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"For Sandy Always."



The Ferris Bill.

The stand taken by the Seattle
Chamber of Commerce in favor of de-
velopment of water power is worthy of
imitation by all commercial bodies in
the west, says the Portland Oregonian.

The resolutions expose the hollowness
of the pretense that federal control is
necessary to prevent harmful monopoly
and declares the provisions of the Fer-
ris bill prohibitive of development. It
asserts the rights of the western states
to the same control over their waters
as is enjoyed by all other states.

In their efforts to justify the Ferris
bill, advocates of Federal control and
of the restrictions imposed by that bill,
persistently trot out the mopey bogey:

In so doing they ignore entirely the
efficient regulative bodies of the states
and the right reserved by the states to
acquire water-power plants and sites by
exercising the right of eminent domain.
Existence of harmful monopoly is thus
made impossible. They ignore also the
fundamental principle of equality among
the states. That principle requires
that the western states have as full
control over their waters as have the
eastern and southern states. It forbids
congress to use government ownership
of power sites as a lever wherewith to
oust the western states from control of
their water.

In this controversy it is imperative
that the people of the west stand to-
gether for the full development of their
water resources under state authority.

The interest of California, Oregon
and Washington is identical in this mat-
ter. Their people should pull together
and should refuse to be deluded by
those who falsely charge the defenders
of their rights with being the tools of
a power trust, which is wholly mythi-
cal.

Newspapers Can Help Out.

Bloodletting of railroads and strangulation
of industries with too many laws.

The fortune-telling politician who
wants all sorts of new commission to
make the people rich.

The pipedream that men who are fail-
ures in business or professions make
good in public office.

The politician who is always offering
the voter a new nostrum to cure the
ills of the body politic.

The office seeker who arrays class
against class to buy votes with other
people's money.

The idea that merely by enacting
laws men or women can be made hon-
est or industrious.

Latest compiled reports show that on
an average, employees on the railroads
of the United States constitute the
highest paid class of labor in the world.
Their wages now consume 45 cents of
every dollar taken in by the railroads.
It is estimated that the demand of em-
ployees in train and engine service on
the railroads of the United States for
an eight hour "day" with time and a-
half for overtime would increase the
operating expenses of the railroads
upwards of \$100,000,000 a year. What
effect this would have on freight rates
and particularly on western products
which have to be hauled a long distance
to market is problematical.

Public Ownership Luxuries

David Whitcomb, just an ordinary
Seattle business man, does not seem to
think that a municipal belt-line railroad
is an actual necessity at this time.

All the railroads operating in Seattle
are doing their switching under a com-
mon-user agreement and could handle
about five times as much traffic with
their present facilities.

The Seattle Port Commission has its
heart set on a luxury known as a belt-
line railroad, which it would like to have
the satisfaction and experience of oper-
ating whether it is needed or not.

They ask the people to authorize bond
issues and transfers to enable them to
build a belt-line railroad on the water
front, whether it is needed or not.

It would give the Port Commission
something to do, enlarge its magnificent
pay-roll and enable it to spend a lot of
money for the dearly beloved public,
and have a belt-line railroad to operate.

Mr. Whitcomb seems to think that
because Boston and other large cities
having water fronts can get along with-
out belt-lines, the city of Seattle might
forego the luxury for the present.

He shows that the people are fully
protected against improper charges by
the State law and the Public Service
Commission, but this does not deter the
Seattle Port Commission from expend-
ing its functions.

What are boards and commission for
but to expend public money and pile up
taxes on the community for things
which they would not indulge in of their
own accord.

The report that Honorable John W.
Weeks will get out of the Presidential
race will be the first intimation to most
of us that this illustrious patriot
was ever in it.

Chicago is the most lawless large city
in the entire world, yet the Chicago
Tribune is never tired of lecturing the
South because they lynch a few worth-
less beasts once in a while, while Chicago
murders a hundred times as many.

Another important difference between
President Wilson and the Colonel is
that the former wants the war over
and the latter wants it over here.

War would be deprived of much of its
terror if the fighting craft could be
limited to Zeppelins.

The patriotic appropriation is not as
readily obtained as the patriotic speech.

If the cost of war could be estimated
in advance, a good accountant might be
a valuable influence for peace.

Should Mr. Wilson speak in Nebraska
Mr. Bryan might retaliate by a brief
summer lecture tour in New Jersey.

The independence of the Philippines
will not be attended with much fear
that they will immediately add to the
complications by deciding to become a
world power.

Chasing the armor magnate is a good
indoor sport only in times of peace.

Strict neutrality in film kiss censor-
ship calls for a definite observance of
the 3-mile limit.

Some men don't have to go into secret
caucus in order to prevent the rest of
the world from finding out what they
are thinking about.

If sea law is not maintained in other
respects there may be a recrudescence
of old fashioned privateering.

China is buying American clocks.
If China can be awakened at all, Ameri-
can alarm clocks will do it.

Wall street permits no "wolves" in
its zoology—only bulls, bears and lambs.
Among the unpopular winter pastimes
in Canada just now is being an alien.

And many a man who loves "his
enemy" carries it around with him in a
pocket flask.

What has become of the old-fashion-
ed girl who used to stick her wad of
chewing gum on the leg of her chair?

We suppose every normal boy goes
through a period when he thinks the
height of devilishness is reading the
Police Gazette.

Largest Payroll In The World.

There are about 61,400 locomotive en-
gineers, 64,400 firemen, 48,000 conduct-
or and 136,000 other trainmen or a total
of 309,800, employed on railroads of U.
S. Their aggregate wages in 1914
amounted to \$387,511,508.

Although practically none of them
worked all the time and a large portion
of them worked only part of the time
their average wages were over \$1,250
a year or more than \$100 a month.

Train and engine men constitute but 18
per cent of the total number of employ-
ees but their wages equal 28 per cent of
the total payroll. In 1914 the total
number of employees was 1,695,483
and the total payroll was \$1,373,422,472.

The average pay of all railroad employ-
ees over \$800 a year, while many engi-
neers and conductors make as high as
\$300 a month, with an annual average
wage of \$1,775 for all engineers and \$1,
533 for all conductors including all those
who work but a portion of the time.

In many instances, although they work
neither as long nor as hard, the monthly
pay check of conductors and engineers
is larger in amount than that of the
more experienced railroad official who
directly supervises their work and is
responsible both to the railroad comp-
any and the public for the safe and
efficient operation of trains.

The total annual payroll of the U. S.
for labor alone, which consumes nearly
one-half of the total earnings of the
railroads, is twice larger than the total
pay for all farm labor and is now said
to be the largest pay roll, with the
highest average wages, of any single
industry in the world.

Newspaper Men As Legislators.

Some newspaper men are showing up
as candidates for the legislature. Most
of them believe more in lower taxes
and industries than in offices and poli-
tics.

Newspaper men are fighting to miti-
gate the evils of over-legislation and ill
digested and burdensome laws.

One editor candidate says: "Every
taxpayer knows the gigantic proportions
to which these evils have attained.
Likewise, every taxpayer knows how
signally legislators of the past have fail-
ed to lessen them."

While all agree on the above propo-
sition many go to the legislature who
are not able to put up a fight against
these evils.

L. A. Fernsworth quoted above is a
candidate for representative in Wash-
ington county, Oregon on the platform of
"uncompromising economy, clean-cut,
fewer laws, and the public interests
ahead of politics."

Mr. Fernsworth pledges himself to
fight the "ever increasing burden of
taxation created by multiplying expen-
ditures, a multiplicity of laws, frivol-
ous and conflicting, which only bring

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the law into disrepute; laws hampering
and restricting, instead of encouraging
capital and development.

Newspaper men are not originators
of new legislation and apt to be in close
touch with the people who support
them.

Bad Writer With a Good Memory.

Harvey Waters, an expert on patent
cases, had occasion to write Rufus
Choate on some important question
and when he received the reply was
unable to read a word of it, so took
the missive to Mr. Choate and asked
him what he had written. Mr. Choate
replied: "I never can read my writing
after the ink is dry, but if you tell me
what it is about I will tell you what I
have written." And he did.

All Clear.

"Now, my lad, I hope you have some
clear and well defined idea as to what
you want to be in life. That means
everything to a young man."

"I know it, uncle. I want to be a
doctor or a lawyer, or something like
that."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Like the bee, we should make our in-
dustry our amusement.—Oliver Gold-
smith.

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