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DON'T HECKLE THE PRESIDENT

It is now a practical certainty that a meeting will be held in Washington some time in November for the purpose of discussing international disarmament and certain far eastern affairs. This meeting will be attended by official representatives of the governments of the United States, England, France, Italy, Belgium, China and others. There is a possibility that German delegates may be present.

The conference may result in great and everlasting good, or it may end in a farce. That is yet to be determined.

In the meantime there are many newspapers in this country that will be editorially discussing the various phases of these subjects with a view to swaying public opinion to their way of thinking, and especially the throwing of light upon the more or less obscure points.

There are others that will have for their secret aim the embarrassment of the president just at a time when he should receive the support of the American people in this laudable undertaking of his.

The peace of the world in general and of this country in particular is of far more importance than the evening up of political scores and private grudges.

A free and frank discussion of these subjects is legitimate and is to be desired. It is in accordance with the traditional policy of the American people.

But deliberate heckling of the president just at that time will be unfortunate, if not disastrous.

It is difficult for any president to make good on an international project of this magnitude when he is being pulled back by his own people.

Don't heckle the president.

COMPLAISANT AMERICA

It is not to be expected that the recent indictment of the governor and lieutenant of Illinois for alleged acts while acting as state treasurer should escape widespread discussion throughout the United States.

Time and a jury will determine their guilt or innocence, but their indictment serves to bring forcibly to the public mind the fact that we Americans are entirely too complaisant for our individual and collective good.

The average voter has too little to say in the selection of candidates who are to make the race for public office. In other states not enjoying the direct primary this is especially true. Self-appointed political leaders very considerably do the selecting for them by secretly choking off those who are not acceptable to them while the remainder perform their sacred duty as sovereign citizens, by toddling up to the polls and voting for them like good little fellows.

It is seldom that they ever dig down into a candidate's past to determine whether or not he is a suitable man for an office or public trust.

It is equally seldom that a politician's past is resurrected to plague him unless a rival politician goes running for him, as it is charged was done in Illinois.

It is often the case that rival candidates for an office are both tarred with the same brush, and neither cares to scratch beneath the surface for fear of being forced to swallow a dose of his own medicine.

What we need in this country is more independence and assertiveness on the part of the plain voters. We will always have political leaders, because we can not well get along without them, but they should be taught to select men of character and ability for public office or expect them to be defeated for the nomination or at the polls. They should be taught to understand that we want men who will labor for the collective good of all of the people, and not be swayed by the wishes of the bosses who place them in office.

But these are things difficult of accomplishment until the plain voter removes the political halter from his neck and stands forth a free and independent man, voicing and voting his own convictions and accepting dictation from no source, but manfully accepting the verdict of the majority when the votes have been counted.

We have done that in Oregon. The standard newspapers in some of the eastern states have on occasions tried to hold us up to ridicule as the fool of the family because we have insisted upon choosing our own candidates. Some of our western papers, with a sneaking hankering to hamstring the direct primary, have also sneered and jibed. But somehow, we have escaped choosing the Newberrys and the Smalls of political life. The men we have chosen have usually served us faithfully.

YOUR FOREIGN INVESTMENT

News dispatches from Washington recently informed us that there was an "understanding" under the Wilson administration whereby the payment of interest on the ten billions of dollars owed to us by certain foreign governments was to be deferred for something like twenty-five years.

Indications now are that the present administration will adhere to this "understanding."

There are something over a hundred million people in the United States. Ten billions of dollars, with

interest now due and unpaid, means one hundred dollars, pro rata, for every man, woman and child in this country.

That represents your forced loan to foreign governments.

Apparently you are not to expect any interest on this loan for twenty-five years or more.

You should not be surprised if you never see either the interest or the principal.

How do you like it?
Or do you like it?

The tax collector will be around as usual.

VERY MUCH AWAKE

There may have been a time when the residents of a small country town or a farming district took little or no interest in affairs outside of their own local community, other than to vote their straight party tickets at election time.

But that time is not now. It has not been for many years. The man behind the counter or the plow is just as vitally interested in state and national affairs as is his cousin in the great city.

The foreign news is just as carefully scanned from day to day, and the field of research and invention is religiously scrutinized.

There is little that transpires in the world of affairs that is not known and understood by the man in his rural home, for it is through his constant search for advanced knowledge of a practical nature that he is enabled to keep pace with the swiftly moving tides of life.

If a just comparison could be made it is probable that, man for man, the person in the country town or on the farm would be found to be better posted on the affairs of the world in general than the average dweller of any of the great cities.

A LINE OF COMMENT

People who play with fire often get cold feet.

Many a big gun politically is a small bore morally.

Free advice is generally worth no more than it costs.

Possessing a will to do is the best assurance that it will be done.

The day of the soap box orator has passed. Boxes are too expensive.

Remember the Sabbath day, and see if your neighbor keeps it holy.

Millionaires are often successful in matrimony and unsuccessful in love. Most women are guided by instinct but a few refuse to be guided at all.

That fellow feeling causes a few people to quickly recognize the grunt of a hog.

The high cost of everything prevents the advent of the low cost of anything.

Few men are ever without friends until they begin to borrow money from them.

Women look into a mirror in order to see themselves as they want others to see them.

When a fool man attempts to argue with a woman he first gets licked and then gets mad.

Anyone is justified in loving this town. It is full of beautiful women and attractive children.

The truth should be told at all times, but it is often safer to let the other fellow do the telling.

A loose tongue is invariably a sign of a weak mind. Neither are of any particular value to mankind.

It would be inconsistent to accuse a married woman of having her price. She gave herself away.

A subscriber wants to know why it would not be just as proper to tax a cat as a dog. That--ahem--depends.

Men and women are now considered equal, except wherein it interferes with the prejudices of the men.

We have no fear of our sins finding us out. Everybody knows them now, and a lot more than we possess.

Women are quick to claim their newly made prerogatives in all things except the payment of the family bills.

Some people are so busy telling others what to do they have no time left in which to do those things themselves.

Now that the grafters have been kicked out, it is reported that the public is beginning to lose interest in baseball.

If you and a few others were removed from this world how many really good husbands would there be left?

If this country keeps on turning out millionaires a fellow will soon have to be stone broke in order to be aristocratic.

Experimenting in the effects of wood alcohol is not confined to chemists or physicians alone. But you'd better "let George do it."

A New York physician says that the prevalence of divorce in proportion to the growing wealth of the country is due to a change in function of the pituitary body. Now we know all about it.

Every citizen of the United States should make a careful study of existing conditions in this country and the governmental methods of dealing with them. The greater the knowledge and interest displayed by private citizens the more carefully will public officials watch their steps.

Compliment to the Mare.

Talk of automobile drivers being arrested for violating the speed limit when they fly up and down the highways at 40, 50, 60, etc., miles an hour, drew one day a bit of reminiscence from Captain Thomas E. Halls of the United States secret service.

"I remember one time back in a little Ohio town," said the captain, "when my father was stopped by an officer of the law because he was driving his mare more than 12 miles an hour."

"You was going more than twelve miles an hour," said the officer; "I'll arrest you for speeding."

"No, get up, get up," my father said. "That's a compliment to the mare. She can't go 12 miles an hour."—Detroit Free Press.

Cat's Meat.

The port of London authorities are spending more than \$5,000 a year for cat's meat, that the large army of cats required to deal with the rats and mice infesting the docks may be supported in the style to which they have been accustomed. So presumably the cats are purely "sportsmen," just kill the rats for the fun of the thing, but never eat their prey. And also, presumably, the cats don't make much headway with their jobs, since we are assured the staff has been continually increased—and likewise the appropriations for their support. It looks like a political sinecure.—Los Angeles Times.

COMING EVENTS

National Association Scientific Angling Clubs, Portland, August.

State Dental society, Portland, August.

Southwest Washington fair, Chesham-Centralia, August 22.

Pacific German Methodist conference, August 24.

Northwest conference Methodist church, South, Portland, August 31.

Lane County Fair, Eugene, September 13 to 16.

Clackamas County Fair, Canby, September 14 to 16.

Northwest Hay and Grain Show, Pendleton, September 19 to 24.

Multnomah County Fair, Gresham, September 19 to 25.

Columbia County Fair, St. Helens, September 21 to 23.

Oregon State Fair, Salem, Sept. 26 to October 1.

Linn County Fair, Albany, October 3 to 8.

Wasco County Fair, The Dalles, October 4 to 7.

Oregon Methodist conference, Forest Grove, October 5.

Polk County Fair, Dallas, October 6 to 8.

Royal Arcanum, grand council, Portland, October 13.

Knights Templar, grand commandery, La Grande, October 13.

National Grange meeting, Portland, November 8-12.

Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland, November 25, 26.

STATEMENT—Of the Multnomah State Bank of Portland, County of Multnomah, State of Oregon, showing the amount standing to the credit of every depositor July 1, 1921, who has not made a deposit, or who has not withdrawn any part of his deposit (commercial deposits), principal or interest, for a period of more than seven (7) years immediately prior to said date, with the name, last known place of residence or postoffice address of such depositor, and the fact of his death, if known.

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