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We wonder which one is the worst afflicted: Ex-President Taft has corns on his feet, ex-President Roosevelt has boils on his neck and President Wilson has Bryan on his hands.

The voters will be called on again to vote down the single tax at the fall election. It is not labeled single tax this time, but as a fifteen hundred dollar exemption. U'Ren is happy only when concocting some new law for Oregon to pay for and experiment with. It is had to pay for the experimenting he would soon stop his bill factory.

A movement is on in the western part of Malheur and the eastern part of Harney to form a new county. Not having been over the section we do not know what their resources are, and whether they are capable of maintaining a county government, but judging from the amount of stuff shipped from that section they are plenty able to support a separate county government. There can be no question about Malheur and Harney counties being too large for economical management and it is only a question of dividing them up to the best possible advantage, when they have been settled up with the thousands of people they are capable of supporting. The southern part of the county will ask to be set aside soon as they have the requisite amount of taxable property, so that the western cut should be made with the second cut in view, so that both sections will be served to the best possible advantage.

## Colombia Has Slush Fund.

The longer the Colombian treaty is exposed to the atmosphere, the worse it smells. Discussion is no longer confined to the astounding terms of the treaty itself, but is extended to the means by which it was arranged and by which its ratification is sought. The Chicago Tribune's Washington correspondent says Colombia is prepared to spend \$10,000,000 in this country contingent on obtaining the \$25,000,000 which the treaty stipulates, shall be paid to her, and that Hannis Taylor is to receive a contingent fee of \$1,000,000 upon ratification of the treaty.

It seems that of the \$25,000,000 it is proposed to give Colombia there is at least \$15,000,000 totally unaccounted for by the previous claims of that country," said Senator Borah, one of the foremost opponents of the treaty. In fact during the Taft administration, Colombia was willing to accept \$8,000,000.

Mr. Taylor is reputed to be a warm friend of Mr. Bryan. So is Charles Douglas, who represented Nicaragua in negotiating the treaty under which that republic is to be paid \$3,000,000. So is Charles A. Towne, who represents the Cientificos in the Mexican mediation. Anybody who wishes to put anything through the state department seems to employ a personal friend of the secretary.

Whether the gift is granted or not, the people will surely be heard from in no uncertain tone and may stiffen the spines of some democrats so much that they will uphold their country's honor against partisanship run mad.

That is the animus behind the action of the administration in foreign affairs particularly. Its aim at every point is to cast aspersions on its republican predecessor. President Roosevelt recognized Panama as a republic and acquired the canal concession from it; therefore President Wilson apologizes to Colombia, offers her \$25,000,000 and gives her greater rights in the canal than the United States enjoys. President Taft signed the canal bill with coastwise exemption, therefore coastwise exemption is repealed. President McKinley acquired the Philippines and President Taft, as governor, organized their government; therefore the noble Americans who have devoted their lives to the advancement of the islands are turned out to make room for Filipino incompetents, exploiters and slaveholders.

The aim of the entire diplomatic policy of this administration appears to be to muckrake its immediate predecessors, to hold up to the obliquity of the world the American statement of the last sixteen years, and, in pretended defense of our national honor, to besmirch our national honor.

## AFRAID OF STRONG GOVERNMENT (From the Outlook.)

Business is disorganized. New enterprises are not begun; old enterprises are curtailing their business; willing workers are laid off; every morning newspaper reports the cry of the unemployed; dividends are reduced or passed altogether. The crops are promising; conditions demand prosperity. But business is not good; prosperity is conspicuously absent.

Why? Mexico does not want war; the United States does not want war; and yet we are in a state of restrained war with Mexico. American property has been looted; scores of American citizens have been killed. The American flag has furnished no protection; for protection Americans have fled to the English and German flags. The hostility of the Mexicans to the United States is increased; their respect for the courage and efficiency of the United States is diminished. That our relations with England, Germany and Spain are not more seriously strained is due to their unparalleled patience. That we are not embroiled in actual warfare with Mexico is due to the kindly offices of our South American neighbors. No one wants war, and yet we are on the edge of war.

Why? The answer is simple. This democratic administration does not believe in a strong government. It is afraid of a strong government. It fears that the strong government will be a despotic government. It seeks refuge from that peril in weakness.

It confronts great industrial organizations. It does not believe in making the government strong enough to regulate such organizations and compel them to deal justly with the people. It therefore endeavors to disorganize these business organizations and convert each one of them into two or more competing rivals. Business is disorganized because it is the avowed policy of the present democratic administration to disorganize business.

It is sometimes said that it makes little difference what men believe if their characters are good. No one questions the character of President Wilson and his advisers. Their intentions are excellent; their spirit is patriotic. But they believe that a strong government is perilous to individual liberty, that in weakness there is safety. It is this belief which has invited disaster at home, brought dishonor to Mexico, and now summons us to retreat from the Philippines. Consistently applied, it would withdraw our flag from Hawaii and Porto Rico, abandon our protectorate in Cuba, and transform the Panama canal into an international highway, owed, regulated and policed by an international commission.

The American people have the opportunity this fall to elect a house of representatives which believes in a strong government—able to control the great industrial organization at home, able to protect persons and property in Mexico, and able to carry to a splendid consummation the national work so splendidly commenced in the Philippines. It is for them to decide whether the policy which in 15 months has brought us to the present conditions at home and abroad shall be continued or halted now and in 1916 reversed.

The Outlook believes with Alexander Hamilton that "an energetic government is necessary to the safety of the union."

We have had the responsibilities and duties of sovereignty thrust upon us in the Philippines. We have fulfilled those responsibilities and performed those duties with notable success. We have substituted law for anarchy, and a domestic government partially representative for a foreign government wholly despotic. We have subdued hostile tribes, made life and property safe, banished epidemics, established a public school system, built good roads, promoted commerce and industry, and furnished protection to a help less people from foreign aggression. It is now proposed to acknowledge ourselves unable to continue that protection without aid, and to invite Japan and Great Britain to share with us in furnishing it; to abandon the attempt to protect the peaceful citizens from ignorance of the many and misgovernment of the few, and leave this people unaided to struggle their way as best they can from childhood to maturity.

Why? Mexico is torn by contending factions neither of which recognizes the necessary conditions of peace or the modern laws of war. This democratic administration does not believe in maintaining a government strong enough to say to both factions: The laws of war toward non-combatants

must and shall be obeyed. So it looks on appalled but inert while bandits plunder and assassins murder. It will persuade, but not enforce; it will intermeddle, but not intervene.

It looks across the ocean and sees an island of people under the protection of the American flag, learning under American tuition the lesson of self government. But it does not believe that the United States government is or should be strong enough to protect and instruct a people on the other side of the globe. It believes that this nation neither has nor ought to have the power to complete the task which it has begun. It therefore proposes that the United States enter into one of those entangling alliances with foreign nations against which Washington warned his countrymen, pay for this alliance by disavowing the right of the United States to control the canal built by the money of the United States, and then pull down our flag in the Philippines and retire, with confession of our weakness, from our uncompleted undertaking.

## Abuse of Direct Legislative System.

The voters of Oregon will pass on 24 amendments to the constitution and 13 bills at the November election. More are being incubated and there will probably be forty statewide propositions and perhaps twice as many local municipal measures.

Many of these bills, if not all, will impose new burdens on the people, invent new taxes, create new boards and offices. Here are some of them:

To grant to "every-person" a \$1500 exemption on assessed valuation. Household goods are already exempt.

Two tax amendments to allow taxation to incomes, "proportional, graduated or progressive taxation" whatever that may be.

A sur-tax amendment of 50c per \$100 on all above \$25,000 and graduated to \$3 per \$100 on all above \$100,000

A tax on all land not public property. This would tax churches, colleges not owned by the state, and is in line with singel tax ideas.

To create the office of lieutenant governor to be president of the senate and get \$10 a day when the legislature sits.

To abolish the senate.

To abolish the death penalty as a punishment for capital crimes.

To prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors except for medicinal purposes, or for scientific, sacramental or mechanical purposes.

To increase salary of members of the legislature to \$5 per day and mileage to 10 cents.

To authorize state bonds for construction of irrigation and water power projects by the state to amount of 2 per cent of state valuation.

To prohibit paid circulation of initiative and referendum petitions.

For non-partisan judiciary on petition of one percent of the voters.

Proportional representation.

To authorize the governor to remove from office county officials who fail to co-operate with him in enforcement of laws, and appoint others in their place.

To revoke franchises of Portland Gas & Coke Co.

To take over channels of rivers and authorize leasing same to cities, and construction of public docks.

For eight hour day and ventilation of roopns for women workers.

Stringent Sunday law against all places of amusement for gain, by Washington County Christian Endeavor Union.

Universal eight hour day in factory or farm.

Special tax for employment of un-employed laborers.

Change election law requiring only fifteen days residence in precinct.

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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

#### Admits Killing Babe.

Prineville.—D. K. Sheldon, a young mill worker, arrested here on a charge of having slain his own day-old babe while its mother, in ignorance of what was transpiring, lay in the next room, made a dramatic confession.

Sheldon said he wanted to get the babe out of the way so that his wife could help him earn a living. He waited until his wife was asleep, he said, and then gave the babe a big dose of poison, later placing the little body by his wife's side.

#### Gila Monster Bites Man.

Medford.—James King, a carnival snake charmer, was bitten by a Gila monster in the presence of scores of women and children, dozens of whom fainted.

King became hysterical and fell in a collapse in the pit. Attaches pried the reptile's jaws apart and rushed King to Sacred Heart hospital. His life is despaired of.

#### Boundary Plan Proposed.

Albany.—A plan whereby all confusion over county boundaries owing to changes in river courses will be obviated, is being developed here for presentation at the next session of the legislature. It is planned to secure the enactment of a law changing all such boundaries now existing and providing that in the future the boundary lines shall shift with the river.

#### \$250,000 Option is Taken.

North Bend.—John R. Smith's black sand holdings on South Inlet, 12 miles from this city, have been optioned to a syndicate of local men and others for 20 days for a sum around \$250,000. Demonstrations and showings have been made which indicate the deposits are rich in gold.

#### Medford Society Women Give Skin.

Medford.—Seven Medford society women, whose names are withheld, gave 150 square inches of skin from their bodies to save the life of little Sarah Green, aged three years, who was seriously burned while playing with matches at the 401 Ranch, three weeks ago.

## FRUITMEN FORM COMBINE

New Organization Will Sell Through Distributors.

Portland.—A combination of fruit growers in the Willamette, Rogue River and Columbia River valleys was effected at the commercial club to provide future co-operation in cultivating, harvesting, packing, shipping and marketing the orchard products of this territory.

The organization will be incorporated as the Western Oregon Fruit Distributors and will operate in co-operation with the North Pacific Fruit Distributors of Portland and Spokane, organized a year ago.

The western Oregon organization will confine its efforts only to the preparation of the fruit for market. The actual marketing will be done by the North Pacific Distributors.

The principal objects of the new organization, as outlined at the meeting, are:

To procure stability and uniformity of pack and grade.

To provide the ability to market in carload lots and to pool cars.

To eliminate the middleman.

As soon as the secretary of state grants a charter the new organization will be placed on a permanent basis. Temporary officers elected are: President, Charles E. Brand, of Roseburg; secretary, J. J. Conger, of White Salmon, Wash.

#### Women Horsewhipped Man.

Canyonville.—W. G. Smith, former minister and would-be promoter of a modern Utopia at Wolf Creek, was horsewhipped by women at Wolf Creek. The women resented an alleged slanderous attack made upon their morals.

#### Overturning Car Kills.

Myrtle Point.—When an automobile returning from Marshfield and driven by Joseph Schilling, Jr., overturned two miles this side of Coquille, Delos Davenport, aged 22, was instantly killed. The other occupants, Ivan Rose and Lloyd Jarvis, as well as Schilling, escaped injury.

#### Excitement Kills Woman.

Pendleton.—On the eve of her departure for the mountains Mrs. Henry J. Latourelle, sister of George Barveau, proprietor of the Hotel St. George, dropped dead from heart failure caused by excitement.

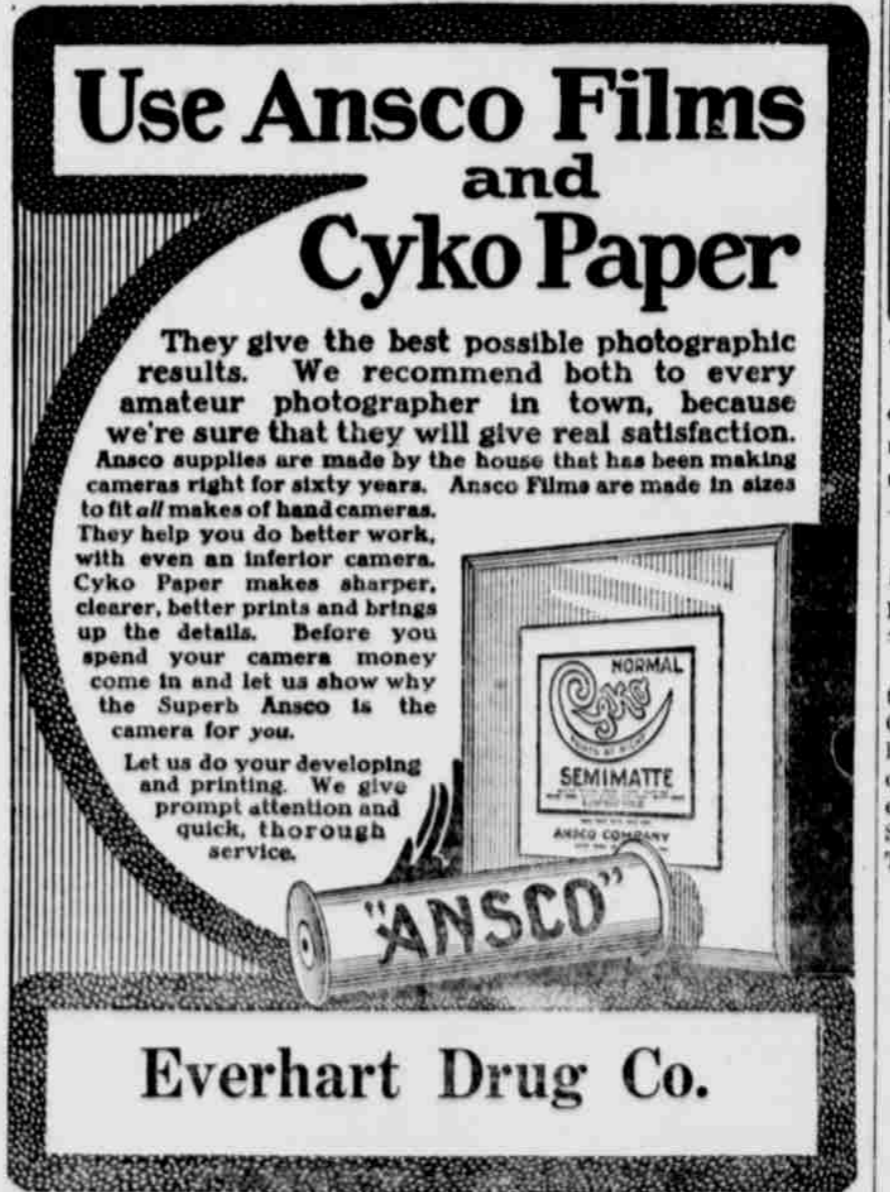
#### Shaniko Wool is Sold.

Shaniko.—About 200,000 pounds of wool were sold here, cleaning up all wools in this territory for the season.

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Preaching Service—7:30 P M  
Thomas Johns, PASTOR.

### Congregational Church Notice

Sunday Services,  
Sunday School 10 a m  
Preaching Services 11 a m  
C E Meeting 7 p m  
Preaching Services 8 p m  
Midweek Lectures every Wednesday evening 8 o'clock  
Philip Koenig, Pastor.

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Young people's meeting 1:30 pm.