

THE OREGON CITY COURIER

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The quicker Oregon City lets the country know she is after absolute pure water the better for the future of the city. It isn't a question of whether we can afford it or not. We can't afford not to.

They tell us we should wait for low water conditions next August before we investigate water sources on this side of the river, but I note that the west side isn't playing this waiting game.

Under the public service bill, which the people made a law in November, it expressly states the telephone rates shall be the rates of 1911, yet the company collects the present higher rate, and the people continue to pay them.

The legislature broke all Oregon records last week and got on the job, and every member is working like the little animal the state is named after. The political game is cut out, and the representatives are working the legislative game.

This country pays ten cents a day for each man, woman and child for the eight million pounds of sugar we use, and less than 100,000 are engaged in sugar manufacture. We protect 100,000 producers by taxing 100,000,000 consumers. Great benefit, great extortion great tribute.

Some day at Salem, and in all other capitals, the committees will have to work in the open, will have to line up and let the voters know just what they do—and then there will be less smothering. The caucus and the committee are the hiding places for moral cowards.

The California state legislature is asking for a \$200,000 appropriation to establish state owned produce exchanges. If Oregon had started something of this kind years ago it would not have been necessary for the farmers to have formed the big union now under way in this state for self protection.

There will be hundreds of laws introduced before the legislature and many of them will pass, and many of them should. As a state grows and develops, laws are needed to conform, and in the same ratio laws become unneeded and useless. And there should be as much interest taken in getting rid of the old as in making new.

Every year the medicine is easier to take and now the most of the Republicans are getting where they can take the Democratic U. S. senator dose without making up much of a face or having to take a chaser to counteract the taste. An overwhelming Republican legislature lined up Tuesday and elected a rock-ribbed Democrat to go to the U. S. Senate from Oregon.

In commenting on the consolidation of the churches at Enterprise the Chieftain says: "And what argument can be advanced against the consolidation? Only the argument of narrow sectarianism; the argument of those who in their secret hearts place empty creed above right living and character building."

A farmer may send a pound of butter, enclosed in a wrapper the Courier printed for him, and at a low rate through the parcel post, but the Courier can't send those butter wrappers to him at any price thru the same parcel post. The merchants stuff may go to him cheap, but the printer's job work may not. This is fairness.

The Woodburn Independent relates how the farmers of Sublimity have their own county fire insurance association, with a quarter of a million risks and the fire losses for the past two years have only been \$20. And when the Courier remembers that it has paid in one year in insurance premiums the total fire loss of the Sublimity people for four years, it makes us think this community deal is a pretty good scheme to spread around.

A juror on a trial in Tacoma, on an embezzlement case made the statement that "an oath doesn't amount to a damn" and the judge promptly fired him. But the juror stated a truth just the same. An oath doesn't amount to a damn in about half our court cases. One witness swears to one statement and the next one as definitely swears the first witness lied. Perjury has lost its terrors in this country. It isn't so much the truth as the evidence we get—a question of which side can get the most witnesses to swear alike.

What a Bank Does

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The Bank of Oregon City  
Oldest Bank in Clackamas County

THEY SHOULD DIE—KILL THEM

Here are some of the bills already introduced and proposed at Salem, and in my opinion they should get the ax:

By Representative Graves—to provide for the protection of horticulture against insects. This would of course carry with it the usual commission and appropriation. Oregon isn't clamoring for it.

By Representative Schnoerr—to fix salary of school superintendent of Clackamas county at \$1,600. The last election returns showed how the people feel about increased expenditures. With taxes where they are now, Oregon does not favor increased expenditures.

By Representative Nolte—For an interstate bridge over the Columbia. Senator Dimick told the senate this was a real estate men's scheme, and that the people of Oregon were against. If Portland wants it, let Portland build it.

Representative Howard—Compulsory teaching of manners and morals in all schools. This is a matter for the home to teach.

Senator Bean—Requiring county to pay \$1 per day to wife of prisoners convicted of non-support.

Let the county work the man and pay his wages to the family.

By Senator Farrell—to require notice to be given teachers of discharge after service of two years.

Unimportant. As much reason in a law to require the Courier office to give its printers notice—which it does without compulsion.

By Senator Neuner—Requiring railroad engine headlights to throw light sufficient to see a man at a distance of 800 feet.

Silly. Let the man keep off the track. This law would be of much more importance applied to autos or street cars.

By Senators Smith of Coos and Thompson—to authorize C. A. C. to engage in agricultural extension work.

With a referendum vote burying an appropriation for the University of Oregon, this is not the time for this extension work.

Representative McArthur—to provide funds for protection of State of Oregon from spread of bubonic plague and other Asiatic diseases.

Somebody wants another political job. Providing for a live stock sanitary board and appropriating \$50,000 for it.

This bill was vetoed by Governor West two years ago. This is supposed to be a session of retrenchment. This bill was passed by the senate and only two senators, Dimick and Farrell, had sand enough to fight it.

By Senator Carson—A bill making women jurors compulsory. Nonsense.

A bill providing that no judicial business shall be done on Sunday.

This is no doubt to take the load off the hard-working courts, and is very considerate. But how about the constitutionality when applied to the Seventh Day Adventist?

Bean and Calkins—Appropriating \$50,000 for armory at Eugene, one half to be paid by Lane county. And the other half by the state.

By Senator Farrell—Appropriating \$5,000 for expenses of the inspectors of child labor.

Another commission and some more jobs.

Judge Lowell's measure to limit to a half dozen the initiative measures to go on the ballot. And yet 600 of them may be introduced in the legislature and considered within 40 days. The Courier stated two weeks ago such a law would not stand and the committee took the same view and reported it unfavorably.

By Representative Hagood—to appropriate \$65,000 for a course of logging engineering, with the necessary buildings and equipment, at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Splendid! And we should also have about \$70,000 with necessary equipment to show farms how to pull stumps.

By Senator Smith—Prohibiting a second vote for 6 or 10 years on measures once defeated by more than 10,000 or 20,000 votes respectively.

To cripple the initiative. How long would it have taken the women to get the ballot power under this kind of a law?

By Representative Schuebel—to punish profane and disorderly conduct outside of incorporated towns.

This will operate like castor oil. It won't do any harm and it may do some good. It doesn't do any harm or good in the cities and towns.

Representative Upton—to authorize creation of teachers' retirement fund association. Class legislation. Why not have a farmers' or printers' retirement fund?

The bill to limit the expenditure to \$200 on any initiative bill. This will kill the initiative. Had this bill been a law but ONE initiative bill (the single tax in Coos county) would ever have been given to the voters in Oregon. And it is clearly against the constitution on which the initiative is founded.

THEY SHOULD LIVE—RAISE THEM.

By Senator Dimick—to provide for election of road supervisors by the people.

This is the people's right, and not the right of three men in the county court. We would have better roads and less scrapping.

By Representative Gill—to prevent selling of intoxicating liquors outside of incorporated towns.

This is taking away local option power, yet at the same time it would close every road house in every county.

By Representative Howard—to repeal County Supervisors' law. If this could be voted on it would be buried. The law is not worth what it costs.

By Representative Mitchell—Leaving it optional with each county to approve or reject supervisor law. This would do what the above bill would.

By Senator Dimick—Requiring medical certificates before marriage licenses are granted.

This is recognizing a human being as of as much importance as a Berkshire hog, and is a law every state should have.

Representative Howard—to permit the state to engage in life insurance of a profit sharing plan.

Wisconsin has it, Iowa will have it—every state will have. The first states get the running start.

For the state to carry its own insurance on state buildings. Good, as far as it goes, but let it be general for all classes of insurance, and let the insurance not exceed 75 per cent of the valuation on which the owner pays taxes on. Such a policy won't get hot enough to set a barn on fire, and the premiums won't rob the people.

To shorten up the business of appealing cases and make the expense so low the poor man can reach it. Should pass without a protest. The higher courts are only for the moneyed man now.

By Representative Schuebel—His water power bill one of the most important bills before the legislature. It will stop the state from being robbed of its valuable assets and will put each power user on the same footing.

By Speaker McArthur—to substitute electrocution for hanging. It should pass.

By President Malarkey—to provide for a minimum wage scale for women workers in Oregon. It should pass.

By Senator McCulloch—to have state and government co-operate and locate water power resources of the state.

Oregon has wonderful water powers, and they should be owned and operated by the state.

By Representative Upton—Providing a penalty of from 5 to 15 years imprisonment for men convicted of living off the earnings of women.

Aimed at the parasites and should never have a dissenting vote.

By Representative Gill—Making the selling of malt and spirituous liquors and hard cider without a license, a jail offense.

This would stop "boot legging" and close the "blind pigs."

By Representative Schuebel—Two bills one for a uniform rate for salaries of county officers (as per Governor West's suggestion) and one to place road districts under the same plan as school districts, making them corporations with similar administrations that are now enjoyed by school districts.

Both should become laws.

By Senator Perkins—to banish the revolver, knife and other dangerous weapons, by limiting the sale and providing severe penalties for carrying. Every legislature should favor it.

By Senator McCulloch—Giving the governor power to appoint special district attorneys, sheriffs and constables in cases where he deems it necessary. It should pass. There have been cases in this county where the people have deemed such action necessary.

WITH A PUSH AND A PULL.

There is considerable questioning and comment on the aims and purposes of the Farmers' Society of Equity, which is gaining a solid foot hold in Oregon and is rapidly spreading over the entire country; and it is stated that many merchants are apprehensive of its power when organizations are fully completed.

As this paper understands its organization and purposes, the merchant who is on the square has nothing to fear.

The aim of the Society is to change the condition of apples rotting on the ground at Molalla and selling for five cents each in Portland.

The aim is to abolish the mediums that stand between the raiser and the eater, to cut out this huge profit and give the raiser a greater and the eater a lower price.

The aim is to cut the corners of the manufacturer, the trust, the wholesaler, the jobber who sells staples to the retail dealer with a fixed price on them to the consumer—a price he dare not nullify.

The aim is to cut out the 60 per cent middleman adds to the price of farm products between the grower and the eater.

It's a union of farmers in much the same sense as a carpenters' union is for the benefit of its members, yet it is an organization that is bound to help the consumer to an equal extent, and if it continues to grow, and it is bound to, it is going to be one of the organizations of Oregon with a pull ahead of it and a push behind it.

Standard Oil stock was worth \$675 a share when the government dissolved it and now it is worth \$1186. Isn't that awful punishment?

They say eighteen rich men can (and do to a great extent) run this country of 100,000,000 people and we look back at old history and wonder HOW a dozen men could drive and lead the thousands.

A reformed base ball player, who clings to the coaching line dope has about the softest thing going to get the velvet goods. In one weeks collection at McKeesport, Pa., so eastern exchanges state, Billy Sunday gathered in \$3,749.

Our district attorney or school supervisor, our supreme court judges, they all want their salaries raised. When they were running for office they didn't tell you voters they would ask for a raise. Lord no. They begged and pleaded to be returned to the same old job at the same old pay. And our representatives, they went down to Salem on the campaign of retrenchment and economy. And we see them (some of them) waxing eloquent and rolling out a homerage of oratory on pleas that our public servants are not sufficiently paid. Just remember these fellows.

If the bill we voters made a law, giving the railroad commissioners jurisdiction over public service corporations, is of any account, then we ought to know it, and if not, we should find it out. It expressly fixed a lower rate for telephone rates than we are paying, but the companies simply ignore the law and make collections as of old. What are these laws for, if not to be enforced? Malarkey drew this bill, now it is up to him to disapprove the statements that many people made before election that it did not have any teeth. If it has, the telephone companies do not appear to be afraid of them.

Presidential Term Should Be Extended

Four Years Not Enough

By Mrs. GEORGE J. GOULD



One Period of Six Years

New York Society Leader

THE presidency of the United States has become the MOST POWERFUL STATION IN THE WORLD. So much responsibility and work devolve upon the incumbent

of that high office that I sometimes marvel at the ability with which presidents meet the obligations that are imposed upon them. I have observed that presidents sometimes succumb to the blandishments of their advisers and permit their appointments to public office and their recommendations as to legislation to be influenced by their desire for renomination and re-election. This temptation should be removed.

THE PRESIDENTIAL TERM SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO SIX YEARS AND PRESIDENTS SHOULD BE INELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION. THE RESULT, I AM CONFIDENT, WOULD BE A HIGHER STANDARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND A GREATER DEVOTION TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Experience has shown that it requires some time for a president to become accustomed to the duties of his office and to make the wheels of administration and legislation move in the right direction. Four years do not seem to be enough. The additional two years will give OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WORKING OUT OF REFORMS and for carrying to completion presidential policies.

The experience of France, which makes the presidential term seven years, has in the main proved highly successful. If the chief executive were elected for six years there would be LESS TENDENCY TO UPSET THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY. The turmoil and disturbance caused by a presidential campaign every four years would be avoided. I must acknowledge, however, that the last presidential campaign caused less disturbance to business than any campaign within my recollection.

Every Woman Should Do What Appeals to Her Most

By IDA M. TARBELL, Author

EVERY woman SHOULD DO THE THING THAT APPEALS TO HER MOST, limiting herself only by the restrictions that society imposes on all. That is one of the reasons I sympathize with Jane Addams in her stand against the amendment which some of the suffragists tried to put through at the Philadelphia convention forbidding any officer of the National Woman Suffrage association from allying herself with a political party. Seeing the possibility of active work in politics as another instrument she was not ashamed to employ it.

The important thing is to DEVELOP EFFICIENCY, and there is no sex in that, for men and women alike must learn to make efficient human beings of themselves. That applies to every one. The young married woman must MAKE A PROFESSION OUT OF HER HOME LIFE, not sit back in archaic laziness. And she has ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PROFESSIONS IN THE WORLD. The young unmarried woman should find the work in which she can be most useful, and then she should develop herself along that line.

I DO NOT AT ALL BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE FOR EVERY WOMAN. IT IS PRACTICALLY A CRIME TO MARRY WITHOUT A FOUNDATION OF TRUE LOVE, AND I AM ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT MARRYING MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF MARRIAGE DEFEATS THE WHOLE INSTITUTION. BUT EFFICIENCY IS THE GREAT THING, AND I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE MARRIAGES THAT ARE FAILURES GO TO PIECES JUST BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF EFFICIENCY OF EITHER THE MAN OR THE WOMAN OR BOTH.

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