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The New York gunmen got the chair. Becker, the employer, got a new trial. 'Tis most ever thus.

Benton was a British citizen, a resident of Texas and doing business in Mexico, and the Oregonian wants us to declare war over him.

"No interest to serve but the public interest" is the slogan filed by Congressman Hawley. Mr. Hawley may be a failure as a congressman, but he is certainly some joker.

Wouldn't be a bit surprised if thousands of Oregonians, who have played false hopes to about the limit, might take a chance on U'Ren's plan of governing Oregon, for a change.

They say President Wilson will appoint Taft to the supreme court. He is recommended by New Hampshire and Utah, and repudiated by every other state in the Union.

Apathy marks the campaign for governor and state offices. There is no enthusiasm and little interest. The people of Oregon have voted for Republican and Democratic promises to about the finish.

Jonathan Bourne gives it out flatly that he will not be a candidate for United States senator in the May primaries, and Mr. Booth feels a whole lot easier. Now the Oregonian bunch will put Booth over and Chamberlain will defeat him at the polls.

Governor West could sweep this congressional district pretty clean of Congressman Hawley, and the people regardless of party, should get back of him and get him in the race. Hawley is a big business, stand pat representative, and the Oregonian wants to put over a side partner for him in Booth for senator. It's time to come alive.

T. T. Geer won thousands of votes in 1898 through his inimitable ridicule of the direct primary, the initiative and referendum and his cheerful allusion to the "riffraff, ragtag and bob tail." From a strictly party standpoint we trust he will get the nomination he is seeking and will conduct his campaign along the lines that brought him such success sixteen years ago.—Salem Democrat.

The men who forcibly returned Vegara's body from Mexican soil show how easy it is to do things when backed by a little aggressiveness and willingness to act.—Oregonian.

The editor should read the press dispatches. The body was returned by Mexicans and they were paid \$400 by the American brother-in-law of the dead man, to dig up and bring it across the river.

SONG OF SPRING

Everywhere about us these days are to be seen signs of Spring. The humble house-owner goes home from work at night and toils in the garden, and in the morning, before going downtown he gets out and mutilates his rose bushes. Spraying outfits are reaping their annual harvest, and farmers are considering what to plant in the back ten acres. And the little birds are singing "cheep, cheep" everywhere in the landscape.

That is the surest sign of spring in Oregon, when the little birds sing "cheep, cheep" all day; and when, on alternate years, candidates for office likewise sing a similar song. In fact "cheep, cheep" seems now to be the slogan among the modest hordes who are willing to have the people thrust honor upon them.

Witness the insides of some of the political campaigns, for instance. Witness one of the gubernatorial candidates, who is sending out form letters to all registered voters, and asking them to write back to him at their own expense and pledge support. And his own stenographer and the stenographer of an attorney in an adjoining office are doing all this. What a fine campaign! Witness another candidate, also running for the gubernatorial nomination, whose sole move to date has been to bemoan the present high taxes, and to lay upon them his inability to "spend any money in the fight."

Of a verity, the birds are chanting "cheep, cheep" in the streets, and so are the professional politicians. And then they wonder at the lack of popular enthusiasm. How can an American public get enthusiastic over an election if there is no red fire, no brass bands and even no free barbecues and speeches?

PROSPERITY

dates from the first dollar saved. Perhaps the best reason for saving money is, that practically nothing can be accomplished without it. You must have it to start in business, to furnish your home, and to educate your children, and to protect you against sickness or misfortune, and to provide for you a comfortable, independent old age.

The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

THE LOSING GAME

If a man should walk out on the suspension bridge every week and toss a four bit piece of silver into the river, soon the people would say he was "queer," "wasn't right in the head."

It would be his money, honestly earned and the only harm it would do to give the silver to the salmon for a plaything, would be its loss in purchasing power to himself or family.

But to carry the illustration further, suppose that six or eight hundred men went out on the bridge every day and each man tossed a half dollar to the fishes.

Governor West would call a special emergency session of the legislature to appropriate funds for a lunatic asylum to house Oregon City's "bugs" and the associated press dispatches would carry "crazy" stories to all parts of the country.

We have had fourteen saloons in this city and the lowest average receipts we have ever heard made was \$490 a day for the sale of liquor.

And we want to ask any man who ever exchanged a dollar for booze if he would not have actually been better off and his family better off if he had walked out on the bridge and tossed the dollar into the Willamette?

The matter of drunkenness is going to be solved, not only in Oregon, but in the United States.

The manufacturers of booze realize that and only hope to get through some legislation that will make the states pay them for their investment.

Nearly all intelligent men know this issue has come to stay, that it will not die out, and that it is absolutely going to be met and settled—settled right.

The man who would deliberately drop his booze money off the bridge would be BETTER off than if he spent it for liquor and drank the liquor.

There is absolutely no defense for booze, and there is almost every crime against it.

There is no more reason for selling it over the bar than there is for the druggist to sell morphine or cocaine over the counter.

Poverty, want, crime, sickness and hunger are the consequences of liquor selling, and the only half breed justification is that the license money provides a great revenue for state and national expenses.

Licensing the right to make beasts of men, paupers of his family, licensing the right to take suitable food and needed clothing from the children to provide a revenue to run a city, state or country is terribly high priced revenue.

The one right action is to stamp out the manufacture, sale or shipment into Oregon, and join other states in adding strength to a national movement to stop the greatest curse to a country's civilization.

THINK THIS OVER

Many and many a man approves of the church, who never enters the door.

Many a man approves of religion, even if it is for the other fellow.

The church is the cheapest police force on earth. It has made the world better if it has not increased the morality of the individual.

There are men who are avowed enemies of the church who would be out of business if it wasn't for the church.

The early missionaries, who came into this country faster than the Indians could kill them were making a place for you and me, and whether we are for the church or against it we can't deny the fact that but for the church this country would hardly be worth while.

Many a man who is living far from his God and who refuses to bow to his Master is still, and anxious that the church survive in order that his children may absorb its pacific influence.

Whether we go to church or stay at home we must acknowledge the church as an influence always for good.

There are men who admire the church and believe in the church who have very little use for its members. There are men who stay away from church because they believe the duty of the church member is to live such a life as will advertise the church. These men stay away from church not because of lack of faith in its institutions but because they are ashamed to mingle with those who prostitute the church by living a lie in the face of men.

Yet these same men will belong and attend regularly orders and lodges, which have some members they would not care to associate with.

Take the churches out of Oregon City and you and I would not care to live here and bring up our children. Go into a town where there are no church spires and you will find conditions as existed at Copperfield.

CARPING

No one wants war with Mexico. But the best way to do what must be done is to do it swiftly.

What a different situation a stern policy toward Mexico might have developed.—Oregonian.

There are only two ways to settle the Mexican trouble. One is to keep hands off, Wilson's policy, and let the Mexicans fight it out.

The other is to kick in and play, to invade the country and quell the anarchy at the price of American blood.

The Oregonian sits on the fence, straddles. It yells "no one wants war," yet never misses a chance to urge it. It has not sand enough to come boldly out and advocate that American boys be killed in place of Greasers, but continually carps at Wilson's policy of "watchful waiting."

If the Oregonian would each day run a little of Maximilian's history, and each day a few facts and figures of the size of Mexico, its readers would not clamor for intervention.

If the United States ever goes into Mexico it will come out at an awful cost of money and human lives.

"What will West do" is a burning question that a lot of good people are trying to their own satisfaction. But almost every man one meets declares it to be his belief that the Governor will be an independent candidate to succeed himself. We shall know more about this when he returns from Washington where he has come to confer with Senator Chamberlain.—Salem Messenger.

Sixteen varieties of governors.

CRAWFORD AGAIN

Cultivated and uncultivated land of the same character and quality similarly situated, shall be assessed at the same value. This is Oregon law, Chapter 184, laws of 1913.

"It is only where the tracts are practically similar, as far as cultivation is concerned, that they are to be assessed alike, and not when one is in a high state of cultivation and the other remains practically as left by nature."

This is Attorney General Crawford's law.

It's mighty handy to have a handy attorney general to write into a law what it does not say, but what idle land owners want it to say.

The law says land of the same character cultivated and uncultivated shall be assessed at the SAME VALUE when similarly situated.

Crawford says that only when the lands are CULTIVATED THE SAME shall they be assessed alike.

The object of the law was to assess the speculative holdings at their PRODUCING VALUES, whether cultivated or left to grow to weeds.

But Crawford says HE KNOWS BETTER than the law, and renders an opinion in favor of the speculator.

MAKE THEM VOTE

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature for compulsory registration and voting—providing penalties for the voter who does not exercise his franchise.

The bill will no doubt get the axe, for there will have to be considerable agitation and more public sentiment behind such a drastic bill before it will be made a law.

But when you stop to think, it is no more drastic than our jury or some other laws.

Any man or woman who can vote should be compelled to vote, and if a fine of \$10 or \$20 was the penalty for not voting a minority would not so often rule.

OVERLOOKED

A writer signing himself W. J. Garrison of McMinnville, writes of the unemployed problem and closes with this:

Now let us be honest. If any healthy man can't earn enough in seven months to feed himself the next five months, he surely should go without. If a man who has no wife or children to support can't provide for himself alone, the state is better off without him.

All very good, but this only provides for the man alone.

Suppose he has a wife and three or four children to clothe, feed and pay rent for. Can Mr. Garrison take care of such a family at day wages and lay off five months in the year?

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THE OREGONIAN'S BURDEN

Last week the Courier printed an editorial paragraph that as the Oregonian was opposing the U'Ren plan of building good roads at the expense of big estates, that the rank and file would favor it all the more.

Under the heading "Who Bears the Burden?" Wednesday's Oregonian picked up the paragraph, stated the plan was impractical, insane, silly and confiscatory.

It's all of these to men who are piling up big fortunes and who will try to direct their disposal even after they are dead, but to the man who works hard to support his family and pay the exorbitant taxes of Oregon, it is none of these.

It is NOT impractical, no more impractical than levying an income or inheritance tax to pay government expenses—as are levied now,—and the Oregonian knows this.

It is not insane; it is not silly. The Oregonian is, or has been, one of the loudest good roads boosters in Oregon, but it wants the great cost and bond interest to be added to the present almost unbearable taxation of Oregon, rather than to be paid, or at least partly paid, by a graduated tax on the fortunes of persons who die and leave over \$50,000.

It is not confiscating any more than the income tax is confiscatory, and we would like to call the big editor's memory back to last summer when our Vice-President Marshall said in a public speech, in substance, that it was by grace of PERMISSIVE that men were allowed to exercise their franchise.

The laws of England do not permit a man to will his property as he pleases. The laws tell him where it shall go—in order to hold intact great estates.

The Oregonian says if taxation was heavy enough on fortunes of over \$50,000 there would be nothing left by any decedent.

It would not work so, but if it should, it would have accomplished much for Oregon, for it would at least break the big fortunes and big land holdings into parcels of less than \$50,000.

The most menacing feature of the U'Ren proposal, says the Oregonian, is the heavy load it places on thrift and industry and the premium on vagrancy and idleness.

It is amazing fortunes beyond needs thrift? Rockefeller is dodging a \$12,000,000 tax today. Is that fortune of \$900,000,000 thrift, and is that tax a heavy load?

Isn't the man or woman who dies and leaves a big fortune the man or woman who should pay the greater part of Oregon's taxation expenses on the amount left of over \$50,000—an exemption sufficient for the needs of any decedent's family?

The concluding arguments of the Oregonian's editorial, that there would be a great army of tax eaters working when they willed at \$3 a day is simply silly?

Who has fixed the price, and where is the great army? The facts we know—they are staring us in the face every day; we MUST give men the means to earn a living or they will find a means. This coast has thousands of men without work. They are living, for in their mighty expensive ways the

No Substitutes

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states are supporting them. Granted they must be given a living, is it not a thousands time better for Oregon that they work for that living, and that work build good roads for Oregon?

The men will work on the roads under the U'Ren plan as men work on the roads in Multnomah county today under the present plan—when there is any work for them.

A man won't break rock if he can find any other job, and state employment on public roads will help the man who is up against the last wall—and it will help the roads.

And the Oregonian will have to come more often and longer, before it will convince the man who reasons that the big fortunes of the rich dead are not the right means to pay for Oregon roads and give work to the man who must have work.

The van Brakel trial April 4 will be watched by the whole state of Oregon. It's a question of whether a competent official who does not belong to the order of "regular" medics can hold a public health office in Oregon.

Avoid Stuffy Wheezy Breathing. Take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for an inflamed and congested condition of the air passages and bronchial tubes. A cold develops quickly if not checked and bronchitis, lagrippe and pneumonia are dangerous possibilities. Harsh racking coughs weaken the system, but Foley's Honey and Tar is safe, pure and certain in results. Contains no opiates. Sold by all druggists.

Advertisement for Olympic Pancake Flour. Text: THERE'S NOTHING I LIKE BETTER THAN PANCAKES LIGHT AND BROWN. SO BUY LYMPIC PANCAKE FLOUR EVERY TIME I GO TO TOWN. Includes an illustration of a person cooking.

Large advertisement for Linoleum and Oilcloth. Text: Linoleum 55c a Yd. Chinese and Japanese Mattings. Most Inexpensive and Sanitary Floor Coverings. Ranging in Price From 10 CENTS PER YARD UP. Includes illustrations of floor coverings and a person sitting on a mat.

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