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THE LOGICAL MAN

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district attorney and tells his tale. The press publishes it. The district attorney promises investigation. The final scene is quick to arrive.

The marked feature of this murder is the number of participants. The decree of death having gone out there is no lack of executioners.

Now, it is plain enough that the city and the nation are facing, not an accident but a disease. There should be no hesitation in applying remedies.

New York is now the awful example. But every city where any secret connection exists between criminals and the agents of the law may witness cases identical in germ and origin if not in severity.

MR. MASON'S QUERY ON this page, A. L. Mason asks what The Journal receives for supporting Woodrow Wilson.

The Journal is for Woodrow Wilson because convinced that his election seriously concerns the welfare of 100,000,000 people.

It is convinced that Woodrow Wilson will take all the people into the partnership and no longer allow the trusts to run the country.

Now if Governor Wilson's election is sure, what further need is there for more money, asks Mr. Mason.

NO election is won until the votes are counted. Blaine was beaten over night and by a single utterance a week before the election in 1884.

THE initiative bill respecting carload and less than carload shipments raises the rate on agricultural implements 15 to 20 per cent.

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months old when Mr. Minto was born. Mr. Minto was nearly 35 years old when Fort Sumter was fired on by the Confederates.

It is a long and eventful career. It saw Oregon reclaimed from the wilderness and peopled by a busy population.

THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN PRESIDENT TAFT is out with a plan which he says will reduce the high cost of living.

It is not the farmers who are making the cost of living high. Lower interest would be good enough in its way but it is not the interest farmers are paying that makes the cost of living high.

What the farmers want is cheaper agricultural implements, and when the farmer's free list bill for making agricultural implements cheaper was presented to President Taft, he vetoed it.

What the farmers want, what everybody wants is cheaper clothing, but when Mr. Taft received the La Follette bill to untax clothing and break the stranglehold of the clothing trust on American consumers, he vetoed it.

What the American people want is deliverance from the jokers in the Payne-Aldrich tariff, which increased the cost of living ten per cent in 1911 and is sending the cost of living still further skyward in 1912.

THE chief factor in the high cost of living is the power of monopoly and price fixing exercised by the trusts, and which is strictly prohibited by the criminal section of the Sherman law.

NO man in Oregon is in better position to understand the need for repressing swindling corporations than is Secretary Olcott.

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popular and eligible Democrats in the state. When the Progressive convention made its spontaneous choice of Oscar Straus the American declared that the naming of that able, accomplished and stainless citizen would raise the level of state politics.

It would be difficult to find a flaw in the two splendid candidates presented by the unbossed Democrats at Syracuse in the Republican caucus.

THE American, with an eye single to the best interests of the state and the party, has advocated Mr. Sulzer and Mr. Glynn with a daily presentation of their exceptional fitness to the times.

Letters From the People (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

A Plea for the Convict. North Plains, Or., Oct. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—Those who oppose paroling prisoners are prone to forget the effect of the harsh prison treatment upon those confined there and urge that they shall suffer to the fullest extent in every possible way while held in confinement.

Challenge to Charles H. Shields. Liberty Home Orchards, Oct. 11, 1912.—To the Editor of The Journal—In The Journal of October 9 there was published a letter from Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation league, which for misrepresentation of facts takes first prize.

That Largest Sunflower. Colburg, Or., Oct. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—In The Journal of October 9 appeared the story, under a Forest Grove date line, that was called the largest sunflower grown this year in Oregon.

Improvements Not Taxed. Portland, Oct. 11, 1912.—To the Editor of The Journal—In The Journal of October 7, George W. McCay falls into an error that is natural enough, regarding the tax on improvements.

Mr. Mason's Query. Portland, Or., Oct. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—The best evidence of the success of the entire population of Oregon is the fact that it has always extended to the public.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGES Cooperative stores are bound to come. Again it is about time for predictions of a hard winter.

There is too much of the middleman and his absorptions. The Sick Man of Europe is having another very bad spell.

It has been many a year since the Democrats have been so perked up. On an assessor, there is no doubt whatever how every big tax-dodger will vote.

Three weeks of increasingly warm weather, then a killing frost—politically. A police department continually has much trouble within itself as well as without.

The Baby Home ought not to have to go begging—at least not often or long at a time. According to the registration, there are "quite a few" regular Republicans around here yet.

Hello, thou lowly caterpillar, we like your coat—if Mr. Doach says it means a mild winter. That's the kind of baseball—even games for awhile, to increase the interest and gate receipts.

Many people seem to assume that but for Roosevelt's Taft would have been elected; but that is not at all certain. The great preponderance of evidence shows that the ex-president, in regard to that S. O. contribution—was mistaken.

What an ancient, wrinkled, withered, baldheaded, knock-kneed, toothless thing the old man looks like. Yet the Taftites bring it out again.

SEVEN FAMOUS LAWGIVERS

Confucius. Confucius was the great Chinese lawgiver. Born of the people, at an early age the great Chinese sage was induced, by the disregard for law among his countrymen, to examine more closely the ancient writings and satisfied of their teachings to check existing evils, he began to gather pupils.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The number of pupils in the Bend school on October 4, 1912, was 134, as against 124 at the same time last year.

The council of Klamath Falls has thrown out the siren recently adopted as an alarm, and the ancient bell is once more the herald of the fire fiend.

G. O. Richardson, postmaster at Adams, is experimenting with the manure of brooms. If the samples he is offering sell well, he will undertake to promote broommaking on a payroll scale.

Seaside Signal: Within the next fortnight contracts will be awarded for two large buildings on Main and Bridge streets and we are informed there are more to follow.

Falls City News: George Sutherland brought to trial in the office Saturday that is a monster, weighing eight pounds. It has the appearance of a dressed chicken, and is sure the limit.

Grants Pass Courier: The timber resources along the route of the proposed railroad down the Rogue river from Grants Pass to the sea justify the hope that this city will become, within a few years, a great lumber manufacturing center that will give a payroll of \$2500 to \$5000 per day.

Gervais Star: Sam H. Brown, I. E. Cutsforth, Al Thayer and others who experimented with the Boston Marrow fat squash this season are well satisfied. The yield will be 10 to 15 tons per acre. The Panhandle has planted this week for the Portland cannery and have shipped so far five carloads averaging 40 tons to the car.

Richland correspondence Baker Herald: A stock company has been organized for the purpose of buying the "Remains" of the Panhandle. It is said that the paper on the semence publication within the next few weeks. H. A. Clemens will be the manager and editor of the new sheet.

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A Woman's View of Morgan

Gertrude Atherton's Speech at Los Angeles. "My career as a public speaker has been short," began Mrs. Atherton, "but in the short time in which I have lived I have made a study of these questions that previously it has been borne in upon me that this is not a question of the success of the Democratic party, nor of the election of the man who leads it; it is question of the triumph of the greatest thing in the world, democracy."

"We have never actually had democracy. We started out with a government formed by the cultured portion of the colonies, the aristocrats. The mass of the people in those days were ignorant, Hamilton and the rest of them did well to form a strong government. If we had not, we would have had no government today. But the spirit of the times is a tendency towards true democracy. That is what the spirit of unrest, the spread of socialism means."

"All over the world this spirit is manifest. In Europe the most democratic person you meet is the English duke. He understands the meaning of present day tendencies and adapts himself to it as a means of self-preservation. The only aristocrats, the only snobs one meets abroad, are the rich Americans. Our country is represented at the court of St. James by a man who hobnobs only with royalty and the nobility; who lives in a style more gorgeous even than the Russian ambassador affects. Every time you can see a smile flit over faces. Of course that sort of thing must be stopped."

"As for Roosevelt, he was president seven years, and in all that time he did not give a hang for labor, nor for white slavery, nor for child labor. If Mr. Wilson had not been nominated at Baltimore and Roosevelt had been nominated by the regular Republican convention you would not see any of those things in his platform now."

"You do not need Roosevelt to give you those things. They are in the air. Ten million clubwomen are demanding them and they will come, but not through the Roosevelt platform. He could not give them to the country if he were elected. "I do not expect to convert Roosevelt followers. Roosevelt has succeeded in introducing a sort of religious fervor into his campaign, and if there is anything the American people like it is a new religion. Now there is nothing funnier on earth than anything about religion connected with Theodore Roosevelt. But you cannot convert those who are Roosevelt followers any more than you can persuade a martyr at the stake that he is not having a good time."

Mrs. Atherton said that the threat was being made that if Wilson was elected there would be a panic. She held that the panic of 1893 and the panic of 1907 were both Republican panics, and denounced Roosevelt for his surrender to Morgan in the Tennessee Coal & Iron corporation matter. "The truth is that we have not a republic; we have a monarchy," she added, "and the ruler is J. Pierpont Morgan. He sits in his library on Thirty-eighth street and sends for Taft or for Roosevelt and they come and do his bidding. When Wilson is president, Morgan will never think of such a thing as sending for him, for he knows that Wilson will not come."

Always in Good Humor THE CROOKED WAY From the Washington Star. District Attorney Whitman of New York was talking about the sad case of a western banker who had stolen a great sum from his depositors.

"The man," said Mr. Whitman, lived beyond his means, was a miser, a miser with 11 hats, son of a collector, was coming out, wife hungry for diamonds. The inevitable result followed. Mr. Whitman smiled and ended: "The unfortunate fellow got straitened, so he became crooked."

CLUB RATES. From Louisville Courier-Journal. "My wife and myself are trying to get up a list of club magazines. By taking three you get a discount." "How are you making out?" "Well, we can get one that I don't want, one that I don't want, and one that neither of us wants for \$2.25."

CONTAGIOUS. From Cincinnati Enquirer. "Is insomnia a contagious disease?" asked the reporter. "Why do you ask?" "When my neighbors dog can't sleep at night I can't, either," replied the boob.

Pointed Paragraphs He who hits the pipe must pay the piper. Impressions made by beauty are more than skin deep. The epicure hates to waste his appetite on cheap food, and no wonder!

The winter of our discontent is as likely to show up in summer as any other time. People never credit a man's virtues as long as he has a vice. Peanut politicians should not complain if they get well roasted.

A beggar naturally has a pinched look if he is arrested for vagrancy. Occasionally a detective forgets to disguise his breath with a clove. As a matter of fact, there isn't enough truth in the world to keep the tongues of gossip wagging—therefore, you can draw your own conclusion.

Warning to the Voters of Oregon The proposed amendment to the state constitution which will appear on the official ballot in November as "No. 308-9," if it carries, will take away from the people the right to govern themselves in taxation matters and return to the legislature and predatory and private interests the power to "regulate" and "arrange" taxation measures, the intention being that the people are upon such things as the polls, to pass upon which they believe the people should rule and who believes "unequal taxation is robbery, and no further believes that the people at the ballot box should have the right to pass upon taxation measures before they become effective, should vote No. 308 "No," and thus prevent the amendment from becoming the law of Oregon." C. S. JACKSON, Portland, Sept. 16, 1912.