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## PROTESTING AGAINST PROPOSED BOX FACTORY

The International Timber Workers' Union and the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen are protesting against a proposed box factory at the penitentiary.

Because it would employ convict labor in competition with free labor.

These working men have a right to protest. But, in the opinion of The Statesman, this protest is scarcely necessary, for the members of the Legislature, when they come to look into the proposition, will find that it is fantastic, to say the least.

To build a box factory at the penitentiary, to take care of the manufacturing of boxes from the log to the finished article, which is the proposal, the walls of the prison would have to be vastly extended, and very expensive machinery would have to be installed, and new buildings constructed.

At a total expense of many thousands of dollars. Then the securing of the timber would have to be looked after, and the logging of it.

A half million dollars would not be too much. And then the operation of the factory would have to be looked after—and there is no one who can say with assurance that it would be well looked after, or that the factory would be successful, under state direction.

So there is little likelihood that the Oregon Legislature will rush into such a fantastic undertaking.

There was little likelihood, even before the making of this protest, by the working people.

Especially is this true, when members of the Legislature upon investigation will find, if any of them is not already aware of the fact, that there is at the penitentiary now a flax plant, which runs the whole year through, on the inside of the walls; that it is equipped with ample buildings for the present; that it is successful; that it works continually at a profit; that, without the appropriation of a dollar, it is capable of installing spinning machines for the making of fishermen's seine twines and other twines from flax fiber.

And that this work can be extended to hemp fiber, for the making of sack twine and other twines.

That, with additions paid for from the money made by the plant itself, it can be extended, so as to do artificial drying.

That in the doing of all this great industries will be built up, distributing vast sums to the farmers for their flax and hemp.

And that, in due course, the business will become large enough to employ all the convict labor, and sufficiently profitable to pay the whole of the running expenses of the penitentiary.

The sensible thing to do, the statesman-like thing, is to provide for the extension of the flax industry at the penitentiary, and to add hemp; and, if it may seem best to reach quickly some of the ends aimed at, to provide some new money for additional machinery and equipment and facilities.

Though these can all be paid for out of the profits of the industry itself, if it is given the right management and encouragement and a few years of time.

## CLEWS REPORTS FURTHER PROGRESS

Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority, in his current weekly letter, reports further progress in the general improvement of the business and financial conditions of the country. Following are excerpts:

"Improvement in business has continued to be in evidence as demonstrated by several factors in the current situation. One is the revival of retail buying demand in various parts of the country, which has resulted in the presence of a substantial and active body of purchasers of spring goods in this city during the past week. Another is the resumption of activity at still more plants and a consequent increase in employment in various parts of the country.

"Following closely upon an announcement that the reserve ratio of the Federal Reserve System had advanced to 48 per cent, Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, in an address in this city on the evening of January 17, made an unequivocal statement to the effect that banking conditions had now passed the point of greatest strain and were decidedly well along on the road toward a stable situation. There has been a marked reduction of inter reserve bank discounts and local conditions generally have improved. Coin-

cident with this declining cost for money has been a distinct gain in the values of bonds, both those of the Government and of the stronger private issues. Secretary Houston's offering of \$250,000,000 of Treasury certificates was oversubscribed more than twice, the outcome showing the existence of a substantial volume of fluid funds which can be reached when an offer is sufficiently attractive. Encouraged by this relatively better supply of cash considerable new financing is now understood to be in prospect and may be put into effect at an early date.

Mr. Clews concludes his weekly letter with the following, referring to the stock market: "While it is quite possible that the present dullness will continue for some time longer, no apprehension exists that prices will fall for any great extent, for the reason that liquidation has been so drastic there is no fear of it being renewed on an extended scale; as a matter of fact the floating supply is exceedingly small."

A friend of ours who voted for Cox is growing side whiskers so as to conceal his identity.—Exchange.

President-elect Harding has probably gone to Florida to get acquainted with the sharks, just as if his experience since the election had not been sufficient.

In view of the fact that Herbert Hoover has accomplished so much in relieving the hunger of the stricken in Europe, why not make him secretary of the interior? suggests a friend at the writer's elbow.

The result of that Cuban election is still undetermined. Col. Bryan ought to have been one of the candidates—then it wouldn't have been at all close. The other fellow would have had a landslide.

The eastern press is discussing the question whether Abraham Lincoln was a member of the Methodist church. The next thing will be a dissertation on the point: whether Noah was the original Baptist.

The house has passed a bill for stabilizing the charges for legal advertising in newspapers in Oregon. The senate should give this bill a favorable vote. It will make little difference in rates, in most cases, but in some counties it will aid legitimate newspapers in securing justice in this respect.

Next week's Salem slogan subject is spinach. If you have information of value on this head, please let the slogan editor know. The world is using and should use a great deal more spinach, and the Salem district can furnish it, of the highest quality, and make a profit out of it.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the woman suffragist, has settled with two heirs of Frank Leslie by giving them \$260,000 of the estate left by the publisher, whose entire property was given to Mrs. Catt to assist in the cause of female suffrage. It is evident that the heirs stroked the fur the right way.

## KU KLUX KLAN.

Propaganda is appearing in various papers throughout the country advocating the revival of the Ku Klux Klan, which was an outgrowth of reconstruction conditions in the south after the Civil war. This "Invisible Empire," as it was called, assumed the prerogatives of law and courts, administering punishments to both blacks and whites, which became so outrageous and so menacing that the federal government was called upon to suppress its lawlessness.

The present organization follows in the footsteps of the original K. K. K. in its secrecy, its masked members and its purpose, which is announced as the "furtherance of everlasting fidelity to white supremacy and its maintenance in all things." It also proposes to follow the methods which made this body a terror to the people of the south and which resulted in outrages against all law and order.

It is announced that efforts are to be concentrated upon completing a strong organization upon the Pacific coast, since the western states are threatened with

an invasion of the yellow race. The implication is that the history of the movement in the south may be repeated in California and Oregon and Washington—with the Japanese as its objects of repression.

This is a strange movement for this day and age. We of the United States may not find our laws perfect or their administration by our courts impeccable; but we are a law-abiding people and we have faith in the justice and equity of our courts. We do not need any masked body of men, acting secretly and upon their own initiative, to administer our laws in regard to the Japanese or any other race. It is inconceivable that the citizens of California, Oregon and Washington would, for one moment, permit such bloody and violent outrages upon any class of our residents or upon any individual member of an alien race as were practiced by the Ku Klux Klan in the south. Whatever offenses against law and order may be committed in these states are amply covered by our system of justice and can safely be left to its proper administrators. We have no need for a Ku Klux Klan to aid in the settlement of the Japanese question; we have no desire to see the fair name of our states tarnished by lawless secret organizations. There may be room for a society to aid in maintaining the supremacy of the white race—but it is not through blazng crosses, white-draped and masked riders and threats of mysterious reprisals that the supremacy of any race can be maintained or advanced.

## BRIAND'S TASK.

Aristide Briand, one of that coterie of statesmen whose extreme Socialistic views became considerably modified under the stress of responsibility of office, is again at the head of the French government. He resumes office in a poignant crisis, more critical than any he was called upon to weather in the France of 20 years ago when he took so stern a stand against syndicalism and sabotage.

For today he faces both internal and external complications at the height of bitter controversy, when France sees the fruits of victory slipping from her through Germany's economic breakdown. Poincare is leading the faction which demands its full pound of flesh from the beaten foe, even as that foe demanded it of France in 1870. But to obtain that full pound would appear to necessitate the killing of the goose that lays the eggs; and allied statesmen are veering around to the disconcerting fact that justice must be tempered with mercy, if not for the foe's sake, at least for their own. That mercy must be conceded at the expense of the allies, and more particularly of devastated France, is becoming increasingly obvious as the endeavor to put the Versailles treaty into effect progresses. But the faction led by Poincare will have none of it. They see only France's dire need and remember only Germany's guilt and the misery and wretchedness engendered by it.

The choice of Briand at this stage is significant, for while he has been closely associated with Poincare and his unrelenting views, he has ever shown the

## FUTURE DATES.

- January 28, Friday—Triangular intercollegiate debate, Salem, Stayton and Oregon City high schools competing.
January 27, Thursday—Gould dance.
January 28 to 30—Interstate convention of N. M. C. A. in Salem.
February 3, Thursday—Duroc day, show and sale, state fair grounds.
February 12, Saturday—Lincoln's birthday.
February 14, Monday—Basketball, Willamette vs. University of Idaho, at Moscow.
February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
February 17, Thursday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla, Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla.
February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane.
February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.
February 23, Tuesday—Washington's birthday.
February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Salem.
March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.
April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis.
November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

courage and strength to modify his own views when a crisis arose and meet the situation rather than stand stubbornly on a lost principle. That some sort of a compromise is essential, is all too obvious, but a nice adjustment of judgment is necessary to so temper justice at this time that mercy does not exceed the bounds of absolute necessity and victimize the victors to the triumph of the defeated.

It was as a Socialist that Briand once defeated the excesses of Socialism in France, when, in the grave crisis of the syndicalist railroad strike nearly 20 years ago, he never hesitated to call the strikers to the colors and enforce military discipline, a masterly act that effectually handled a very dangerous situation at that time.

If therefore his mind has not lost its cunning, he would seem to be the logical man for the present stupendous task. He has the faculty for parley with friends and enemies alike, while maintaining a firm stand on any question he has once definitely decided. And he has the faculty for making quick and vital decisions and putting them into action. He has shown himself a leader who can lead, in the face of the opposition of his own party. And he is known to hold the vital necessity of acting in accord with Great Britain and the United States in this controversy. But he is of sufficiently strong caliber to aid immeasurably in forming those views, of meeting the statesmen of Great Britain and America on an equality of judgment. He has succeeded in uniting ferociously opposing factions in the past on matters of internal policy for France and there is every reason to hope that this attribute will serve France well in the present crisis.

But the controversy is bitter and complicated, since the arguments on both sides have the earmarks of reason and justice. France has suffered cruelly and is entitled to reparation. Submerged in her own sorrows, it is difficult for her peoples to regard any necessary relief to Germany with equanimity. On the other hand, if the exaction of that reparation is but to prolong the agony for all concerned, reason must supersede stern justice and concessions are inevitable. It is easier for the other allies to make these concessions, especially Britain and the United States, for they are not surrounded by the bitter evidence of the bloody contest on all sides as is France, whose soil is one vast graveyard and whose devastation is one huge, ghastly monument to ruthlessness. Hence, Briand's task is infinitely greater than that of other allied statesmen who can meet the questions involved with a less emotional background.

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Men who keep tab on such matters say a good many new people are in Salem, and more coming every day. We cannot get too many, of the right kind.

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## PETITIONS FOR RECALL FILED

Voters Ask Removal of Polk County Judge, Asa B. Robinson

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special to the Statesman)—The petitions asking for the recall of County Judge Asa B. Robinson were filed by the petitioners with County Clerk Floyd D. Moore, Monday afternoon. The petitions contained the names of 887 registered legal voters of Polk county. According to the law of Oregon, Judge Robinson has until the end of this week to resign from the office and have a successor appointed by the governor, otherwise the recall election will be held.

The recall petitions have been circulated through various parts of the county and from reports coming to Dallas there are many residents throughout the county who are bitterly opposed to the movement. The recall was started because it was alleged that Judge Robinson has let the roads of the county go to pieces during the term of his office, making travel in some parts of the county impossible during the wet season of the year.

Whether the recall will carry if it comes to an election is problematical. Many of the present county court supporters in both Independence and Dallas claim that it cannot and that a big majority of the people who signed the petitions did so to get rid of the canvassers.

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## Growers Give Spraying Demonstration Tomorrow

Fruit men who have spraying to do this spring, will be interested in the announcement of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association that a spraying demonstration will be held Saturday the 29th at the home of G. D. Wilson, 596 Mill street, corner of Capitol.

A representative of the Hardie sprayer will be in the city and assist in the demonstration. And as spraying is of special importance this season to growers, not only members of the association are invited to be present, but all men who are interested in various ways of spraying.

The demonstration will begin at the home of Mr. Wilson, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



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