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## CIRCUMLOCUTION AND PROCRASTINATION

This telephone hearing drags on and on and on, piling Pelion on Ossa of testimony that is inconsequential and has no bearing on the question whether the charges are too high—

And there is circumlocution and procrastination till the whole thing becomes a dreary bore—

When the members of the Public Service Commission, with a few well informed men, ought to be able to sit at a table and come to the proper conclusions after a session of a few hours.

The House Ways and Means Committee worked for months, and gathered together great piles of printed and written matter, and had hearings galore, and finally put a new tariff bill into a great book with a big index to the book, and the House of Representatives finally passed the bill, and now the Senate is going through the same kind of procrastinating proceedings and the same sort of circumlocution—

When some of the men who administer the tariff law could have gotten together and, in a few weeks, prepared a better law; and one with fewer flaws to be discovered in its administration.

The United States should have a revised Dickens to bring before the people of this country the curses of the circumlocution offices in the nation and in the state.

There is too much red tape.

There is too much beating the devil around the bush.

There is too much false motion.

There is too much expense in endless and tireless investigations; too much talk and too little action.

Very little of the testimony in the telephone rate case gives any information that is valuable in helping the members of the Commission to arrive at proper conclusions—and if that is not what it is intended to do, what is it for?

There should never have been any necessity for a re-hearing. The decision should have been right in the first place, and capable of being defended by the facts and the figures.

Congress is getting numberless suggestions on how to reduce taxes, but mighty few on where to find new sources of wealth and income to tax.

"The bootlegger," declares the chief federal Prohibition Commissioner, "is, in the last analysis, a law breaker." He might add, in the first analysis, and in every other analysis.

The Salem paper mill will develop 1000 or more horse power with the North Mill creek project. That will make for great economy. But that will not be enough. The time is coming when the cheaply developed water powers of the Santiam region will be made available in Salem.

Head off the Non Partisan League as you would a plague of locusts or the most virulent kind of smallpox.

President Harding is making a practice of taking week-ends off. He is justified in doing anything that will get him out of Washington these dog days.

Why do so few parents nowadays cling either to or with their children? Have the phonograph, the automobile and the movie or jazz, with its exotic cadences, driven the sweet old airs and the habit of family singing from the American home? More important than the songs and the singing is the habit instilled in early life of finding pleasure in staid family association within the walls of home itself.

New York plans the establishment of a House of Poets. Oregon should do something of the kind. The waste paper basket of almost any editor could locate the sweet singers with which the Beaver State abounds.

Seed growing in the Salem district is a most important industry, and ought to be many times greater than it is, as will be shown in the slogan pages tomorrow. It

## THE BANK'S BUSINESS

IT is the special province of the bank to teach thrift—to make savings as much a habit with people as cleaning one's teeth, or rising in the morning.

So many tragedies are caused by wasteful, inefficient spending of money, that the officers of the United States National deem it a civic duty to preach thrift in season and out.

United States National Bank SALEM OREGON

you can help the slogan editor, do so, today. It is important. It means millions annually for our district

The way to kill the Non Partisan League Bolshevism is to nip it in the bud. You will be doing yourself and your children and children's children a mighty favor in helping to keep the news thing from getting a start.

## OUR ENTHUSIASM.

Professor Einstein is reported as saying that he was amazed that the people of the United States should become so wildly enthusiastic about his theory of relativity, which they knew nothing about and could not possibly understand. Some European cynics have taken occasion to sneer at us for this "ignorant enthusiasm" and to see in it our noted penchant for bluff, for superficial profundity and many other unadmirable attributes.

But this attitude is uncharitable and unfair. It is just this vast capacity for enthusiasm, this readiness to give everybody a hearing, this refusal to be bored by something outside our comprehension, this stimulating interest in possible attainment, this cordial inspiration to the great strivers which makes of us such vital and encouraging friends. If we 'ust sit back on our ignorance and pooch-pooch everything we don't understand, if we ignored great new theories and left the discoverers to go unrecorded and unsung, if we assumed that bored attitude towards anything that we could not immediately grasp and exploit, there would be no buoyant progress and fewer scientists and investigators would feel encouraged to undertake their long and weary researches.

Enthusiasm, even "ignorant enthusiasm," is a precious asset; it may not be the fuel, but it is certainly the lubricant that helps to make the engine run at its best. Enthusiasm, interest, curiosity—these are the attributes of youth and vitality—and when Prof. Einstein and his conferees make great discoveries they can count upon not being ignored, not being belittled and shelved, just because their theories are a bit over our heads. We should not be chided for our enthusiasm; but rather should we be blessed for it. The tasks of the scientists would be harder, longer and more thankless without that blessed enthusiasm which helps to hasten their attainments—and later to apply them.

## THE CHINESE PRESIDENT ON THE WORLD SITUATION

It might be expected, at the present juncture, when China is by no means prospering under her new form of government and seems to be on the brink of a disastrous civil war between the north and the south, that a leading Chinese statesman and writer would preach another gospel than the old Confucian doctrine of worldly prudence. It is time for a Jeremiah to speak out and tell sad truths to his fellow countrymen. If the late great war has taught the world anything it was this: that the destinies of countries in the last issue are in the hands of the devout and patriotic soldier, men of the type of Ferdinand Foch, Douglas Haig and John Pershing; and to lower their standing—in the old Chinese pacifist manner, as mere types of butchers—is to weaken the main-spring of national life. As the poet, historian and novelist, John Buchan, rightly declares, writing in his vernacular: "The world's a fecht;" certainly it is a mystery, not to be solved in terms of thrift, economy and submission.

"It's queer that the Almighty's plan Sud set out man to fecht w' man For the same luvv—their native lan', And wife and weans. It's queer, but threep the best ye can, The truth remains.

And yet the president of China, Hsu Shih-Chang, in a recent volume, keeps up the old and outworn attitude of self-complacency that has been such a bane to the Chinese empire of the past; and harps on the evils of militarism, which are only too patent to the world of today. He continues to look upon western civilization with disdain; where "the highest officials of the government, its men of letters, its inventors, its engineers go about modestly in the same garb as their fellow-men, receiving no special honor, wear-

## FUTURE DATES

August 11 to 21—United Evangelical camp meeting at Quinby Park. August 17, Wednesday—Open forum meeting at Commercial club. August 18, Thursday—Wisconsin picnic at fairgrounds. August 21, Wednesday—Joint picnic at Salem. August 22, Thursday—McMinnville Rotarians at Wheatland Ferry. September 26 to October 1—Oregon State Fair. September 28, Wednesday—State soldiers' aid commission to open bids on \$3,000,000 bonds. November 21, 22 and 23—Marion county Teachers' Institute.

ing no decorations except for the length of service; in every way less regarded than military men of low rank."

Then he turns to his native land and is pleased to find that "China, on the contrary, has always regarded military leaders as inferiors and has honored them far less than she has her scholars, her poets and her civil functionaries. A popular proverb says: 'Don't use good iron to make a sword; don't waste a good man to make a soldier.'"

He delights to record that for twelve centuries the great Chinese academy has never admitted a general nor a Buddhist priest; and while a field marshal has the same political rank as a provincial governor, yet he does not receive the high salary, the public regard nor the external marks or respect given the latter!

Strangely enough, he does not see that if the destinies of the empire have in the last issue to be entrusted to the field marshal, the soldier ought to have the complete confidence and respect of high and low. Moreover, as obedient critics of Chinese life have remarked, the saintly type, the religious man who believes that the final issues of life are with the Almighty and that He reveals Himself through prayer, has been present in China, among devout Buddhists as well as Christians. When Field Marshal Foch was not fighting he was praying.

Instead, then, of recommending that worn out abstraction, education, as the first and best means of reviving an unhealthy condition of national life, President Hsu should rather inquire how his country can develop the religious warrior type, the man who is ready and able to defend his native land and remain at the same time a servant of God and a friend of humanity. The type that deserves little respect and confidence today is the German university highbrow, who scoffs at any expression of regret for German misdeeds and remains as conceited as before the war. Another is the Chinese "scholar poet, or civil functionary," to quote the president's list—who is a confirmed word-monger and grafter and has been selling China's heritage to the militarists of Japan for a mess of pottage. China cannot even defend the home of her immortal Confucius from the intruder! Surely it is ostrich-like infatuation to declare, as President Hsu does, that "the Orient today is far better off than the rest of the world," and that it is high time "to apply the training and habits of Asia to alleviate the evils of Europe." Without national independence and the devoted soldier to establish the sanctity of our hearths and our homes, industry becomes the mere industry of slaves, and this is the danger with China today.

## WORKING WONDERS

The other day an automobile was driven through the streets of Dayton, Ohio, by unseen hands. It was an empty car and yet it threaded the traffic and responded to the police regulations at the corners with fidelity. One might fancy that the ghost of a Fulton was at the wheel. The machine, in fact, was under radio control from a car 100 feet or more in the rear. The phantom itself was not equipped with wireless, so that the dominion of the pilot seems the more remarkable. Possibly the day may come when our street traffic can be operated and controlled by wireless and the men and women in the driver's seat will be as puppets. At that, it would be an improvement on what we have. What is wanted is a car that can be wound up like a watch and then run by thought transference. We may get it yet.

## THE SMUGGLERS.

Ruling of the court that the Canada temperance act does not prevent the exportation of liquor to the United States has made the work of smugglers still easier. They only have the United States authorities to dodge and the border is a long and tangled one. Likewise there are some popular brands of whiskey made in Canada and the distillers are all said to be working overtime to keep up with their American orders.

## COUNTING THE BUGS.

After several years of intelligent and industrious application the state entomologist of Connecticut is able to announce that there are 6781 different kinds of insects in that little state—not including a couple of speed bugs at Yale. Connecticut is a small state and is probably as poorly equipped with bugs as any in the union. Yet it has nearly 7000 variant species—to say nothing of some of the financial big-bugs of Hartford and the humbugs of Bridgeport. Probably in a rich and massive state like California or Oregon we would have three

times as many insects as Connecticut. People come to this coast from all parts of the world and bring their favorite insects with them. Why don't we emulate the example of the Nutmeg state and take a census of our bugs? With a progressive entomologist at \$10,000 a year and a thousand hardy bugologists at \$10 a day per each, we would be able to take a census of our bugs in time for the next election. If Connecticut is able to elicit over the work of her state entomologist in rounding up 6781 brands of bugs, think of what our beloved Oregon could enjoy if the full measure of her insectivorous strength were realized.

## THE RESTORATION

Joan of Arc is also coming back. The beautiful equestrian statue of the Maid of Orleans that stood before the majestic cathedral of Rheims is to be returned to its pedestal. She was taken down to be spared the sacrifice of German bombardment and the hour has now come for her return. The restoration of Rheims should be as complete as possible.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Pleasant harvest weather.

There is an end to all things—

And there will be an end to the hearings in the telephone rate case.

But the Irish question is evidently an exception.

Some readers will be surprised tomorrow, over the showing made for the importance of the seed industry in the Salem district, in the Salem slogan pages.

They are talking of privations on account of unemployment in Portland next winter. There should be no unemployment in Oregon. Organized efforts to see to it that there is none would make plans for charity work on a large scale unnecessary. There is plenty of work for everyone in Oregon; if only every one will make up his mind to this fact.

Following is an encouraging excerpt from the current weekly letter of Henry Clews, the Wall Street authority: "Trade news has a better color and the prospects for autumn business in many lines have continued to be increasingly

hopeful. There has been an important improvement in the credit situation during the past month, and this with what has preceded it makes a notable change for the better within a short period. The administration's plans to help business, especially the carriers and its progress with disarmament plans, are long-range factors that promise much for the future."

## Spokane Man Gives Life, Girl Rescued

SEASIDE, Ore., Aug. 16.—(Special to The Statesman)—The Oregon conference of the Free Methodist church will hold its camp meeting and conference in the city park here beginning Thursday evening, August 18 and continuing until August 28. People from all over the state will be in attendance. Services will be held in the forenoon, afternoon and evening of each day, and special meetings for children, young people and missionary meetings will be held. Among the noted speakers will be Rev. W. T. Klatzsch and Rev. W. N. Coffey of Portland, and Evangelist H. W. Huckabee of Texas, who has been engaged as the special help in ministerial work. He comes from Washington, D. C., where he just closed a very successful meeting. Missionary work in charge of Rev. M. C. Clark, a returned missionary from India; women's foreign missions, Mrs. M. C. Coffey; young people's work, Mrs. Klatzsch and Mrs. Highbee; children's work, E. L. Silva; ring meeting, Rev. H. E. Kreider; and Donald MacPhee of Portland will conduct the singing. A big tabernacle has been erected in the park where the meeting will be held.

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Guatemala will do away with its rubber coinage. The currency was entirely too elastic.

# WHICH?

If you are a bread-winner you know a bargain when you see it and will save money by buying at this sale; but if you are a cake-eater and like to show off by paying fancy prices, we want to frankly tell you that this sale is no place for you.

\$7.50 Ladies' Sweaters.....	\$1.98	\$1.00 4-in-hand Neckties.....	19c
\$5.00 to \$6.00 Corduroy Pants.....	\$2.68	75c Leather Hop Pickers' Gloves.....	35c
4 1/2 lb. U. S. Army Blanket.....	\$3.19	All Leather Gloves at 1/2 price or less.	

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SOVE THIS MOVIE MYSTERY	NHCAELCHALORA OOERLHOALLCOEA NOHLAORNOEAR NRNOREALCH IHCL NNREALAEROEHHO	LOEOWNLTNL A I OLTN INTWOLOW L I NTN IWOLTER OWTEARAETIWW L OA INNTEA I E	HAD O IOERROW HAR I AARRWI O HDLWR IODA L HADWOLA IRC A HHLWIRWROAW	KA IGAKHGESA A ISGNAEHNSA KLNHGK INSE KKNK I ISGNS AAGNSHLKHKKA
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SAID that great Movie Producer, Cesar B. DeMille, to his hated rival, Movie Producer David Warwick Griffin, "I have engaged four of the greatest Moving Picture Stars in America for my next big Moving Picture Play." Of course this made Griffin angry because he likes to be the greatest of all the great Movie Producers and as tried his best to persuade DeMille to tell him the names of the great Movie Stars, just to taste him, Cesar B. DeMille gave David Warwick Griffin four secret codes representing the names of the four Movie Stars he had engaged. He told him that if he had brains enough to discover the names from these secret codes he deserved to know them. It was too much for a puzzle for Griffin, so he said he called in Detective Force and offered them a thousand dollars if they could discover the names for the four secret codes that DeMille had given him. This was an easy job for the great Scotland Yard Detective Force, and in less than an hour they had the four names. They gave the names to Griffin and also gave him their system for working out their clues.

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

This great contest is being conducted by 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 equanimity to you and every other contestant. Frankly, it is intended to introduce The Pacific Homestead, Oregon's Greatest Farm Magazine that is 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 spend 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, issued weekly by 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 your motto is one of merit and not of numbers. We want more readers to become acquainted with these famous publications. Therefore, when we acknowledge your entry to the contest you know your standing for the prizes, we shall send you without cost a copy of our very latest issues. Then in return for 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 in-

**WIN These Prizes**

1st	200.00 Cash
2nd	100.00 Cash
3rd	60.00 Cash
4th	25.00 Cash
5th	15.00 Cash
6th	10.00 Cash

7th	5.00 Cash	19th	5.00 Cash
8th	5.00 Cash	20th	5.00 Cash
9th	5.00 Cash	21st	5.00 Cash
10th	5.00 Cash	22nd	5.00 Cash
11th	5.00 Cash	23rd	5.00 Cash
12th	5.00 Cash	24th	5.00 Cash
13th	5.00 Cash	25th	5.00 Cash
14th	5.00 Cash	26th	5.00 Cash
15th	5.00 Cash	27th	5.00 Cash
16th	5.00 Cash	28th	5.00 Cash
17th	5.00 Cash	29th	5.00 Cash

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