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It is vain to expect any advantage from our profession of the truth if we are not sincerely just and honest in our actions.

WHOSE CANAL?

The British note of protest against free tolls for American coastwise ships at Panama says: "As to discrimination in favor of ships engaged in coastwise trade, it would be difficult to frame a provision which would not be regarded as injurious to British interests."

CROOKED MONEY

The sinister purposes of secret campaign contributions in presidential elections are evidenced in the appalling loss of memory in the present congressional inquiry.

GRADUATED TAX MEASURE

STATED in few words, the proposed graduated single tax and exemption measure means this: Every public service corporation must pay a graduated tax if its franchise and right of way are assessed at \$10,100 or more.

PRESIDENTIAL STATURE

WOODROW WILSON has announced that he will not, in the campaign, discuss his opponent.

MR. MULKEY'S CANDIDACY

THE appearance of Mr. Mulkey as a senatorial candidate formally launches the third party in Oregon. It is in obedience to the instructions of Mr. Roosevelt, who declared two days ago for the organization of a third party that shall be separate and distinct from existing political organizations.

BOUGHT SENATE SEATS

THE Missoula (Montana) Sentinel charges that "the election of Dixon of Montana to the United States senate was in every particular as crooked and as corrupt as the election of Lorimer."

It adds, in an article on this page, "If anything, the Dixon affair was more disgraceful," and "Dixon's seat was purchased outright by the biggest and most dangerous aggregation of corporate pirates this country has yet seen."

But Dixon wasn't caught. Lorimer was. The truth as to other bought seats never leaked out. It was the bad luck of Lorimer and the good luck of the American people that enough of the legislative corruption at Springfield became known to create an inditing public sentiment and compel an investigation.

It required the pitiless publicity that appeared in the Lorimer case to arouse the country. It required such an arousal to force the issue of direct election.

We are fast passing out of the era of senatorial elections by purchase. Sometimes it seems discouraging, but with unvarying regularity the American people seem able to correct abuses and demonstrate their capacity for self-government.

The Lorimer expulsion was a national triumph and it ought to be encouragement to pursue the work of reform.

August Belmont's memory was so bad that he couldn't remember how much he gave to the Parker campaign in 1904. He finally said he was willing to allow the amount to be lumped off at \$250,000.

An extraordinary lapse of memory appeared in George B. Cortelyou, manager of the Roosevelt campaign in 1904. He could remember only one individual contribution, that of \$10,000 by Andrew Carnegie.

The Charles E. Hughes investigation showed that George W. Perkins contributed \$50,000 of life insurance money, and Perkins was subsequently indicted for it. But Cortelyou couldn't remember it.

Harriman raised \$260,000 in Wall street for the Roosevelt campaign of that year, and the facts were printed in every newspaper in the United States, as a result of Harriman's own exposure of the details. But Cortelyou could not remember it.

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the Democratic party, and the movement will be confined to a serious split in the Republican party, and its resultant demoralization.

In Oregon there will be thousands of Republicans who will take the ground that Woodrow Wilson is a progressive candidate, and that it is better to vote for him than to take action to permanently break up the Republican party.

It is not impossible that the Roosevelt party may split the Republican party in the state into two evenly balanced halves. It might do more.

Andrew Carnegie says the political situation is too humiliating to be discussed. Andrew is too great an apostle of peace to be charmed by the war drums and bugle calls of the situation.

It was fortunate for the Elks that their splendid Portland parade was not scheduled for the current week. Five hours of marching yesterday would not have been attended by wild enthusiasm.

In the general scheme of things, heated terms doubtless have their place. It is one comforting thought in the midst of the general discomfit.

A mere onlooker is almost convinced that Senator La Follette is out gunning for bull moose.

Articles and questions for this page should be written on only one side of the paper and be accompanied by the writer's name. The name will not be published, but is desired as an indication of good faith.

Portland, July 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—Now that the Elks convention has past, and the people of Portland have derived much benefit in advertising the resources and climatic conditions of this fair country, and our brothers of 142 have extended to the big brothers from the east the warm and welcome hand of good fellowship that they might go away with a deep seated impression of gratitude not only to the people of Portland, but to the great Pacific coast, now that the brilliant fancy of our imagination has been fulfilled, beyond the dreams of Oliver Twist, let us go back to nature, and size up the condition of our coast.

Portland, July 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—For every skyscraper that would escape taxation if improvements were exempt entirely there are a thousand small cottages now taxed which would also escape.

It was in the winter months of 1911 that Portland was almost frenzied in its desire for commission government. What has become of all those statesmen and all those candidates who hungered so for commission government? Why should commission government be less desirable in the summer of 1912 than it was in the winter of 1911?

A pamphlet to be prepared by Taft managers will explain that the delegates at Chicago were not stolen. The impartial observer has known all along that the Taft people did not steal the delegates. They just took them.

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Though he lost \$25,000 in his London Grand opera house the past season, Oscar Hammerstein will try again next season. He lost more than he made, but lots of the latter is necessary in his business.

Matthew Arnold, who was a prominent figure in the great galaxy of Victorian poets who were working simultaneously during his life hours, and was especially devoted to animals, and during most of his life was the possessor of several pet dogs, upon which he bestowed more than the average amount of attention.

These dogs were not alone his companions during his life hours, but he kept them constantly by his side while employed in his literary work, and he has left a poetic tribute to each of his dead which is a part of the great amount of literature that he left to the world as a legacy from one of the most popular and most admired writers of the nineteenth century.

Among the dogs which Arnold cultivated as pets during the later years of his life, he most frequently mentions "Kaiser," "Geist" and "Max." In "Maximus" Magazine for December, 1882, in a poem setting his grief at the death of a pet canary named "Matthias," Arnold thus describes his pet dogs:

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Courage may be of an unwise sort. Every year more people are learning that good roads pay.

Some graduates from a school of journalism may get jobs. Doubtless there have been worse men in the senate than Lorimer.

Oregon's summer nights are conducive to longevity and morality. Some workers need and deserve shorter hours and more rest spells.

The people are bound to have better public service, and will get it. Of all the crops, only prunes are reported short. Again, it might be worse.

In a Taft-Wilson debate the Democratic candidate need have nothing to fear. President Taft may be wise if he does no campaigning; he tried that last spring.

It is difficult for matinee men to believe that a summer girl is quite as good as she looks. Reform in some measure of the great express monopoly evil seems also to be dimly but hopefully coming into view.

A too-bibulous mechanic is occasionally beaten by his small but active wife, a pleasing variation of the usual story. It would scarcely ever be uncomforably warm except for the fellows who invariably ask: Is it hot enough for you?

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Another Bought Senate Seat

From the Missoula Sentinel. More than three years after his election to the United States senate, William Lorimer has been declared fraudulently elected and is by today's action of his confederates ignominiously expelled from the chamber.

There were few people in Illinois, few in the nation, who believe his election honest in 1903, when the will of the people in the senatorial primary was overturned by the legislature. Yet Senator Lorimer has served three years as senator, and has recorded his vote always with the interests, on a hundred bills of public moment.

There are other senators in the senate who were as little entitled to their seat as Lorimer. There have been few who defended their political ill-doings with the effrontery of the blonde boss. Many of the tools of the corporations have been used in the last few years.

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SEVEN FAMOUS DOGS

Arnold's "Geist" and "Kaiser." The death of all three dogs occurred before that of the poet. Geist was the first to go, and Arnold thus poetically notes his death in a poem in "The Fortnightly Review" on January 1, 1882, the last two verses being:

Then some, who through this garden pass, When we, too, like thyself, are clay, Shall see thy grave upon the grass, And stop before the stone and say: "People who lived here long ago, Did by his stone, it seems to me, To name for future time to know The doleful Geist, their little friend."

Geist was followed by Kaiser on April 6, 1887, and Arnold thus poetically notes the death of this dog and the grief of Max in a poem which appeared the following July in "The Fortnightly Review":

What, Kaiser dead? The heavy news Posthaste to Cobham tells the me, From where in Farnborough she brews Or with Pothua's hard pursues A rival rhyme.

Six years ago I brought him down, A baby dog from London town, Round his small throat of black and brown A ribbon blue, And vouch'd by a rigorous renown, A dachshund true.

Poor Max, with downcast, reverent head, Seared his brother's form outstared, Full well Max knew the friend is dead Whose cordial talk, And jokes, in dogish language said, Soothed his wail.

The poetic tributes addressed by Arnold to the favorite dogs "Geist" and "Kaiser" and the canary "Matthias," count up nearly 400 verses.

Pointed Paragraphs

After 60 virtue may become a habit. Many a public reformer is a private grafter. It is the accidental epigram that acquires the most fame.

Many a man is friendless because he's too popular with himself. Never forget that it pays to be polite—even if you don't mean it. If you would enjoy your work take an occasional day off and loaf.

An egotist's excuse for not knowing more is that it isn't worth knowing. It's awfully hard for the average man to keep his yellow streak under cover.

Some kind of women's clothes don't seem to be made for any other reason except to display in show windows and to keep the old bachelors guessing.

Conditions at Lawrence. From the New York Globe. The report of the federal labor bureau on industrial conditions at Lawrence, Mass., suggests that there was abundant reason for last winter's textile strike.

Women in Office. Portland, Or., July 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—Much has been said about the only woman mayor of Humpyville, Kan. Now, Davison, Wyo., has elected a woman mayor. The Telegram of July 11 says: "Mrs. Wistar is the second woman in the United States to be mayor." Some years ago, in the '80s, the little city of Argonia, Sumner county, Kan., elected a full city ticket of women, mayor and all. I think if you will investigate you will find that there are more than two women who have filled that office with credit to themselves and the city that so honored them.

ment, either by force of arms, treaty or purchase, and our privilege to use the land was granted to us by the government and paid for when we paid the price the government required of us, and the right to hold, buy and sell, was given to us by our government, and we are under no obligation to our state for it. Then when we become residents of a state and purchase land of a private individual or of the government, within the limits of that state, it becomes our duty to abide by the laws of that state and to assist in bearing the expenses of our county and state in accordance with the laws of our county and state, and our natural right to the land has nothing to do with the rights bequeathed to us in the state; it cannot say how many acres a man shall hold, because we obtain our land and land privileges from the national government; but it has the power to impose a specific tax on all large holdings of land over a certain amount, so that it would be unprofitable to hold large bodies of land, and this is just what we need. That kind of thing would affect the large landholders and nobody else; but this unreasonable and unjust single tax will hurt the users of land two times as bad as it will the land speculators.

Then B. T. S. says again: "Buyers and other users will know when single tax does come, their taxes will be less than at present." Now this assertion is unreasonable, unless it is modified in some way. Single tax will never make them less. This fact is plainly shown in "The Public" of July 12, 1912, in its report on the effects of single tax on the Hudson Bay company's property at Edmonton, Canada. It says: "The taxes on the company's property have been steadily growing, not on account of the increasing value of any tags, but on account of the fact that taxes other than on land values have been abandoned one by one." The assessment on the land keeps getting higher all the time. Yours for the right, GEORGE HICINBOTHAM.

Philadelphia and Portland. Oregon City, Or., July 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—A dispatch dated the 10th reports that "A dozen tugs, after several hours' work today managed to pull the big battleship Wyoming into deep water from the mud bank in the Delaware river where she had rested all night." She was on her equipped, drawing not over 26 feet. The Oregon, drawing 28 1/2 feet, came up to Portland a few days ago, remained several days and returned without needing services of any tug. The distance from the ocean to either port is the same, 100 miles. What has become of the "knocker" who says, "Portland can never become a seaport!" The problem can be stated in simple terms:

Small Homes and Skyscrapers. Portland, July 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—For every skyscraper that would escape taxation if improvements were exempt entirely there are a thousand small cottages now taxed which would also escape.

The most valuable private building in Oregon, the most valuable in Portland, is assessed at a quarter of a million. A thousand small homes at \$500 each for the improvements and movable labor values now pay twice the taxes. There are not \$100,000,000 in skyscrapers assessed in Oregon. There are supposed to be over 30,000 homes in Portland alone. Of the nearly 75,000,000 assessed for improvements in Oregon cities in 1910, to allow \$10,000,000 for skyscrapers and big business blocks is an outside limit. Twenty of the largest buildings in Portland are not assessed an average of \$250,000 each.

The graduated tax measure would take more in taxation from the owner of one vacant tract of land in the heart of the city than is now collected from the owner of any skyscraper as taxes thereon, and in addition to such sum taken would also require the payment of the regular levy. There are many such empty tracts, and others worse than empty, for they are covered with dilapidated buildings that are not worth removing or rebuilding. There are not many eight story buildings.

Cure for Pneumonia. Portland, July 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—I see that many people lose their lives from pneumonia. Here is a simple remedy which cannot hurt to use, neither will it interfere with other treatments: Take a strip of heavy flannel that will go around one's chest twice, wrap it snug around the chest pulled well up under the arms, and pin securely. Then give the patient nothing but cold water to drink until he perspires. A lady said she saved her husband's life twice in this way.

Having remained in eclipse so long, Mr. Selling has permitted Mr. Mulkey to get in on the ground floor as senatorial idol of the third party. How can Mr. Selling now hope to dispute with Mr. Mulkey for the vote of the Roosevelt hosts? What is left for Mr. Selling to do but come out for Taft?

Long ago, The Journal predicted that the Willamette valley was about to experience extraordinary extensions of railroad mileage. The program of the Southern Pacific respecting extensions of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern confirm the prophecy, to say nothing of the activities of the Hill lines.

A New Jersey man has sued for divorce because his wife bought \$725 worth of beer in 227 days. The stinginess of some husbands is almost beyond belief. National history has scarcely afforded as reckless and audacious a crime as the shooting of the New York gambler as he stood on the ve-