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JONATHAN BOURNE

THE LATE legislature deemed it good policy to hammer Jonathan Bourne. There was studied effort by the Bowermans, Nottingham and Abrahams, and cuffed him; they battered and bullied him; they censured and clubbed him. They lost no opportunity to heap upon him opprobrium, epithet and invective.

In reality they helped him. Their Bourne-mania made them behave foolishly. They did exactly the kind of thing to strengthen Bourne.

About one more legislative session would insure Bourne's reelection. A little more activity by the Bowermans, Nottingham and Abrahams, and it cannot be stopped.

The people of Oregon did not engage to pay the bills of this \$5,000,000 legislative session to have the time spent in considering Jonathan Bourne.

IN MCKINLEY'S TIME

IN 1896 THE platform on which McKinley was elected declared emphatically for reciprocity.

But, at Washington, we have the spectacle of the senate in chaos over the policy. Appropriations passed by the house are in peril of non-action in the senate.

All legislation in the senate is blocked by Republican resistance to the president's reciprocity policy.

The spectacle shows how big interests that profit from the tariff profess one thing and practice another.

A LEGISLATIVE LEGACY

AT SALEM THE governor of Oregon is buried under an avalanche of bills, rushed through the legislature in the last moments of the late session.

and set out regulations for every kind of human conduct and legal restriction. They affect social groups with some opposed and some favoring the proposed law.

The state aid bill came to him with a phraseology that made it inoperative. It was one of the vital measures of the session and yet its passage was impotent.

With 725 bills introduced and but 40 days for consideration accuracy gave way to inaccuracy and blunders ran riot.

And still, they say that only legislatures should be allowed to legislate, and that the citizens haven't time or sense enough to make laws.

THE KAISER AND SUICIDE

THE GERMAN emperor is nothing if not original. One of his officers attempts suicide and falls.

It was not so held in the ancient days. The suicide was tried post mortem. His act then proved was held a crime.

The most precious possession of a man is his life. In it the community and the family have rights and duties of preservation as well as the man himself.

But the decision of the kaiser that the suicide is responsible only to God and his conscience is a wide departure from the well remembered text.

PREMATURE CONJECTURES

ALREADY SEVERAL newspapers have published estimates or conjectures on the presidential election of 1912.

The new electoral college, if the membership of the house be increased to 439, will consist of 531 electors, requiring 266 votes to elect.

The Democrats have substantial ground for expecting to carry some states that they have lost in the last four presidential elections.

PARCELS POST IN RUSSIA

EVEN semi-barbarous Russia beats the United States in the matter of a parcels post. The post parcels exchanged in Russia are about 10,000,000 a year.

Rico, we have the Philippines—heaven knows, we have enough, and before we look out for their burdens and responsibilities, let us show the world we can meet perfectly those we have."

LORIMER'S DEFENSE

LORIMER DENIED using any money to bribe members of the Illinois legislature to vote for him, or that he had any personal knowledge of bribery in his favor.

Such general and sweeping denial was expected, if Lorimer said anything at all in his own defense.

Lorimer does more than deny, however. He explains, rather plausibly, why some Democrats voted for him.

And it is not very credible that all the Democrats who finally voted for him did so on the ground of personal friendship and admiration.

WHEN ANANIAS FIGURE

HOW IS THE Seattle Chamber of Commerce to be explained? Late in January its official publication, sent broadcast through the country, greatly understated Portland as to bank clearings, deposits, postoffice receipts and in other particulars.

It's statement of Portland's postoffice receipts for 1910, set out first a month ago and now reiterated, is \$318,382.

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Just so it would work with the smaller merchants in this country; they could supply and deliver goods to country customers better and more satisfactorily than they do now.

Many people go from this country to far foreign lands as missionaries, but missionary or some other sort of effective work seems to be needed over in the Bilets region about as badly as in darkest heathendom.

Letters From the People

Protest From an Unemployed Man. Portland, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Journal—Last night I read your article headed "Sheriff Has Club Over Tramps Now."

The good time coming is not so very far off now. The baseball players are off to begin practice.

It is curious that so many people who go into politics regard it as a game by which to humbug the people.

Now the editors and some farmers are getting free garden seeds from the congressman who want votes again next year.

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Living on One Acre of Land.

St. Johns, Feb. 23.—To the Editor of The Journal—Let me say to Mr. Howard Costner that his ignorance of existing conditions in this country is only a matter of degree.

For the last 30 years I have known of intensive farming—this getting out onto an acre or so of ground.

I was surprised myself at the quick returns from my own place, acquired recently from the wife.

Those were facts I stated in my former letter—not theory, but hard facts, as the groceryman can testify.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Looks like an extra session, causing Democratic leaders to become nervous.

Siskiyou mountains are a hard region in which to work the world.

It is believed that it would be unconstitutional to enroll any more bills now.

Most women, if they could vote, might favor a second choice, or even a third.

Yes, it is certain that the legislature has adjourned, all but the Journal clerks.

The weather's all right; it is cool enough to prevent the buds from developing too fast.

In Taft, after all, to go down in history as one of the most courageous of our presidents?

The down-and-out politicians want any old thing that will weaken or vitiate the primary law.

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It is said that King George did not want to spend the \$100,000,000 on him; but the queen being consulted, she said, "Let George do it!" and he did.

That judgeship bill veto was too bad, Governor Hays was such a nice, agreeable, competent lot of Democratic law to select from, and each of whom had hopes.

It is suggested that, judging by some of his recent remarks in congress, Representative Bacon would rather be a sewer department of his home town.

In Vienna a loaf of bread made of American flour sold at the same price as in this country, it is twice as large as the American loaf.

Who plants a rose bush does a lot to make the world more fair, to add more beauty to the scene and fragrance to the air.

SEVEN FAMOUS CHARGES

The English at Agincourt.

"I swear by our Lord that I do not wish a man more." This was the significant remark made by King Henry V on the evening before the famous battle of Agincourt.

The battle of Agincourt was the decisive victory in the Hundred Years' war, fought on October 25, 1415, which gave the English control of France and Henry the French throne.

The night before the battle the English spent the time practicing and caring for soul and body as well as they could. When fully prepared for victory these brave men did not neglect their eternal safety and endeavored to reconcile themselves with God and man.

On the French side it was just the reverse. They busied themselves dubbing knights. Large fires in all directions were kept burning all night long.

used 12 rolls a month—a family of seven—and, as I know, this is an average. If you can get along with two rolls, that's your business.

Prunes and Phrenology. From the Popular Magazine. Charles H. Fullaway, assistant superintendent of the division of finance in the postoffice department, was on a Chesapeake & Ohio railroad train on his way to Washington from Chicago.

present position as a power in the northwest. He has been a man behind the hoe, and he has been the man behind the man with the hoe.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Much building is reported going on at Newport.

Florence Commercial club will issue advertising pamphlets.

Man near Eugene claims to have found a tin mine on his place.

Fruit growers of Douglas county are trying to form an organization.

Big sawmill at Tillamook has started up after being idle several months.

Turnip raised near Florence measured 13 inches one way and 11 the other.

Baker City may have the finest hospital in the state outside of Portland.

Spirit of irrigation is rife in Grants Pass and vicinity, says the Courier.

Building the Rogue River Valley railroad near Grants Pass is actually under way.

Work on preparing the 3000-acre tract of land in Linn county for fruit planting will begin next week.

Man near Nehalem received about \$25,000 for 30 acres, which, including stock and utensils, he paid \$7000 six years ago.

The coroner's jury censured severely the lad who killed another one while hunting in Lane county, which was letting him off light.

The Albany Democrat is not far wrong when it "opines" that "Douglas county will do the state a favor, if it will keep Abraham at home hereafter."

The taxes in Albany are about the lowest of any in the state, but in fact about everywhere else, claims the Democrat.

Owing to the close observance of the closed season, the deer in the mountains around Jackson County are becoming unusually tame, several of them having approached almost to the back doors of a number of ranch houses.

In one year there has been an increase of \$100,000.00 in the bank deposits of Corvallis. With no noticeable increase in population, this added wealth must come from increased prosperity and enterprise, says the Gazette-Times.

Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, a Baptist preacher of Boston, son of a former president of the University of Oregon and a graduate of that institution, wants thousands of fine Rosenbergs to come to Oregon. Better he would rather have a disastrous effect on our climate?

The Medford Mail-Tribune, that opposed strongly the Federal bill relating to fishing in Rogue river, is satisfied with the modified bill as passed, and says: "The fact that 200 families in a sparsely settled region would thereby be deprived of means of livelihood and an investment of several hundred thousand dollars confiscated, convinced the legislature that it was justified in the live-and-let-live principles, in modifying the people's law by giving all parties a share of what they desired—in that each was to receive without injuring the other."

The dawn of the famous day found the battlefield a slough, following the terrific rains of the night. At the decisive moment, when the English, Sir Thomas Erpingham, who had drawn up the English army, said: "Now strike," a signal which the English answered by a formidable shout from 10,000 voices.

Much to the astonishment of the English when they rushed at the French, the latter remained motionless. Horsemasters and knights appeared to be enchanted, or struck dead in their armor. The fact was that their large battle steeds, weighed down with their heavy riders and lumbering caparisons of iron, had all their feet completely sunk in the deep wet clay. They were fixed there, and could only struggle out to crawl on a few steps at a walk.

The French were so numerous and so crowded together that they could not lift their arms to strike their enemies, except some who were in the front.

To arouse these inert masses, the English-archers rained, with unceasing shower, 10,000 arrows right in their faces. The awful slaughter, under such conditions, that followed can easily be imagined. The great French host was entirely at the mercy of the small army of archer chargers. Great bodies of men and horse fell and rolled in the mud, and one may imagine the fearful panic that took place in this sacred mass.

Tomorrow—The Louisbourg Grenadiers at Quebec.

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fix the roof, which let in rain; I saw my fingers off and roared until the neighbors had a pain. I tried, and tried, and tried, and every time the hammer missed; I tolled for hours without avail; I broke my neck and sprained my wrist; I clawed the shingles off the roof, and piled up smoking words in terra till friends and neighbors stood aloof, and held their fingers to their ears. And then a carpenter I sought, he fussed around my lowly cot, and had it fixed in forty shakas. He knew just how to wield a saw, he knew just how to drive a nail; he wore a smile, and to do the job in the easiest way possible, and when his work was done, he came inside my humble home, and said, when he had got his mop: "I wish you'd read this little poem. I dashed it off the other night, when I was in the same frame of mind. I'm a honey-bird on Art. I read the lines; then, with a roar, I tied him in a sailor's knot, and buried him beneath the floor of my obscure but happy spot."

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Why Should Two Men Do Work of One?

From the Los Angeles Examiner. While mice are often kept in cages, equipped with wheels. A mouse runs into the wheel and expends its energy in making it go round and round and round. The mouse does not get anywhere, nor accomplish anything by turning the wheel. All the force it uses is wasted. Possibly the mouse knows this, but being a prisoner, it turns the wheel for the sake of the exercise it affords. It is hard to believe that were the mouse at liberty it would put in its time on its foolish task.

There are many people who waste their force in the same way as the mice in the cage, only without the same excuse, for these people are not prisoners. They have the world and all its works in which to get busy. Sometimes one people waste the energy they possess in the form of money for money is but a counter for energy, either in latent or active form. Each coin you control or own is the same as a warehouse receipt, entitling you to draw a specified amount of money from the reserves stored up by all human labor.

It will pain many of our readers to know that we, the people of the city of Los Angeles, have for many years been playing the part of the mouse turning the wheel without even the shadow of its excuse. We have wasted our energy, in the form of money, to the extent of many millions of dollars. We have been running a county government wheel which serves no useful purpose except to waste Los Angeles' money out millions of dollars every year to support a city government which does our work for us, and we pay more millions a year for the support of a county government to duplicate the work of the city government. And for this long-continued folly we have no excuse in lack of timely warning. Twenty years ago, then Mayor Henry T. Hazard made the matter of consolidation of city and county government the sole theme of a message to city council. In that message pointing the reason for the change, he said:

"Under the government now constituted we are maintaining in the city one city and one county jail, with the jailer and necessary assistants; one city and one county assessor, with their clerks of assistants, maps, assessment books, offices, etc.; one city and one county tax collector, with their deputies and records; one city and one county treasurer, with their bookkeepers and clerks; one city and one county auditor, with their deputies and books of account; a board of supervisors and a city council, and the other various deputies and assistants necessary to support and maintain two independent governments."

"This is a matter of such vital importance to our city that I would be glad to have the present administration bring it before the people in such a way that they may be permitted to express themselves thereon at an election to be called under the provisions of the law providing for a consolidation."

The political powers of the day were opposed to the Hazard program, and for this reason nothing came of it. They cared nothing for the people's expense of government decreased. They wanted them increased. With predatory tax-eaters in the saddle, the taxpayers did not have a chance.

The leak through which the tax money has been steadily leaking grows steadily larger year by year since the Hazard message. It has cost the people of the city between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000 to keep the useless county wheel running these two decades.

Under the Los Angeles delegation in the legislature rests the duty of seeing to the passage of legislation needed, opening the way to stop this waste of the people's money.

Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

EARLY SPRING VERSE. Dear Mr. Tanglefoot—Kindly insert the following at your regular rate-meter rates.

Now the sad eyed willed tadpole scuttles croons his lullaby. And the frog, at distance tells of the coming of the fly. The playful worms are playing seven-up for early birds.

And the busy ant and antelope both ante in the game. And the busy politician takes "a little" of the bumblebee's punning as he bumbles on the wing.

And everyone's poetical because you know, it's spring. —W. W. G.

A Big Movement.

From the Boston Journal. This movement for the rule of the people is the biggest thing in our national life today. Nobody can doubt this who will observe the activities at a score of state capitals where today the Oregon plan of senatorial election, the election of the people, and referendum are being urged with greatest popular backing. There is just as sharp division in the Democratic party over this set of issues, as in the Republican.

Whether it be found at work in one party or the other, this people's rule movement cannot be laughed at or countenanced. It is going to win, and the party which first surrenders to it will well serve its future.

Knowing Your Trade

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Messer, the famous Kansas poet. His is a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)

One day I had to take a board and fix the roof, which let in rain; I saw my fingers off and roared until the neighbors had a pain. I tried, and tried, and tried, and every time the hammer missed; I tolled for hours without avail; I broke my neck and sprained my wrist; I clawed the shingles off the roof, and piled up smoking words in terra till friends and neighbors stood aloof, and held their fingers to their ears.

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