

FARM AND TOWN

Why do not the farmers of Oregon elect more farmers to the legislature? Why have a legislature composed almost exclusively of lawyers? All sources of information from every quarter show that more than 75 per cent of the taxes in Oregon is paid by real estate, including farms. What better proof that the interests of the farmers have not been adequately represented in the lawmaking?

There is a widespread notion that only lawyers are competent to legislate, that they alone can frame and pass bills. What is the attorney general for but to give assistance to any legislator, farmer or otherwise, in framing a bill that will pass the test of the supreme court?

The biggest industry in Oregon is agriculture. What peculiar fitness have city lawyers, mostly concerned with litigation, lawsuits and fees, in legislating for the farm life and activities of an agricultural state? Have they made a success of it in the past? Is that success measured by the fact that the farms of the state are taxed out of all proportion to much other property? If so, is it not time for a new deal?

This article is no quarrel with lawyers. There is an honorable profession and many lawyers are exemplary in that profession. They fill an important place in human society. But most of the good lawyers are too busy to go to the legislature. Some lawyers go to the legislature to serve secret interests. Some go to Salem and for quiet work done there come back to Portland and receive crumbs of business dropped from the tables of corporations. The legislation that some of them initiate or support is not, in the very nature of things, likely to be good legislation for Oregon agriculture.

Every large group ought to be represented in the legislature. Legislation should be for the service of all, not a narrowed few. According to population, agriculture ought to have a larger number of legislators than any other group. But they have never had, and they never will have it, and they never will have a square deal at Salem until they increase their membership in the body where laws are made and taxes imposed.

Farm legislators are a leaven in the lump. The last legislature was one of the best that Oregon has had in a generation. The better record of the session was largely due to the presence of an unusually large farm representation in the house.

It has been seen that a great service the so-called "farm bloc" in congress is rendering American agriculture. The same thing can be done in the state legislature if the farmers, who have the votes, will demand such membership in the body as their numbers and the importance of their industry entitle them to.

wards to those who contribute to the cause of world-wide peace, justice, democracy and human welfare. Bishop Paddock foresees accurately the coming time when the truth uttered by Woodrow Wilson and the ideals enunciated by him will be acclaimed without regard to boundary or time. There have been recent demonstrations which showed how near to the public heart the Wilson ideals are today. His service to humankind, multiplied and perpetuated, will shine through the Foundation that bears his name.

ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT

Drift of Opinion in Two Nations Involved in Discussion of This Issue But American Editors See Little in It for the French to Worry About—Hope Cherished of a Renewal of Anglo-French Understanding.

Presenting to the French chamber of deputies the then latest of this winter's bumper crop of treaties, the draft of an Anglo-French alliance, ex-Premier Briand declared, in the American equivalent of a conference for three years: "I've tried at Cannes to get it for you. Here it is; take it or leave it; I'm through."

As the situation appears over here, the attitude of the French press indicates that unless the treaty is materially modified "the deposit of the ratification of the United States senate did to the Versailles treaty," as the Hartford Times (Dem.) predicts, though from the American viewpoint it will be difficult to understand their position.

But the French press feels that in negotiating this agreement "the premier has done well. He has secured a renewal of the Anglo-French alliance, which is a great thing for France. He has secured a renewal of the Anglo-French alliance, which is a great thing for France. He has secured a renewal of the Anglo-French alliance, which is a great thing for France.

There is deep concern in Portland over the proposed \$30,000,000 marine merger for operating ships on the Pacific. There may well be such concern. This port has been working out its maritime destiny in its own way, unaided and unopposed by other Pacific ports. It has been exceedingly successful in its plans, as indicated by the port statistics of 1921 and the opening month of 1922 in comparison with preceding years.

It is the first time in history when such accomplishments have been attained. The local thought is that, having demonstrated our capacity to successfully operate ships independently and in our own way, we should, with a sound foundation laid, go forward with our own plans unhampered with entangling alliances whereby our independence and success might be endangered.

Portland has a successfully conducted local shipping company, operating numerous lines. Its business and its field of operations are expanding. The port's hinterland as a cargo maker has no equal or near equal on the coast, a fact of very great importance in any proposed alliance with other ports. They have no such asset to throw into the combine.

The Chamber of Commerce is sound in its purpose and is rendering a most important community service in its proposal to fully safeguard the interests of this port at all hazards. That body, after helping achieve what has been done by Portland in a shipping way, is wholly right in its determination to see that no ground is lost. It was not until we went into the shipping business on our own account that we began to build permanently. In other days, when we relied on outsiders to finance shipping lines for us, we met with one miserable failure after another.

Few critics of the Community Chest have appeared this year. One reason is that the Chest has kept the promises of business efficiency. In charity which were made for it.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Communication sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 100 words, and should be accompanied by a return address, which may be omitted if the contributor is well known.

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

The Prouty Brothers Lumber company has leased the big hotel at Warrenton and is ready to build a hotel and boarding house for its employees.

Interest in Central Oregon lands is being shown all over the Northwest and letters and inquiries are being received from the various farming companies.

Officials of the Pacific Power & Light company are at the moment here on the state game and fish commission for a permit to drive from the east fork of the Willamette river to the mouth of the company's power lines.

Western Washington truck loggers are raising a "defense fund" to fight the state order prohibiting heavily loaded trucks on the Tacoma railroad.

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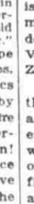
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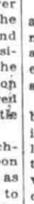
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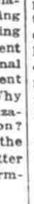
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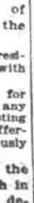
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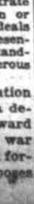
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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

W. B. Dennis of Carlton is a guest of the Benson. Mr. Dennis first saw the light of day in Carlton in 1865. In the old days he was a reporter on the Journal at Dayton, Ohio. For five years he was editor and publisher of the Farmers' Weekly in Corvallis. He published the Daily Leader in Port Townsend. Later he became president and general manager of the Eureka Pacific Consolidated Mining company of Idaho. He is vice president and manager of the Carlton and Coast railway and secretary and treasurer of the Carlton Consolidated Lumber company. In his spare time he has invented several processes in mining that have been widely adopted.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. Brown of Salem are visiting in Portland. Dr. Brown, as well as his wife, is a graduate of Willamette university and is a constant booster for his alma mater. He is also one of the directors of the Salem Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Brown, whose maiden name was Harris, formerly lived at Brooks.

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OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS

OF THE JOURNAL MAN

A scene of a family noted in Oregon history tells Mr. Lockley of his father's career at the bar and his later life. He tells how it was that the superior attraction of Tualatin Park, the family settlement, was following unsatisfactory locations of a pioneer relative elsewhere in the Northwest.

When I called on Mrs. P. A. Bailey at Hillsboro recently returned from a trip to the coast. Mr. Bailey, who had told me that he had seen his father and his own boyhood days.

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THE WORLD FLAT?

That the world is flat, that around the edges there is a wall of fire to keep foolhardy sailors from tumbling over the rim and that the sky is a vast dome from which the sun, moon and stars are hung like chandeliers, is taught by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of a religious sect at Zion City, Ill.

And he has followers. Though thousands of people have journeyed around the earth and are doing it every day, he says it is flat with a wall of ice on its rim, and he leads others to believe him. Though you first see the topmast of a distant ship and by that phenomenon know that the surface of the globe is circular, this man tells his followers that the world is flat and they go out and alled say it is flat.

In spite of the demonstrated achievements of science, he denounces all science as "filthy rot," and this crazy fulmination is accepted as gospel truth by the membership of his organization.

There is only one reason why anybody is concerned with these ravings. If Voliva can dispute established truth and convince thousands that established truth is not truth, what is the status of American education?

How many other mountebanks are misleading other thousands if not hundreds of thousands of people? If thousands of citizens of a supposedly enlightened nation in the twentieth century accept their leader's statement that the globe is flat, how many people are similarly deceived into acceptance of false economic theories, impossible political illusions and unsound formulas on national life?

Is it not time for the American people to make war on ignorance? Is it not a high public duty to begin a great drive on illiteracy by extending and intensifying every agency of education from the kindergarten to the college and university?

Curious Bits of Information

Gleaned From Curious Places. Marseilles, the greatest Mediterranean seaport, and one of the most picturesque and exciting places in the world, witnesses an amazingly cosmopolitan and wildly international crowd unseen anywhere else in the world. Marseilles is not merely a port, but a chief avenue by which the Old World trades with the New. The Greek, Spanish and Italian merchants and their employes, the easy-moving African and Indian trading crowds, through here in such numbers that the townsmen in never present at any sort of extra-national event, from a stabbing to a fete day.

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BEHIND THE WINDOW

IN FRONT of a downtown show window Wednesday the sidewalk was blocked by people eagerly staring at something going on on the other side of the plate glass. As is the habit of crowds, more and more peered over the heads of others as it became more difficult to see.

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RAILWAY CASUALTIES

From the Akron Beacon Journal. There were fewer fatalities on the railroads last year. But this doesn't count the number who dropped dead when told the price of a ticket.

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