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WHY NOT TRY PERSONAL OBEDIENCE?

If every man were to have one pet law-breaking mania been and never will be tolerthat he might enjoy with the secret or open sanction of so- ated." ciety, every man would need to go armed and barricaded all his life lest the right maniac should find him.

There are staunch friends who in spirit are nevertheless highwaymen; there are religious zealots on whom financial beneficial to the participants and bligations sit with painful instability. There are honest alienates the sympathies of fairbusiness men who wish to be, and perhaps are, social per- minded people." verts; there are sober men who wouldn't touch a cigarette. even, who still covetously wish their neighbor wouldn't watch vocacy of violence, perhaps uninhis money and jewels so closely. There are a million slants to perverse humanity, covering almost every possibility of tive, will not prove fruitful in thought or action; some one wants to do every one of these stirring up trouble. I dare ex-

If every man were free to declare his nullification of the which you seem to be sowing will laws restricting his own pet indiscretion or crime, instantly not result in a harvest of whirlthere would be no law but that of brute force. Society is not wind. ready to declare such a condition.

No man of reasonably sound mind, and almost no moral X.: It seems strange that he does pervert, would try to argue that one crime, which is the legal not know that there exists no efinition of any offense against society as a whole, ought Oregon Nonpartisan League. None to be tolerated in one person without giving every other per- has been organized, but I supson an equal exemption; if for no higher reason than that pose that is of little moment. It such exemption instantly destroys all law, all justice, and is exists in the imagination of G. X.

Why should the law maintain a police force to save the or the purpose of setting up a booze offender from arson, or murder, or his wife or daughter man of straw to be destroyed. Is enemies than by their so-called or any other League of Nations from rape—when these other criminals claim only the same it possible that the membership friends. Much of this talk we the colonel is making progress. one world's Jersey record after kind of exemption that he claims when he peddles or illegally of G. X. in the N. P. L. likewise hear of Wall Street robbery and First thing we know George will uses or shields booze? The only reason is, that society must rotect itself as a whole. No one would be quicker to demand legal protection against the kidnapper, the firebug, the vitriol thrower, the bomb assassin—all these "other" men with hobbies that they glorify—than many a man who says in word or deed that "I am above this booze law." The man who does not believe in enforcing even the booze laws, which are the sovereign will of the majority, has small moral right to exct the poisoner and the rapist and the slugger who assaults his home, to be punished for ignoring those particular laws and making a glory of their vilification. He has his own vices that he says are above the law-why not-they?

Only by making all laws respected because they are the ws of the people, can there be a society that protects any ingle thing that humanity holds dear.

There is one selfish but infallible test that every man can make as to his duty on any law: "Do I want the protecion of society?. Shall I give to other men the right to work their own warped wills on me or my family, simply because ey dislike the law restraining their chosen criminality? If I sanction the breaking of the booze laws, may not others rightfully assault or kill or rob me on the same theory of exnption? If I want booze, and a lustful brute wants my wife daughter, shall both of us receive absolution for our un-

lawful desires? Wherein are we different?" With a fair application of this test, there would be small uble among good citizens, even among many cowardly or elfish citizens, in enforcing the liquor laws. There would be no need for importing agents to sleuth out the liquor violaons-and the spirit of obedience to law would make every sort of crime infinitely less prevalent.

Would it not be worth while to try personal obedience as a social experiment?

Introducing General Leonard is violence. It is a tonal Donny Wood, governor general of the brook. It is discord and chaos. Philippines. He is the right man

THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

AGAIN.

I was agreeably surprised to

discover that you had honored my

letter of the 13th inst., by placing

it at the head of your editorial

columns. I regret that you did

not think the issues raised by the

call for an answer. I recognize

hat it is quite a task to intelli-

gently discuss the various issues

embraced in the Nonpartisan

League program, but I am sure

that you will agree with me that

informed upon the questions in-

I confess I am surprised that you continue to assert that, "the

Nonpartisan League is merely one

branch of socialism." The Non-

partisan League is not socialism.

It does not believe in the funda-

mental principle of socialism.

That principle is the abolition of

the profit system based upon the

surplus value produced by the

Editor Statesman:

And John Bull has sent his acnce, R. S. V. P., to the innational disarmament conferce. John will want a front seat there he can spit on the stove if e desires to do so.-Exchange.

in the right place.

Please help the stogan editor rove that our district ought to alse ten times as much live stock as it does now. Today or tomor-

When General Leonard Wood vent to the Philippines to make survey of the conditions on the ds the first people he talked o were the school teachers. The ly decided unless those, called s they expressed were no bt illuminating, for there is to class so capable of imparting volved in such decision. ne information.

functions have decided the fate ass. They say it expresses hya and promotes idleness. The t may be correct as to a, but not as to idleness. ice is not idleness, and jazz

FUTURE DATES

25 to October 1-Oregon thing that it is not? It seems to

about the N. P. L. being "against future. the United States government and your opinion were correst.

pression of the Pacific Legion which is as follows: "The exservice men who participated in the recent tar party, at which the guests were two Nonpartisan organizers deserve nothing but condemnation from loyal Americans, regardless of individual convictions as to the menace of that radical body. Mob rule never is American, and a cowardly performance in the name of patriotism is made hone the cleaner. Such conduct under the name of the American Legion never has

"True, the provocation often is great, but to succumb to such temptation is more harmful than

I trust that your seeming adtentional but none the less effecpress the hope that the wind

Referring to the articles of G. and that is all that is necessary exists only in his own imagination? I admit it may be just a little uncharitable, but I wonder if his knowledge of the Nonpartisan league is of the same character? Perhaps, the latter may xplain the change of pen name by G. X. One thing I like about he average member of the N. P. L. is the willingness to sign his

In conclusion, I wish to renew my plea for a real discussion of issues involved. Let us have the truth, without bias, irrespective of where it may lead or reveal. "The truth shall make you free." Very sincerely,

-A. SLAUGHTER. Salem, Or., Aug. 18, 1921.

There is nothing to discuss bout the principles of the Nonprinciples of Socialism. Townley is a Socialist. All the principal men connected with the organization are Socialists. Its principles are Socialistic. The fact that its program, so far as they were able to work it out in North Dakota, has passed muster in the United States supreme court, does not prove anything in this re-

Any more than the abandonnent of polygamy by the heads ing suffered "martyrdom" by serving terms in the penitentiaries, made it plain to the world zling figures in the financial that they no longer believed in polygamy.

If they had been sufficiently powerful, they would have imosed the principles of polygamy on the whole of the United States. and, indeed, on the whole world. If Townley and the other leadletter of sufficient importance to ers of Socialism had been sufficiently powerful, they would have imposed the full principles of Socialism on North Dakota, and on Minnesota, Idaho, Montana and other states where they had more

United Statesthose issues cannot be intelligent-And this government is not founded on the principles of Soupon to make the decisions, are cialism—it is founded on principles diametrically opposed to the fundamental principles of Social-

or less power-and on the whole

And therefore the Socialists and the Nonpartisan League) are against the United States government. No one in North Dakota doubs this.

Mr. Slaughter says: "That principle (the fundamental system of Socialism) is the abolition of the wage earner. Then why befog the profit system based upon the surissues involved by representing the plus value produced by the wage Nonpartisan League to be some-earner."

That sounds innocent. But ne that the truth about what the means Bolshevism. It means.

League stands for should be suf
leaders, leading, Marien count ficient to either justify or con
pursued to its ultimate conclu-

failure wherever tried, as in Rus- eral! You are evidently mistaken sia, now or in the past or in the

the political doctrines upon which ists prate about the danger of and shipped it to Grand Forks supreme court has decided, with- gram. But force is the only means in a state home building proout a dissenting vote, that the they could employ, ultimately. It gram. Last week this lumber was laws of North Dakota, passed by is the means they employed and sold to a local lumber company the Nonpartisan League state gov- employ in Russia, with wholesale for \$5464.36, the taxpayers of the ernment, are constitutional. This assassination and their death com- state thus taking a direct loss of the court would not have done if mittees throughout that distres- 59 per cent on the shipment. We sed and starving country.

I am sorry that you allowed The Statesman is not in favor of state-owned enterpirses in genyourself to be led into making of violence. This newspaper is in eral and Nonpartisan League busian appeal to the religious and favor of free discussion of all subpatriotic passions of your read- jects. But the writer has little ers. I do not think it worthy patfence with the mealy-mouthed of you or enditled to a place in protestations of the sympathizers the columns of The Statesman, of the shiploads of men and wo-With reference to the Kansas men who were bundled home to episode, your position is in mark- Russia; and every one of them is ed contrast with the editorial ex- in sympathy with the principles of the Nonpartisan Leggue.

They are tarred with the same stick with Lenine and Trotzky and 'he people of Oregon must not lull themselves into the idea that this bunch of leopards have become purring kittens by changing their spots.

And this organization DOES exist in Oregon. There is a local branch in Yambill county, and they are now organizing in Clackam as county.

The effort will not get far in Oregon, because our people are awake; but if every one here were quiescent and cowardly, and did not fight the outfit tooth and nail, it might get far even in conservative and loyal Oregon, and do a vast amount of harm in this

And harm is all it is calculated

There is no good in it. It leaves wreck and ruin in it path, and only wreck and ruin. The following from the La-Moure County Chronicle, La-Moure, North Dakota, of last week (August 11) will give a little idea of one slant of the workings of

"Robbing the Farmers.

the bunch in that state:

"If farmers must needs be robbed-and a good many of them seem to take it for granted that there is no way of escape - we Minneopolis Chamber of Commerce robbery is purely theoretical-political bunk. For real downright, literal robbery of the farmers, commend us to the bunch that have been in control of the Nonpartisan League and its collateral promotions in North Da-

"There are dozens of once hrifty and well-to-do farmers in LaMoure county who have been badly bent or financially broken as the direct result of unwise loyalty to the Nonpartisan League or to imprudent investment in league promotions. In the state there must be hundreds of them. The Equity packing plant at Fargo. the cold storage fiasco, the chain stores, the Florida sisal trust, the league newspapers - these and many more like them have taken

which were organized under the egis of the Leage and stimulated Every one of them shows an enormous operating loss, due large-

The cost of selling a handful of state bonds was enormous-as of course it was bound to be when our fiscal agents were such dazworld as Carl D. Thompson, the Chicago Socialist, and William



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"Last fall the North Dakota Home Builders' association bought The Nonpartisan League Social- some lumber at a cost of \$9429.35 cite this case because it is typical

> One more word: Mr. Slaughter will likely find that "G. X." has a great deal more intimate knowledge of the workings of the Nonpartisan League than he has; and from actual experience with its operations.

> > WILL TRY ANYTHING.

Lenin has definitely abandoned Socialism as a national program. Now he is trying to find somebody to run the industries that were seized by the state when he assumed authority. Possibly the original owners have been massacred or banished. Leases are now being offered to individuals, comvanies of labor unions who will assume the responsibility of running the plants and try to produce something. If the ghosts of the original owners could return they would be begged to once more take command. Under Socialism Russia produces nothing but blood and strife. Without production of some kind the existing government cannot live. This is now realized by Lenin and Trotzky. Hence their eagerness to find someone capable of conducting a business. Almost any kind of a pracitcal executive can have his pick of the idle plants in Russia. It is a frightful price that Russia is paying for its ad-

MAKING PROGRESS.

session of the supreme council. to be robbed by their so-called erica would have no part in this advertise. be having a little league of his

THE DAINTY BRICK.

for shipment. It is expensive, cannot do this too soon nor can

demn the League and for what it sion, communism and a ghastly Lemke, our brilliant attorney gen- but it is claimed that the preservation of the bricks in an undamaged condition makes it worth while. First thing we know it will be in bad form to throw a brick at a policeman unless it is wrapped up in scented paper and tied with a blue ribbon.

ZARADECHNO ON WOMEN.

Prince Zaradechno of the principality of Milan in Egypt says that women are all alike, eastern

One shudders for the future of ruler of 10,000,000 people with ach youthful ideas. He can never have read Nat Goodwin on some American families in that his infinite variety of wivesnor even have heard some of the comparative estimates of the sex brought back by our war heroes from Europe. However, the prince has an American wife-so he'll

WOMAN ON THE JOB.

The governor of Texas now makes it a rule to appoina at least one woman on every board or commission that is named in the course of the political administration of the state.

Not a bad idea for any state. The right kind of a woman on the Oregon public service commission would have saved a lot of

CONFUSION OF TONGUES

The question as to what shall onstitute the official language of disarmament conference has not until the delegates meet. In view of all the circumstances under which the conference assembles, why not make it plain United States? Confusion of tongues is to be avoided.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

We are getting a sample-5 5 S A sample of the finest summer climate in the world.

A recent well known Salem visitor advised us to advertise it. There are few community assets should think they would prefer For a man who insisted that Am- that it would pay us better to

selves to be broken. Our breeders are out-Jerseying the Isle of Jersey, several city blocks.

Now they are packing glazed lican members of congress of shutand other fancy grades of brick ting off the windjamming of the in individual pasteboard cartons holding up the procession. They

to suit the great majority of the open on September 6. people of the United States, who want action and not hot air.

N N N kinds of power in the hands of agara school. the president to make reciprocal arrangements with other countries, and for imposing retaliatory rates against countries which may attempt to make things hard for ora, Belle Passi near Woodburn, our exporters. Our country will Salem Heights and Mill City. extend its trade under the new tariff law-and it should be Monday following state fair week passed at once and gotten into and this will bring the date to operation.

It is reported that the English royal family is spending \$200,000 more than its annual income to live. But they have nothing on regard. Why doesn't King George carry a cold lunch?

OF SCHOOLS SET

Hubbard, Detroit And Cedar Camp Lead County, Start September 6

Although many children may feel it is a trifle early to think about the first day of school, the fact is that a number of school houses are being put in repair and scrubbed up for that eventful first

Hubbard and Detroit will lead all other schools in an early start this year as each of these will open its doors on Tuesday September 6, according to school connot yet been determined, and may tracts filed with the county school superintendent.

they clamp down the lid too hard school above Silverton, will also Monday, Sept. 12 will mark the opening of a number of schools, This date includes the White

The new tariff bill puts all school near Hubbard and the Ni-On Monday, September 19, the following schools will open: Silverton, Aumsville, Jefferson, Brush Creek near Silverton, Aur-

The Salem schools will open the



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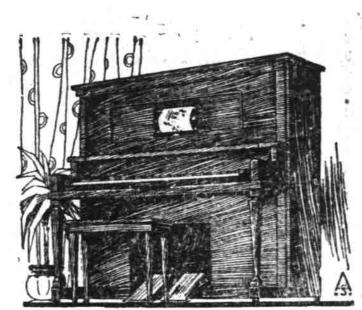
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