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JOLTS AND COMMENTS

Millionaires dodging taxes in Chicago? That's nothing. They do it in Oregon, too.

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette has cast the first vote ever cast by a woman in California. It was on a local bonding proposition. Its legality is doubtful, but its morality is unquestioned.

The Long Creek Ranger says that because of so many important measures being on the ballot there will be a heavy vote cast in Grant County. Will the Grant County citizens take more interest in the measures than the candidates?

The first edition of the pamphlet on the "People's Power and Public Taxation" is exhausted. Over 20,000 copies have been distributed. Another edition will be prepared immediately. It has created a great deal of attention all over Oregon.

Good roads are good things. The proposal to give the people power to issue bonds for good roads will give the people more local power to govern themselves. If they don't want to vote bonds they don't have to do so. It is a good power to have and to hold.

Three men are on the rock pile in Portland for speaking on the streets. Three men are not in jail, and no prospect of them being, for importing men instructed to commit assaults on law-abiding citizens and to "start trouble." These are simple facts we don't like to think about.

Ashland has voted a franchise to an electric line but it did not "reverse itself" in doing so. The old franchise scheme was a graft. The people voted it down. The one they have accepted is a legitimate and properly safeguarded franchise that no honest intentioned investing corporation could kick about.

The A. F. of L. is furnishing the record in Congress of many of the plunders, among them that of Duncan McKinlay, congressman from California, nominally republican, but actually a very efficient representative of the plunderbund party and the 3. P. Naturally he does not like the way Sammie Gompers butts into his district.

The citizen of Oregon should ask just one thing in regard to the general measures on the initiative ballot, and that is, "Will it increase the power of the people?" If it will, then vote for it, for with the trusts and grabbers increasing their power at every jump the people of Oregon need every particle of direct power they can muster.

Tillamook is making many permanent improvements. The Herald tells of several fine buildings going up. All Tillamook needs is what Vancouver, British Columbia, has secured. That is exemption of improvements from taxation. What is the need of taxing improvements when there are untaxed timber land values to about five times the total of the assessment roll now on the books?

The Port Commission of Coos Bay proposes to have public docks owned by the port district and charges placed at the minimum of maintenance. If this idea is carried out, and then in some way the public can be educated to charge nothing for the use of the docks, pilotage and towing, Marshfield will be a city of 100,000 people and include North Bend and several other towns.

Do you want good roads, Mr. Farmer? If you do vote to get them, and also vote to make it possible whenever you are tired of paying more than your share of taxation for them in any county to shift the heft of that tax from your own shoulders to that fellow to whom the heft belongs—the idle land speculator. The three tax amendments of the Grange and of organized labor will do this. Send to the People's Power League, 8212 Front street, Portland, and find out for its celebrated tax pamphlet just where we are at.

We need to get after the jury system and the legal delays in Oregon. There is no need for any appeals, retrials, legal trickery and judicial decisions. The amendment of the People's Power League, No. 352 on the ballot, will give the people more power by giving the lawyers less. It will decrease the amount and cost of litigation, and it will cause many suits that would otherwise be appealed on trifling technicalities to never be even entered or heard. It gives the people more power. Just place your sovereign X mark opposite the above number on the ballot.

It would be an awful jar for a great party convention to have a farmer or a workman come to it with credentials from Oregon, his fare and expenses paid by the people of the state, his election to that position not having been made by a railroad corporation, and his instructions from the rank and file as to Oregon's choice for president located in his pocket. The rank and file should rule in electing its national delegates the same as it should rule in nominating public officials. The amendment of the People's Power League, No. 356 on the ballot, gives you as an individual more power. It gives the special interests and corporations less. Reach forth your hand for the acceptor.

Next time one of the assembly bunch, or one of the machine bunch, or one of the doubters of the people, tells you that the amendment proposed establishing proportional representation is too difficult for the average citizen to comprehend, just look that man right in the eye and ask him if he thinks you are too ignorant and illiterate to place your X mark opposite the name of the one man you want to represent you in the legislature. That is all there is to the amendment. Each citizen will vote once for a member of the lower house, for one candidate and no more. That is all he will have to do. Each party will then elect its own members as its proportion of the total vote in the state entitled it to. Any boy in the fourth grade can figure out who is elected from the returns.

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THE BIGGER BRITISH DOLLAR.

An article in the current World's Work makes statements under the caption "The Englishman's Bigger Dollar," which the tariff commission that is going abroad might do well to verify and consider. Comparing the wages and cost of living of a family of cotton weavers in New Bedford, Mass. with those of a like family in Burnley, England, the writer finds that the following wages are paid in the American city: Weekly wages of man, \$9.72; girl of 20, \$7.78; boy of 17, \$5.55; girl of 14, \$2.03; total for the four, \$25.93. The actual cost of living for this family was \$21.15. Protection enabled this family of four workers, barring sickness, to save the magnificent sum of \$3.93 per week.

In Burnley, England the wages were lower—no protection for labor there. The wages were: Man, \$6.86; girl, \$5.04; boy, \$3.92; girl, \$1.47; total, \$17.89. Murrah for the protection. The American family earned \$7.99 more than the English family.

But here is another side to the story. While as stated the actual necessary expense of the American family were \$21.15, allowing a saving of \$3.93 the expenses of the British family were only \$12.05 leaving the surplus of the week of \$5.84. It seems that if protection gives a little better wages, it more than even up the score by charging the family more for everything it buys.

Each item in the total cost of living in both cities is given. Here are a few instances: American flour that sold in Burnley for 49 cents cost 70 cents in New Bedford, 16 pounds for \$1; in Burnley 25 pounds; in England 6 cents. Soda that costs 5 cents here can be bought there for half a penny, 1 cent. Gas there is 54 cents per 1000 feet; here it is 2 cents—and so on.

Protection is doing great things for us, no doubt; it is making the cost of living so high that one feels rich if he has money enough to pay the bill.

THE ONTARIO PLAN

The Province of Ontario, Canada, disposes of its timber by periodical sales. These sales are extensively advertised for months and bring in buyers from all Eastern Canada and the border states. The timber land is surveyed and blocked off in tracts. These tracts of timber are sold, subject to stumpage or royalty to the highest bidder. Only certain species of timber may be cut. Nothing over twelve inches and no other timber except such as is specified may be cut unless absolutely necessary to enable the logs to be gotten out. The necessary to enable the logs to be gotten out. The buyer has a certain number of years in which to cut the timber, at the expiration of which period the land reverts to the province and is thrown open to settlement, or if still too remote for settlement, is turned back for another growth of timber. These sales yield from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 each. As sales yield from the lightest taxed community in North America. It is also the greatest agricultural community and has the best public school system.

MAKING MILLIONAIRES

The way millionaires are made is illustrated by the Sugar Trust. It gouges two cents a pound for sugar from every consumer. This amounts to several millions of dollars over reasonable profit every year. This is five per cent interest on one billion, four hundred millions of dollars. Stock is issued promising that amount. It depends on the gouge, which depends on the tariff, which depends on Congress, which depends on Aldrich and Cannon. Therefore we have absolutely fictitious wealth. No sufficient to make fourteen hundred millionaires. wonder our Cannon-supporting, Aldrich-praising, standpat "representatives" desire to go back to Washington from Oregon. It would be a wonder if they didn't. And, bear in mind, there are other trusts doing the same thing—making millionaires by the thousand, out of nothing and Congress.

CHILDREN AND OPPORTUNITY

The reason children are not born is that people in civilized countries take a great extent wish they themselves had never been born. Instead of urging the poor to have more children opportunities should be opened to them whereby they can rear children in plenty and with sanitary surroundings. Children die for want of sunshine, air and sufficient food which our complex barbarism, which we call civilization, deprives them of. We do not need to encourage children being born to the poor. What we need is for the rich to get off the backs of the poor, and out of the way of the poor, so that they may have what they produce, and all that they produce.

PERHAPS JOHN D. DID.

Sacramento Bee
In declaring that conditions in San Francisco are worse than ever, Rudolph Speckles says the stockholders of corporation are principally responsible for graft, because they are concerned only in dividends and allow a few persons to run the business without question.

There is much truth in that. What stockholder ever refused a dividend on the ground that it was tainted?

The North Bend Harbor says: "It is a proven fact that a properly conducted municipally owned water plant is a money saver." The Harbor ought to know that public service corporations keep a paid force of writers to prove the contrary. A water company supplying a city, according to these writers, operates purely for charity and civic pride.

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Oregon Federation of Labor—Meets at 11 a. m. every Sunday. Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. W. J. Cassidy, secretary. Main 1416.

Bartenders League No. 330—First and third Sundays, 2:30 p. m. at Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. W. J. Cassidy, secretary. Main 1416.

Switchmen, Columbia Lodge No. 87—Meets at 614 Deing street, second Sunday of each month, at 2:30 p. m. and last Sunday of each month at 8 p. m. P. Melius, 608 Deing street, 2nd floor, J. J. Price, box 550.

Brotherhood of Railway Carriers of America, No. 100—Every Monday evening, Carpenters Hall, 270 1/2 Alder st. and Grand avenue. Hugh McCauley, secretary, 1011 Northwick st.

Building Laborers—Meets at 270 1/2 Alder st. Tom Brande, 270 1/2 Alder st.

Building Trades Council—2nd Monday, 270 1/2 Alder st. Wm. Noffke, secretary, 353 16th st. J. L. Ludwig, business agent, Main 1416.

Pattern Makers—Second and fourth Mondays, R. Lovelidge, 330 Deing street, 2nd floor, 2nd Monday, 270 1/2 Alder st. at 8 p. m. Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. J. H. Morrow, business agent, Main 1416.

Shipwrights and Carpenters—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m., 270 1/2 Alder st. Charles Gregory, 684 Union avenue.

Electricians and Electricians—2nd and 4th Mondays evening, 200 1/2 First st. C. W. Wood, Oregonian.

Saloon No. 26—Second and fourth Mondays, 8 p. m., 270 1/2 Alder st. and Morrison. John Harland, secretary, 220 East 30th street.

Boatbuilders, No. 90—Third Tuesday, 200 1/2 First st. Percy M. Pile, 134 East 4th st.

Brass Workers and Metal Polishing, No. 90—First and third Tuesdays, at 200 1/2 First st. Philip Allen, secretary, 833 E. 32nd.

Carpenters Local 800—Meets every Tuesday, 8 p. m., Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. J. H. Morrow, business agent, Main 1416.

Local Label Trades Department—Second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p. m., 200 1/2 First st. Frank Cottrell, secretary, 270 1/2 Alder st.

Locomotive Engineers—First and third Tuesdays at 11 a. m. Drew Hall, 11 O'Brien, 441 Gilman st.

Maltsters—First Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., 200 1/2 Alder st. Board meeting, 8:30 p. m., same place. Carl Stoll, secretary, Main 6007.

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local No. 102—Every Tuesday at 200 1/2 First st. G. E. Schoenmaker, secretary, 82 E. 3rd. East 3rd st. G. A. Rogers, business agent, 131 N. 5th st. A. 5041; residence 432 Burnside st.

Walters and Waitresses Union, No. 100—First, third and second Tuesdays, 2:30 p. m., 304 Alky building, Third and Morrison. C. T. Frederick, Main 5204, A-5467.

Waterfront Federation—Second and fourth Tuesdays, 200 1/2 First st. J. Tucker, 625 Gantenbein ave. Web Pressmen—First Tuesday, Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. J. H. Morrow, Oregonian pressroom, Main 1416.

WEDNESDAY.
Carpenters, Local 90—Every Wednesday night, Grand avenue, 8 p. m. P. Ryan, secretary, 554 East 17th st. C. Bomberger, financial secretary, H. O. Rector, local manager. Carpenters' hall, East Pine and Grand avenue. Phone East 6229.

Iron Makers—First and third Wednesday, 228 1/2 Yamhill, C. P. Smith, 246 Clackamas, East 5345.

Lathes Union No. 10—Tuesday evening, Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. Frank Mahoney, 252 Columbia st.

Leatherworkers—First and third Wednesday, 200 1/2 First st. Chas. French, 200 Wood st.

Moving Picture and Projecting Machine Union—Local No. 2012—A hall, 200 1/2 Yamhill. Second and fourth Wednesday, 8:30 p. m. 2nd floor, Clark president. Grand theatre, A-270; Frank J. Evers, secretary, 441 Fremont, Woodland 205.

Painters, Local No. 10—Every Wednesday evening, Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. Aldrich president. Chas. French, business agent, Main 1416, A-5467; residence 404 1/2 E. Burnside st. Phone E. 6202.

Plasterers, No. 85—8 p. m. Wednesday, Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. George Monah, secretary, 1600 East 1st st. H. Rector, Local 423—Second and fourth Wednesday, Drew Hall, Second and Morrison. V. B. Hall, 320 Albion ave.

Stationary Firemen, No. 118—Wednesday evening, 214 1/2 Alder st. J. A. Oiler, general delivery.

Riggers and shipbuilders, T. L. Riggers, 2nd Tuesday, 200 1/2 First st. Alex Keegan, president.

THURSDAY.
Amalgamated Carpenters No. 1—Second and fourth Thursday, Labor Temple, 270 1/2 Alder st. J. H. Morrow, secretary, 625 Gantenbein ave.

Barbers—Fourth Thursday evening, Alky building, 200 1/2 First st. J. L. Ludwig, 107 1/2 First, Main 9180, 18.

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