

# SOLICITING HURTS GIRLS

Times Reader Points Out the Dangers of Permitting Girls to Canvass.

Editor Coos Bay Times:

I notice that your paper from time to time has articles on reforms and on the upbuilding of the community and the improvement of social conditions. Most of them I approve and think that they are doing some good. Publicity in journals like yours I believe does much good. I notice by your paper that Mayor Straw says that there is a decided improvement in the saloons here. I am glad to hear it. And I think this improvement, and everyone knows there is still lots of room for changes for the better, is due to the publicity you gave in The Times of the conditions and of the city council's threat to revoke the licenses of the offenders.

However, there is one evil on Coos Bay that I want to call your attention to. It is the menace to our young womanhood of having young girls and women go out and solicit aid and subscriptions for various undertakings and sometimes schemes. It makes them bold and robs them of womanhood's sweetest charm—modesty.

They start out with the idea that the thing to do is to "get the money." To do it, they solicit from some men who forget the respect and chivalry that is due womanhood and if they do not actually insult the girls, their coarse and sometimes suggestive remarks unconsciously but surely rob the girl of that modesty which is the flower of young womanhood—one of the most desired traits of femininity.

The loss of this modesty I have noticed is often the stepping stone to worse things. Harsh as this statement may seem, I think you will agree with me in it if you will just think over many of the instances that you and all of us older people have witnessed.

Don't misunderstand me to be intimating that it is wrong for a girl or young woman to work and earn her living. I don't mean that. Because when a girl is working in a store or office, she is protected by business standards which protect her to a large extent.

However, when she goes out soliciting on the street, she becomes sort of an object of charity which removes the safeguards which legitimate business employment throw around her.

I wish you would say something in the paper that will put thoughtless girls or parents on their guard about this sort of thing—awaken them to the danger of it for their own good and for the good of the community.

I hope I have made myself plain, but think you can write a piece for your paper much better than I can.

TIMES READER.

## POPCORN IN OREGON.

SALEM, Oct. 31.—Seventeen vendors of popcorn, who reported their business for compilation in the biennial report of State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, show an aggregate income for the year ending September 30, of \$20,650; or an average of over \$100 a month for each vendor. The total capital invested in plants and material was \$1978.

## WORKINGMEN!

A. L. Marowitz of Portland will deliver a lecture on "Socialism" Saturday evening at 7:30 at the "Busy Corner," weather permitting. If not he will speak in Socialist hall. Bring your friends.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

Regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night, November 1, to select successor to Miss Henderson and transact other business. A full attendance is desired.

D. C. GREENE, President.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our baby, MR. and MRS. ENOCH HOLLAND and family.

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## LITTLE TALKS ON TIMELY TOPICS

By

W. A. REID.

In these pre-election days we attach a political significance even to remarks about the weather. A business man returning home from his office the other evening was met by his wife, who, with her mind on the weather conditions for the evening, innocently remarked, "What's the outlook?" To which he absent-mindedly replied, "The outlook? Why it's progressive, of course." To a similar question another man replied, "It looks like a landslide, my dear." Every man you meet is a "progressive." If not, he is ashamed to admit it. He may be a Republican progressive, a Democratic progressive, a National progressive or a Socialist progressive, but a progressive, nevertheless. A true progressive is a man who makes the most of every opportunity. PERHAM PARK presents an opportunity for an ideal investment or homestead. SEE

## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer, and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not endorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

### OPEN LETTER TO S. P. PEIRCE.

Editor Times:

I note by your paper of yesterday that S. P. Peirce of Curry county, candidate against me for joint representative, told your reporter that he was making the race on his record as representative in 1911.

That there may be no mistake, I have looked up his record in the House Journal of 1911 and find the same to be in part as follows:

He introduced ten bills; six failed to reach a vote; two failed in the Senate; one was vetoed by the Governor, and only one became a law which was House Bill No. 160 increasing the salary of the assessor of Curry county from \$600 to \$1,000 per year.

He attempted to remove the protection from the Coos County Crab Fishing Industry, but through the efforts of local people, his bill for that purpose, No. 289, was defeated. This bill would have benefited the fish markets of Portland and San Francisco, and if the same had passed, Coos county would have soon lost a valuable resource.

He voted against the Public Utilities Bill, which was the act providing for the regulation by the state of all public service corporations, including railroad, water and lighting companies. This was the great anti-special interest bill of the session, but Peirce forgot the people and voted for the special interest.

He voted against the bill prohibiting attendance at school of vermin infected pupils.

He voted against the bill prohibiting the printing and circulation of the secret ritualistic work of lodges. He was the only man in the House voting against the bill to protect fraternal orders from fraud and imposture.

Space forbids any further comment upon his record; perhaps Mr. Peirce can explain the same, especially his attitude against all lodges and fraternal orders, and his position on the Public Utilities measure.

I will be glad to meet Mr. Peirce at any time and place and discuss his Legislative record more particularly, and would be glad to hire a hall at my own expense for that purpose.

W. H. MEREDITH.

### OPEN LETTER TO R. A. CORTELLI.

Dear Sir:

The open letter addressed to me which you so obligingly signed for Mr. I. S. Smith, perhaps deserves an answer.

1st. The voters of the district certainly are entitled to know who are behind my nomination and campaign. Numerous friends urged me for the nomination and are helping my campaign.—people of all parties and occupations who desired to vote for a trustworthy old neighbor in preference to a political hybrid, who is endeavoring to belong to two parties at once and to ride into office by votes of both Republicans and Progressives, neither of whom have been able to learn where he personally stands.

2nd. I am not a member of the Coos County Tax Association. I was one of its organizers.—its express purpose being to see that taxes were fairly and evenly assessed and honestly and economically expended, but I could not see that much was being accomplished, soon withdrew and have not been a member for two years.

3rd. My platform was prepared after consultation with numerous friends, whose judgment I respected and of whose experience I was glad to avail myself; among them were Mr. Conrad, the Secretary of the Tax Association, and Judge Goss, who is, or was, its attorney; also Russell DeWent, R. E. Shine, and many others, but the one person who rendered me the most assistance was Hugh McLain, who had been a candidate for the office to which I aspire. He had given much thought and study to public questions, and together we prepared a rough draft of the platform in his office, of which he subsequently had typewritten copies made and gave to the papers.

4th. None of the planks of my platform were taken from I. S. Smith; it would be a shame to rob him of the few planks his platform contain. Compare them. We both touch on some of the same matters, but since when did Bro. Smith obtain a copyright on public questions?

5th. I don't know what the Coos County Tax Association is doing in this campaign, but I am sure it has no man working for me, is sneaking

no money for me, and it would do it no good if it were, for if elected, I shall treat its members exactly as I would you—with fairness, but without favor.

6th. By "cheapening justice" I mean exactly what I say, and what any fair-minded man would understand me to mean, i. e., to make it possible for a poor man to get justice in the Courts promptly and without great expense.

You are surely hard-pressed when you resort to such an unworthy quibble, and insinuate that I advocate lawlessness. I am in favor of law, of its honest enforcement, and of fairness even in an election, and you have violated the spirit and probably the letter of the Corrupt Practices Act in publishing your letter without first serving a copy thereof upon me, as required by law.

(Signed) J. O. STEMLER.

### ANGORA GOAT INDUSTRY.

Editor Times:

The entrance of the Angora Goat in Coos Co. has furnished or will furnish a solution of difficulties. The industry has been a profitable one for a number of years, and its possibilities have awakened an interest among those who have logged off land. In the Angora goat a way has been found of clearing land for pasture or for cultivation. There are thousands of acres of land in the mountains of Coos and coast districts that were burnt or logged off where there are all kind of small brush, such as thimble berry, huckleberry, briars, young alder, fern and many other obnoxious weeds too numerous to mention. The gentle sloping hills that lie back of Coos Bay and adjoining territory are rich in value of agriculture and grazing purposes. Here is where the Angora goat will prove of inestimable value. These lands are covered with a dense growth of brush and briars and what is commonly known as second growth. The cost of clearing these lands retard the cultivation, but the Angora goat will feed upon this brush land and clear it ready for agricultural purposes or any other use that one may have for it. Rains do not hurt the goats, provided a shed is furnished them to sleep in, for they must not stay out all night during the rainy season. Sheds do not cost much in this wooded country, the cost is trifling considering the profit there is in them, for they board themselves on waste brush and other undesirable weeds that grow on hill lands. One should furnish salt and occasionally a feed of oats or some other food and they will come home at night. Every one should own a band of Angoras who has mountain or waste land. In a few years grass will be growing on hills where today is a dense growth of brush and of no value. There is always expense in connection with pasture grasses, but there is none with browse. One of the chief reasons goats are receiving so much consideration at this time is that they are practically inexpensive feeders and all items of expense must be figured on, if profit is to result.

Mohair is the technical and commercial name for the fleece of the Angora goat. The fleece is pure white, lustrous and grows to an average length of 10 inches. It hangs in beautiful wavy curls or ringlets from all parts of the body, the average annual production of mohair being about four pound a head. The grade of the goat has much to do with the weight of the fleece. There is a good market for all the mohair of the best quality that can be produced in this country. The demand for the best grade of mohair is far greater than the supply. The average price paid for the 1912 clip was 85 cents a pound.

Written for the Coos Bay Times by Mrs. W. F. RAY, Cooscon, Ore.

SALEM DEBATE IS WARM ONE

Chas. Shields Hands W. S. U'Ren a Number of Packages in Debate.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 31.—Charles H. Shields, anti-single taxer, laid several nicely arranged fragments of dynamite in front of W. S. U'Ren, single taxer, at the Washington High School last night.

They went off.

U'Ren had just been telling about the wonders of single tax in Everett, in fact, Mr. Shields had just given him an especial extension of time to do so. Then Mr. Shields got up.

"Everett, Wash.," he began to read. "Single tax will be voted on November 5th. C. C. Gillman, city clerk."

And a roar went up that made further comment from Shields quiet unnecessary. Another stick exploded when Shields remarked that Joseph Fels, the angel of the single taxers, had not made his eight million dollar fortune out of the increase of land values.

"Yet he is one of the men you would exempt from paying a cent under the single tax," rapped Shields.

And to the surprise of all, Mr. U'Ren himself joined in the vociferous appreciation of the knock, the single taxer clapping with a great appreciation as any of those present.

Shields scored viciously the trusts and pointed out how they would escape taxation on any of their property under single tax. Their great factories, their great stocks, all they have that is the product of labor, would be exempted from taxation, he pointed out. While the fact that they usually leased the land for their buildings would mean that the monopolies who are rarely land owners would be taxation free. One odd feature of the debate was that there was no chairman and in place of roasting each other to a frazzle, Shields and

U'Ren had evidently studied AL-

## FEARS SINGLE TAX RESULTS

Walter M. Pierce Forecasts Bankruptcy for State If It Succeeds.

Declaring that the adoption of the Single Tax, even in its modified form, would throw the State of Oregon into financial chaos and many of its residents into bankruptcy, Walter M. Pierce of Hot Lake last night bitterly attacked the Graduated Land Tax amendment which is to be voted on next Tuesday. Mr. Pierce said that he personally would be among those most affected and declared that he was speaking from his heart and not as a hired orator. He spoke at the Odd Fellows hall at a meeting arranged by T. S. Alexander and while there was a comparatively small attendance, he held his audience from start to finish.

Mr. Pierce was introduced by Judge J. S. Coke, who served with him in the Oregon senate. Judge Coke spoke against the Single Tax plan and urged that it be voted down.

Today noon, Mr. Pierce addressed the employees of the North Bend mills this afternoon he will speak at Coquille and this evening at Myrtle Point and will leave there in the morning with Mr. Alexander for Portland where he is scheduled to deliver an address at the Bungalow theatre Saturday night.

In addition to urging the voters to turn down the single tax measure, No. 365, Mr. Pierce urged them to vote for No. 308, the amendment adopted two years ago which permits the adoption of single tax by counties instead of by the state as a whole.

In his remarks, Mr. Pierce said that if the single tax carried, Coos Bay would be a long time without a railroad. He said that President Farrell of the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific had informed him a few days ago that the railroad would immediately cease extensions and construction if it carried. Consequently he said that Coos Bay would have to put up with the old stage road to Roseburg which he declared was a "disgrace to any civilized community." He and Mr. Alexander came in over the road. He said that Mr. Mills had also informed him that the single tax would practically bankrupt Oregon.

He devoted considerable time to Henry George's book "Progress and Poverty" which he said was the basis of the movement in Oregon. He advised everybody to read and inform themselves for, he said, the single tax issue would be up again in two years and in four years even though it was defeated this time. He characterized three or four points in Henry George's philosophy as absolute falsehoods.

He said that Fels, the Jew soap-maker of England, was either paying \$100,000 to secure single tax in Oregon to get free advertising or to carry out a fad. He said that U'Ren and the three others directing the campaign for single tax were hired by Fels.

He said that the graduated single tax meant that in a short time the land would be up to its full rental value making the land owners mere tenants. He said that the small farmer and rancher would be hit just like the big property owners. He said that the plan was a wrong one if it was intended to break up the big land holdings.

He cited the C. A. Smith company as an instance. He said that the lumber operations had to be carried on now on a large scale and that the company's profits were the savings made by modern methods of manufacture. He said that the company had expressed a willingness to sell any of its logged off lands at \$5 to \$10 an acre. He said that the taxing of the land to its full rental value would stop reforestation, making it too expensive.

He said that U'Ren and his followers were trying to get Coos, Clatsop and Multnomah county because those counties had given big majorities in favor of it four years ago.

Mr. Pierce said that any plan that prevented the individual from owning land was wrong. He said that was the inspiration of every good citizen—the hope to own a farm or home. He said that only the home or farm owner could bring that tract of land up to its full possibilities, the tenant or hired laborer not putting in the delicate care needed to bring the land up to its best.

So far as the railroads were concerned, he said that U'Ren's plans for taxing franchises was wrong. He said the thing to do was to place a physical valuation on the roads, allowing them an income of not over six per cent on the actual investment. He said this would bring a reduction in rates. He declared that the country was not suffering from an unequal distribution of wealth but that it was suffering from trusts and combinations which fixed prices. He declared that the combinations should be broken up and declared himself in favor of public ownership of express companies, railroads and other public utilities.

Following his address, Joe Gosman and Andrew Stogard asked a number of questions of a Socialist character. Pierce answered them and said that he was a pretty good socialist.

Phone and Gaston to good advantage as they were suavely considerate of each other's feelings. Shields introduced U'Ren and U'Ren introduced Shields.

Both men found they had outstayed their welcome as debaters, less than 400 being present as against 2500 for the first talk feast. (Paid adv. Oregon Equal Tax League)

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## FATALY INJURED.

Sister Injured in San Antonio Fire Will Probably Die. (By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 31.—Sister Mary Kotka was fatally injured in the orphanage fire here yesterday in which five Sisters of Charity lost their lives. She will probably succumb soon. It was erroneously reported yesterday that she had died at the hospital soon after the accident.

## SHEEP IN OREGON.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 31.—There are 2,408,000 sheep in the state of Oregon. The total valuation of Oregon sheep is placed at \$9,639,200, or an average value of \$4 each. Oregon sheep produced 18,500,000 pounds of wool the past year. The county in the state having the largest number of sheep is Malheur, with 250,000 and Umatilla, Lake and Morrow are next with 200,000 each. Eight thousand and twenty-two men are employed in the industry annually in 5830 firms.



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