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A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE AND A LIE

Chamberlain—Practically speaking there is but one candidate for United States Senator in Oregon.

There are claimants, it is true. They have filed for the nomination. They are conducting what they call campaigns. They think they are running for Senator.

But their pretensions are lost sight of in the lustre of the service rendered by one Oregon citizen to whom was committed the solemn responsibility of a senatorship by the people of Oregon. He is the Senator who secured passage of some of the weightiest legislation in the history of the republic.

It is doubtful if any legislative act, in the measure of the service it rendered in a war crisis, ranks with the selective draft act. It is without critics and without scandal. It was the crucial measure that gave confidence to the people and through that confidence raised the morale of the nation for the great conflict with the central powers.

Its wise provisions were such that every community knew that every other community was doing its full duty in sending men into the army. The justice and impartiality of its requirements were so manifest that the faith of every citizen in the purposes of the national leadership on the great business then in hand was complete, and in its completeness the whole people became one, united and inseparable.

The result was the mightiest military movement known to history. It is a measure that solved one of the greatest problems of America in the war. Its conception and its passage raised an Oregon Senator to a foremost position in the statesmanship of the country.

That is one reason why there is, practically speaking, but one candidate for United States Senator in Oregon. The service rendered by Senator Chamberlain reduces all other candidacies into mere pretensions.

The above quoted words made up the leading editorial of the Portland Journal of last Friday.

It is a beautiful tribute—And a lie.

Senator Chamberlain did not write the draft law. He had nothing to do with the writing of it.

It was written by Mr. McChesney, a leading Chicago lawyer—and it was written before the United States entered the war.

Showing that the Wilson administration heads knew the United States would enter the war—

And the fact is they knew it while Mr. Wilson was being re-elected on the slogan, "He kept us out of war."

Senator Chamberlain had no more to do with the passage of the draft law than any other member of that body; no more to do with it than any member of Congress.

And Senator Chamberlain, though chairman of the most powerful committee in the Senate having to do with war matters, voted steadily with his brother Democrats in giving billions to the Democratic South, while doing nothing whatever for his own state of Oregon.

The people of Oregon owe nothing to Senator Chamberlain on the score of his war record.

The Democrats who oppose Bryan ought to give him credit for self-determination at least.

Cox says he has convictions. So has Eugene Debs, and one is holding him behind the bars.

Candidate Cox, trying to curry favor in California, says he would like to have Herbert Hoover in his cabinet because he has a trained mind. Mr. Hoover's trained mind, we believe, some

time ago brought him to the conclusion that Mr. Cox is not exactly the best person to name the next Cabinet.—New York Sun.

Book publishers say that the output of fiction is increasing. The Democratic campaign book is one of the prime factors.

It is possible that Cox will swing around the circle in the south. There are signs that the hitherto impregnable fortress of Demo-

cracy is developing blow-holes. Mrs. Malaprop would say. The result in Georgia was most disconcerting.

The price of furniture stands, says an authority, speaking of the reductions almost everywhere apparent. Don't put that old davenport up in the attic.

It has been decided that when women present themselves to qualify as voters they will be allowed to say they are "21, plus," which may mean much or little above the necessary age.

President Wilson has given notice that he will vacate his present apartments after March 4, 1921. He doesn't like the janitor service.

Bryan wants a permanent national court, with no power to compel any response to its decisions. Isn't that exquisitely Bryanesque?

Cox's demand for a categorical yes or no to his questions as he frames them is like the lawyer's demand upon the witness for a like answer to the question "Have you stopped beating your wife?"

If we understand the situation abroad the Poles and the Lithuanians have only agreed to disagree.

On the liquor question it seems that Cox is trying to carry water on one shoulder and something on the hip.

Chief William J. Flynn says that T.N.T. and the "Reds" are responsible for the Wall street disaster. Some times we wonder how we should ever get along without these Argus-eyed detectives.

It is safe to bet that the next president of the United States will know the difference between an em quad and a quoin. The chances are he will know all about the great indoor sport of juggling.

Some of the folks who have grocery bills to pay and clothes to buy take no stock in the Wilsonian theory that the average man considers the League of Nations the paramount issue.

The difference is all in the point of view. Cattle growers want the market "stabilized," but consumers will be better pleased if it is smashed. But it is all the difference in the world.

The man who talks against America should be deported. If there be those holding authority from this government who believe otherwise they should be removed and their places filled by men devoted to the Constitution and all American institutions.—Los Angeles Times.

The other night in an apartment house on Olive street there was an alarm of fire that proved to be false. But one of the tenants left his room in the excitement and while he was away the landlord locked the door and raised the rent on him. Fact, and we could prove it if old Bill Jones was alive.—Los Angeles Times.

When Senator Harding was asked what the policy of the government would be as to the foreign nations if elected president, he replied that this is not a one-man government, and that he would foster the spirit of international friendship. For seven years this has been a one-man government. It will be so no longer when Senator Harding goes to the White House.

The situation looks bright for Senator Harding in Kentucky. The Democrats have lost the state administration and there is no longer any machine to count out the honest expression of the people at the ballot box, as was done some years ago, when the Republican nominee, Taylor, was "jimmied" out of an election by the gang behind Goebel. There will

FUTURE DATES.

October 13, Wednesday—Samuel H. Piles, former United States senator from Washington, speaks at armory.
October 15, Friday—County Y.M.C.A. convention, Salem.
October 16, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Chemawa.
October 20, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Salem Commercial club.
October 23, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Silverton high school at Salem.
November 2, Tuesday—Election day.
November 6, Saturday—Football, Willamette vs. Pacific University at Forest Grove.
November 11, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. McMinnville, at Salem.
November 16, Tuesday—Football, Salem high school vs. Dallas high school, at Salem.
November 18, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. College of Puget Sound, at Tacoma.
November 20, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Eugene high school, at Eugene.
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November 25, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman college, at Salem.
November 25, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. The Dalles high school, at The Dalles.
November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving day.

be a fair count in Kentucky this time.

ANOTHER "OLIGARCHY."

While Cox is waxing so virtuously indignant about senate oligarchies it is a wonder that he doesn't pause to shed a tear for poor, despot-ridden France. The senate of that country, in collusion with the chamber of deputies, actually elected a president last week. Just think of it! The French congress met and selected one of its members to preside over the destinies of the French republic. The electors had nothing at all to say about it. One president sent his resignation to the senate, giving as his reason "My state of health no longer permits me to assume the high functions with which your confidence invested me," and another was promptly selected.

There was no cavil nor unnecessary delay. The resignation was accepted and, within 48 hours, a new president had been named. The choice fell upon M. Millerand. The power of the senate oligarchy was supreme; but there doesn't seem to have been any attempt at revolution on the part of the French people. Public opinion seems to agree that the French congress made an excellent selection. M. Clemenceau, the great war premier, has expressed the opinion that the choice fell upon the one man in France best fitted for the job.

President Millerand has already shown himself to be servile to that congress "oligarchy." He is also under suspicion of seeking to aid the campaign of Senator Harding for the presidency in this country, in an address outlining "The essential guarantee of liberty is a division of powers within the government. Each department should be independent in its own sphere and should not impinge on the territory of another. Tyranny may be defined as a union of all powers under one head, whether it be a personal or an assembly."

That extract might easily be mistaken for a part of an address by Senator Harding. It is wholly at variance with the platform utterances of Cox. After the founding of the French republic in 1848, a general election was held to select a president. The choice fell upon Louis Napoleon. Before he had been long in office a coup d'etat made him constitutional monarch. When the third republic was founded the new constitution provided for the election of a president at a joint session of the two chambers of the French congress.

That procedure has been followed ever since. President Millerand has advocated a change in the constitution, however, which will enlarge the electoral college. He is of the opinion that it is a mistake to give to the two chambers the supreme authority to elect a president. In his first address to the French people after election he said:

"Serious reasons rule out the election of a president by universal suffrage, but between that method and the method of today there is something to be bridged, in

my opinion, by greatly enlarging the electoral college."

Ever since the coup d'etat under the second republic, the French people have feared to elect a president by universal suffrage, lest a second man on horseback shall use the army to re-establish a constitutional monarchy. There have been a number of interesting articles in the French press calling attention to the presidential oligarchy established in this country during the war.

They hold that a one-man government is tyranny.

But they laugh at the suggestion that a parliamentary oligarchy can be formed that would menace individual liberty.

Representative Will Investigate War Act

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Representative Julius Kahn of California, head of the house military affairs committee, announced in a statement today that when congress re-convenes he will institute an investigation into "deliberate evasions of provisions of the army reorganization act by Secretary of War Baker."

Mr. Kahn declared that the "spirit of the law" providing for purchase of army materials by the assistant secretary of war "is being evaded," purchasing still being done by the army general staff.

Camp Fire Lures Even in Vacant House

What might have proved to have been a fatal accident was narrowly averted last night, by parties residing on North Front street, who discovered that the residence of R. R. Rayan, which has been vacant, undergoing repairs, was on fire. They rushed to the scene and broke into the house to find a lone man sitting in a rocker near a fire, which he had built in the middle of the floor.

A large hole was burned in the floor and the flames were leaping up the side of the door. But for the timely intervention the house would soon have been destroyed and the unfortunate man burned. He was cared for until the fire was extinguished and the police notified, when he was taken in custody, being in a demented condition. His identity is unknown. yuninjured.ofh emfuy shrdl cmf

Preaches Against Theft—While Son Takes Auto

CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—While the Rev. R. Keene Ryan was delivering a sermon Sunday night on the evils of theft, his son was running away with his automobile from before the church. It was revealed today when the pastor swore out a warrant for his arrest.

Young Ryan, accompanied by several other youths, was said to be bound for the wilds of Michigan in the car.

"My boy needs a lesson," the Rev. Ryan said, "and I am going to go through with it. It hurts me to do what I am doing, but it is for the boy's own good."

Aged Chinaman Will Go To China For Wife

PORTLAND, Oct. 11.—Leong Heong, 70 year old laundryman of Astoria, who came to the United States from China when he was 15 years old and has never been back to his native land since he landed in San Francisco, today obtained from R. P. Bonham, chief immigration inspector, a permit to go to China. Leong Heong is going back to his old home to get a wife, according to Mr. Bonham, who said that the Chinaman told him that he must marry or lose his name.

CHINESE BANKER HERE.

SEATTLE, Oct. 11.—Han Un Yuen, president of the North China Banking corporation, accompanied by a retinue of nearly 50 clerks, assistants and servants, arrived in Seattle late tonight from Victoria, B. C., where he disembarked from the liner Empress of Asia yesterday, en route to New York to attend the international consortium there. He will leave early tomorrow for the east where, he declared tonight,

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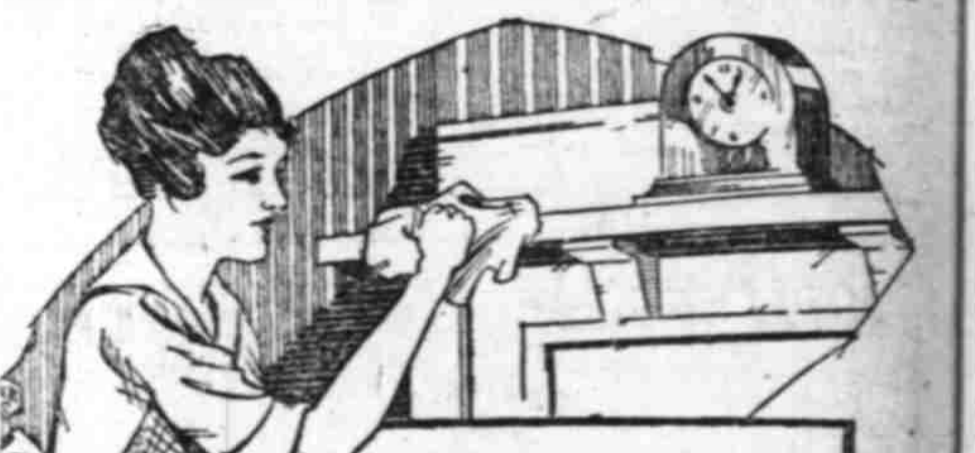
COAST GAMES POSTPONED

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 11.—A "full and complete" investigation of the charges of corruption, including gambling and game throwing in the Pacific coast baseball league last season, made by W. Baker "Babe" Borton, former first baseman of the Vetnon team, was promised here late to-

day by W. C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney.

Joe Cannon Falls

DANVILLE, Ill., Oct. 11.—Congressman Joseph G. Cannon, 84, suffered considerable pain tonight from the fracture of one of the bones of his left wrist last night at his home here.
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