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RUSSIAN TACTICS

Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of Oregon reads: No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restraining the right to speak, write or print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of the right.

That is as plain as the words of law can make a matter plain. It gives every man the right to speak, write or print, but it gives state laws the right to put him where he CAN'T speak, write or print if he abuses these privileges.

Yet in the face of this guarantee of our constitution an ordinance was presented to the Portland commission governors last week, an ordinance that would annul these constitutional rights, a clause of which would prohibit any person in any street or public place within the city of Portland from using any language which might "create disrespect or disregard for the governments of or in the United States."

That is a vicious, unconstitutional prohibition.

Just analyze it for a minute. It would be criminal for a man or a newspaper to make utterances that would "create disrespect." He might state liberal truths, he might show up graft and corruption, he might prove an official was a thief, and the proof would create "disrespect and disregard" and the individual could be jailed and the newspaper suppressed.

This proposed ordinance has the thumb marks of big business all over it, and every such an attempt to muzzle free speech breeds I. W. W.'s by the hundreds.

There are abundant laws in Oregon to put any man in jail who should be there. The libel laws and the criminal statutes provide ample redress. If an individual or newspaper incites riot, reviles the flag or advocates anarchy or force, put them in the jail, on the rockpile or in the penitentiary.

But the right of legal free speech; the right to expose grafting and looting should not be denied because it would "create disrespect or disregard" for governments. This is adopting Russian tactics.

State Treasurer Kay says there will be a deficit this year of about one million dollars and that the next state tax will be about four mills. Add this big increase to Clackamas county's present excessive taxation and next year's taxes will make you all squeal. And you had better vote for men for the county court that will endeavor to cut down county expenses.

J. W. Smith, as a Democrat ran against a Republican for county commissioner and cut the Republican majority from about 1600 to 400. The Enterprise is hard up for campaign material when it has to twist a man of SUCH a defeat.

Editor Leach, who was forcibly deported from Bandon has brought a big damage action against Coos county, and the chances are the taxpayers will have to pay for their illegal action. It is also said he will bring personal actions against the mayor, marshal and others.

"Beatie made a pretty good sheriff, but a mighty poor judge," is the judgment of many a man in Clackamas county these days.

YOU CAN'T DODGE THESE

Saturday night bids were opened and the contract let to the lowest bidder for the construction of the Barclay school addition.

Supposing this contract had been let on a private bid, without an opportunity for competition. Wouldn't there a howl have went up in Oregon City?

Yet the county court let one after another bridge contracts without competition.

The city council advertised for bids and let the contract for the public elevator. Supposing it had made a "private office contract" and let the contract without the knowledge of the people? Why there would have been recall petitions or injunctions out in 24 hours.

And yet the county court let a timber contract that will probably cost four times as much as the public elevator, let it to an out-of-the-county man, a personal friend of Judge Beatie, and let it without bids or competition, and without the knowledge or consent of the people.

The city let the contract for a fire alarm tower to the lowest bidder. Supposing, after it had been let, the city should reject all bids and let personal friends do it at a far greater cost? Public sentiment would have recalled the whole bunch.

And yet the county court, turned down all bids on the Court house, did the work itself, bought part of the material through the Oregon Commission Co., in which Judge Beatie has had a financial interest, and the court house cost thousands of dollars more.

You voters can't get away from these, and you taxpayers are paying for Judge Beatie's private contracts.

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE

Do you remember some months ago of the horrible disclosures that were uncovered in Portland in the vice investigation?

Do you remember that Harry A. Start, E. E. Wedemeyer and others were CONVICTED of the foul crimes and sentenced to the penitentiary?

You remember all this you cannot have forgotten it.

Here's something else to remember: The supreme court of Oregon has REVERSED THE CONVICTIONS AND DISMISSED THE CASES.

A technical point let these degenerates escape punishment and turned them loose on society.

The excuse given is that the last legislature in amending the law, failed to provide for crimes committed prior to the amendment.

And the perverts go free! What a parody on justice! Found guilty of the vilest crimes that men can commit; guilty of degeneracy that hogs would not get down to!

Yet the verdicts reversed and the men (?) dismissed. And this is Oregon's highest justice!

Lincoln County has organized a taxpayers' league, one member in each precinct, and they are taking hold of the matter of excessive county expenditures. This county should also have such an organization to work with the county court. Who will start it?

The Industrial Welfare Commission of Portland determined that \$40 per month was the lowest wage scale that a woman could live on respectably. Now let us see if this would amount to anything more than "just a finding."

H. S. Anderson and J. W. Smith will lower expenses in Clackamas county and there won't be any "star chamber" government. If you are smarting under present taxation, vote for a change.

The next county judge won't use the road machinery and road improvements to punish his opposers.

Four hundred thousand dollars a year paid out in Clackamas county. Go out and see if you can find out what for.

BIGGER THAN THE LAW

The laws of Oregon plainly provide that bridges of a county shall be advertised and let to the lowest bidder, or the county court under certain conditions may build them under a foreman.

The county court of this county DID NOT DO EITHER.

Bids were let at PRITAVE CONTRACT to the big Coast Bridge Co., and under what conditions you all know, as exposed in this paper, over the signatures of responsible men.

Is Judge Beatie bigger than the laws of Oregon?

WHY didn't he let the many bridge contracts, the timber cruising contract and the court house contract to the lowest bidder?

There must have been a reason. Do you expect Judge Beatie will tell the REAL reasons?

Was it to your interests, Mr. Taxpayer, that the big bridge trust got the bridge contracts AT ITS OWN PRICE?

Think it over.

Friday night at five o'clock the registration books close. You'll have to hurry.

With H. S. Anderson and J. W. Smith on the County Court there won't be any plundering or waste of county tax money in this county.

Those who said the women would not vote if they could, may prophesy again. The big registrations show they are vitally interested in the recall and are going to vote.

Ask any reputable attorney in Oregon, ask any circuit court or supreme court judge if Judge Beatie has not openly violated the laws of Oregon in the letting of bridge contracts in this county.

The press dispatch headlines state that Ambassador Wilson says he will demand an investigation of the entire Mexican situation if he is removed, and President Wilson should call his bluff. The Mexican ambassador talks too much and too often for one in his position.

When the senate investigating committee had Rockefeller on the stand, he was seized with a sudden illness and could not testify. His physicians said it would be dangerous to continue him. He is now recovered.

When justice sent Morse to a federal prison his physicians told President Taft he was dying, and he was pardoned. Last reports say he was yet alive enough to gobble a fleet of Hudson river steamers.

Don't arrest a man out of work for being a "vag." If there is nothing else for him to do, give him an ax or saw and put him to work on a municipal wood-pile at a decent salary.

Then if he refuses to work, let him starve if that be his choice. There is about as much sense in arresting an idle man on a vagrancy charge as there is in denouncing a negro for being black when he can't help it.—Salem Messenger.

There is at least one candidate out for the governorship next year who is not "Hiding his light under a bushel." This is W. S. U'Ren of Oregon City.

Mr. U'Ren was a visitor in Salem this week and made bold to say that his present intention is to enter the race for the Republican nomination for the first office in the State at the primaries next Spring. He was not bold enough to assert, however that he expected to be the only candidate.—Salem Messenger

I don't care what a man's party or politics is, any man who heard W. F. Reis, ex-mayor of Toledo, in his Socialist address in this city, knows that he cited and proved a lot of conditions that Americans should not tolerate.

He showed that one hundred bushels of wheat made into graham crackers, sold for \$1,200, while the cost of producing the wheat, grinding and making into crackers was not more than \$200, giving a clear profit of \$1,000 between the producer and consumer.

In the waste by competition in Oregon was tanned in Boston, made into shoes in St. Louis and sold to the used in Maine or California. By another turn into the control of the shoe-making machinery where every operator made twelve pairs of shoes, he received but four of them for his work.

CAN'T THEY SEE IT?

It does not lessen the plausibility of Colonel Mulhall's remarkable story of lobby corruption and perversion of public interests by wholesale, in Washington, to read that an agent of certain manufacturers in Ohio has confessed to the attorney general of that state that he has been paid by an association of Ohio manufacturers to forge some 70,000 names to a referendum petition which would place in jeopardy the workmen's compensation law recently passed by the Ohio legislature.

The corruption of the functions of popular government by men of wealth, high social and financial standing is a greater menace to legitimate business than all the Haywoods and Ettors multiplied by 1,000 because it is done by men who should set an example in decent citizenship and is done in such an insidious manner as to deceive the public.

If such corruption of men in high places were not known or believed to be done the Haywoods and Ettors would have no followers. If it is continued the Haywoods and Ettors will some day be in the ascendancy. The privilege seeking class in this country must be entirely blind to the future if they believe these things can be continued indefinitely. They are sowing for themselves a field of dragon's teeth that will grow a harvest of destruction to the country and their own ill-gotten wealth.

MEXICO AND MONEY

Things are nearing a showdown in Mexico, and the time is near when this country has got to kick in, or European countries will.

It's a bad situation. In a way it's a cat's fight and the sentiment of Americans, who are not interested in the cats and who have not trimmed the Greasers out of their lands and mines, is to let the cats go to it.

But the Monroe doctrine butts in. Big Business pushes it in. Germany says to the U. S. if you can't guarantee safety to life and property owners in Mexico, then get out of the way and let some country do it who can.

This country could not stand for this. Mexico is our neighbor and it is up to us to interfere if there is to be interference. And it looks as if there must be.

The whole row, from Diaz' jump out to the present, is really a fight between big looters to see which shall gobble Mexico. They have furnished the coin and the trouble and keep the insurrection going.

Now all the pressure that millions an squeeze is being put onto our government to have it recognize the Huerta government—to have it recognize the assassination of Madero.

The Courier could never think that the thing to do is to send an army of invasion into Mexico and sacrifice thousands of American lives to protect the property of capitalists who have taken the chances of war to millions—to protect the property of men, not one of which will shoulder a gun and take a hand in the killing.

Yet if we don't take action, foreign countries will, is the argument, and of course American pride and dignity cannot be measured against the lives of the soldiers of the standing army.

And doubtless our country will be forced to take possession of Mexico, establish a government for them, turn it over to them when they submit and quiet down, and then every little while do it over again.

And the Greasers will carve up and shoot up hundreds of Americans; fevers will kill hundreds more; and the expense will be for the sake of foreign capitalists.

THE LIMIT

Most anything may be expected from now on, but that attempt to circulate a lying story that Mr. Anderson would be taken out of the candidacy by the Clear Creek Creamery Co., was as nasty a bit of work as ever disgraced a campaign, and it shows to what ends desperate men will resort.

This paper will not print the story circulated. It is too contemptible, too dirty for decent politics, and the object, to frighten the Clear Creek Creamery Co., to induce Mr. Anderson to resign, was about the last resort of a frightened "ring."

The nomination of Mr. Anderson was the one act dreaded by the County Court supporters. His splendid character, his high standing, his un-

questioned honesty, integrity and ability, make him a nightmare to those who prefer a "ring."

They can't find a weak spot in him. He appeals to the tax-burdened voters. Something must be done, so the despicable story about the creamery company he has made such a splendid success of, was started.

Such tactics are despicable, foul, become me all resent them by voting to clean out the nest which hatches them, wherever they have opportunity.

A BLACK PAGE

(Robert M. La Follette.)

The country is indebted to President Wilson for exploding the bomb that blew the lid off the congressional lobby. He hurled his short-fused missile directly at the insidious interference with tariff legislation but it resulted in uncovering the whole works. He touched it off at a time and in a way to force a congressional investigation.

The results to date are interesting. The Wholesale Grocers Association, crying aloud for free sugar* for the consumer, is found to be an organization of sugar refiners, with money to spend for the "public good."

The Beet Sugar Growers' Association turns out to be a combination of beet sugar manufacturers, with false whisks. It is the honest voice of the granger pleading to retain the present duty on sugar, but the hand in the hand of the sugar combine proven to be very free with its money.

The Anti-Trust League, an organization with a large membership of honest, well-intentioned people appears to have committed its legislative activities to some agents who were either very simple minded or very adroit for they admit intimate association with "David H. Lewis" a Wall street scavenger, who used his connections with the agents of the anti-trust league to inspire congressional investigations of trusts and combinations for stock gambling operations.

The National Manufacturers' Association, comprising the leading manufacturing corporations of the country, is shown to be an organization powerfully financed to control state and national legislation. It operated in an open and dignified way for some measures of real public interest. It stood for the improvement of the waterways for conservation, and for a tariff commission. The chairman of its tariff commission, H. E. Miles of Racine did most valient work downward tariff revision prior to 1908. In the extra session of 1909 he made an effective fight for reducing duties before the ways and means committee. This is fully borne out by the record of the printed hearing of that committee. He paid dearly for his attacks upon the over-protected trusts as the country will learn if the facts of his persecution by these interests and his business sacrifices to them are ever made public.

But the National Manufacturers' association with its aggregate boasted capital and its respectable membership, had an underground system as dark and crooked as the Black Hand. It did not use the knife or the bludgeon. But, it destroyed the

integrity and independence and character of men with as little conscience, as appears from the record evidence which has been published. If witnesses are believed it used its unlimited resources to bribe labor leaders to betray their organizations. It covertly bought the election members of congress who did its bidding, and the defeat of others who were opposed to measures which would serve its interests.

The National Manufacturers' Association will have a page by itself in the records of this investigation. It will be a black page.

And the half has not yet been told. Let this committee of investigation inquire into the collection and expenditure of money by the "National Business League of America" organized to create public opinion for the Aldrich currency scheme and for "other purposes"—and it is just possible that it may add another interesting chapter to its illuminating record.

Upon the floor of the senate, the public platform and through the pages of LaFollette's I have for years exposed the sinister work of these evil forces, in controlling congressional legislation and the administration of government at Washington. Congress sneered. The public believed. The case is proved.

These disclosures will be followed by legislation that will impose the severest penalties upon any attempt to secretly influence congressional action. And any individual or association that uses money, or contributes money to be used, in the election or defeat of any federal official, will be required to make public oath to the most complete account of such expenditure.

Sunday's Oregonian told its readers what that paper thought of the Courier's attitude on free speech. We could not reply to it better than the following from the Chieflain at Enterprise, eastern Oregon. The Oregonian will not agree with it, but thousands of voters in Oregon will:

Every individual is entitled to absolute and untrammelled freedom of belief. He is also entitled to speak his belief without interruption from constituted authorities. His belief may clash with that of persons about him. If so, they should practice forbearance. They should not oppose physical violence to the expression of a thought or creed. They should remember they have no more justification for pommeling their fellow man for his belief than he would have for slugging them for theirs. In sheer self defense, in the interest of real liberty and of all mental progress, every man owes to others the charity he asks of others.

Open wide the windows and let the broad daylight shine in on each creed, dogma, belief and whim. Those which have no value or merit will wither and die. Those worth while will flourish and bear fruit for the benefit of all mankind.

If the wives vote as the farmers vote, it looks like a deluge.

There won't be a dozen votes for Beatie in Harding precinct." (shown in a "farmer after the nomination of H. S. Anderson the other day.")

For a straight week men have filed into the Courier office and commended the action of the recall conference for its nomination of two of the best men in Clackamas county. There is yet to be heard the first protest against either nominee.

A bill which I believe should never have been referred, and which I believe the people will vote down with a bang, is the county attorney ylaw passed by the last legislature.

This bill was needed legislation in Oregon and if the people vote down the referendum we will have a lot more justice in Oregon.

It does away with the office of deputy district attorneys in the state and gives in place each county a county attorney. It does away with deputy prosecutors who are appointed and makes a prosecuting attorney directly responsible to the people, and elected by the people in each county.

You know how it is NOW, and how it has been. The district attorney, when he has reasons, can dodge and shirk responsibility onto the deputy, and the deputy can come back with the same excuse. The district attorney is seen occasionally in the other counties from which he resides.

Clackam as county needs a resident, all-the-time-on-the-job prosecuting attorney. The importance of this county and its several large places makes this absolutely necessary. In the past two years we have had this want sadly illustrated.

The thing Clackamas county will do and should do, is to vote down the referendum and for the bill with the same big majority that it gave to Gilbert Hedges for district attorney last fall.

The county attorney law is needed legislation.

A SEASHELL.

Iridescent with the tints of dawn And golden dusk, it rests within my hand High on the sun swept whiteness of the sand It lay—a vacant house with tenant gone

With patient toil and rare material drawn From green sea depths, the little spirit spanned Himself with pearl; with thought he could withstand The touch of death that makes all life its pawn.

Where has he fled? And is all well with him? Where went his spark of life in time's long night? Where is he in the world's immensity? The mighty sages of the ages dim.

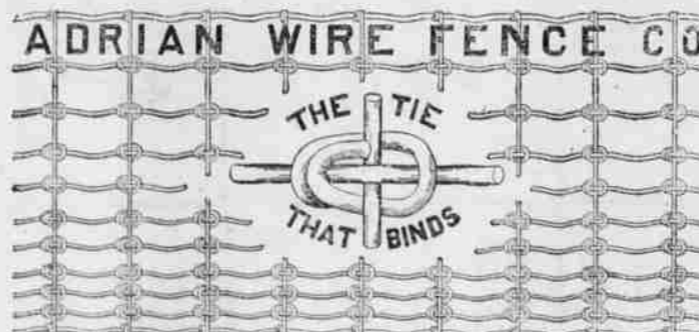
The deep browed dreamers with the mystic's sight, Are mute before this relic of the sea!

—Arthur Wallace Peach.

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The Reason So Many People Are Poor

is because they have never tried to be anything else. Call to mind all the people you know who are enjoying prosperity—who have money to get the things they want. Quite likely you'll find that every one of them has a savings account. That's the only sure way of becoming independent. One dollar opens an account here at 3 per cent interest.

The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY