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You help pay for the war in Europe with every bite of bread you eat. Why not stop exporting anything to any war-crazy nation?

Great Britain and Germany were recognized as world powers in naval and military strength. They were prepared for war—and they have it.

A legislature of one house, with all commissions and boards abolished, is coming. Every session of a two-house legislature justifies the creation of one commission to govern one state.

The way to get the taxes down is to vote 'em down; and to abolish to vote 'em down is to vote to abolish useless offices by title and to limit the power of appropriations, contingent expenses, travel pay and salaries of those left.

Just to help along the horrors of 1915 Dame Nature kills 50,000 Italians with a vigorous shrug of her shoulders in the mountains of that beautiful country. The old dame will have to hustle some to beat the armies of Europe!

The legislature is not discussing the taxation issue, as some of the papers say. All it is discussing along this line is when, and where taxes shall be paid, and the penalties for delinquency. Such trifling details have no more to do with the real question than the tassels on a dress have to do with the relief of the famine in China.

A great stock gambler has come to Oregon to improve the breed of cattle. Welcome, reformed robber! But why not reflect upon the fact that in those provinces of Canada where cattle are not taxed comes the finest cattle of the world. Oregon has all that Nature can give her to produce fine cattle. Man must do the rest.

The governor of this Commonwealth says he wants to encourage manufacturing. Sure! Any horse doctor ought to know—but many don't!—that where manufacturing plants are not taxed they will flourish more than where they are taxed. Baltimore does not tax manufacturing plants because she really wants them—and she really gets them, too. Pittsburg is trying out the same thing slowly, and it is working the same way. So is Houston, Texas. Some people however, are so prejudiced that they are bereft of horse-sense.

Former Congressman Elbert Bede, of Minnesota, in a speech at a recent get-together Republican love feast, said he had received a letter from his son out in Oregon, in which he stated that "they had things so damned fine in Oregon that it was impossible for a decent man to get an office." Son Albert has just been elected to a ten dollar clerkship at Salem and will now probably change his mind.

A WAY FOR PEACE

What we need is a great, big war, lots of wounded, and rivers of gore, a million killed, or maybe more; but never mind what the war is for, and any old war will do.

But first to the front let the millionaires go, with congressmen in the lead, you know; ah say perhaps a brigade or so; such a war as that would not be slow! and the victories not a few!

Next, bring up the legislators dear, and office-holders from far and near, of them the enemy needs have fear; as they went to the front we all would cheer, and feed them on canned horse stew!

Next make a thorough official draft of preachers and teachers and all their craft, who glorify war and all its graft, place them aboard some old iron raft, and bump a mine or two!

Yes, what we need is a great big war, millions of orphans and widows galore, the country wrenched to its very core; all that some powder trust may score, only that and nothing more—plunder for a few!

But if we start as I've just now said, there won't be many wounded or dead; there won't be debts on the worker's head; all talk of war will soon have fled, with peace for me and you.

Alfred D. Cridge, Portland, Ore.

Accidents to the Human Machine

Machinery of all kinds should be given some rest. Even with rest and the best of care a machine will sometimes break down or get out of order. When this happens it must be repaired and the careful man provides a fund for such contingencies. The human machine is no different from any other inasmuch as it is subject to breakdowns and needed repairs. When this occurs the income generally stops and in addition there is extra expenses for physicians, medicines, etc.

That being the case, is it not the part of wisdom to provide a fund to tide over the loss of time and income, and expense attending such cases? The simplest way to create such a fund is to imagine that you owe the bank a certain amount of money which must be paid in installments and that the deposits you make are the installments. The thought that this sum must be paid will prevent lapse of the regular habit of depositing and you will be surprised how fast your account will grow. Try it.

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THE MOVES AT SALEM

Comments on Senate and House Bills—Good Bills, Bad Bills and "Just Bills."

Representative Weeks of Marion county has introduced a bill requiring that the registration officials shall ask each elector when he comes to register if he wants election information sent to him. This is a law to compel election officials to ask voters questions that is none of their business. Of course back of it is a plot to do away with the election pamphlets being sent out to voters. The voters are getting too wise, hence a few election officers will report that voters do not care for the election booklet, and then an effort will be made to repeal the law.

One of the really just bills introduced in the house, and which should become a law, is that giving wives an equal share in the property accumulated after marriage. This is only giving a woman what is hers, what she has helped to acquire.

E. L. Amidon of Multnomah county, secretary of the Republican committee, wants a law so that the governor may fire any appointive official, whether his term has expired or not. This is spoils legislation. It is for the interests of the job hunters, not of the state. A more needed law would be that the governor should not discharge any man who did his work well.

"Economy" was something more than to be elected on with the Clackamas delegation. After Senator Dimick's bill to cut down the clerical expenses was beaten, and it was ruled each member was entitled to one clerk, the lawmakers of this county only appointed one clerk, at state expense, for the four.

Another bill in the freak class is that of Dana Allen of Marion Co., which would require eggs and all food products containing eggs laid outside of Oregon to be branded to that effect. Discrimination should kill this bill. If it is well to brand a foreign egg with the date of its laying, why not as well a quarter of beef, a ham, a dressed hog, and so on with all foreign foodstuffs. If we are to build a fence around Oregon let it be made high enough to keep all foodstuffs out. And we would suggest an amendment to have every ho who crosses the state line wear a tag giving the date he came in—for the protection of labor.

The job-makers in the house are being lined up to defeat Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the worthless immigration commission. The abolition of the bill would throw C. C. Chapman of Portland out of a soft snap. In the senate the committee reported unanimously in favor of it. Dimick showed up this string of applications for state charity to hold the job.

Salaries of manager of farm land bureau \$5,000; manager of foreign immigration bureau, \$3,600; statisticians, \$3,000; draughtsmen, \$1,000; assistant at information bureau, \$1,000; and also for postage, \$767.10; supplies and stationery, \$600; traveling expenses, \$250; information bureau, \$250; for state publications in English, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and other northern European languages, \$85,000; for exhibit expenses, \$10,000.

"This is simply money thrown away in English, Dutch, Swedish and every other language to ring men over here while the war takes them back faster than we can bring them," declared Senator Dimick.

Representative Lewis has dumped in an unneeded bill, one increasing the number of challenges of jurors. A man must fool nearly acknowledge he is a fool or illiterate to get on an important jury, and the bill would broaden the field (as well as the expense) to take in more men who do not read or think.

Representative Paisley has introduced a bill that should be quickly hit with a jimmy. It is house bill No. 58 and gives the medical organization the tightest of all monopolies over the people, and would prevent the practicing of osteopaths, chiropractors, and other lines of healers not considered "orthodox."

The bill requires that every physician or healer pass a 75 cent examination in the following branches: Anatomy, physiology, surgery, obstetrics, materia medica, therapeutics, practice of medicine, chemistry, diseases of women, medical jurisprudence and such other branches as the board may deem advisable! It simply gives an absolute monopoly to the "regular" physicians.

Representative Schuebel has introduced a bill abolishing the whole fish and game commission, and handing the work over to the governor, master fish warden and the game warden. The fish and game commission is in bad with the people and is decidedly unpopular. It is printed that the commission expended \$170,000 last year, and the people know it is far too costly for the results. Schuebel's bill cuts the salaries of the two state wardens from \$3100 to \$1800 and that all moneys received shall be paid to the state treasurer. The passage of this bill would give us just as good service as now and save the state a lot of money.

Representative Blanchard has introduced a bill giving the county court the power to fix all county salaries, except those of the county court officials, and a member of the legislature has asked the Courier what the voters of this county would think of it. We do not know how the voters feel, but it appears to us the county should fix

its own salaries, the same as a city should fix its, and that there is more direct responsibility in this way.

Representative Lewis of Multnomah county, has a bill to tax auto trucks and passenger cars on a tonnage and passenger basis, motor trucks from \$20 to \$100 and passenger cars from \$40 to \$60. This bill will be criticized on the reasoning that our highways are no longer free, and that it will be a precedent to establish the toll system. Yet the other point of reasoning is that railroads and street cars are taxed for running over their own roads, while the roads for motor cars are paid for by the county taxpayers and the auto trucks ruin them faster than any other agency.

Miss Marion B. Lewis of Jackson county, the only woman in the legislature and the second Democrat in the house, has introduced a bill to put a penalty of from \$100 to \$10,000 on conspiracy, with also imprisonment. She says there is no law in Oregon to punish conspiracy. The bill should pass.

Senator Vinton of Yamhill county might be a close friend or a stock holder of a paving trust, judging from the bill he has introduced, which provides that all vehicles driven by mechanical power shall be prohibited from using "UNPAVED PUBLIC HIGHWAYS," outside of cities and towns during six months of the year, from October 15 to April 15. It provides that BEFORE a country road can be used by these vehicles it must be paved with hardsurfaced face of not less than four inches. This looks very much like trying to FORCE the county districts to vote bonds for paving, but it won't work. It is too plain. The bill won't come within a hundred miles of passage.

A commendable action on the part of the house was its action in turning down the many invitations of pleasure jaunts to inspect the various state institutions, university, normal schools, etc. The action was taken when an invitation came for the house to visit and inspect the university at Eugene. Representative Schuebel led the fight against these led the fight against these pleasures and banquets, and he said in part:

"If we did go we would find the institution on dress parade, and we would have a fine time, a nice banquet, and all that; but would come back with no better idea of the university and its needs than we had before. We are not here to take pleasure jaunts. We would be wasting time and money. I don't believe we would be earning our money if we went."

Here's one that should be killed without a dissenting vote in either house, Representative Pierce's bill to repeal a standing appropriation for bubonic plague. And following it, some one should demand a statement from the state board of health as to what this money has been paid out for these many years. We all know there is no bubonic plague in Oregon, and we SHOULD KNOW what the bunch has been doing with the money.

Why will representative men make themselves ridiculous as the senate did when it passed a resolution that each senator be furnished with five daily papers each day?

The interests behind the naval militia have gone back to Washington and got Secretary Daniels to come through with a protest against Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the naval militia, and the war scare is being worked for all it will stand to perpetuate the leech. The militia makes fat jobs and easy club lives for the few top-notchers. It would be of no more account in war than a feather in a cyclone. It's an expensive playhouse and salary-making combination.

The unanimous action of the senate in repealing the immigration, the county accountancy and the census laws are the actions the voters of the state like to see, and are along the line of pledges to the people.

If Senator Dimick's repeal bills go through these amounts will be saved to the state: census appropriation, \$100,000; immigration commission, \$70,000; bureau of mines \$50,000; naval militia, \$25,000; county supervisor law \$30,000; weights and measures \$11,000. Every one of these can be abolished and none will miss them but the job holders. But here is getting they won't all die.

Representative Hunt has introduced a bill to repeal a law of the last session requiring that on permanent highway work of \$1,000 or over the same shall be laid out by an engineer and let on bids. The country districts especially would like to have it repealed as it adds much to the expense of roads and prohibits the farmers from building them and using the stone and material they have.

Senator Farrell of Multnomah will introduce a bill to reduce the salaries of all county officers. Why county officers? Why not a bill to cut the salaries of the state officers 20 per cent? That would be more like it.

We believe Representative Schuebel's bill to put the jack under the fish and game commission is a step in the right direction, yet at the same time the question begs up before the Courier editor "why special officers to enforce laws?" What are our constables, sheriffs for? Why do they enforce the game laws as well

as the criminal laws? A fellow makes this suggestion: make every man who takes out a license a game warden, give him half the fines and we would get better law enforcement at no public cost.

Senator Garland of Linn county wants to break in with a bill pretty bad—and he has. His bill provides that foot paths for the benefit of pedestrians on all highways shall be maintained and paid for out of the general fund. Of course it will not pass.

Representative Hunt of this county has introduced a bill requiring all physicians' prescriptions to be written in English. This bill will find all kinds of backing among the rank and file. People seem to think they should have the right to know what kind of stuff is given them to swallow, whether the pills are paste or strychnine, and there is no good argument why they should not know. Prescriptions in plain English would put many a quack out of practice and would be a mighty good protection to the people. May it pass.

THE SAVIOURS

There is a song going around Oregon that its composers are trying hard to make popular.

It hasn't any particularly sweet strains, and no two handle the words exactly alike, but the substance is "all the same."

The first verse starts out something like this:

"The abuse of the Initiative Must be prevented." This chases around until a fellow catches the air, and then the second stanza shows up:

"The abuse of the Referendum Must be stopped."

This sinks into memory and the singer is just getting ready to go out and stop something when the third verse comes along:

"The Recall must be better Safe guarded for the People."

I heartily agree with the sentiment and air of all three stanzas. The abuses must be stopped, the safeguards must be thrown around.

But instead of taking the Oregon System to the legislature to have a wrench thrown into its works by a handy man of the interests, I would suggest—

Enforce the law against forgery. Enforce the perjury statute. Do this and the Oregon system is protected.

The newspapers show us abuse after abuse on initiative, referendum and recall petitions.

But they DON'T point out the affidavit of the circulator who swears:

"I am personally acquainted with all the persons who have signed this sheet and personally know that their signatures thereon are genuine."

They DON'T point out that section of Lord's Oregon laws that defines forgery, perjury and their penalties.

Put some of the forgers of names in Salem prison and see if the Oregon System will need any more legislation to protect it.

Put some of the perjurers in the pen at hard days work and see if the legislature will have to jump between the petition and the people to stop abuse.

Why doesn't the legislature pass a bill requiring every man who signs a note or check to sign it in the presence of the county clerk and swear that it is his signature?

Men seldom forge names to checks. The reason is that the forgery law would be enforced and they would get a working job at Salem.

Men don't make false affidavits to legal documents very often, for the reason state's prison stares them in the face if they do.

Enforce the criminal statutes against forgery and perjury and the initiative has protection enough.

RIDICULOUS

Wednesday of last week the senate was in an economical mood.

It had a 40-horse power yearn to get the ax and lop something off.

And while they were searching and thirsting for something safe and easy there bobbed up a \$4-a-day bill clerk soft snap.

Down fell the ax—rolled the \$4 head, and the headman straightened up and repeated in chorus—

"We are for economy."

Thursday they came to and got calm.

They looked over the awful carnage of Wednesday—saw where they had cut off the state \$4 per day.

Remove set in.

They were departing from precedents. They were becoming inuergents.

Only one stenographer apiece for the members.

Only eight clerks, messengers and sergeant-at-arms.

How could a well organized senate be expected to run as it should run without a full crew?

It simply couldn't. Senator Burgess said it couldn't. So the senate recanted. It reconsidered.

Reconsider meant have another \$4 think, and on the second think 17 senators lined up for \$4, and the \$4 bill clerk was attached to Oregon.



Original prices have been lost sight of in our endeavor to reduce stocks during this January Clearance Sale.

It's worth your while to come in and look around. Reduced Prices Plainly Marked, and you can figure the savings yourself.

- SOME SAMPLE PRICES: \$1.50 7 pt Oval Casserole.....98c \$1.25 5 pt Oval Casserole.....75c \$1.20 4 pt Round Casserole.....48c 75c 3 pt Oval Casserole.....48c There should be a Casserole in every home and it will soon pay for itself by cooking cheap cuts of meat so that they are as tender and palatable as expensive cuts. Try an Irish Stew in a casserole. 60c 950-page Self Pronouncing Dictionary.....48c \$3.00 One Thousand Page Webster's Dictionary—leather bound indexed, illustrated.....98c 35c Leather Bound Vest Pocket Dictionary.....25c 10c Note Tablet, 80 sheets of good writing paper.....8c 10c Wide Tablet, 40 sheets good writing paper.....15c 25c Letter Tablet, 8 x 10, ruled.....25c 25c Box Paper—4 quire Paper & Envelopes, two for.....25c (Boxes slightly soiled—100 in the lot.) Any Post Card Album in the store at 1/2 price. 3 good 5c Lead Pencils for.....10c 35c Playing Cards for.....25c

Drug Specials for this Week

- Reg. Spec. Rexall Hot Water Bottle, 2 qt., 2 years' guar.....\$1.75 \$1.12 Rexall 2 Year Guaranteed 3 qt. Bottle.....\$2.00 \$1.29 Rexall Fountain Syringe, 2 qt., 2 years' guarantee.....\$2.25 \$2.38 Hair Brushes.....35c 19c Hair Brushes.....75c 48c Combs, Assorted.....25c 15c Tooth Brushes.....15c-8c, 2 for 15c Liquid Smokem, quart bottles.....75c 63c Razor Straps.....35c 25c Razor Straps.....\$1.00 75c Razors, several makes.....\$2.00 to \$2.50 98c Toilet Soap.....5c, 3 for 10c

PAINT SPECIALS

Cleaning up odds & ends of Varnish Stains, 25c, 35c, 40c Cans for.....10c

These are a few only of our many January Sale bargains.

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Oregon City The Rexall Stores Canby Portland Hubbard

Starve the crazy looters and fighters of Europe into peace.

It makes a lot of difference whether this country would protect legitimate commerce, or whether it would protect smugglers and ships carrying war contraband articles. If it tries to protect the makers of war supplies our chances are mighty fine for breaking in on the big war.

Seeing the shadow of coming events Adjutant General Finzer didn't wait for what Insurance Commissioner Ferguson said, but he got out of the way of events—he resigned. He concluded he would rather raise wheat in eastern Oregon. And with a clear field Governor Withycombe appointed Capt. George White of Portland to succeed him.

It is getting so that as soon as any misfortune, catastrophe, disaster, difficulty or trouble breaks loose in Europe somebody starts passing the hat in the United States. There is ample in Europe to enable the people there at any and all times to take care of themselves. There is plenty of food in Belgium, and plenty in England, and plenty in Italy. If there is not plenty in any of these localities it is because of some body else having acted the fool, or the hog, and not us.

Every dollar sent to Belgium relieves the Germans of that much of a burden in their side of the hell-war. Every dollar sent to Italy enables the Italian landlords and tax dodgers to be relieved of that much. The biggest fraud on God's earth is charity, and the biggest fraud among charities is this game of helping foreign people in disaster. They have plenty at hand to help themselves. Mark Twain advised the beggars of Naples to rob their churches when they swarmed around him, and was immediately deported.

WANTED

Client wishes to trade unencumbered property in the best towns in Oregon, for a dairy farm, from 80 acres up. Would assume a fair-sized mortgage. Cross & Burke, Attorneys, Beaver Bldg., Oregon City, Ore.

Strayed onto my premises, red cow. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses.—C. G. Evans, Milwaukie, Rt. 1, Box 172-B.



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and broke it into splinters, may have been the fate of your carriage when it was run into by something; but "there is balm in Gilead," or there is pleasure in knowing that in our shop you can have it made good as new. We do all kinds of carriage repairing and blacksmithing in a skillful and superior manner.

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