

# A. C. CHILDS' VIEWS OF THINGS

### COMMENTS ON THE THINGS WE ARE THINKING OF.

#### Observations of a Man Who is Alive Above His Ears.

(By A. C. Childs.)  
It will be noticed that some of the eminent statesman and leading citizens who do not want any measures re-submitted to the people that have been defeated are very strongly of the opinion that certain and several measures THEY wanted passed and that were not approved by the people should be re-submitted.

If we can't kill the initiative amendments submitted to the people, let us cripple it and perhaps it will crawl off and die. That is the sentiment moving a number of suddenly converted avowed friends of the initiative, but it is not publicly expressed. Other than providing that only registered voters be accepted as signers of petitions and perhaps providing for the bonding of circulators thereof, the people should not go to sleep and allow this loudly professing of repentance and vociferous desire to "protect the initiative" bunch to put anything over on them.

Down in California the Governor proposes that the people have an amendment submitted to them in 1914 providing for county and city home rule in taxation. This indicates that he knows what a scientific system of taxation really is, and the assistant Bull Mooseer, Teddy, the Terrible has a way of getting the Legislature to do things the Big Interests in California do not like any better than their brothers in Oregon.

The preference vote is needed in Oregon to give us public servants desired by the majority. This system that gives us plurality government is too rich a temptation for Big Vice and Big Business to get together and also to divide progressive and honest people.

Special privilege always likes to count the ignorant and uninformed on its side. In Wyoming and Mississippi the Initiative and Referendum have been beaten because the majority voting "thereon" was not big enough to over balance the ignorant and indifferent voters who did not vote on the propositions. In Wyoming the affirmative vote was nearly six to one, still it was defeated by the beautiful little joker that the defunct "Majority Rule League" endeavored to put over on us last November in this state regardless of expense. The amendments in these two states were very poor imitations of the real thing, and had killing jokers in them; but were better than government by an irresponsible and logrolling legislature.

The Single Taxers of California are greatly elated over the large vote cast for their Home Rule measure, and are organizing to submit a straight, brief and square amendment for the Single Tax that will take all taxes off improvements in about so many words and frighten the complacent anti-S. T. fighters into accepting the Home Rule measure as a conservative compromise. It takes more defeats to kill Single Tax than to bury Bryan. Neither can stay buried long enough to let the grass grow on their graves.

Just to show that there is no need of the recall of judges with the patriotic U. S. Senate on the job Archibald picked out for the "goat" and butted off into infamy. Why this comparatively pure and innocent victim was selected with so many more deserving will be explained later—perhaps.

The Express Trust hasn't a friend on earth—except a few sneaking members of Congress. The Parcel Post shows how we have been robbed, and is going to show us some more. It still amazes the E. T. to live because of its absurd zones and different stamps and relics of antiquated foolishness and red tape. It should not cost over 25 cents to carry a ten pound parcel anywhere in the United States (on the average) but if this was done the E. T. would die so suddenly as to shut off a supply of "nifts" that has long gone down the throats of certain and sundry and numerous statesmen. It is still being milked, and hopes are entertained of keeping it alive a few years longer. Why the Telegraph trust? And why the Transportation Trust? And why the 11,000 other trusts? Who milks them and who pays for the milking?

In the face of actual increase in the price of living necessities, prices of land and rent, prices of meat and potatoes, we are told by the fat editors of the city press and magazines that it is the fast and high living that is the trouble with us. And then we read of 388 per cent profit made by New York banks—with a pull. Who finally pays such loan shark financiers as that?

How would it do to play up for

an advertising card to attract other vacant lands the proposition to exempt \$1,500 of improvements, machinery and live stock, household furniture, etc., of every citizen? This would not help out the fellow with a skyscraper very much, and the big department store would not be flung in the teeth of the Single Taxers, but it would help to get some of those 200,000 Americans going into Alberta every year, and keep some of our mechanics and young farmers in Oregon. Something along this line should be done.

### PARCEL POST HUMBUG. Will Not Benefit Masses Until Put on a Commercial Basis.

Editor Courier:—  
Realizing the value of your space and that it is rapidly growing more so, I beg just enough to answer a friendly criticism of my Parcel Post letter.

I can send by express from Oregon City to Chicago, a long list of commercial articles, among which is mistletoe and sausage at a rate of 7.25 per hundred and I don't have to do it up in 11 pound packages, but if I go to the Post Office, according to Mr. Trullinger, I would have to do up my sausage or mistletoe in small packages. Now we will take his rate of \$1.40 on a ten pound package, you don't have to understand calculus to see that 100 pounds would cost me \$14.00, nearly double the express rate.

In the twice a week Journal of Dec. 31 Mr. Hitchcock says the present rates are higher than the government could maintain them, and acknowledges it is only an experiment and says rates will have to be lowered to be of any use in competing with the express companies.

Now Mr. Trullinger, if in your exhaustive investigations, you have made some wonderful discoveries I am sure this gentleman Mr. Hitchcock, would appreciate them as much as I do. There are a few U. S. senators who made so much fun of this bill on the floor of the senate you could put them on your mailing list.

A congress of farmers met in their national headquarters in Indianapolis Dec. 18, last and denounced this humbug of a Parcel Post law. Also the congress that passed it. Now I do not know of any particular express company that these hay seeds were working for but it is my humble opinion that they have been working for all of them all their lives and will continue to do so until the Parcel Post humbug is changed to a sane and commercial basis.

In your extensive researches will you please find out how much rent you pay every year for cars to haul your mail and parcels in and don't this money or some of it go to the express Co., and when you pay the railroad for hauling your parcels don't the express Co., get their share of that too? How can you compete with them when you have to hire them to haul your stuff and rent your cars of them at their figures as part of the rail road Co. own stock in the express Co.

Now my friendly mail sack shaker, you seem to be working for the express Co., too, and you are doing it splendidly, as they sometimes make 800 per cent dividends. As you continue your investigations I would be pleased to learn them and your own conclusions.

P. W. MEREDITH.

### LIBERAL.

Many complaints are being received here about potatoes rotting, and that those which are not rotting, are assuming a hard and dull color.

Stock hogs are as high as potatoes are cheap. Potatoes are being boiled, and with chop mixed in, are being fed the hogs.

The timber suffered in the vicinity of Liberal from the recent snow and the following thaw. Oak trees 18 inches in diameter were uprooted and all the telephone lines of the community are out of commission.

This weather makes your hay mow sink and keeps the farmer rustling from early until late. Hard weather for the pheasants—farmers should lend a helping hand with feed for them.

Sleighb didn't last long in the Liberal country but for a short time the sleds were out in no small numbers.

George Donnelly's house caught fire last Friday at three o'clock, from a defective flue in the sitting room. No one was at home at the time, but Pierce Wright and some other gentlemen, seeing smoke issuing from the place, from the distance, ran to the Donnelly home, formed a bucket brigade, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The boys were almost overcome with smoke, as the flames had crept between the walls of the home and had burned slowly before breaking out. A large crowd soon gathered and assisted Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly in righting things about the burned premises. The Donnellys are exceedingly grateful to their friends for saving their home.

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# CONSOLIDATE THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS

### FEWER AND BETTER SCHOOLS AND BUILDINGS.

#### Country Must Compete With City in Education.

To the Courier:—

A great deal of attention is being drawn toward our public educational system of late, and our leading educators are trying to do so arrange it that our public school system will give every boy and girl a practical education. That is, when a girl or boy has completed his or her education, they will be ready to enter upon life's work, be it seamstress, cook, artist, blacksmith, carpenter or farmer, etc. Now this in our opinion is the only right system to encourage. But if I understand the plan that these leaders are gradually developing by legislation and otherwise, it certainly will fail to produce the desired results. The plan is, as it seems to me, to have two distinctive systems, one for the city, and the other for the country. The system for the city aims fundamentally to transform the city boy into a carpenter, millman, blacksmith, lawyer, etc. While the country system aims to make every boy a farmer, horticulturalist, poultryman, etc. An imaginary line to be drawn about the city, and another around the country, making two distinct circles of citizens with two separate notions of their own about each other

are those of the city. Not a little old fashioned house as we find it today, near every farmer's door, literally speaking. Consolidation of country schools as it is called, is the only plan that will be successful, and money spent in any other way, such as supervisor laws for country schools, is hard-earned money thrown away, for it is only the continual presence of a master mind that makes for discipline and progress in any institution of learning. It is also strange to note that the great majority of the well-trained principals and teachers of city schools who succeed in the city, are failures when they tackle the country school. The country school teachers, on the other hand, who go to the city, are as a rule very successful.

Robert Ginther.

### Many Oregon City People Have Found This to be True.

Are you wretched in bad weather? Does every cold settle on your kidneys? Does your back ache and become weak? Are urinary passages irregular and distressing? Are these symptoms are cause to suspect kidney weakness. Weakened kidneys need quick help.

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# FROM A FARMER'S POINT OF VIEW

### EDITORIALS FROM A CLACKAMAS COUNTY RANCH.

#### John Stark's Weekly Letter of Pat Comments.

The legislatures in the past have given us laws against cruelty to animals; have forbidden us to kill song birds; have protected the game in the wild forest. How would it do to have a law to protect the human mother? In many cases women become mothers in the direst poverty. Now don't jump up to say "it's their own fault," that gets on my nerves—often in a cold shack, upon a scantily covered bed and a larger ditto. Can this great state come to her assistance during such a period? I observe that the Commonwealth of Australia has made an allowance of \$25. Of course that means a few pennies taxes but are not human beings of more importance than sparrows and China pheasants?

The parcel post has swamped the postal department so we read. Really why these wise guys should have been unprepared is a mystery as the people have wanted one badly the past twenty years. We were told great calamities awaited us if we ever got the service, so this is the first one.

After sixteen years wandering in the wilderness without manna

states these great men failed to draw a full house.

The Socialist, whom all these gentlemen were trying to hold back for fear our dear country would come to grief, made a gain from 420,793 to 990,672 in four years. The Socialist National Committee used about \$30,000 and the three parties about \$5,000,000,000 in the aggregate. I put them together as they all avowed a common purpose to "head off socialism," surely a very patriotic motive, especially when the office is in sight for the most faithful and special privilege for the unseen empire to collect interest, rent and profit also a laudable ambition. Wilson is reported to have said the Socialist vote represented twenty per cent Socialism and eighty per cent protest; protest against what or whom, with that noble array of noble Romans in the field is not clear to a clod crusher. When it comes to philosophy trust a supernumerated college professor for that; he may have missed Carnegie's pension but he hung onto a solution of perplexing problems, in this particular case he is however not alone. All great editors have explained the remarkable growth of the Socialist party in spite of two highly advertised clowns performing on the political trapeze. Some Republican papers say that about a million Republican voters went to Wilson, then where did the over a million Democratic votes go, "to protest" I suppose.

As the president-elect is good at solving perplexing questions, and he will be on the job soon, we will see how he will solve the unemployed question. Now don't get red in the face, I did not mean you that is seeking to handle the mail by proxy, or Marshalship jobs; I mean the man in overalls whose name is usually designated by a number when he is fortunate enough to own a boss, for our name is legion. I'm aware the Democratic politician did not take that factor into account as the first law of nature has not been declared unconstitutional so long as it is reasonable. And the strong box seemed at least possible, while the tariff took about all the talking time of these noble warriors who were on short forage rations for sixteen years.

When the tariff question finally comes to the center of the stage I wonder what my friends the single taxers will see to their liking, for if single tax means anything it means free trade, yet some of the leaders of single tax agitation supported Wilson on "a tariff for revenue only" platform. Here is what Henry George says of all the excuses for the continuation of a tariff at all, the most groundless is that it is necessary to secure federal revenues. "Whether we have a protective tariff or a revenue tariff is of small importance," I wonder if any of those single taxers ever read Henry George, if they did not they certainly missed something good.

Whatever I may have said against Bryan I never accused him of being so simple minded that he failed to see that tariff for revenue instead of leading toward free trade must lead away from it, on the other hand it seems as if the single taxers who blindly followed this noise producer fail to see the point.

Have still hopes that Bryan will become a member of the official family in any position he chooses so it is in the Cabinet, for as things look to me Bryan and the party will go down the line together; so we will save four years. If only that other clown could somehow be bolted on

that machine the road would seem clear for the co-operative Commonwealth in the four years.

Personally I never yet accused Roosevelt of being foolish enough to think to win in the last campaign on the progressive ticket, had he lauded the nomination by that party he declares to be corrupt, it seems nothing could have stopped him this side of the whitehouse. To me it seems the unseen empire did not desire that, as he would have insisted it was he alone that won then the next campaign the chances would be good the people might think enough was sufficient and plenty is too much. So to prolong capitalism let the democrats take it, who will forget everything but the cleaning out of the strong box so in despair the people will turn to Armageddon for relief, by that time the wild man will be tamed a little so that he will know his master's crib—like the ass. Of course his idolators could not see that but thought he would win any old way. Am reminded of a story in ancient history of some idolators who submitted to a test of their God to produce fire without the use of parlor matches, so they prayed and trusted while punishing themselves in their blind trusting, failing in the fire test, we are told these men lost their heads. I would however assure the child-like followers of the monkey-killer they are in no such danger, as one cannot lose what one is not possessed of.

John F. Stark.

### An Offer to Surgeons.

Now that there is so much talk going through the press over Alex Carrel's discoveries in healing wounds, I would like some surgeon to take notice.

I will, for an illustration, take a finger where the first joint is cut up by a cogwheel, the nail is broken in two, the joint flattened and the flesh on both sides badly lacerated.

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Old age as it comes in the orderly process of nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom, counsel. That is old age as it should be, but old age as it often is means a poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health despondency and misery. This is almost every instance is wholly unnecessary. One of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will improve the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels. That feeling of despondency will give way to one of hope and good cheer. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co.

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Therefore artificial restrictions cannot long be made to successfully endure. Our educational system must remain uniform to get the best results. Teach agriculture, horticulture, etc., to the city student on equal footing with the country student. Teach the country student law, medicine, business, mechanical pursuits, etc., the same as the city lad, and you will be following in the footsteps of nature by giving every human being his opportunity to develop his natural talents regardless of whether he lives in town or country. To do this the country must have school houses as large and as well arranged as

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or quail on toast, the children of Jefferson and Jackson are going to milk the public cow and pry into the public hive. My but they are hungry!

Election day is long enough past to allow our pulses to resume normal action, the shouting is about over and nothing more to be done except inaugurate Wilson and hunt the appointive office until the closed season. The statesman has completed the total vote and the men of affairs are carefully looking over the returns to analyze the figures so as to study out the meaning of today and the prospects for the future. So let us who cast the most of those votes look over the shoulders of the mighty and see how it looks.

First is the Democratic landslide we hear about, where the Princeton citizen gets less votes than Bryan four years ago by 115,550. Roosevelt and Taft got together 74,390 less than Taft got in 1908. The prohibs, lost about one fifth of their vote. All this in face of the most furious campaign in sixteen years, with the two greatest noise producers actively in the field, one as a candidate and the other as a patriot. Besides the increase in population and women voting in two

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