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The enormous toll they are going to lay upon the country is "industry for exploitation." The plan for a sales tax, proposed doubtless in entire good faith, is not industry "for service" but industry "for exploitation." The country thrived as never before without a sales tax. It thrived as never before with only a moderate tariff. Why, then, a tariff? That, so far as manufacturing industry is concerned, goes far beyond the Payne-Aldrich law, which President Taft, in his Wisconsin speech, declared in some respects to be "indispensable"?

The proposal to use public money direct to make the business of ship owners pay, is not a proposal for industry "for service." It is a terrible confession for the owners of ship lines to claim that they cannot compete with other nations unless the government of the United States pays them money out of the public treasury. If it isn't unconstitutional it ought to be, for our government ought to get by making business good for shipowners by collecting taxes from the rest of the people and appropriating them for that purpose.

Has anybody in the government proposed to appropriate public money as a subsidy to make farming pay? Is there any industry in America that has suffered more from governmental deflation than the farming industry? Yet what would be said if the president of the United States were to recommend a direct subsidy for agriculture? Is anybody at Washington advocating a subsidy for American workers? On the contrary, the power of most of the authorities at Washington is exercised in a way that directly contributes to the deflation of wages. That is to say, Mr. Coolidge's observations, splendid as they are, have their backbone in the very councils in which he sits. Doubtless Mr. Coolidge is entirely sincere. If he is he should urge his views very strongly on the administration. If he is not, it must be said of him that he is doing far better toward avoiding the flood of opposing votes that is threatening the administration than his associate, Mr. Weeks.

One states undeniable principles. The other advocates denying the direct primary ballot to the people of the country.

SHALL ISLANDS BE RELEASED?

Answers Are "Shall" and "Shan't" in Manner and Form as Those Given Every Time the Question is Asked. Expanded Over the Philippines. Their "Fitness" in Dispute, as Well as the Question as to Whether Their "Fitness" is to be Tested by the Filipinos. When They Become Fit. Daily Editorial Digest. (Consolidated Press Association.)

TO ENACT A law to speed up a slow driver on the Oregon highways is proposed. The claim is that the slow drivers annoy those who want to go faster. Sad thought, isn't it? If, led on by the existing madness for speed, the faster drivers are held back by an automobile that is jogging along at a moderate pace, isn't it positively disgusting? Is there no punishment by which to make the slow man speed up? They say that the slow man causes the more speedy "to take greater chances." At last the truth is out—it has all along been the slow drivers that caused the accidents. Yet everybody has been blaming the speeders, poor things, in their falsely accused innocence.

THE PHILIPPINES are American territory and there is no question why they should not remain so," asserts the New York Tribune (Rep.), which interprets the movement for independence as the work of a political class which aspires to make an experiment in nationalism for which the people of the islands as a whole are not prepared. The spring was long and cool. It was merged indistinguishably with winter. Summer came with abnormal speed and abnormal heat. Fruit has ripened ever-rapidly. If pickers are not found in unusual numbers it will be lost.

HEAT ON THE FARM. THE city dweller mops his perspiring brow, hops on the scales to see if the heat is reducing his excess adiposus, takes a long swim at the bubbling fountain and makes the weather more than ever subject of his conversational quips. But what of the farmer?

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Before we get all the way back to normalcy, we have to convert a lot of talk into action. President to tackle problems. A. C. L. League. One trouble with some of our public servants is the fact that they require by act like they thought they were paying all the taxes.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. [Communications sent to the Journal for publication.] A Friend Takes Exception Thereto. Though Indorsing the Journal. Views on Strike News. As I am working here at Roseburg I will say only two men stayed at the hotel, and they are assistant foremen. They don't belong to our organization and thought they would get no protection.

LEADERS WHO ABOUT-FACED. Republican Committee Resolutions Text for a Comparison of Records. Kirkford, June 28.—To the Editor of the Journal: In the Republican state central committee resolutions indorsing the Harding administration in its entirety and complimenting him on taking the initiative in the disarmament movement, it is somewhat inappropriate honors not justly due? This would refer to the Republican convention at Salt Lake City, November 1918, wherein he asserts that rulers or statesmen should bring about comparison of nations linked together with Oregon in the center. In the same strain of thought, did not Lodge in an address to the League to Enforce Peace, and to Union College, state that it is not the realm of a civilization if a peace council was not formed, with such force behind it that such a war could never happen again?

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town. When Tom Boylan was a kid, just a few years ago, and he got to doctored Oregon home from their Southern friends he came to Astoria to stay the night. Tom Boylan is a man who has evolved one cardinal axiom in his elemental code of safety first. He figured it out that if a calico-eyed piggy bank should fall from the top of a skyscraper and he was standing below, it was better to be hurt than to be killed.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN. By Fred Lockley. Hanchire in 1839. He was a teacher in the public schools of Boston. During the late '50s he put in a great deal of time lecturing and writing in the press, urging that a colony be formed to settle Oregon. In one of his many pamphlets he spoke of the benefit of "the founding of a new republic of civil and religious freedom on the Pacific ocean" and he extended the blessings of Christianity to the Indian tribes. For 13 years, from 1830 to 1843, he tried to secure a charter for the settlement of Oregon, and finally, at the session of 1830-31, he succeeded in having passed an act incorporating the "Society for Encouraging the Settlement of Oregon Territory." Two of the men who responded to the call were John Ball and Charles Tibbels, both of whom came to Oregon with Captain Wyeth, the latter died December 20, 1873, in poverty and disappointment.

FOR A 1925 SLOGAN. Portland, June 25.—To the Editor of the Journal: It occurred to me that the following might be a slogan for the pro-republican catch phrase for the proposed fall. "Portland, Or. Bust, 1925." The "Or," of course, contains two "P's." It recalls the saying a few years ago, "Berlin or bust."

WASHING TON

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Twenty Years Ago. From The Journal of July 7, 1902. Seattle.—At 2 o'clock this morning Tracy's boat was seen passing the end of Whidby island, 50 miles north of here. He was alone in the boat and it is believed to have killed the bird man, Anderson, whom he impressed from Farmer Johnson's house, or to have drowned him on the island. He had his sail up and took the outside passage.