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Harry W. Lane

Regardless alike of political and personal differences, it is admitted on all sides that with the death of United States Senator Harry W. Lane at San Francisco on his way home to Portland, Oregon lost a most distinguished and capable citizen. His funeral was held Tuesday in Lone Fir Cemetery, with the flags of the city at half mast. Dr. Lane's claim to fame lies in his rugged honesty, his downright sincerity, and his absolute fearlessness. Indeed in these qualities he has justly been likened to "Honest Abe." As Superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, as Mayor of Portland, and as United States Senator he has always been the foe of graft and inefficiency, the friend of the poor and oppressed, the champion and exponent of honest conviction. It is sad to think that the bitter and almost venomous attacks made upon him for being true to his oath of office and his personal convictions by the partisan press of the state, - attacks aimed at discrediting him politically in order that he might be replaced by a representative of their interests - have proven the last straw, the burden that could not be borne, and he has gone down, wearied and worn out under the terrific strain, and left behind him a noble example and priceless heritage which even those who differ with him may be proud to share.

Had a small fraction of the kindly and charitable things which are now being said about him been spoken and printed a few months ago there is very likelihood that Senator Lane in the flesh might be still amongst us an honored and a useful citizen. Even his colleague, Senator Chamberlain who now states that Senator Lane was not in any way guilty of partaking in a filibuster, failed at the crucial time to come to his comrade's assistance and defense. Had the tables been turned - as indeed they have been in a measure in the past, - the loyalty of Lane to Chamberlain would have been, and was, of a different stamp. He was an infinitely greater man. - J. S. F.

Draft Acres As Well As Men.

When the people get wiser they will no more think of issuing bonds for anything whatever than a millionaire thinks of issuing a mortgage for 25 cents for his breakfast. There is abundance for any and all local and general purposes (yes, including war) created by the people from year to year and day to day, by their presence and activities in any community, that can be levied upon any time and all the time. It is levied on in this country more than in some others, and it will be levied on more and more as we get our eyes open. It is the values of bare land.

There is no need for any speculation in food. There is plenty. The man who holds land idle for speculation is more of a speculator in food production than he who fills a warehouse with food and will not sell at reasonable figures. While we are denouncing the food speculator let us remember that there is idle land enough in the state of Oregon to feed the entire country if put to use, and that before either labor or capital can use this idle land they must first agree to give a large, and as prices increase, a still larger portion of their product in order to get some idle speculator out of the way. If men can be drafted, why not acres?

Home Trained Citizens.
 To build a home, with love as architect,
 Is one of those God-given gifts that we
 At times are given, that men may erect
 On earth a model of Heaven above;
 For wood and stone themselves can nothing be
 Till placed together by the hands of Love.
 And then we hear from the celestial dome:
 "Ye have done well, for ye have built a home
 And comfort, beauty and protection give
 To all those little ones who come to live
 On earth, and grow and love and still again
 The world replenish with its mead of men."

The above beautiful thought of home calls to mind that each head of a family has an obligation to fulfill, a duty imposed by the Deity which, if the flame of love burns brightly, will be a pleasure to perform - building a home, giving comfort, beauty and protection to his family.

Here is the place where characters are formed; where the essentials of citizenship are instilled into the minds and hearts of the children; where they should be taught to look for the beautiful and pure things of life.

"A home first" should be the motto for every family in our city. Some of us are prone to slight our duty. We are engrossed in commercial pursuits to the detriment of our family obligations. We mean well, but are thoughtless. Others set up as their purpose in life "having a good time," and devote all their time and energy to that end, growing narrower in their vision, having the wrong conception of life's duties.

Both classes are training the wrong classes of citizens. We want in the Mt. Scott district and in Multnomah County home trained citizens. Let us then give more attention to home building - homes where character will be rightly formed - so that our future citizens will have the right conception of life's duties. A home first, then commercial achievement or pleasure.

The proposed taxes on incomes and inheritances are not half what they should be. The needs of the government require that one young man out of ten step into the ranks. Why not one young dollar out of ten? Where there is more income than any family for its own good should (Editorials Continued on Page 4.)

The Home Merchant Wins Easily



HE ALWAYS DOES. He has EVERYTHING YOU WANT.

Why dream of going out of town when you CAN GET ANYTHING YOU WANT in this town?
 Besides, you BOOM the TOWN
 When you BOOM THE TOWN
 you BOOM YOURSELF

Trade at Home

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PEOPLE'S FORUM

Trade Conspiracy Ordinance.

To the Editor:
 In the confusion of candidates and issues before the voters in the coming election, there is danger that some measures which are of vital importance but which are apparently unimposing, may be given slight attention by the citizens of Portland, in the fact of what they may conceive to be larger issues.

One of the measures which no citizen of Portland should permit himself to minimize, as to its importance at this time, is the measure known as the Trade Conspiracy Ordinance, which is designed to give the city power sufficient to control some of the forces most dangerous to industrial peace.

The people of the United States, in any community where there is industry of any kind, dare not temporize now on measures which will clear the way to uninterrupted and peaceful prosecution of manufacturing, for the future depends more than many of us realize, upon every factory turning out all it is capable of.

Fomenting labor troubles at this time is little short of treasonable. Conducting the argument of labor disputes through methods which aim to tie up the production of any concern, or to hamper or destroy its efficiency - a method hateful to the public at all times - is doubly to be guarded against at this time.

The mass of American labor is loyal, but there can be no certainty as to what moment some labor agitator may attempt to launch some attack in our industrial field.

The picket, boycott and banner method of conducting labor disputes is a menace in many ways. It stirs up industrial discord; it hampers production and may destroy an industry just at this time, when it is most needed; it leaves behind it deeper hostility and more bitter misunderstanding between employer and employee.

The Trade Conspiracy Ordinance provides fair and legitimate methods of protection for industry and the public against this threat, and against any conspiratorial business-wrecking enterprise that may be inaugurated under this or similar methods.

Voters should not, in the volume of other issues that they are called upon to decide, forget to cast a vote for this ordinance and thus to insure stability to industry at a time when stability is vitally necessary.

J. A. BRAUCHT.

Opposes Conspiracy Ordinance.

The people of Portland are being urged to make fools of themselves by a bunch of labor fighters who make a living out of it.

They are being asked to vote a Trade Conspiracy ordinance onto the city statutes.

It will simply make trouble and expense for a lot of people.

- Jobs for lawyers.
- Jobs for professional labor fighters.
- Jobs for courts.
- Jobs for police.
- Jobs.

The whole thing is a job.

It will be a sad job to every fraternal order or publication that will seek to secure work for its members, patronage for its members, preference for its members.

It will be a sad job for business, that is, any kind of useful business.

The ordinance can't stop boycotting. All the power of the Czar of Russia in his days of power could not stop it.

From the time when people first began to trade and to have commercial relations, they have boycotted, with and without reason. They refused to trade with those they didn't like, and they did it and do it, and will continue to do so.

There are a number of commercial organizations who protect each other by sending out lists of bad debtors, and people hard to collect from. According to this ordinance they are liable to fine and punishment.

A few months ago the Chamber of Commerce sent out a personal letter to its employees and members urging the boycotting of a certain business in this city.

The Employers Association back of this Trade Conspiracy bill is itself organized for no other purpose than to boycott employers who will not be dictated to by it, and the blacklisting of workmen who propose to collectively bargain for wages and conditions of employment instead of going up against the game single-handed.

The passage of the measure will not stop boycotting. It may victimize some engaged in some forms of boycotting.

It will simply tie the thing up in court for years and compel a lot of lawyers to work nights and Sundays attacking and defending the abortion.

If finally sustained the boycotts of the labor people will be more fierce, more positive, harder to stop and more vindictive than ever.

There are other ways of boycotting

besides packing banners in the streets. That is resorted to because of its being cheaper than some other forms.

This ordinance might do away with that, if it is finally sustained that it is not a form of free speech.

Some of these poor, ignorant, labor fighters imagine that is the only form of boycotting.

It is my inalienable right to refuse to deal with a man because he has red hair, or a cut lip, or a false leg, if I choose to put forth such excuses as reasons.

And it is my inalienable right to tell other people WHY I see fit to withhold my more or less valuable patronage from him.

If in doing so he has been slandered he has other recourse than having me arrested for conspiracy.

It is my inalienable right to TELL my fellow citizens WHY I will not work for another man, and to ask others to help me in bringing him to a reasonable frame of mind.

No city ordinance can upset the constitution of the state and United States.

Declaring the consulting together of men who have, or think they have, a grievance against you or me, to talk over how to inform their friends of your attitude, or mine, toward them, and ask them to assist us by refraining from patronizing them, is an inalienable right, and cannot be taken away from them by city ordinance, any more than can the right of religious belief, suffrage, power to travel about without consent of the town council, free speech, a free press and other rights hard won by past generations. Restricting such rights only makes more trouble and gets nowhere in the end.

The most that this ordinance can do is to make trouble for victims of an organized conspiracy already working to the limit the weapon it would wrest from others, and jobs for lawyers. - Alfred D. Cridge.

P. R. L. & P. And Telephone Co.

Editor Herald:-
 I am wholly in accord with your editorial of May 17th entitled, "Figures Don't Lie, but Liars Figure."

A more unconscionable gang of free booters never got their fangs inserted in any community than the Phone and Light companies infesting Portland.

I have been fighting both for years and hoping to break the back of the P. R. L. & P. Co. I gave as a free gift to the City of Portland filings covering 17,000 horse power of water on the upper Sandy four years ago. That Company, this month, had to meet their note of Five Million Dollars for the Mt. Hood Rail and Power purchase. The Utility Commission awarded them a million and a half of dollars for the tangible things in sight, the railroad, stations, right of way, etc. Calling up their Superintendent this morning I asked Mr. Coldwell what amount of horse power they claimed as constant belonging to them from the Mt. Hood purchase and he said about 15,000 horse power. This then, and the little land that accompanies it, they paid Three Million, Five Thousand Dollars for.

On this valuation my gift to the city of Portland exceeds Four Million Dollars. The telephone companies are extorting from this city over one and a half Million Dollars yearly, of which at least over a million dollars is cool rascally extortion. I proposed a method of acquiring the Home Co., now defaulted, on payment of interest on its bonds to the City Commissioners which would have put the city in business at once if acquired, but the patriots who so self-sacrificingly work night and day for the interests of the city, (may be) bowled it out with scant ceremony, by a unanimous vote, as the record reads.

Rates of \$1.00 in the homes and \$1.50 in the offices for monthly service are ample for the payment of interest and up-keep of a utility not incusted in the cost of rascally manipulation, and this is what we must eventually obtain, any way I shall work for it night and day. - Chas. P. Church.

Favors The Bond Issue

Editor Mt. Scott Herald, Dear Sir: Suppose you sold your home for a cash consideration and a certain sum each year for a specified term of years. Then suppose you bought an unimproved place with the cash you had, wouldn't you be apt to borrow at least a part of the money you would expect to realize from the other place and use it to improve the new one? I think you would. I would, and I'll wager you would before you had lived very long on the unimproved place after having had something better, and with the assurance of having the money to return it with.

Should the Road Bonds carry we will be transacting business in about the same way. The legislature has raised automobile license fees and turned the sum that will be realized into the road fund. Now it is proposed to borrow the sum that will accrue from those license fees during a certain period of time and use it at once instead of using it a little each year as it comes in. The automobile owner will pay the bill and the rest of folks not a single extra penny. Whether you vote for the bonds or not, the license on our machines has been more than doubled in some instances. We are willing to pay. With

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The Bank Is Safer Than the Stove.

SCARCELY a week goes by that the newspapers don't print a story of some foolish housewife who thoughtlessly started a fire in the stove where she had stored away the savings of a lifetime. Money placed in a stove or in a teapot or under a carpet does not draw interest. It is not safe from thieves. It is not safe from fire. Money deposited in a bank draws interest. The steel vaults in our bank are impervious to fire and thieves. Bank your money with us.

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