and eggs were being sold elsewhere and that all the working men were quitting their jobs and going somewhere else. So it would be if we should say that money shall not be loaned in Oregon for more than five per cent. The money would simply be loaned elsewhere."

The Register goes on further to say that enactment of the proposed amendment would result in every loan now out in Oregon being called in, as owners of money would not take four per cent on loans already out any more than upon a loan yet to be made.

We do not wish to be placed in the position of saying anything good for the proposed amendment, yet it does not seem to us possible that any measure would be constitutional which would abrogate a contract of any kind already legally in existence. We do not believe the constitutional amendment could affect existing contracts legally made and not yet completed or expired.

We may be wrong, but if we are, then there is cause for real alarm, for if The Sentinel is so ignorant that it

can not understand a little thing like this so well explained by so able a paper as The Register, what can be expected of those who make no particular study of such things, in which lot the great majority of voters of the state fall.

If we are right and The Register is wrong, the cause for alarm is not in the least lessened, for a display of ignorance on the part of The Register is nearly as serious as a similar display on the part of The Sentinel.

The Register is not alone in taking that view of the ultimate effect of the proposed amendment, for the arguments against it in the voters' pamphlet run along the same strain.

Regardless of this feature and without giving it any consideration, the proposed amendment is a confiscatory one which would soon drive every cent of capital out of the state unless declared unconstitutional, which it probably would be.

### THOSE WHO REALLY WORK.

Marshfield Record: When Elbert Bede was over here not long ago he told the Record he intended going on a camping trip. He said he would like to enjoy a vacation for two or three months. He could not arrange to make the long trip, but he has been able to get away from his grind at Cottage Grove for a little while and, upon coming back, he wrote:

"A mountain stream rippling along its way only a few feet from your pillow, a bonfire throwing its glow into the open tent, the starry heavens through the towering Goliaths of the forest guarding your slumbers—that is the life."

And what Elbert Bede says is correct and probably an outing of the kind Mr. Bede promised himself is more longed for—more continuously looked forward to—by newspaper men than almost any other men who are chained to an almost eternal grind. Take it all the way around the average newspaper man plugs harder and for longer hours than do men who are following any other line of work. The newspaper game is a merciless taskmaster. Each morning you build something up and each night tear it down and there is no rest. With the cost of everything entering into the operation of a newspaper always increasing and with it becoming next to impossible to get help, newspaper publishing is becoming excessively difficult and the trials are growing and the man who has been at it for years yearns more than ever for the vacation that Elbert Bede took, but most of the newspaper men put off the day of enjoyment too long and when the day for taking it does at last roll around the newspaper man is usually too old to get the full enjoyment from his vacation. The newspaper man who stays on the job too long but invites the undertaker too soon. If the average newspaper man could turn gypsy once in a while and get away from his grief, he would see things more worth while and his writings would not have the soured tone and grouchy ring that many of them have.

There is considerable agitation towards the elision of the word "obey" from the marriage service. We fail to see that its presence there has caused any harm, worked any hardship or caused any qualms of conscience upon the part of the parties pronouncing it in the ceremony referred to. Its removal, however, will cause no great seismic disturbance in the marital conditions of this great land of the free and home of the brave.

Men live all their lives wondering why they are not called to a position where their abilities would have full play, forgetting that the way to get a high position is to demonstrate ability in a lower one.

## THINGS WE THINK

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

Tears shed in divorce court do not wash away the sins that have brought the parties into court.

The most insignificant people will sometimes cause a person the most trouble.

When Adam saw Eve it was good night for him.

A fourth-class postoffice seems like a first-class job to a lot of people.

The whistling boy may be a happy one, but land how he gets on one's nerves sometimes.

Concrete as a building material is putting the lumber business up a stump.

Happiness is mostly a habit—and so is grouching.

You can't be happy yourself while figuring how to make someone else unhappy.

When a girl says she intends to be an old maid it is a dangerous time to propose to her—unless you really want her.

As much as we dislike a kicker, he is head and shoulders above a do-nothing.

By stooping to raise others less fortunate than ourselves we lift ourselves to a higher level.

No one, no matter how independent, says all the things he would like to say—and perhaps it is better that way.

It is little credit to stick to the straight and narrow path merely because of fear that we will be found out.

Imitate the unobtrusive mirror which always shows its bright side.

The person who doesn't speak except when the occasion demands it usually has something in store.

Would you do for your friends what you expect them to do for you?

Alimony is probably a contraction of althimoney.

Don't carry all your money in one pocket.

The best way to keep from temptation is not to be looking for it.

A man can deceive his creator just about as much as he can deceive himself.

Most folks who kick about the kind of sermons the pastor preaches, get all they pay for.

If religion is free it is peculiar that some folks don't get more of it.

Some folks over-exercise themselves trying to keep out of doing something.

All kinds of mechanical alarm clock devices for feeding chickens have been invented, but biddy still retains the prerogative of laying her egg according to her own schedule.

The man who has confidence in his competency never worries about a job these days.

Sense and sentiment don't always mix.

When your wife is your banker, a bill of particulars must be attached to every check drawn against the account.

If money ever gets to be a drug on the market, there will be a lot of dope fiends.

"Tree Days' Courtship Ends in Marriage," says a headline. We have always warned young people that those short courtships often result disastrously.

Paper money spreads disease germs, scientists insist, but none has yet been returned to us with a request that a doctor's certificate of good physical condition accompany same.

A petrified leg has been found in a Pennsylvania coal mine. Evidently present day methods of leg pulling are only a continuation of more crude methods used in bygone ages.

We notice an advertisement of shredded asbestos in a magazine. We wonder if a book of dainty recipes goes with each package.

We notice a song recital advertised to be sung in Esperanto. It is well to have this latter fact well advertised, as otherwise the audience would never notice the difference.

Ex-Speaker Cannon is said to be studying French. He never will be able to fully express himself in the dullest phrases of that language.

If astronomers want to open up conversation with one of the planets, why not try Venus. She would be more likely to answer back.

There are a lot of figure-heads in the navy department—and not all of them are used for ornamental purposes on battleships.

American school children would be delighted to live in Russia, where there are about 90 public holidays.

Most of us would cash in at 50 per cent on most of the things that we are certain will happen.

One pleasing characteristic of the hen is that she doesn't make a lot of noise until after she has delivered the goods. Biddy is no four flusher.

Some folks who lose their heads would deny it if approached upon the question—and we're not surprised that some don't notice the loss.

Most of us feel that the picking of the world's greatest men and women has been done a few years too soon.

It is a pleasant surprise once in a while to hear that some of the good things you have done have traveled.

Experience may be a good teacher, but there aren't enough people going to school.

There are very few people who refrain from talking for a lack of something to say.

A person with water on the brain doesn't always overflow with ideas.

Some folks get in a terrible hurry when there is nothing to do.

Doesn't it make you tired to think that you let some folks exercise you?

It is quite a relief to some people who have sinned to have someone tell them that circumstances warranted the action.

A wife feels that somehow or other her religion will in some way save her husband.

Exercising your prerogative isn't physical culture.

About as useless a waste of time as we can imagine is that spent in wishing for things that you know can't happen.

The man with the big nose may attract attention first, but he doesn't hold it the longest.

A prisoner in Kentucky, while under oath to tell the truth, called the judge a liar, and the judge who administered the oath licked the prisoner for his statement.

Some folks think they have done their duty when they get someone else to assume it.

The father who wrongs another's daughter should find no rest on earth nor in hell.

It's easy to catch people if you can keep them from thinking that you are suspicious.

A chaperone is a superfluity to a sour-faced girl.

The nicest thing about a duty is when providence or accident puts a barrier in the way of performing it.

Smiles will usually do more than cross words, but a woman's tears have them both beat.

A man doesn't feel like calling his sweetheart a "kitten" just after hearing her scream at sight of a mouse.

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