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THROWING STONES FROM GLASS HOUSES

Governor Cox made the statement, some days ago, that certain interests were banded together to buy the Presidency, and that millions had been contributed to the campaign fund of the Republican party with sinister intent.

Then Fourth Cousin Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for Vice President, came out with the statement that the sum was \$30,000,000.

Republican National Chairman Will H. Hays, speaking at Augusta, Maine, last Saturday, said, on this head, among other things:

"That is a serious charge.

"If it could be substantiated no punishment of those found guilty could be too severe.

"It cannot be, of course, for the quite simple reason that it is not true.

"Do you think Mr. Roosevelt believed it was true?

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"I do not.

"And yet they had the audacity to utter this outrageous falsehood, denying the truthfulness and reflecting upon the honor of fellow citizens, for one of whom at least they have professed the fullest respect. (Meaning Mr. Harding.)

"Their purpose is plain.

"Nothing has been and, of course, nothing will be concealed. By reason of the enlarged electorate and the greatly increased cost of all things, we figure that there will be required a total of about three million dollars, an average of about ten cents per voter. Part of this has been received, in small contributions from individuals, fifty per cent of whom have never before subscribed to party funds. The larger part of the total amount we hope and have reason to believe we shall be able to raise under the plan of limited subscriptions, which thus far has proved successful. If this attempt should fail to produce the requisite sums, we shall so state publicly, increase the maximum, and seek additional contributions."

(The maximum subscriptions so far asked and received is \$1000.)

That is plain, open and above board. Mr. Hays is the kind of man who will make his words good.

Last night, Governor Cox told an Associated Press man that the slush fund was \$15,000,000; and that he was prepared to submit proofs.

Let the reader watch and observe the character of the "proofs."

There is no doubt that he has been caught in a lie, and that Fourth Cousin Roosevelt has, parrot-like, repeated the lie, and enlarged upon it; and, in the recklessness of his mendacity, made it more specific.

Now comes Congressman F. A. Britten of Illinois, representing a Chicago district, a man of affairs and of long service in the lower house, and makes affidavit, according to the Associated Press dispatches of last night, that \$87,500 of the money of the British government, through the British embassy at Washington, has found its way into the Democratic campaign funds; the money being provided for "entertainment" purposes.

People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. Mr. Cox and Fourth Cousin Roosevelt will get their bellies full before they get through with this piece of mud slinging.

They have started something they cannot finish—Or at least something that, when finished, will leave them two of the most discredited candidates who ever aspired to the two highest offices in the gift of the American people.

There was another paragraph in the speech of Will H. Hays, mentioned above, in which he said:

"But I give fair warning now that neither the Republican candidates nor the Republican management will take false aspersions lying down."

There is not a red-blooded American, from Maine to Oregon, who will not feel a thrill of pride in this manifestation of a two-fisted fighting spirit for honesty and decency on the part of Hays and Harding; and every decent Democrat outside of Tammany Hall will feel the same way.

It is high time that political liars in this country should be "called," and the calling ought to be the more complete the higher the marks of mendacity.

The commanders of the Polish forces have called upon the peasants of Poland to hunt out the hiding Bolshevik skulkers from the defeated Red Russian mobs yelet armies; and the peasants are out with hunting clubs after the long-whiskered gentry, after the manner in which they hunt deer and wild boars. So says a cable of last night. The peasants will have to beat up all the bushes and look in all the hollow logs, for the cootie-infested wretches who would not stop, because they had been "promised" Warsaw for loot and rape are hunting their holes with the hope of pulling in the holes after them.

Mr. Cox is no doubt surprised at the fuss being made over his campaign lies. In Ohio, he has always been able to get away with it.

Tomorrow, the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman will tell about live stock as one of the basic industries of Salem. Have you any suggestions?

Associated Press says Russian Reds planned a soviet in Warsaw. They also planned one in the United States. And most of the little children of history have cried for the moon. Sovietism is about the sickest sleeping sickness left in the world.

A correspondent of the London Times is claiming that Trotsky arranged with the German government officials to ship ammunition to the Bolshevik armies around

Warsaw, to be paid for from the "jewel fund," included the crown jewels stolen from the bodies of the murdered czar and his family. If that can be established, and there is any justice left in the world, the officials of the German government guilty of this crime will be shot, along with Trotsky and Lenin. This world, as bad as it is in places, ought not to have a place in it low enough to harbor such a bunch.

PROVING THE PUDDING.

Theories are proved by their application, just as the first test of an airplane is whether it will fly. Henry George's theory of public

ownership of land and all means of production was popular forty years ago, because it carried a promise of the abolition of poverty, and no application of his theory had been attempted. But time has taken that theory and applied it in the government of communities and has exposed its hollow mockery.

Arguments against the single tax have been supplanted by experience with it. There is not on record a single community that has prospered under the single-tax system, but there are a dozen communities that have been well nigh ruined by it. Canada has carried the experiment farther than this country. Its novelty appealed to some of the cities of the western provinces and they put into effect a system of taxation wherein the entire burden was carried by the land. As the tax bill is a relatively small item in the average family budget, it must be a baneful law indeed that will wreck the prosperity of a community. But the single tax came near driving whole municipalities into bankruptcy; if it had not been repealed some of the Canadian cities would have been actually depopulated.

Vancouver was the largest city to test the single-tax scheme, and its experience is worthy of careful study, especially in Oregon, where a single-tax proposition must be voted on in the November election; put on the ballot by the Bolshevik bunch down at Oregon City.

Vancouver passed a single tax law in 1910.

It was a municipal experiment.

The great argument used in its favor was that it would compel the improvement of all the vacant lots in the city; for a vacant lot was taxed just as high as a lot containing a building that brought in a revenue of \$100,000 a year. Under single tax the vacant land must necessarily be improved or abandoned.

For two years after the law went into effect there was an increase in the number and value of building permits issued; and the single tax propagandists in this country pointed to this increase as proof that the theory was workable. But the time came when Vancouver was heavily overbuilt, when about one-fourth the buildings in the city were vacant; and the citizens discovered that a lot containing an unoccupied house was of no more benefit to the community than the lot that remained vacant.

When the single tax scheme was adopted in 1910 the value of Vancouver's building permits totaled \$13,156,365. IN 1917, SEVEN YEARS LATER, THE BUILDING PERMITS TOOK ONLY \$768,255.

There is the verdict which time has registered on the effect of the single tax on a municipality. In the same year (1917) the city found on its hands \$5,456,543.11 of unredeemed city lots, together with a large deficit; for it could not collect enough taxes to pay the current expenses of the city government. Vancouver tried the single tax theory of selling the property to pay taxes; but no one would bid for the lots. Vacant land was about as cheap in Vancouver as in the Mojave desert. This was the ideal condition which Henry George sought to bring about. But the people of Vancouver were too obtuse to appreciate how happy they were. They moved away by the hundreds.

Seven years brought those who were determined to "stick it out" in Vancouver to their senses. Those who had been loudest in their proselyting for the single tax had already gone elsewhere, finding no means of earning a livelihood in Vancouver. New laws were passed, assessing the land only for its proper burden of taxation; and in the first year that improvements were taxed the value of building permits doubled.

Such is the record of one city under the single tax. The experience was practically duplicated in Victoria and South Vancouver. Wherever the single tax theory was put into application it brought only business paralysis. Facing such a record, it seems almost incredible that any considerable number of persons should seek to visit such a scourge on the state of Oregon.

For a great state like Oregon to try such an experiment would be the very peak of folly. The result would be even more disastrous than an armed invasion.

And the same thing may be said of the 5 per cent interest amendment on the November ballot.

FUTURE DATES.

August 25, Wednesday—Concert at the Armory by Whitney Boys' chorus of Seattle.

August 26, Thursday—Baby clinic at Commercial club.

August 31, Tuesday—First annual picnic of the Children of Salem, at home of P. C. Bartholomew, 795 North Capitol street.

September 4, 5, and 6—State convention of Architects, Salem.

September 6, Monday—Basketball; Salem vs. Hagerman Hardware team of Portland.

September 6, Monday—Labor day.

September 13, Monday—Meeting of association membership of Salem Commercial club.

September 27, to October 2—Oregon state fair.

November 2, Tuesday—Election day.

"WE ARE AS ONE"



lot in Oregon—coming from Oregon City, too, but foisted by a different bunch of buccaneers.

There is no danger of either of these propositions receiving very many votes in Oregon.

The time has not yet arrived for the building of a roof over Oregon and the putting up of a sign reading, "Idiot Asylum!" But these Oregon City soviet idiots are an expensive nuisance. It would be cheaper to pension them, on condition that they leave the state for the state's good, and go to St. Petersburg or some other hell.

A GOOD PROPHET.

While there is some justification for the alarm felt in western Europe over the Bolshevik advance upon Poland, there is no occasion for panic.

Powerful as the Russian soviet armies are reputed to be—their quality has yet to be proved against a properly organized and equipped foe—they lack one element of strength that is absolutely essential to an extended advance. They have discipline and leadership of a sort, morale and modern equipment of a kind, but their irremediable weakness is a lack of productive forces behind them, or even in front of them in territory they might temporarily overrun.—Chicago News.

Events have proven the News a good prophet.

The Bolshevik army will never again advance, and the rule of Lenin and Trotsky will very soon blow away and leave nothing but a bad smell.

And Socialism in all the earth will be as dead as Julius Caesar, as it ought to be; for it is founded on false doctrines and cannot be maintained, even temporarily, excepting by autocratic force or under the illusive spell of the ignis fatuus of a fool's paradise.

WHICH IS SOME DEFECT.

The right to strike would be less questionable if it did not operate to interfere with the right to live.—Columbia Record.

OUR COUNTRY'S BONDS.

The government's offer of \$150,000,000 of one year treasury certificates was oversubscribed to the extent of more than fifty millions. Yet Liberty bonds are at a discount. Some people's interest in their country is measured by the interest on their country's bonds. It is significant that most of the agitation that there be government or legislative action to stabilize a par market for Liberty bonds comes from those who have already bought large blocks of these securities from those who felt obliged to sacrifice them.—Exchange.

Nevertheless, no bond of the United States government ought ever to be allowed to sell below par.

"The way to resume is to resume."

If the government of the United States had made a large appropriation to buy all Liberty bonds offered at par, mighty little of the appropriation would ever have been expended. The way to put Liberty bonds

at par now is to put them at par—and they will stay there, and soon be selling above par.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Weather man says rain.

The "September rains" are about due, any way.

If they come at all, they usually arrive about the first.

Cox will soon be yelling for his friends to help him let go of that bear's tail.

He will be wondering how many kinds of a fool he was for starting the campaign lie about slush funds.

"He digged a ditch, He digged it deep, He digged it for his brother, And straightway then Did he fall in, The ditch he digged for 'tother."

He will have to explain about that \$87,500 of British "entertainment fund" money that has found its way into the Democratic campaign fund.

And there will have to be a whole lot more of similar explanations.

"One lead activities" will have to stop in the United States, Mr. Harding told his theatrical friends who called on him yesterday, and gave him a party that brought the greatest crowd since notification day.

The allies are mealy-mouthed about the port of Danzig. Afraid of Germany. But it will be Polish, with the help of France, which country is not afraid of Germany and all the rest of the universe, when she is in the right.

Billy Egan, our farmer friend down below Salem, says it is not the high cost of living that is troubling this country. It is the high cost of loafing.

Minnesota state prison is complaining of shortage of labor and blames prohibition. Anyway, the home brewers are doing their best. The embarrassment is probably only temporary.

You're tired of life, you say? Why, you miserable insect, you don't know anything about life—else you would stop and consider what a miracle of mercy it is that life did not tire of you long ago!—Exchange.

Wells have been drilled for oil in thirty-nine states, while only sixteen states can be regarded as oil producers.

Let the Bolsheviks rage and the anarchists imagine vain things, humanity still has its head above water, there is still much good in the hearts of men.

And isn't it good to believe that the world grows ever better?

ROSES AND EGGS

By LUE F. VERNON

Nothing tends to make a man bald so much as worry, and nothing worries a man so much as the idea that he is becoming bald.

"Why should a collar be stiff?" queries an exchange. Dunno. It's as hard to answer as "Why should a shirt have a tail?"

After a man gets to playing lawn tennis and drinking root beer, there is little hope for him.

A reporter in Portland received

\$500,000 from an estate. If he decides to start a country weekly, and is very, very careful, he has enough money to pay for a small bundle of print paper, few cards, a box of envelopes, one can of "color," and may, perhaps, have money enough left to pay half a month's office rent.

As to Archbishop Mannix, of Australia landing in Ireland, Lloyd George said: "Nix, man."

Some girls never can learn to swim. There's one at Seaside who's had a different man teaching her every year since 1916, and she still hollers for help.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, "sees march of progress," according to his speech of "acceptance." Of course, the Democrats are those he sees marching in the "progress" parade.

November next, he will see a sad, dejected, "piffle, procrastination and promise" crowd, who will be mournfully wending their weary way aboard the craft for Salt Creek.

Meivin G. Winstock of Portland, is needed far more in this world to speak, write and portray the pictures of life, as it really is, than handling those of the silver screen. We always read his opinions with interest and satisfaction and have often wondered why he does not enter the world arena for the betterment of people and things.

Why not do away with French words in describing things motorish and use the English language. Such ugly words as "garage," "chauffeur," "chassis," "tonneau" and so on should be discouraged. Surely the English language is extensive enough to provide devotees of the automobile with names for all that the said vehicle involves. We notice that some authorities seem to apprehend difficulty in discovering English equivalents for "chauffeur," and so forth. But why should there be any difficulty? Surely "motor driver" or "driver" is quite good enough. It ought to be, at any rate.

QUIT MEAT WHEN KIDNEYS BOTHER

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder troubles you.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver troubles, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a teaspoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will feel fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it can no longer cause irritation, thus ending bladder weaknesses.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

BUSICKS

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FRUIT JARS--SPECIALS

Quart, Economy, dozen	\$1.20
Economy Lids	27c
Mason Quarts, dozen	90c
Mason Tops, dozen	28c
3 dozen Palace Car Rubbers	23c
1 pound Porowax	22c
Special, E. C. Corn Flakes, package	11c

BREAKFAST FOOD

Kellogg's Corn Flakes, package	13c
Post Toasties	13c
Olympic Wheat Hearts	29c
Olympic Pancake Flour	32c

MACARONI

3 pounds Curve Cut Macaroni	25c
5 pound box Spaghetti	57c
3 packages Macaroni	27c

COFFEE and TEA

38c Bulk Coffee, 1 pound	35c
38c Bulk Coffee, 3 pounds	\$1.00
38c Bulk Coffee, 5 pounds	\$1.35
38c Bulk Coffee, 10 pounds	\$2.60
1/2 pound Folger Shasta Tea	25c
1/2 pound Lipton's Tea	42c
1 pound Lipton's Tea	80c

SALAD and COOKING OIL

Pint Wesson's Oil	36c
Quart Wesson's Oil	72c
Quart Mazola Oil	69c
Pint Douglas Oil	30c

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Medium Red, don't confuse this with pink salmon	
5 cans Medium Red	\$1.00
Laurelhurst Club Oregon Red Chimook, 4 cans	\$1.10
2 Campbell's Soup	25c
2 Otter Clams	37c
2 cans Oysters	41c
1 pound Ghirardelli's Chocolate	39c
50c Postum	40c
30c Postum	25c
25c Postum	20c
2 Blue Jacket Sardines	25c
5 cans Deviled Meat	25c
Crackers, pound	10c
5 pounds Peanut Butter	75c