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LET US SINK PARTY LINES.

The Oregonian is taken to task by the Polk County Itemizer for its "continued drags" against President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. We are accused of being inspired by partisan bias "just at a time when all party lines should be deeply sunken."

We heartily indorse the sentiment that "all party lines should be sunk" at a time like the present. If President Wilson will set the example, we will follow. He has set an example of the opposition for so far, and the Oregonian has not followed.

Could there be a more glaring example of partisan bias than the President's statement at Indianapolis that the Republican party has not had a new idea in thirty years?

ROBBING THE RAILROADS. In one respect some of the leaders of the late Congress seem to economize—namely, in the amount paid to railroads for carrying the mails.

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require that the roads be maintained at the highest efficiency and that they obtain more capital from time to time. They cannot be maintained nor obtain needed capital unless their earnings are sufficient to pay expenses and to attract capital.

MEAN WORK. The anonymous letter writer has wormed his crawling way into the campaign over the superintendent of the schools, with the definite design of creating dissension over Superintendent Alderman, who is a candidate for re-election and with the incidental object of creating religious issues.

It is difficult to explain the spirit or character of the anonymous letter writer on any theory creditable to his honor or honesty. He has neither. He adopts the coward's way because his sole weapon is the poison of falsehood, hatred and the enmity of little souls.

THE LATEST ANONYMOUS DRAFT, FOR WHICH A TEACHER IN THE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN DISMISSED, IS A LONG SERIES OF MALICIOUS MISSTATEMENTS about the methods by which Mr. Alderman has achieved his high position as an educator, and a very mean effort to withhold from him credit for various achievements commonly credited to him.

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THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING \$20,000,000 UPON SEED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION this season. More land will be planted than ever before with the expectation of a heavy crop. The purpose is to make the soil compensate for the losses of war.

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trality and on the part of the United States because our Government's ships had been seized. The only condition under which the allies would have likely to grant these ships immunity from capture would have been an agreement that they should trade only to allied ports.

HOW DID HE GET OUT? M. F. Shelby, a Louisville, Ky., publisher, who happened to be in Des Moines, Ia., a few days ago, sends us a clipping from the Des Moines Register and Leader, in which one C. W. Johnston attempts to tell whoppers about Oregon and Portland. What Mr. Shelby by thought of Mr. Johnston's letter will be judged from the single word of comment appearing in Kentucky publisher. That word is "dirty."

NEW FREEDOM AND OLD IDEAS. The New Freedom has been revealed by experience to be freedom from the burden of money. When its apostles took charge of the Government there was in the Treasury a hot balance of \$168,000,000 and revenue was enough to pay expenses.

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PENITENT PILGRIMS ARE WARNED TO keep away from the Yukon by the red-coated police, although how it is understood.

NOT ALONE WILL CITY HALL PEOPLE have a half-holiday when the local games open. Twenty-four thousand, more or less, will be there, the rain god willing.

IN THESE DAYS OF BOOSTING for the new Chamber of Commerce, the pessimist is so lonesome that his chronic mournfulness is aggravated.

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