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True Americanism

Our esteemed contemporary The Oregonian has seen fit to take exception to our editorial last week which was written with the hopes that it might help in some little way to urge the government to safeguard the welfare of our boys over in Europe better than they are being safeguarded at present. There are almost 200 homes in Lents who are vitally interested in this question, and undoubtedly before the war is very much older there will be others. Times of great national stress are times for clear, logical, forceful thinking, and it is to be greatly regretted that the Oregonian would stoop to the humiliating practice of branding everything "made in Germany" that does not meet with their approval. Such wanton appeals to prejudice and hatred are the universal tools of mob rule, lynching parties and Bolshevism in general, they are unworthy of so great a paper as the Oregonian.

The Oregonian does the motherhood of America a great wrong when it hints that she would refrain from sending her sons to battle on account of conditions not being what she would desire. American mothers are not that kind; they will never hesitate, nor will they stop short of any effort necessary to improve those conditions after the boys have gone. It was in response to the appeal of motherhood that our editorial was written. While no true American mother will hesitate at the amount of the sacrifice required of her, daily, whatever that sacrifice may be, no nation has any right to risk the destruction or ruination of its sons by any agencies from which it has the power to guard him. Pro-Germanism will rejoice in the fostering of vice among our boys in the trenches, while true patriotism is now demanding with insistent voice that our army across the water be as well protected from drink and immorality on European soil as upon our own.

The country is demanding two steps, immediate war prohibition in the United States for the saving of food, fuel and freight cars, and prohibition for our army wherever it may be stationed.

Whenever the United States goes dry we can demand a like step from our Allies. Any public official or great newspaper which fails to recognize this "vox populi" either cannot hear or is unwilling to listen.

Civilize New York.

The following editorial published in The Public, New York, shows plainly the need of that great centre for a little more Western Civilization. No longer can it be said with much truth "the wild and woolly west" rather it is the "eastern barbarians." Let us hope the east will soon wake up! The Public says, "The veneer of civilization is none too thick in a commonwealth where a judge is required by law to sentence a sixteen-year-old boy to death. New York must endure the disgrace of such an occurrence, but the same thing could have occurred in any other State not sufficiently advanced to abolish capital punishment. The victim in this case is Paul Chapman, sentenced by Justice Kapper of New York City. It may be said that no governor will permit such a sentence to be carried out. Let us

hope that it is true, and that Governor Whitman will not wait to be flooded with petitions before seeing his duty in the matter. In the meantime, no stronger or fitter comment can be offered than that of an honored correspondent:

"It seems to me that the motherhood of New York State, now powerful with the ballot, cannot stand for such an intolerable outrage against childhood.

"It is monstrous that a child--five years too young to vote--should have the horror of standing up to receive a capital sentence, burned into his life. I am confining myself to the iniquity of the pronouncement of the sentence, for I cannot conceive that it will be consummated.

"The proceedings themselves, up to this point, constitute an atrocity. I have the utmost faith that the voting women of New York will have the power to prevent their going further; and that an agitation will be created that will wipe the infamy of any capital punishment off the statute books of the State."

John Barleycorn Rules.

If it were not such a serious matter, the Food Administration's efforts to save grain which the brewers and distillers are now using would be almost laughable. The facts as to the enormous quantity of not only grain, but also sugar, fuel and freight cars used for the manufacture of alcoholic liquors are indisputable, and immediate war prohibition would solve the food problem almost instantly, yet the Food Administration continue to cut off the tail of the dog an inch at a time instead of cutting it off behind the head, which is manifestly the proper place. They have limited the trade to two-thirds of their usual output, and are now announcing that all the barley is needed and they must have a substitute--probably corn. For months the government has been recommending barley flour as a substitute, but it promptly went out of sight and could not be bought, corn will now undoubtedly follow suit and corn meal is liable to become a luxury. What a travesty on our boasted liberty when the Food Dictators even, are so afraid of the corrupt influences of the liquor traffic, and their lobby is so active in Washington that they alone are thus immune!

Political News Letter

by F. J. Kupfer

There is not the enthusiasm displayed in the senatorial race as in previous campaigns and whether it's owing to the apathy of the people or those "waiting spells" which usually overcome candidate it's hard to fathom. Those who are in the field at the present time are waiting for others who are in "the make-up" to make up their announcements. "Bob" Standfield is touring in Eastern Oregon according to last report. No predictions according to indications as he sees it, that he will carry Eastern Oregon. Mr. Huston has recently been to the southern part of the state and has also been favorably received. So far there has been no effort on the part of Mr. McNary's friends to start his campaign. As far as we can learn his "board of advisers" has not as yet been consummated. Mr. McMasters of Douglas County is still undecided as to making the race, but will give his friends a decided answer within the week.

As to the democratic candidates for United States Senators neither Sam White nor Judge King have taken any active part so far. Judge King is expected to arrive from Washington during the following week, when he probably will open up his campaign.

Several of the candidates running for Governor have already made tours throughout the state, shaking hands with their constituents. Everyone has the highest hopes of landing the perquisites and at the present time the favorite is still to be mentioned. In fact it is going to be a free for all race. Gus Moser is doing considerable preliminary country work before making the campaign in the city. Louis J. Simpson "the Coos Bay Favorite" and a friend to everybody is making a whirl-wind

campaign and is highly elated at the cordial reception tendered him wherever he has been. Louis Simpson (that's what they call him down on the bay) is an exceptionally good looking young man, a born orator and of splendid character. His word is as good as a million--and that's his reputation at Coos Bay.

Dr. Anderson is "yet a-coming", but no doubt he will make himself known at the proper time. His press agent has not made a whisper in this neck of the woods, whether it's owing to the dry weather or not may be later determined and when least expected.

Of course we must not overlook our secretary of state, Ben O'cott, he is banking on the exemption law to keep him going. He is the first candidate to initiate the movement to turn some of that good taxpayers money over to the government. And of course the rest of them will go him one better, by giving the Red Cross nearly all of their salary, with just enough left to meet current expenses.

We have heard rumors afloat that the Governor will issue his famous proclamation within the next few days. He has been so good natured that he was willing to give his opponents a good start so that in case he should win, it will be a greater credit to himself.

The only candidate to make his announcement for Justice of the Supreme Court is Percy R. Kelly of Albany. This is something unusual, as heretofore this office was considered one of the choice plums to be gathered in.

C. N. McArthur and A. W. Lafferty are the only ones so far who have made their announcement for Congress from this district, and there are no indications that anyone else will enter the congressional race so far as we are aware.

The candidates for the various departments of the Circuit Court are now beginning to assume pronounced recognition. Judge Stapleton has two opponents at this writing, Mr. Owens an attorney in the Pittock block and Arthur I. Moulton, who at a recent election was a candidate for Congress. Judge Gantenbein has not positively decided whether he would or would not run. He is still flirting with the government and hoping to receive at most any time that commission that he so highly prizes. Judge Morrow is also one of those who is on the waiting list. Judge Dayton has his eye on his department and the Judge has made many friends since he has held down the District Court; in fact he is considered one of the brightest young men on the bench. A. W. Orton is another "old veteran" and a candidate for Circuit Judge. He is not satisfied with holding down two offices "all at once" but is looking for another that is more remunerative, especially these hard and strenuous times. Judge W. W. McCredie, of base ball fame, has aspirations for the bench and is yearning for the good old times when he was "doing judging" in Vancouver. There are several others of more or less prominence and reputation who are contemplating to sacrifice themselves at the altar of justice. Of these more anon.

Sheriff Hurlbert whose only opponent at present is John C. Cook of Tremont, who is showing surprising political strength, will run again to succeed himself; so will County Clerk Beveridge Constable Peterson and County Auditor Martin.

W. W. Hall, real estate man and formerly county clerk of Marion county will enter the race for county clerk against Beveridge.

For County Commissioner there are quite a number who have made their announcement. The present Commissioners Holbrook and Holman will run again to succeed themselves. Will H. Daly, former City Commissioner, Ralph Hoyt, A. A. Bailey, Lou Carpenter and George B. Thomas have also consented to make the race.

Sam Martin, County Auditor has made his announcement to succeed himself and E. H. Collis an expert accountant is the only opponent for the office of County Auditor so far.

Dr. Earl Smith is the only candidate for Coroner as yet. Dr. Smith was appointed by the County Commissioners to complete the term for which Dr. Dammasch was elected.

SPECIAL CLUBBING OFFER

For a limited time we are in a position to offer The Evening Telegram with our paper for one year each for only \$5.50. The price of the Evening Telegram is \$5, ours is \$1.50 Total \$6.50, now for \$5.50. The well known writer David Hazen will soon commence his exclusive war stories to The Telegram. He will specialize on stories of the troops from the Northwest and undoubtedly local boys will appear from time to time. The present is therefore an opportune time to accept this special clubbing offer.

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