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I. S. SMITH FOR SENATOR

THE progressive republicans of Coos and Curry Counties are to be congratulated that I. S. Smith has announced himself as a candidate for joint senator. This announcement came reluctantly. It was not made until many friends urged the necessity of some progressive republican making the race for this section. Mr. Smith is a firm believer and adherent in the principles of progressive republicanism. He is a Statement No. 1 man and will incorporate it in his platform. He believes in the initiative and referendum and the recall. He has been a lifelong republican and his former experience in the Oregon legislature will make him a valuable man for this section of the state. Every republican who believes in the advancement of his country and the progress of his party should make an effort to nominate I. S. Smith at the coming primaries and after nomination see that he is elected. Mr. Smith's platform will be really representative of the progressive republican principles and also of this section of Oregon. Mr. Smith is a successful business man and farmer and his varied experience qualifies him to deal understandingly with all questions of legislation affecting these interests as they develop.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

AULD LANG SYNE.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And days o' auld lang syne?

Chorus.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes, And pu'd the gowans fine; But we've wander'd mony a weary foot, Sin auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl't i' the burn, From mornin' sun till dine; But seas between us braid hae roar'd Sin auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty fiere, And gie's a hand o' thine; And we'll tak a right guld willie-waught, For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be by a pint-stowp, And surely ye'll be by the side; And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

There are some people on Coos Bay who remind one of a busy bee because every time they "touch" anybody they sting him.

Some Coos Bay people are like babies. Instead of going after what they want they screw up their faces and howl for it.

If Dr. Mingsu and J. W. Bennett write another letter or two to the editor their type writing machines will have to go to the repair shop.

Speaking of the recall of decisions, we don't suppose that Mr. Taft would object to the recall of Roosevelt's decision to accept the nomination.

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THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

Capt. Edwards expects to have his new steamboat launched next Saturday.

The tug Gleenor came in today from Gardiner with a general cargo and will take back general merchandise.

It is announced that the Wilhelmina will make Coos Bay her headquarters from now on, taking cargoes from here to Yaquina, the Siuslaw and Alsea.

The Marshfield-Eastside run yesterday after having been thoroughly overhauled. The slips have been dredged out and Capt. Hall does not expect any further interruption in the service in a long time.

The Rustler sailed late yesterday for Rogue river with a cargo for the Macleay Estate after lying in the lower bay a day or so. Roy Thrush is now engineer under Capt. Olson, Tom Golden having resigned a short time ago.

The Redondo has been bucking a strong wind and heavy sea since she left San Francisco the day before yesterday, according to wireless reports received from her today. She will arrive off Coos Bay late this afternoon or evening.

The Bandon Recorder says: "J. L. Kronenberg returned Wednesday evening from Coos Bay where he had been on business for a few days. He says the new steamer Speedwell, which is being built for the Estabrook Co., at the Kruse & Banks shipyard, is coming along nicely.

It is stated that the sister ship of the Nann Smith is to be completed at the Newport Mews Shipyards this summer so that she can be brought around Cape Horn before the end of the year. It is understood that Capt. B. W. Olson is to bring her around the cape for the C. A. Smith company.

The ferry boat Transit resumed The Ascension, the oil tank with 10,000 barrels of oil for the Oregon Power company, will arrive off the bar this afternoon. This is her first trip in and the captain wanted a pilot. Operator Moe told him that he could wait and follow the Redondo in this evening or perhaps Capt. Edgar Simpson who is on the Redondo would board the Ascension and pilot her in. Later Capt. B. W. Olson arranged to go out and pilot her in.

"A RUBBER BALL"

By Bess Flanagan of the Fifth Grade, Central School. "It is very dark in this old tree and I want to get into the world," I said to the rubber tree. "Well it certainly won't be very much longer before they tap me," said the tree. And sure enough, the next morning a man came to the tree and cut a gash in it. This frightened me very much and the next thing I knew I was flowing out of the dark tree into a small tin cup.

It was very much nicer out here for the sun was shining and there were beautiful green trees all around me. But soon it wasn't so nice because I was taken out of the little cup and thrown into a large bucket where I was crowded by other sap.

We were carried to a small shed where it was very smoky. The man dipped me out of the bucket with a small paddle and held me in some thick black smoke. I didn't like this at all for the smoke nearly choked me and I could feel myself getting black.

But at last we were placed in a wagon and were bumped and jarred until we reached a boat. Here we were placed in a large box and rode for a long time, until one day a large whistle blew and the next thing I knew we were swinging through the air and struck the ground with such a hard blow that it nearly threw me out.

Soon I noticed a small hole in the box just large enough for me to look out and see the city. I saw many other boxes and supposed that they were full of rubber too. Next we were carried to a factory where I saw many other pieces of rubber being cut, stretched and made into all kinds of shapes and sizes. The same thing was done to me until I was very small and round. We were all carried to a store to be sold and were placed in a glass case. One day a little girl came into the store to buy a rubber ball. I was tired of staying inside so I moved nearer to the front where she would be sure to see me. She bought me and paid twenty-five cents for me. But as she was bouncing me I fell in a hole where she couldn't find me. Soon she began to cry. I felt sorry for her, so I jumped out of the hole into her hands and we lived together ever after.

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An Open Letter.

Letter to preachers and leaders in the religious movement:

You tell us that through the gospel of your churches do we deal with the real cause of all human misery and wrong in the world and that all human efforts at uplift and reform are treating only with symptoms; that the thing to do is to change the individual, or in other words, get right with God.

As Socialists we contend that to improve social and economic conditions and environment will change men and give them a chance to be decent, but you capitalist preachers have failed to show any economical or political changed men as the result of your efforts, and if the average preacher or church member is an example of the sort of changed men you have in mind we ask what advantage to society would a million a day of such so-called changed men be, seeing your churches and pulpits are already full of these changed men who are no better, socially or economically speaking, than the political frauds and capitalists they vote with and support.

As Professor Giddings of Columbia University says, "The United States as a matter of fact today stands for thief rule, and that by a gang of thieves worse than those Christ drove out of the Temple." Get right with God? Yes, but no man's relations with God can be right so long as his relation with men are wrong. No salvation is worth anything to society that does not put men into right relations with his fellowmen. You call upon the people to be clean, and socially and economically speaking, give them nothing but sewer water to drink and wash in, while you yourself are politically dirty, the fruits of your lives and votes being proof. There is a never ending struggle between the working class and the capitalist class as to the wages to be paid for a given amount of labor or production. The interests of the working class and the capitalist class are diametrically opposed to each other and all the sermonizing of those preachers who guard in the name of Christ the ill-gotten gains of rich criminals of our land cannot make those interests harmonize or become identical. Is it not true that the practical working of the Golden Rule is impossible while the profit system remains in existence? How can we practice the Golden Rule under the capitalist system? Do you practice it? Are you not supporting capitalism and opposing Socialism? Is it not Morganianity instead of Christianity you are representing? Is it not the vilest sermons to talk about religion in the crumbalism of the present system in which men devour each other like hyenas and in which millions now are robbed of what they produce and sink into hopeless poverty while their sons are driven to crime and their daughters to disgrace? Socialists believe that the real salvation of the world is impossible while a state of economic damnation exists. We declare, and challenge you to deny that it is utterly impossible for a man to be individually righteous and collectively unrighteous. If you support by your vote and influence the present capitalist system you immediately become partaker of its sins, vices and iniquities. If you vote to sustain a political system which is vile and corrupt, you partake of its vileness and corruption. Prayers, sermons, songs and pious professions cannot free you from the individual and collective responsibility for existing conditions. How do you defend your support of the capitalist system which is distinctly un-Christianlike? Or explain your indifference, ignorance or open hostility to Socialism, which is the essence of Christianity? How do you defend your assumption of individual righteousness while you are partakers and defenders of collective unrighteousness? Can you and will you answer these questions?

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