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YOU EATERS.

Fourteen out of fifteen articles of food were higher in price on June 15 of 1912 than the year before.

This is a statement of the bureau of labor, and is Uncle Sam's talk—not a Courier statement.

We export large quantities of food and shut out importations by a high tariff.

The duty on smoked hams is four cents a pound. They advanced in price nearly three cents per pound in twelve months.

The duty on flour is 25 per cent. It advanced almost eleven per cent during the year.

The duty on bacon is four cents per pound, and it has advanced in price almost 100 per cent in ten years.

And so on down the line—you eaters know the advances.

And many of the food stuffs are sold cheaper abroad than at home.

What are you going to do about it November 5th?

See any relief in voting either Republican ticket?

Roosevelt says the tariff issue is a "red herring" and Taft says it will be a "rainy day" for you if you vote to lower tariff duties.

Wilson says the remedy is to take the tariff off all products controlled by trusts.

Wilson is right. Get in with the crowd and help boost his majority.

PORTLAND "JUSTICE."

I saw in a Portland daily the other day that Frank Priny was asking for a parole for a sentence of 90 days on the rock pile and a fine of \$200—for the crime of being drunk.

Rather stiff on Priny—eh?

And lest you forget, not so many weeks ago the Courier had a comment on another case of justice—where a minister ruined a girl under age, was convicted and sent to prison, and a tender-hearted judge at once paroled him.

Don't you believe we need an inspection of the scales of justice when such different weights are given out?

Don't you think Frank Priny got badly short weighted and the preacher got a big part of what he should have had?

The growing contempt for our courts is the most dangerous proposition before our country today, and so long as we get such discriminating measures as above it will grow.

SERVICE, NOT POLITICS

If you had a man working for you and he had mastered a delicate, intricate part of your business, what would you do to him when he had it down pretty pat?

Fire him?

Hardly. You'd keep him on the job.

When a man has mastered the assessor's work as J. E. Jack has, when he has worked hard to do the work right and assess in justice, as he sees it, the wise thing to do is to keep him there, not for one more term but for many more terms.

There isn't an assessor in Oregon who gives full satisfaction. They can't do it. You see a property through an owner's eyes, I through a seller's. But the man who tries to be dead fair; who gets right down to hard work to come as near full justice as he can, that man ought to stay on the job.

And that man is Assessor J. E. Jack.

Keep him there. Don't mix politics in this office let ability count. Jack is a worker, he's got splendid judgement. Republicans will admit he has made good. And now when he has got where he can give the county good service, DON'T change.

EXTRA!

The political campaign is between President Taft and Professor Wilson. This fact is absolutely established. Roosevelt is out of it.—Oregon City Enterprise.

Taft and Wilson are certainly fighting fairly, and their contest is a pleasing contrast to Roosevelt's mud throwing.

After election they will all tell you who they voted for fast enough—and few will have voted for the low man.

That Theodore Roosevelt is of unsound mind the Courier-Journal has never doubted.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

If there is a newspaper in this congressional district that is supporting Congressman Hawley and asking that he be returned on his record, this office doesn't get it.

Is there a Republican in Clackamas county that will take the stump for Hawley, ask his return to Congress and tell why? Now don't crowd—just one at a time.

How many of the Republican campaigners in Oregon City and Clackamas county dare openly state who they will vote for, for president? Please don't crowd.

General Grant's likeness is being put on the new \$1,000 bills. Some of you fellows may not be able to see his picture so drop into the Courier office most any day before we bank.

President Taft says there will be "rainy days" due when we lower the tariff and compel American trusts to sell to us as low as to foreign nations. Well, come on with the rainy days. We have been having a dry fall, anyhow.

His rather tough on the poor old Republican party when such men as William Hanley of Burns, nominated as a Taft Elector, declines to run and comes out squarely for Wilson. Mr. Hanley says principles should weigh heavier than party labels.

God has made this world, not for a few privileged classes, rich and strong and wise, but for all His children; and His kingdom will not come until all His children have something like a fair chance to make of themselves what they can in this world, and to have some share in its joys and prosperity.—Lyman Abbott in the Outlook.

A man who travels up and down this state says politics are decidedly spotted and peculiar. In southern Oregon he says they are for Roosevelt 3 to 1, but that when you strike Roseburg, then Wilson and Taft sentiment break out. Eastern Oregon, he says, has large localities where you will hardly find a Republican, and that a large percentage of Socialists is everywhere.

Oregon is a Republican state and Mr. Selling is the Republican candidate. He is a Progressive Republican and is justly entitled to the support of the members of his party who believe in the spirit and the letter of the direct primary law.—Enterprise.

The Enterprise has changed its mind. Before the primaries it printed an editorial against Selling stating he was not the quality of man the people wanted. Is he any more qualified now than then?

Vote down that proposition that gives the mayor the power to determine whether or not a public speech shall be made in a park, public square or street. It is too much power for one man to have—particularly if he were a partisan. Kill it.

Ever stop to think of the weight of that tariff board that President Taft puts ahead of the U. S. congress? It is made up of two professors, one newspaper man and two politicians. And Taft vetoed tariff lowering bills passed by both houses because these five men had not "recommended."

ANY CHANGE FOR BETTER

Portland News

The News is not still for single tax, it is stronger for it than ever, and the more it learns of the game the advocates of the present rotten system are playing the stronger it becomes for ANY change, because ANY change will be for the better.

The graduated land tax law with its provisions for additional taxation of water power sites, is the biggest thing this state has had a chance to vote on for years; it is a great piece of reform legislation; it means a squarer deal for every man who has less than \$10,000 worth of idle, unimproved and speculative land.

AND OREGON BOOSTS THIS.

Savoie says ours is the only government north of the temperate zone that levies a tax on wool.

And I believe the first Congressional district of Oregon is the only pronounced progressive district in the United States that sends a man to Washington to vote for "protection" on wool.

The result of this "protection" is hardship and cold to the workingman and family. It is higher cost and thinner underwear to himself and children. It is an aid society to the hospitals, boosts pneumonia and consumption, and "protects" such mills as at Lawrence, Mass.—the lowest paid wages in the United States.

Now turn over to page 4 and read the record of Congressman Hawley on this wool bill and on other bills equally important.

Then wonder what the ballot was ever given you for, and what you had better do with YOURS next month.

HOW MUCH LONGER?

Don't let anyone bamboozle you on this tariff business and "prosperity" trust talk. You've got a head of your own—look things over.

In 1884 Roosevelt was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and he introduced a resolution "demanding" tariff revision downward.

Twenty-four years ago. About as slow filling that "demand" as a florist is in delivering orders for century plant blossoms.

In 1912 William H. Taft again "demanded" tariff revision downward.

Got it yet?

Roosevelt didn't do a thing in the seven years he was president to relieve the conditions he is now damning Taft for tolerating.

Taft didn't do a thing in his four years to change the conditions but to add a little more to the burden, through the Payne tariff betrayal.

How much longer are you going to take the gaff, and say you like it?

DISCRIMINATION.

The government is giving Americans in the canal zone far cheaper living than you or I get.

Did you ever stop to reason why the government couldn't give Oregon what it does this little strip of government land? Why families here could not buy necessities as cheap as Americans down on the isthmus?

Better think this over next month when you vote for president.

Better vote for a candidate and a policy that will take the whole country out of the trusts' hands by removing the tariff wall and give us what the residents of Panama get—necessities without the trusts' tribute added.

CAN'T STAND HIS RECORD.

The Democratic Salem Journal, Salem Messenger, Roseburg Review and other Democratic papers of the Willamette valley are out against Congressman Hawley and supporting J. W. Campbell, the Progressive nominee.

Hawley's record leaves but little defense for an honest newspaper. They can't support him and be loyal to the people.

Mr. Hawley will have to go some in this district if he goes

VOTE "YES."

Equal suffrage. No man should oppose it who is not ashamed of his mother. 300 yes; 301 no. Vote YES.

Amendment making bank stock holders liable for bank's debts to amount of their stock. With this fear, they will use more vigilance in selection of officers and directors. It's good. 312 yes, 313 no. Vote YES.

An act giving 8-hour day to state, county and school district employees. The only fault with this is that it does no go far enough. 332 yes; 333 no. Vote YES.

Oleott's "blue sky law." It stops the thief. It doesn't need any argument for it. 334 yes; 335 no. Vote YES.

An amendment to abolish the state senate. Is it worth what it costs? Have you taxpayers had your money's worth from it? Is it needed any more than the U. S. senate is needed? Hasn't it been more a block than a help to legislation that the majority needs. Cut it out, and see how the legislature runs. With the initiative and referendum it is not needed. 362 yes; 363 no. Vote YES.

Amendment for graduated single tax. It WORKS in Canada. It will exempt all taxation in improvements. It can be thrown out as easily as voted in. You are smarting under present system. Try a change. 364 yes; 365 no. Vote YES.

To abolish capital punishment. The poor men hang now. 366 yes; 365 no. Vote YES.

Local law for Clackamas county, exempting from taxes, improvements, business, factories, etc. Try exempting factories and see if more won't come; quit fining business and see if we won't have more. 376 yes; 377 no. Vote YES.

JUST HINDERING.

We are informed that Robt. G. Smith, of Grant's Pass, has filed his acceptance of the democratic nomination for congressman from the First district, and will make a race for the office. It is our opinion that it would have been much better for Mr. Smith had he let that nomination go by default. Such conduct would have shown that he had at least just a little respect for the democracy of this district. Verily Mr. Smith is not to be considered as a candidate in this campaign, and has no right to ask or expect the support of democrats.—Salem Messenger, Democratic.

HAWLEY LOSING.

The following editorial is clipped from the Salem Messenger, published in Congressman Hawley's home city:

"In Thursday's Oregonian the Salem correspondent sets forth what he doubtless believes to be the real facts in the case, namely that Congressman Hawley is gaining political strength every day. There is no evidence that this is true. We do not believe Mr. Hawley is anywhere as strong in this district today as he was two years ago, and it is extremely hard to find a Hawley enthusiast in this section just now. Hawley will have to keep busy from now until November or that big Bull Moose from Roseburg will be warming his chair back in Washington next year."

Three newspapers right in his home town (Salem) all throwing the harpoon into Congressman Hawley, the Democrat, the Messenger, and the Pacific Advance. What do you think about that?

There does not appear to be much earnestness shown by either the Roosevelt or Taft forces in this campaign. Away down at the bottom it looks as if each faction were playing for the election of the national democratic ticket, just to get even.—Salem Messenger.

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"WE STAND AT ARMAGEDDON."



—From New York World.

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WON'T TIE TO ROOSEVELT.

"Actively Disagree" With His Views About Trusts and "Wastes of Competition" and Supports the Candidacy of Wilson and Marshall.

Collier's is out for Wilson and Marshall. It refuses to support Theodore Roosevelt, plus George W. Perkins, Elbridge H. Gary and the rest of the steel trust-harvester trust magnates.

Its open opposition to the third term ticket was indicated in the issue of Sept. 14. In the issue of Sept. 21 its reasons for espousing the Democratic cause are clear and forceful.

The leading editorial, "The Wastes of Competition," says:

"More and more the campaign is coming down to two pressing issues, the tariff and the proper treatment of monopolies. Collier's actively disagrees with the view of monopoly being urged by Messrs. Roosevelt, Perkins and Gary.

"They talk a great deal about the wastes of competition. The necessary wastes of competition are relatively insignificant, and the wastes of unfair and destructive competition are wholly unnecessary. They will be largely eliminated when competition is regulated.

"The La Follette-Leafoot and the Stanley bills to perfect the Sherman law and the Newlands-Cummins proposals are all directed in part to that end. The remaining wastes of competition may be likened to the wastes of democracy. These are obvious, but we know also that democracy has compensations which render it more efficient than absolutism. So it is in industry. The margin between what men naturally do and what they can do is so great that the system which urges men on to effort is the best system.

"The necessary wastes of monopoly, on the other hand, are enormous. Some of these can, of course, be eliminated by regulation. An efficient interstate trade commission, acting under appropriate legislation, could put an end to much of the oppression of which trusts have been guilty. It could prevent unjust discrimination. It could prevent ruthless and unfair use of power; but a government commission would be powerless to secure for the people the low prices commonly attendant upon competition.

"As no means exist for determining whether greater net earnings are due to greater efficiency in management or to excessive profits, large net earnings would be followed by compulsory reduction of prices, which in turn would create a sense of injustice suffered, paralyze individual enterprise and produce unprogressive, slipshod management. The attempt to secure low prices through price fixing would prove as important as the statutes which have sought to protect the public in railroad rates by limiting the dividends.

"The interstate commerce commission has been invoked as an argument in favor of licensing monopoly. That commission has stopped many abuses; it has practically put an end to corrupt and corrupting discrimination in rates; it has protected the shipper from oppression and arrogance and injustice; it has prevented unreasonable advances in rates; but it has secured comparatively few notable reductions in rates, except those involved in stopping discrimination between persons, places or articles. It has been powerless to reduce operating costs, and greater reductions in rates can come only with reductions in the cost of producing transportation. The injustice and corruption attending the earlier railroad period were extremely serious. But we must not forget that the necessary reductions in American operating costs and rates belong to the earlier period of competition among railroads. In the ten years from 1880 to 1890, while competition among the railroads was active, the freight rate per ton per mile was gradually reduced from .941 to .724. The years 1890-1900 marked the great movement for combination or "community of interest" in the railroad world as well as in the industrial world. The freight rate per ton per mile began to rise. In each of the eleven succeeding years it was higher than in 1890, and in 1910 it was 75%.

"The deadening effect of monopoly is illustrated by its arrest of invention. The shoe machinery trust, formed in 1890, resulted in combining, directly and indirectly, more than 100 shoe machinery concerns. It acquired substantially a monopoly of all the essential machinery used in bottling boots and shoes, as well as many other machines. It believed itself unassailable, and shoe manufacturers had come to regard their subjection to the trust as unavoidable. Nevertheless, in 1910 the trust found its prestige suddenly threatened and its huge profits imperiled. It was confronted with a competitor so formidable that the trust, in flagrant violation of law, paid \$5,000,000 to buy him out. Thomas G. Plant had actually succeeded in developing in about five years, while the trust was stolid from monopoly, a

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