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IS THIS TREASON?

It is suggested by a well informed and public spirited Oregonian that while the work of the tax investigation committee now at work, under direction and authority of the last Legislature, may perform a very useful task in finding new sources of revenue that will make the burdens of taxation rest more easily and equitably, one important matter has evidently been overlooked, and that is the one of reducing the expenses of government in this state.

And he believes that the next state campaign ought to be made along these lines—

That the matter of securing more economy and by the same sign greater efficiency, if put up to the people flat-footedly, would carry in Oregon.

It is very easy to say that there must be more and more officials and higher and higher salaries, and that the state must undertake more and more enterprises and more and more expensive ones; that all this must call for more and more ways to get money from the taxpayers, indirectly and directly—

But suppose we face about and back track, and attempt to discover ways to cut down and lop off and economize, while hunting for new ways to equalize the burdens of taxation—

And suppose the people who pay the taxes be given a voice, and not depend exclusively for guidance upon the men who spend the tax money, who naturally think that they must have more, and must find more ways in which to wring it from the people bearing the burdens.

Suppose, for instance, says this man, it be proposed to run the Oregon state government for just half what it has been costing, what would happen?

Of course there would be a great howl from the men who spend the tax money—

But what of it? Let them howl. The earth has never come to an end through howling. In some way or other, the state government would get along, this man insists—

And he insists, too, that, under an efficient reorganization of the whole structure of the state government, much after the manner that efficiency experts would go over a private business of the same magnitude, it would be found that the business could be conducted on half the money; not only this, but that it would be found to run more smoothly and efficiently.

Perhaps this man is too optimistic; or shall we say too iconoclastic, if there is such a word?

But there are a lot of people in the state of Oregon who would like to see a set of real efficiency experts take the whole thing to pieces and look into the works.

And, adds this same man, the trend of whose conversation is being quoted, if some one will go down the line on this strain, in the next campaign, and make his campaign elucidating and thorough going, with definite and practical promises and propositions for running the whole state government, from the very top to the very bottom, and through and through, along lines of both greater economy and greater efficiency, he will have such a following as will astonish the men who are thinking now in terms merely of finding more ways in which to get money to spend in more ways and in larger volume.

"The hard but very hopeful times that lie ahead," is the way President Harding puts it. Well said.

Admiral Sims says he never received that telegram from Secretary Denby calling him home. Is Al Burleson in charge of the cable lines?

If we were the deputy United States marshal that let Roy Gardner, the mail bandit, escape, we would take the train where he got away, start north and keep going—Los Angeles Times.

Judge Landis thinks that the United States ought to try prohibition for at least 50 years. In the meantime he would no doubt like to be prohibition commissioner at about \$42,500 a year.—Exchange. Well, there would be something doing. He would earn the money.

Was the late Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court a voluntary martyr to political strategy? It is said that if he had submitted to an operation a year ago, he would have survived, but he wanted to save his place for former President Taft, who had himself given him his appointment. He waited until there was a change in the administration and there was a chance for Taft to succeed him. Then the operation was too late to save his life. It is a sweet story, and is said to be true by those who knew the dead jurist.

Many a newspaper reader, doubtless, smiled pityingly at the story from Blackwood, N. J., telling of the jealous fears of a woman old enough to have better sense. An 82-year-old inmate of the almshouse at Blackwood jumped from a window and seriously injured herself, in an effort to get after her 80-year-old husband, whom she suspected of "running around with another woman." The mental picture we made of the octogenarian Lothario caused most of us to smile as we read; and yet what has age to do with it? Jealousy, at any age, is quite as unreasonable and groundless in the eyes of the neighbors.

Outsiders will conclude that German industries are making a good deal of money, for the government is credited with the intention of obtaining means for paying the indemnity by making government monopolies of some of the leading industries in order to absorb their profits. The shipyards are busy, and the products are largely the property of the government, which is paying very heavy subsidies for the building of ships, and if it could be as successful as the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American companies its task would be greatly lightened. It owns most of the railroads. The dye factories have had their best year in spite of the fact that other countries established the industry during the war. And the German banks have been uncommonly prosperous.

The American people have been called upon to alleviate the suffering of so many nations that it will be a real relief to them to know that China will before long stand in no further need of aid in warding off famine. Generous rains have assured the crops that were expected to be a failure. It is a legitimate cause for wonder what would have become of the world in the last seven years if American money and food had not gone out in unprecedented volume to head off starvation. France, Belgium, Poland, Austria, Servia and Armenia have especially benefited by this well-directed beneficence. Put this down as one of America's greatest contributions in healing the wounds of humanity.

TO THE CLASSES OF 1921—PRESIDENT HARDING ADDRESSSES NATION'S GRADUATES.

President Harding's commencement day address to the post-graduates of the American university, Washington, D. C., was directed to the nation's class of 1921 as well. It is one of the finest speeches the president has yet rendered, and should therefore receive the widest publicity.

"We are at the height of the annual commencement season," said the president, "when thousands of students go out from institutions all over the land and take up the tasks for which their years of study have been preparing them. I wish I could impress the young man and woman of every graduating class this year with my own acute conviction regarding the obligation of service that is placed upon them. They have been favored with the privilege of special equipment and preparation such as is vouchsafed to an all too small proportion of the people. They will not prove themselves worthy of their peculiar good fortune or of their special responsibility unless they regard it as a trust to be held for the good of the whole community."

The president admonished the nation's graduates not to believe they know it all with the possession of their diploma. He said: "I have often thought that if I knew as much now as I thought I did on the day I graduated, I would make the finest president this country ever had." The entire address is an appeal to student graduates to make service to humanity their chief aim in life. "The world and its experiences constitute the greater university in which all you have yet to complete, so far as is humanly possible, your education," said he. "I pray you to go out to it without too much thought of personal rewards, of individual gains; and yet, not to thrust these considerations entirely aside. Be generous, but do not dissipate your capital of knowledge and ability in aimless, useless generalities. Hold true to those ideals which your government and its institutions represent. We Americans will best help mankind at large if we most earnestly sustain men immediately about us." Again he emphasized this call to service by saying: "We look to this month's graduating classes to provide far more than their numerical share of leaders for the nation in a future not far ahead. You will play your parts in a world in many ways unlike any that former generations of your colleagues could have anticipated. I would feel that I had performed well the part that has providentially fallen to me if I could impress upon every one who goes out this year with a diploma the thought that it is not a certificate of right to special favor and profit in the world, but rather a commission of service. Men all about you will need the best you can give them."

Closely intertwined with this thought of service to humanity was his exhortation to the student graduates to have faith in our country and its ideals. "Much that has been esteemed elemental has been swept aside," he declared. "Almost nothing remains that we may safely think of as sacred, as secure from the attacks of the iconoclasts. It is a time in which men search their souls and assay their convictions, in which they examine the very fundamentals of institutions immemorably accepted, in which no tradition may be held immune from assaults of the skeptic and the doubter. \* \* \* Nothing remains with us that is not queried. Therefore we need for the leadership of the coming generation to recognize the claim of the doubter, the innovator, the experimenter, the would-be constructionist. But while we must give these adventurous ones their full chance, we must sedulously guard against the spirit of mere cynicism, the disposition to condemn all things as they are because they are not perfect, the tendency to tear down before any plan of reconstruction has been prepared. The trained mind—provided it is not over-trained—is the one that must provide the saving faculty of discrimination. The world must go forward, and not backward; and it will not go forward as the result of any philosophy of mere destruction. \* \* \* Interrogative points have been written in the blood and suffering of countless millions at the end of a thousand statements of what a little time ago we deemed the very basic principles of economics, of sociology, of international relationships, of public policy and human justice. \* \* \* Let us make our America the best place on earth in which men and women may dwell. Let us make it an example to all others, an inspiration and a model. It has been our privilege to see this country which we love called upon to redress the wrongs of the world, to restore the balance of civilization. We could not have played that part had we not first been true to ourselves, confident of our destiny, assured of our righteousness and of the power inherent in our concept of righteousness. Let us go on, holding fast to what, in the great trial, has been proven good, seeking to make it better, stronger and more unselfish. Let us place a firm reliance in our destiny and let us seek to realize that destiny through unceasing effort and unflinching devotion." He warned students not to put

too much trust in books or academic learning—that education was something never completed. "The education that can truly prepare for the demands of society in the time before us can not be given merely in academic halls. The great world outside must contribute of its practical experience, its intimate knowledge, its discipline and disappointments to complete the equipment. We can learn much from books, but if we learned only from books we would learn only the wisdom of the past. Books are tremendously useful if they be made the servants of the inquiring mind; they may be deadening and worse than useless if they become the master of the too receptive mind. He who has learned how to use books, how to find what he requires in them and then to apply it, without the necessity of overloading his mind with unnecessary detail, is the one who has made his educational preparation most useful. As a mere storage warehouse for facts, beliefs, impressions, the human mind is an unsatisfactory plant. It is too liable to error and too limited in its capacity. But, on the other hand, when it is used as a mace-rotator of information, a molding, developing, forming and reforming mechanism, it does its best work."

The president paid his compliments to the democracy of American education institutions—"one of the fine things about our American educational system. There is, thank God, no caste system here. All kinds of experience, of social background, of ancestry, of tradition, of training, are brought together in the melting pot of the American college or university. Neither social nor intellectual snobbery is likely very long to survive such experience. That is why education, when it is of the right sort, is the greatest leveling and democratizing influence we can find. It inculcates a realization of true standards, an appreciation of the fact that differences in estate and fortunes are, after all, but the superficialities of life as compared to the fundamentals of character, ambition, and determined purpose."

Mr. Harding concluded his address imploring "a dedication to common service, to human betterment, to civilization's advancement, on the part of those young people who at last must so largely direct the affairs of the country and of society in the hard but very hopeful times which lie ahead."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Still the strawberries come.

The crop is being increased and prolonged by the showers and cool weather.

The Hunt Bros. and the Kurtz canneries need still more help on strawberries.

The graduating class of the Salem high school is the best ever, of course, as well as the largest.

That general tariff bill is backward in coming forward.

The showers are disagreeable when you have no umbrella; but they sure are making the flax crop, and a good many others.

Was there ever a time when there was more building in Salem? The town is bigger than it was, and building operations are not so much noticed as when it was smaller; but there is no section now in which there is not some new construction work going forward. And still people have a hard time to find houses to rent here.

Georges Carpentier has been honored at a lawn fete. This ought to put him in fine fettle for the picnic a lot of folks hope he will have with the distinguished slacker, Jack Dempsey.

TROUBLED FOR TEN YEARS

If you suffer pains and aches during the day and sleep-disturbing bladder weakness by night, feel tired, nervous and run down, the kidneys and bladder need to be restored to healthy and regular action. J. T. Osburn, R. F. D. No. 1, Lucasville, O., writes: "I tried many remedies but they did me no good. I took Foley Kidney Pills and they helped me so much that now I am well." Don't delay. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

EILERS ORDER IS NOT APPEALABLE Head of Music House Must Remain in Custody of Federal Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—Federal Judge Gilbert, of the circuit court of appeals, sitting in Portland today held that an order issued by United States District Judge Bean, requiring Hy Eilers, head of the Oregon Eilers' Music

house to produce records of his company in court was not appealable. The result will be that Eilers must stay in custody of the United States marshal and will not be allowed to file a supersedeas bond. Attorneys for Eilers again pleaded their case on grounds that the records had been lost and it was impossible to produce them, no matter how long their client was held in custody.

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Table with 5 columns: THE SECRET CODES, No real chip, Low in tears, Had low rice, A kings help. Contains cryptic words and numbers.

HERE IS THE WAY THEY DID IT. "It's easy," said Chief-of-Detectives O'Flynn. "I have worked out four sums. You go about it this way. Each secret code has ten letters to it. Each letter represents a number. The first letter of the code represents 1, the second letter represents 2, the third letter represents 3, and so on. The tenth letter in each code represents the cipher 0 instead of 10. Each sum, as you see, instead of numbers is made up of letters, but it contains only the letters that are contained in the code above it. Now change the letters of each sum into their equivalent numbers, according to the code above, putting them down line by line from left to right exactly as the letters; for instance, the first letter of the first sum is N, N as you will see is the first letter of the secret code above that sum and therefore represents number 1. The second letter in the first line of the first sum is the eighth letter in the code above it, therefore it represents number 8. After you have changed every letter of the sum into a number, add up the sum just exactly as you would any other sum of figures, and the total that you get gives you your clues to the names of the Movie Stars. Then work out your clues this way: Beginning at the left-hand side of the total of your sum change each figure of the total back to its letter as represented in the secret code above the sum; for instance, I can tell you that the first number of the total of the first sum is 7. The letter C is the seventh letter in the code above the first sum, therefore the first letter represented by your total is letter C. Now change every number of your total in the same way and you will have the names of the Movie Star represented by that sum. This is not an easy problem, but patience and perseverance may find you the names of the great Movie Stars. For the best answers submitted we will pay the following prizes:

This Great Contest Is Absolutely FREE of Expense. Send In Your Answers To-day!

The Statesman Publishing Co., Salem, Oregon, one of the largest and best known publishing houses in Oregon. This is your guarantee that the prizes will be awarded with absolute fairness and squareness to you and every other contestant. Frankly, it is intended to introduce The Pacific-Homestead, Oregon's Greatest Farm Magazine, and The Northwest Poultry Journal, the leading poultry magazine of the Pacific Northwest. You may enter and win the best of prizes whether you are a subscriber to either of these publications or not—and moreover, you will neither be asked nor expected to take these magazines or send a single penny of your money to compete. Here is the idea—The Pacific-Homestead is the oldest and best farm magazine published in the Pacific Northwest and, therefore, it has a very large number of readers. The Northwest Poultry Journal is also very widely read and has the largest circulation of any magazine in its class published in the Pacific Northwest. But our motto is one of our magazines in every home, to get more readers to become acquainted with these famous publications. Therefore, when we schedule our entry to the contest and you know your standing for the prizes, we shall send you without cost a copy of our very latest issue. This is in order to qualify your entry to be sent on for the judging and awarding of the grand prizes, you will be asked to assist us in carrying on this big introduction plan by showing your copies to just four friends or neighbors, who will appreciate these really worth while magazines and want them to come to them regularly—two readers to The Pacific-Homestead and two readers to The Northwest Poultry Journal, or any other combination you like to make four. You will easily fulfill this simple condition in a few minutes of your spare time, and we will even send copies to each of your friends if you wish.

WIN These Prizes

Table listing prizes: 1st - \$200.00 Cash; 2nd - 100.00 Cash; 3rd - 50.00 Cash; 4th - 25.00 Cash; 5th - 15.00 Cash; 6th - 10.00 Cash; 7th - 5.00 Cash; 8th - 5.00 Cash; 9th - 5.00 Cash; 10th - 5.00 Cash; 11th - 5.00 Cash; 12th - 5.00 Cash; 13th - 5.00 Cash; 14th - 5.00 Cash; 15th - 5.00 Cash; 16th - 5.00 Cash; 17th - 5.00 Cash; 18th - 5.00 Cash; 19th - 5.00 Cash; 20th - 5.00 Cash.

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United States National Bank SALEM OREGON. Includes image of the bank building and text: "BETTER HAVE THAN WISH. IF wishes were horses, beggars would ride." The man who sits around envying others—wishing for things—never gets them. But—the man who opens an account at the United States National, and saves systematically, usually has the money for the things he wants, when he wants them.

FUTURE DATES: June 15 to 29—Oregon National grand arrangements at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens; June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises; June 17, Friday—Annual Law picnic, State fair grounds; June 20, Monday—School election; July 23, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic, state fair grounds; July 25 to 31—Salem Chautauque.