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THE DEVIL AND US.

The devil has kicked up a peach of a row in Europe, and now he has his designs upon us.

Things are moving his way across the pond, but he is not satisfied with the attitude of you and of the rest of us.

He wants to see more brimstone.

He wants things to happen here in America.

He is not content with gorging himself with the life blood of the unhappy millions abroad.

He whispers in our ear that the Germans are fiends, and the English pigs, and the French rascals.

He bids us argue with our neighbor and denounce the country from whence he came, and traduce the people who perchance are his ancestors, whose blood flows in his veins.

He bids us proclaim from the housetop and on the streets and in the homes that the nation which may have our sympathy is in the right, and that the people of all others are vipers fit only to be exterminated.

He bids us exert ourselves in the stirring up of strife and racial passions among our own people, to the end that we of America may meet the same fate that has overtaken our brothers beyond the seas.

He would feast upon the blood of our own fair land.

He—the devil—would beguile us unto our own undoing.

But there is a greater and wiser Being who counsels calmness, and moderation, and consideration, and compassion; who bids us speak gently of all peoples, that malice and hatred and dissension may not be engendered in the hearts of our citizens; that we may safeguard the peace of our own country, even though all the rest of the world be led astray.

God warns us that we walk in the shadow of peril.

Shall we cast the devil adrift? Shall we keep America free from entanglements by curbing our tongues?

God assents. The devil dissents. What say you?

STICK TO THE FARM.

With winter coming on, and the crops safely harvested and stowed away, many young men of the farms will be casting longing eyes toward the great cities.

They would leave the green fields and their pleasures and seek the glare of the electric lights and the allurements of the great white way.

They would taste of the greater life.

And therein lurks the most haunting peril that confronts our country today, for the nation is dependent upon the farmer.

Our population is increasing by leaps and bounds, and millions of additional mouths must be fed each year.

From the soil of the farms must come the produce which sustains life and body for the countless thousands who throng the cities.

And year by year young men of the country are leaving the farms to seek their fortunes in the human bee hives.

And each one who forsakes the farm reduces the producing capacity of the country, although our constantly increasing population calls for greater farm production.

Young men of brains are needed on the farm. Their presence there means much to their country—a thousand times more than they realize.

The city offers but one chance in a hundred for success, for every large city is already over

populated, and for every job worth the having there are many applicants.

Today, as we write this article, every city in the country is groaning under the burden of its unemployed. Many hundreds of thousands of people are without bread and wholly dependent upon charity. This is the condition of the great cities today—a condition which should not appeal to any intelligent young man from the farm.

The farm offers the young man a life of honor, and of peace, and of plenty.

The glare of the electric light offers him all that he should not have.

Young men of wisdom should stick to the farm.

Fools have no wisdom to lose.

The Health Commissioner Goldwater should aspire to establish a system by which every man, woman and child in the city shall submit at least once a year to a thorough physical examination goes to prove that he is a man of courage. But the charming theory that he is engaged in nursing will go to smash at the first encounter with public opinion, because people will not consent to the form of annoyance he proposes.—New York World, July 20, 1914.

ESTIMATES UNRELIABLE

Contractor's Proposal Valueless in the Absence of Specifications.—Bonds May be Enjoined.

The citizens have now received the proposed plans for the county court house as well as a proposition from a contractor to erect the proposed building for \$25,000 and which is the architects estimate.

To the uninitiated, as almost every citizen must be, all of this may seem regular and in order. To a builder it is all a huge joke. We take great pleasure in submitting a few ideas on the subject for the consideration of the voters.

As to the architects estimate: The architect's estimate is made to get the job, that is to obtain the job of making the plans and superintending the construction, amounting to 5 per cent of the cost. In this case, \$1,250 leaving \$23,750 for the building.

These architects have become notorious in submitting propositions and afterwards making the building cost more or cutting out good material and substituting poor. Two instances where both have been done are immediately at hand: The Boise state house and the Methodist church building at Caldwell. Other instances are at hand and worse, but these will suffice at this time.

To help things along it is customary to have a contractor put in a bid that he will build the building for the price. NEITHER ONE are bound under this proposition. The architect will have the owners make some necessary change which immediately absolves them under the law, their plans can never be so perfect but what this can be, and always will be done.

The contractor is in NO WAY bound. When the time comes to build or let the contract to build, THE LEAST CHANGE PERMITS a withdrawal of the bid.

In the present instance, there are no specifications MADE PUBLIC. A general statement of the size of the building and the rooms is absolutely meaningless.

Every taxpayer has the plans, and may think he has the specifications, at hand, let him take them and see if he can find out the following: Of what material is the "CORNICHE"? What is the quality of the glass used in the windows? What is the depth and width of the FOUNDATIONS? Of what character is the plumbing and sanitary system?

Do the plans show a hollow wall for vaults? What is the meaning of the words "up to date methods" "most approved," "scientific"?

These questions are only a few that can be asked and EVERY ONE OF THEM must be known to the contractor before he can make a bid with intelligence. Anything will do for a guess, particularly if there is an UNDERSTANDING with the architect.

Now let us understand another matter: Suppose there should be a change which increased the cost of the building and the contractor refused to go on for the reason that THE CHANGE WAS MADE SUBSEQUENT TO HIS PROPOSAL, who will pay the difference? Suppose the county commissioners find that they are getting a cheap and worthless building. What will they do and who will pay?

We will continue to show you the fallacies of the entire transaction and will submit a vast amount of accurate data. But well remember this: Should the county seat be

removed you taxpayers cannot do as the king of France. The king of France went up the hill with 20,000 men; the king of France came down the hill with 20,000 men. You can go up the hill, my friends, but you cannot come down, you must continue to climb and pay not only your own taxes, but the taxes of the men who are trying to induce you to perform a treacherous act for their benefit and your loss.

Again Mr. Taxpayer, suppose that it should prove illegal for the city of Ontario to issue the bonds and the voters have removed the county seat? There are many decisions that bear out this statement, late decisions; since the passage of the "Corrupt Practice" acts. Who will pay the bills for a new court house? The county seat being removed within 90 days and the bonds failed who will pay for the removal, rents, and new buildings?

Ontario has plenty of money, they have saved it out of their taxes, and if we "wait a few years perhaps they will not only build the building, move the records and jail cells but give us a decent building and pay the salaries of the officials for a number of years." This latter thought was expressed by a prominent citizen at Dead Ox where Messrs. Lees and Homan made a canvass the other day.

DIABOLUS.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR BOOTH

Republican Candidate for United States Senator

Are you better off now than you were under a Republican administration?

Are you satisfied? If you believe in the principles of the Republican Party, if you are convinced that these principles are best for the country, then prove it by voting for your standard bearer, Robert A. Booth, Republican candidate for the United States Senate.

You know that under Republican presidents the people of the United States have good times.

You know that under Democratic presidents you have Democratic times.

Remember the prosperity under McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

Remember the conditions under Cleveland and Wilson.

The issue in this campaign is not one of personality. It is not one of non-partisanship. It is a question of whether you prefer prosperity under Republican administration.

Do you have enough work? Are your wages good? Is your business what you want it to be?

If you are satisfied with present conditions, well and good; if you believe that the present situation is better than under McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, you know what to do.

The way to bring prosperity is to help elect a Republican Senate. The Republican candidate in Oregon is R. A. Booth.

This is a Republican year. Vote the ticket straight.

(Paid adv. Republican State Central Com. Imperial Hotel, Portland, Or.)

GRAND STAND PLAY EXPOSED

Ontario Club Tries to Steal Thunder.—Governor's letter Given Below.

Brogan will commence real shipment of produce during the ensuing year. The work of the past years will then commence to show. There has been some difficulty between the settlers and the Willow river company and the matter is now in the courts and will probably be adjusted in a short time.

In this connection the Enterprise commented somewhat strongly upon the bid for votes made by the Ontario Commercial Club and below we publish confirmation of our statements at that time.

The state has the same privilege that have the other settlers, and they are entitled to give their quota of assistance in court costs and expenses. Mr. Flynn, at the instance of the Brogan Commercial Club on behalf of the settlers, visited Gov. West and later corresponded with him. The correspondence follows:

"Brogan, Ore., Oct. 6, 1914. Editor Enterprise, Vale, Oregon. Dear Sir:—I think that the article explained itself. Governor West suggested in his talk that I look up the records and see if there was

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any state school money loaned on lands under the project, and said that being the case that the State could enter the fight in behalf of the settlers. I found that there were two such loans and wrote the Governor to that effect. I inclose herewith copy of my letter to the Governor and his reply to the same. I have two other letters from Governor West, one of which I gave to Mr. A. A. Reed and I cannot locate the other at this time but I think that the data we have will fully cover the case to date. I am not looking for any glory in this but simply took the matter up in behalf of the settlers with the governor.

Yours very truly, HARRY FLYNN. State of Oregon, Executive Department, Salem, September 18th, 1914. —Mr. Harry Flynn, Brogan, Oregon. Dear Sir:—I wish to thank you for yours of the 17th instant, calling my attention to the loans from the school fund. I have looked up the matter and find that you are rightly informed as to these two loans. I will endeavor to use them as a means of giving your people state aid in your fight against the Willow River Purchase. Very truly yours, OSWALD WEST."

CARTER HOUSE UNDER-VALUED Assessment of Blackaby & Lees Investigated by the Officers. Once more we are compelled to chronicle a failure to find the tax dodger with whom we are accused of associating. Once more has the bright Oregon sun circled the high heavens, shedding its glory alike on the just and the unjust, and we must acknowledge defeat in our high purpose. Last week we showed up some of what we presumed to be gross mathematical errors in several of the greatest taxpayers of Ontario. But they have sworn that they were over-assessed, admitting that Vale property was worth more money than their Ontario holdings. We

have always suspected this. And are happy to have it confirmed by high authority. J. R. Blackaby appeared on the scene Saturday and gave evidence showing that the Carter house block and lots were over-assessed at the following valuation: Lots 8-9-10, Block 5, at \$5,500; Improvements \$8,640; total \$14,140. The Drexel Hotel at Vale assessed at \$21,360. Here, my farmer friends, is one reason why your taxes are so high. Ontario men are NOT PAYING on a just valuation. This same man owns some 350 lots, under-assessed, which he is asking YOU to help make saleable at a high figure. Will you do it?

mediately admitted citizens of another state, with older orchards and older irrigation systems to competition and saw that they got the premiums. Malheur citizens cannot compete in the other state. The fair proved a failure. ONTARIO immediately whined and called a special election and through the complaisance of the good citizens drew down \$13,000. The special election cost \$2,500. Moreover it has been proved through examination of the records that Vale and the FARMERS are paying taxes on a far greater relative VALUATION than is ONTARIO. Thus it is PROVED that ONTARIO has been a BENEFICIARY and that VALE has been a GIVER.

In one breath their club offers to move the JAIL, the same jail they have declared worthless and in the next build NEW jails.

VALE is of the opinion that when Malheur county has a NEW court house it should cost and be worth \$150,000, but Vale thinks that this present court house will do very well until that time comes. They believe that there is no necessity for TWO such court houses as are proposed and VALE AS WELL AS OTHERS KNOW THAT THE PROPOSAL OF THE ONTARIO COMMERCIAL CLUB IS SIMPLY TO GET THE COUNTY COMMITTED and that the COST WILL EVENTUALLY BE FAR MORE THAN \$150,000. Vale offers the best of the two towns as evidence; they offer the present methods as evidence, and they offer every public building of every county in the state as evidence of the bad faith of the ONTARIO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

VALE TAXPAYER. JUNTURA BEATS ONTARIO VALUE The Tax Dodger Does not Live up the Line, so Say the Records. It certainly was a crime to accuse us of tax-dodging. We searched steadily all day and pass sleepless nights of nearly so. An unreal, nervous, sleepy condition comes over us at times and we dream. Dream that Bruce business men had concluded not to permit a subsidized

paper to longer misrepresent them. Dream that the high plane advertised by the Argus as one on which they were standing was not the outcome of finding that they were avoiding their taxes which the farmers were compelled to make good. (Argus assessment \$500; Enterprise \$1,650). Arising and examining the books we found the astounding fact that Vale was not the only Malheur county town with property far more valuable than Ontario property. The Juntura Investment company has some 920 lots assessed at \$26,755, and some 700 acres of acreage property, cut into 5 or more acre lots assessed at \$21,880. The Ontario Townsite company (whose heads are fighting day and night to convince citizens that a bribe is honest and to be just is to give to Ontario) have some 915 lots assessed at \$12.20 per lot. Most of these latter are in the beautiful Riverside Addition, (road land.) Here then is the supposed new county seat of Davis county, Juntura, assessed at \$29.00 per lot, J. M. P. Corson at Vale \$20.00 and the grand-stand players at Ontario only \$12.20 per lot. We cannot suppose that they mean that we are associating with one of the men who wander almost alone on a "high plane of honor." As for the comment that the tax dodger lives in Vale we remark that there MAY be one or two in Vale, but VALE is not, HAS not, WILL NOT pose. It's the Ontario grand-stand real estate man that proposes to pose, HAS proposed to pose, and we presume WILL propose to pose on a "high plane of honor." DIABOLUS. Poets have sounded the wickedness of the world in comparing the evil with the good. Therefore, in order to find support against ruthless spoliation and unbounded avarice we have but to examine the pages of divine inspiration. Let the poet state the case between Vale and Ontario: "With this there grows, in my most ill-composed affection, such a staunchless avarice, that were I king, I should cut off the nobles for their lands; Desteir his jewels, and this other's house; All my more-having would be as a curse To make me hunger more; that I should forge Quarrels unjust against the good and loyal, Destroying them for wealth."

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