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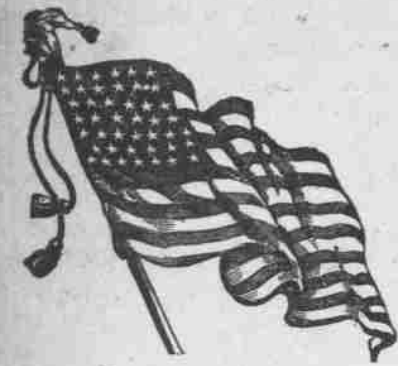
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"Flag of the free hearts' hope and home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."

—JOSEPH DRAKE.

SOME SOURCES AND REMEDIES FOR TAXATION.

In last week's issue the cost of the Oregon State Penitentiary and the average number of inmates were given. The following information from one closely in touch with conditions at the prison, shows the need for new methods whereby men now idle, fed, clothed and entertained at the expense of the state shall earn at least their own livelihood. They should be required to do more than this. They should be employed in work which will bring returns to the state. To encourage industry among the men, a portion of the proceeds of their labor might be apportioned to those dependent upon them for support, and a portion saved for them to start life anew at the expiration of their terms of imprisonment.

It is stated on good authority that the prison has been demoralized for some time. A few years ago the inmates were relieved of industrial employment; they were relieved of their stripes; baseball was introduced for their amusement; picture shows; minstrel performances and other forms of entertainment was substituted for healthful, honest-to-goodness working exercises.

The flax industry was introduced, but after costing the state handsomely, was pronounced a failure and for two years it has been waiting for some excuse to be discontinued. The whole project has received half-hearted support from those in authority is the report.

Public sentiment stimulated by the increase of the flax industry in this Willamette Valley, where conditions of climate, soil and water are all favorable to the production of the fiber, has forced the employment of a new superintendent and the project is going forward slowly.

A farmer's flax-and hemp cooperative movement has been launched on a large scale, which shows the faith in the future possibilities of this industry. With less politics and better business methods, these idle prisoners should be turning out thousands of tons of flax fiber and furniture tow, for which there has been and no doubt will continue to be a market at good prices.

True it is that the prison is putting in a wood-working department, which will employ 40 or 50 men. In the name and for the sake of health, morals, and economy, every able-bodied, well man under sentence, should be working for his daily food and clothing by productive, dignified toil every working day. He owes it to the state, to himself and to the taxpayer who toils and saves to support him and the state.

For The Oregon State Training School for boys, the 31st legislative assembly appropriated \$423,348.23—WHOOPEE—Mr. Taxpayer—In next week's issue we will discuss conditions here more freely.

A WAY TO PAY

If the American Soldier had tried half so hard to "pass the buck" where ordered to Europe, as congress does in trying to pass or not to pass a real honest-to-goodness bonus bill, they would have been court martialed and punished for cowardice or disobedience, or both. It's a sheer case of political maneuver. Too many of the law makers see only their own election and too many have a defective vision of public interest. And the Chief Executive will not let them use him as a stepping stone. So there you are—getting somewhere less than nowhere.

Here's a solution—Cut off enough from naval and military expenditures to pay the boys who wore the khaki a fair compensation in cash, during the next two or three years as a patriotic duty to both soldiers and their country.

MONKEYS.

And then William Jennings Bryan tells the evolutionists they can't make a monkey out of him. So should have said the senate to the opposition performers in the organ grinder's concert over the peace treaty.

POLITICAL VISION

It is reported that about four republicans and six democrats are against the Four-Power Treaty. They are on opposite sides of the political fence but have the same narrow and belligerent attitude. They lose sight of lofty ideals in the depths of rotten politics.

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All of these opponents are against every attempt to further the interests of universal peace or are now trying to retaliate for the same shiveled and shrunken attitude toward the League of Nations which they themselves now show toward the treaty.

Glory be that men like Underwood, Hughes, leaders of opposition forces, have political vision and courage to put high national ideals of peace and progress above partisanship and personal ambition. The treaty will win but in spite of the Borahs, Reeds, La Follette, and Harrison.

A TAX REDUCTION SYSTEM

One year's operation of the new Administrative Code in the state of Washington, has made it possible to reduce the general fund levy from four and one-half to two and one-fourth mills.

Under this code organization the heads of the ten departments of the state government have in a few months saved in the aggregate nearly 25 per cent and it is believed that at the end of the biennium period they will turn back into the treasury over \$2,700,000 of the \$12,103,000 appropriated to their maintenance. Would the taxpayers of Oregon be able to stand the shock which would be experienced if a condition could be brought about in this state where the officials would return appropriations or a part of them even back into the treasury?

But under this plan of state government responsibility can be placed. The heads of departments are responsible to one head and that head cannot dodge his responsibilities to the people and here's One Great Big Reason why Taxes are being Reduced under the Administrative Code of our sister state.

AWAY WITH THE MORAL LEPER

The recent narcotic conferences held in Portland at the instances of Mayor Baker and Governor Olcott have disclosed a condition that calls for quick and decisive action. War in all its horrors does not begin to exert so destroying an influence on the human race.

The loss of arm or leg or eye does not rob the intellect of its functioning, the maimed by bullets may retain health and vigor in the members remaining and the individual lives may be productive of worth-while things. But not so with the addict. Every nerve, every fiber, and all his intellect is weakened, useless, and his life is damned to loathsome suffering and an ignominious death.

The Pacific coast is the worst spot in the country in regard to the drug habit since it is largely smuggled in from the Orient and drug peddling is carried on chiefly by the Orientals.

The police of the cities are active in suppressing the traffic, people are becoming more and more aroused to the extent and horrors of it.

That prohibition upon which many sponsors for the booze outlaw would place the blame for the growth of this twin curse, is denied by no less an authority than Harry D. Smith, chief narcotic agent for the Pacific Coast and who lives in San Francisco. Before prohibition, so few officers were ferreting out the drug addicts that few arrests were made and seldom were convictions obtained. Now this is different this moral filth—the drug habit—is being brought from the dark and loathsome places into the light.

The first step on the part of the public is to force the judges now in office or elect new ones to enforce the law. Every alien found guilty of traffic in the dope should be deported. And every citizen so low and degenerate as to thus damn the lives and souls of others should spend his days behind prison bars. The fact that the peddler is himself a dope addict should not mitigate his sentence—he is the more dangerous. The victims should be given curable aid and pay for his cure by working for the state. The time to cleanse this moral leper and to save society from his deadening grasp is NOW.

POLITICAL



Thos. F. Ryan, For State Treasurer

Many friends have requested me to announce my candidacy and views regarding retrenchment and complying with their wishes, and believing that it is only right and proper that I make this announcement in my home county first, so that the friends that have been so loyal in the past year may be apprised of my position, I state the following:

I shall be a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer and in the near future will submit to the public a platform embodying what I shall advocate and endeavor to promote.

I have never favored a long list of general statements by candidates, believing it much better to present definite and concrete propositions; every citizen realizes at this time, that there must be retrenchments in the expenditures of governmental departments, and all aspirants for public office should pledge reduction wherever it may be possible to bring it about; several years' experience as chief deputy state treasurer has given me an intimate knowledge of the duties and requirements of the State Treasury Department and with that knowledge, believing that it is time to return to normal practices in state as well as in private business, I promise and I do pledge that if I am elected State Treasurer that I will reduce the present cost of the maintenance of the treasury department at least 30 per cent, and at the same time place the Treasury Department of the State of Oregon in the proud position that it enjoyed five years ago, of being one of the best and most economically conducted treasury departments in the United States. I will make it a state department conducted strictly under business rules and methods. No press agents shall be employed, no personal or political propaganda, no misleading reports or statements shall be prepared or distributed; no person connected either with the treasury department or its adjunct, the weights and measure department, will be allowed to receive gifts, presents or commissions, or collect any but lawful fees from any person, firm or corporation having business with the State of Oregon or any of its departments or institutions.

The knowledge I have acquired during years of experience in business and banking will insure safe and intelligent investment of state funds held in trust for the widow, the orphan, the injured and disabled, as well as our service boys, and I guarantee

that there will be no loss or depreciation in these funds through lack of financial knowledge or ability.

As a Member of the Board of Control, I shall demand efficiency and strictest economy in all departments and institutions under the control and supervision of the Board.

While I was born in Rhode Island I came to this county in early manhood, and all that I have, all that I ever expect to have is here, and if elected as a State Officer, I pledge my fellow citizens of Clackamas County, that I will not perform nor sanction any action that will bring reproach or discredit, and will devote all my time, ability and knowledge in the promotion of the interests of our beloved Oregon.—Adv.

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Does it Pay?

Editor Banner-Courier.—The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. I wonder if it pays. Some of the farmers raise mules and others raise big families. Does it pay? England ruled the seas and part of the land and has about lost it all. Does it pay? A man may spend his life in amassing a fortune and lose his manhood in doing it. Does it pay? A seat in the U. S. senate may be worth a million to a man who wishes to sell his manhood, but does it pay? Senator Ladd says the bankers of our country made twenty billion dollars during the war, but if it causes national paralysis like it did in Europe, does it pay?

The Board of Trade of Chicago made more money in 1921 than ever before and thousands of farmers

went bankrupt. Does it pay? A man or woman can live on the same amount of material wealth as a government employe as when working as a citizen and we pay some of them many times more, but does it pay?

Up in Seattle a millionaires' club has formed a corporation to run the city and state government. Some people have a suspicion that up in New York state is a similar club that has been chartered to run the whole world. We look back about seven years of their management and ask ourselves does it pay?

The farmers who work hard to produce the food and clothes for all the people and give all the profit for taxes are asking themselves does it pay?

Great Britain, the once-powerful ruler of the earth and the fulness thereof is palsied and tottering. We should have a expert examine America for symptoms of the same epidemic that has swept Europe and if found should administer the remedy provided it will pay.

RUBE SHORT.

OHIO CITIZEN GAINS 27 POUNDS

"I was run down and weighed only 121 pounds," said Mr. Geo. Klinker of Lima, O. "My health was very poor," he continued "as I had rheumatism, catarrh, lead poisoning, stomach trouble and itch for which I had tried numerous medicines without benefit. I was advised to try Number 40 Prescription which I did having taken six bottles. My appetite improved and I now weigh 148 my usual weight and I feel that I owe my life to it."

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POLITICAL

SENATOR W W BANKS

Senator Banks who served during the last term in the Oregon legislature, has filed his petition for re-nomination. The following is his announcement in the state official pamphlet:

W. W. Banks was born in Moultrie county, Illinois, and has lived in Oregon since he was 13 years of age. A taxpayer, married, and lives with his family at 854 Marshall street, Portland, Ore.

Educated in the Portland public schools. Attended the law department of the university of Oregon, and has practiced his profession with success in this district for 20 years.

Elected representative in the Oregon legislature in 1908. Introduced and secured the passage of the first law in Oregon limiting the hours of employment of women.

Formerly assistant U. S. attorney for Oregon, having been appointed to that position during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.

Three times president of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club, which furnished more than 1000 members during the world war. Presented with an honorary life membership in said institution by its board of directors for distinguished services.

Four-Minute Man appointed by the government during the war.

President of the Harding and Coolidge republican club, director in the Portland Golf club.

Elected state senator for this district in 1918, and now a candidate for re-nomination and re-election.

My desire to retain my seat in the state senate is prompted by assurance that my experience and legislative record qualify me to render further valuable services to my constituents. Oregon needs legislation to relieve real property from a portion of the excessive tax burden and distribute the same equitably among other classes of wealth. To accomplish this, and to reduce the cost of government requires men in the legislature with courage, ability and experience, and I feel that I may be of further service along this line.

I will continue to advocate legislation for development of our ports and waterways, oppose class legislation, and conscientiously perform my public duty.

W. W. BANKS.

CLARKES

Mr. and Mrs. Roger T. Pickett and little daughter, Mary Louise, went to Portland last week to stay with Mrs. Roger Pickett's grandmother. Mr. Pickett intends to work on the highway this summer.

Richard Griffith is very ill at the Oregon City hospital but is improving.

George Dewey Grace has returned to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones and son, Alvin, are visiting Mrs. Ray Jones' parents, W. M. Lambert of Salem for a short time.

David Moehne purchased a new Mack truck recently.

Irvin Gard who is very ill with pneumonia is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bottemiller and daughter, Mary and sons Claude and Kenneth visited Mrs. Lena Keller of Milwaukie last Sunday.

Walter Lee from Oregon City was a visitor at Clarkes last Sunday.

Miss Violet Martha Wettlaufer, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wettlaufer of Timber Grove, married George L. Kruse of Portland on Sunday, March 12th, at the home of her parents. The newlyweds are making their home in Portland and we wish them great happiness.

Quite a few attended the musical concert given at the Clarkes school house last Saturday evening.

Little Ruth Buol, who was ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foglesong from Beaver Creek visited Mrs. A. Foglesong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore

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last Sunday.

Miss Hilda Reese from Highland, the Clarkes primary school teacher, who was ill is able to teach again.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ringo, a baby girl. Mother and baby feeling fine.

Miss Lorraine Goodman is at home from the Oregon City hospital.

Mr. W. E. Cummings is working for Mr. Clyde Ringo.

Mr. Goodman and Otto Gasser were in Oregon City last Saturday on business and the same time visited Miss Goodman at the hospital.

Miss Oldenburg is working for Mr. Clyde Ringo.

Mrs. John Leichtweis visited with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Marshall the other day.

M. W. Clarke transacted business at the county seat last Saturday. Frank and George Dooghy and Charles Gasser were at the Beacon Heights hall last Saturday evening taking in the doings there.

Owing to heavy rains the entertainment at the schoolhouse last Saturday evening was not well attended.

Almost everybody in Clarkes has been sick with Lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elmer visited with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Josi at Carus last Sunday.

M. and Mrs. Paul Schiewe, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schiewe visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Ringo, last Sunday.

Mr. Balmeter and Joseph Dooghy from Colton were at Ringos last Sunday.

Ben Elmer, Otto Gasser and Ben Lindau were looking for gray diggers last Sunday. Current report says they found none.

Albert Gasser joined the old Oregon stump digging brigade. He says, he would soon quit.

Mr. C. Ringo was in Portland last week.

Primary school teacher, Miss Rees, regained her health again and opened up school again last Monday.

VIOLA

Well, we see by the Portland papers that we are to have a railroad at last. The Sunday Oregonian has quite a write-up with a picture of our city. We will welcome the Carver railroad in here with her galloping goose or gander either. Any old way suits us just so we get the line in here. The sooner it comes the better it will suit the good people of Viola.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and daughter, Bernice, are well again after a long siege of the flu, also Mr. Ben Tanner, Sr., who had the same is able to be out again.

Mr. George Heimborth, Sr., of Redland is on the sick list. His sons, Will and Charlie are taking turns staying with him nights. All of the Hughes family have been down with the flu, but are better now.

Rev. Young of Gafield will preach here on March 26th. Come out and hear him.

Earl Hinman's mother is visiting him for a few weeks. She has sold her home at Clackamas, and expects soon to go to Wisconsin to see her parents and other relatives.

Mrs. Griffith and little son, who have been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lankin for the past four weeks, returned to their home at Silverton on Friday. The little boy who has been quite ill is improved.

J. Sevier and Will Heimborth are building new fences in front of their homes.

Mr. Elmer Lankin has moved his family on to the former, Charlie Miller farm. He intends to work two farms instead of one.

The Farm Bureau met on Friday evening at the church after the business of the Bureau, a fine program was listened to, although those who took part all were young, they all did well.

Mr. Frank Cummin is still confined to his bed.