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Quarrels would not last long if the fault was only on one side.

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LAWS BY MINORITY

Did you ever study a legislature? Did you ever look on and put together what was above and what beneath the surface of the proceedings...

You are told that legislation is always by the majority. But it isn't. Many times it is rule by the minority. That seems strange...

Whining Competition: It was more than an exhibition of bad taste when E. F. Blaine of Seattle before the shipping board sought to establish by reflections upon Portland the claims of the Puget sound port...

Distributing Public Benefits: The city of Portland allocates certain sections of downtown streets to taxicabs and for-hire cars...

Super-Legislature: A 'super-legislature' is the far West's need, according to Sunset magazine. The use of stream flow for land reclamation is a problem...

Thomas gerrymander. His son-in-law was vitally interested in the defeat of a certain bill. Two organization senators went to the son-in-law...

In order to minimize minority control the power of presiding officers ought to be reduced by depriving them of the appointment of committees. If majority legislation is the best legislation...

Prisoners at the Oregon penitentiary have raised \$70 to pay the expenses to Salem of an aged mother to bid a last farewell to her son. The boy is to be hanged Friday for murder...

The governor of Oregon is paid \$5000 a year. The mayor of Portland draws \$6000. The supreme judges of the state are paid \$5200 annually...

In Washington the governor receives \$6000 a year, and in addition is given \$7500 for maintenance of his residence and \$4750 with which to conduct his office...

There are large financial demands on a governor. His official duties incur unusual expense. His position entails extraordinary disbursements...

Julius L. Meier is a man whose high executive ability shows to particular advantage in the handling of large affairs, whose active public spirit identifies him with progressive civic movements...

Ben Goom of San Francisco had a Chinese father and a Japanese mother. The father of Ben's wife was a Swede and her mother a full blooded Indian...

Seattle's commerce needs entitlement to the allocation of shipping board vessels. But Portland neither fears nor makes comparison with Seattle in establishing the facts of their growing commerce...

Was it envy, was it fear or was it merely spiteful jealousy that actuated Mr. Blaine? It was more than an exhibition of bad taste when E. F. Blaine of Seattle before the shipping board sought to establish by reflections upon Portland the claims of the Puget sound port...

Reclamation and reforestation are not exclusively Western problems. Federal officers asked a bellboy for a bottle of whiskey, got it, and paid for it. The boy was acquitted on a charge of selling liquor. Peculiar justice.

many of them would obtain cocaine for one who they might believe was an addict? How many of them will drive a car in which a terrific struggle is taking place to a most suspicious resort or a lonely road without even a questioning word?

Undoubtedly moral integrity is considered when stands are to be allocated. Undoubtedly licensees are revoked when drivers are convicted of lawlessness. Those who distribute the stands cannot be too inquisitive of the personal character of applicants...

Emphasizing the points that "the treaty is not complete; it has not been submitted; it is still under consideration," the editorial suggests that the stand at this time the concern of the senate: "Shades of John Hay!" it exclaims...

Opposition to this view, however, comes from at least one paper on the Atlantic coast, as well as from the Pacific. The Express and Advertiser (Rep.) of Portland, Maine, published in its issue of January 15, 1921, a splendid opportunity for demonstration...

While the California senator may be a stumbling block to the progress of his insistence on light here and there, the Wichita Eagle (Ind.) rather satirically suggests, the Detroit Free Press (Dem.) finds a sterner critic who demands that the people chiefly concerned in these negotiations shall not be obliged to wait until the details, already being discussed with the Japanese, are through via Japanese news channels...

Political financiers and financial politicians are in the cities. The headquarters of the profiteers and parasites, and speculators and food gamblers is in the cities. They make themselves as large as possible the practical gentlemen, they elect as far as possible legislators who will serve them at state capitals. If you watch the course of members who can generally tell which is which and who's who.

At the present session there was the spectacle of Multnomah with two members on the house ways and means committee, the most powerful of all committees in the legislature. The power of that committee to control appropriations and thereby control members is very great. For Multnomah county to have two memberships on that committee is both absurd and a great injustice to the rest of the state.

Multnomah county does not, as Mr. Kubieli said, pay most of the state taxes. No great city pays the proportion of taxes that it ought to pay. As Senator Patterson stated on the floor of the senate, 85 per cent of the taxes come from visible property like real estate. Realty in the city, and particularly farmers in the country, pay more than their full proportion while invisible property and profits almost entirely escape state taxation.

As a matter of fact the big cities do most of the governing of states, but the country produces most of the wealth. The total wealth production of the nation last year was \$54,000,000,000, of which the cities produced \$23,000,000,000 and the country people, \$31,000,000,000.

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Denying that Japan has been discriminated against in the matter of land ownership, the San Francisco Chronicle (Ind.) maintains that in any event "our domestic laws are no legitimate concern of Japan" and that "in any event we should not even be discussed with Japan." And the Fresno Republican (Ind.) insists that whatever the terms of the treaty may prove to be, "the Japanese immigration question must be determined by American statute and not by treaty."

DISAGREEMENT ON JAP AGREEMENT

East is East and West is West in the Division of the Editors on the Question of the Agreement with Japan of the Immigration Restriction Act...

"Secular diplomacy" is again under fire in the press as a result of the controversy between Senator Johnson and Secretary Colby over making public the Morris-Harris conversation lengthily...

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The undersigned, respectfully state that I reside in Multnomah county and am over the age of 21, and that I am not a resident taxpayer for a long period, and as such a taxpayer I believe in all legitimate improvements to be made in Multnomah county and state of Oregon. I believe it is the duty of every taxpayer to pay the necessary expenses imposed upon the taxpayers, especially when the expenses become a burden upon the taxpayer...

In the opinion of the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Johnson is a "stirring up of unnecessary and injurious reaction by forcing the people of California to yield more to the Japanese than the country as a whole" and that the "country as a whole" had refrained "from throwing monkey wrenches into the machinery of conciliation."

It is this appearance of an attempt on the part of California "to dictate national policies" which is most strongly opposed by the immediate neighbors in the battleground. To the Rochester Union (Ind.) "it would seem that the rest of the country ought to have something to say about the matter," and the Norfolk (Va.) Herald writes "Senator Johnson should realize that he himself does not enjoy membership on Americanism and that California is not the only state in the Union. The treaty between Japan and the United States is not to be considered on the basis of Johnson or California statesmanship, but on the basis of the national and international proportions of the question."

However, this theory that the Japanese problem is the property of California and the coast is emphatically refuted by Western writers. "It is purely a matter of geography that this state is open to the Japanese," says the Sacramento Union (Ind.). Far from being a local issue, the Union continues, "it is a fundamental problem that involves the entire country. That question can be answered only in a refusal to allow California to monopolize her special obsession on the United States side."

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"Curious Bits of Information" Gleaned from Curious Places: Hula dancing long had its established school for the training of dancers in Hawaii. Ordinarily the hula is a dignified and graceful dance. It was the suggestive dance it is today, having been a religious rite of the ancient Hawaiians. To them the hula occupied the place of our music and drama. It was a religious and dramatic, and was their chief means of social enjoyment. The Hawaiians perpetuated their past and inspired pure religious purposes to this dancing. The dancers were paid by artists, not because it was held in disrespect, but because the art of the hula was an accomplishment of special education and arduous training in both song and dance, mostly for religious purposes.

poes. As religious matter the hula dance was to guard against profanation by the observation of various religious rites. The entire ceremonies were the result of a religiously organized effort, the dancers being selected with great care from the flower of the land, including the most beautiful and physically perfect. The actors represented good and bad characters of old earth come back again.

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SMALL CHANGE: Pity the poor pallorers! Dead coyotes are better so. "China is starving." Did someone steal the chop sticks? Leave it to a "bachelor maid" to tell you what's wrong with the baby. We'll have haggle to contend with. As soon as we're done with congress we'll have haggle to contend with.

Housekeepers need no urging to combat the "smoke nuisance" from grandiose motor cars. What great and noble cause is to be served by an endurance test for motorcycle riders? Documents just found reveal plans to take the Irish war into England. It is there that the Irish are to fight their frequent invasion of America?

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Uncle Jeff Snay Says: Anybody might think the experience the people might of havin' two legislatures a-runnin' at one and the same time and a-crosstin' of one another at ever turn 'd teach 'em to abolish the senate or the house, one on 'other, and have 'em rid of the wriggle-tangle and turmoils. Hows'ever, the people's like Brock Soldad in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas in the '70s, that got himself elected governor of the state, and he was a fair enough to give him a wee bit of the notoriety in expounding him that was so freely given at the time of his arrest? One for Fair Play.

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Reader. The total number of agricultural students at Oregon Agricultural college is 1000. The Hood River county court has increased the salary of the fruit inspector to \$1200 a year.

Plans for a new building to be built by the Song of Norway lodge of Bend were begun this week. Percy A. Stevens post of the American Legion at Bend has opened a free employment agency. Total tax levies in Union county for the year 1922 show an increase from \$580,711.33 to \$688,849.30.

The wool and mohair growers of Lane county met at Eugene Monday and organized a cooperative association. The city council and property owners of Rainier have decided to pave Water street, the main business street of the city. The road fund of Columbia county, including some special taxes voted by several districts, amounts to almost \$200,000.

The average cost of instruction per pupil for the present school year is \$112.00, while last year the average cost was \$74. A new engine has been purchased by the Astoria Commercial club for the present year. The engine is a 25 horsepower and a new fire hall costing \$3500 has been finished and equipped. Archibald, who has been in charge of the sale of \$218.50 to the district office for allowing his sheep to graze on government land without a permit during last summer.

With an aim of 500 members, of which 300 are to be obtained this week, the Chamber of Commerce inaugurated a drive in Roseburg and surrounding communities. Farm bureau representatives from all parts of the state have been at work the past week obtaining members among the farmers of Columbia county. A total of 456 was signed.

John McCue, an expert logger employed by the Western Export & Logging company, was killed Tuesday when he was struck by a falling tree. Yakima's honorably discharged veterans to the number of 1925 have asked for their share of the state soldier bonus fund. Over 400 members have been secured in the annual membership drive of the Yakima County farm bureau, with a goal set at 4000.

Falling backward from a table five feet to the floor, Ed Jackson, a driver in Roseburg, fractured a skull and may lose his life. Mr. Duncan McDonald, aged 25, is dead here. He was struck by a tree while poisoning, resulting from a scratch received several weeks ago.

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