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MIGHT BE MADE HIGHLY USEFUL

The dispatches of yesterday reported that at a conversation between Chairman Fordney of the House Ways and Means Committee and President Harding, the President advised Mr. Fordney that after the proposed recess of Congress an increased appropriation will be asked for the Tariff Commission, when the tariff bill now pending becomes effective.

If this shall include real duties and responsibilities for the Tariff Commission, the increased appropriation will be justified.

So far, the Tariff Commission has not been worth its salt.

The expenses of it have been wasted money. As this commission was contemplated and proposed by President Taft, it was intended to bring in frequent recommendations for tariff changes—

A schedule or an item at a time. This would take the tariff question out of politics. It never had any rightful place in politics, any more than the questions coming before the Interstate Commerce Commission have a place in politics.

It is a business question. Tariff schedules and items affect the business of all the people. They are neither sectional nor political, of right. If President Harding succeeds in making his Tariff Commission a live, active, functioning body, instead of a fossilized and useless thing, he will perform one of the most outstanding advances that could possibly be credited to his administration.

THE ONLY HONEST SOCIALISM

Your correspondent, A. Slaughter, is fairly accurate when he says that the Non Partisan League movement is not socialistic.

And yet, that exception which proves his accuracy, is the most damning thing about the League as it was originally formed. It was socialistic, communistic in practically everything but the control of the only essential thing for human life—the land itself, which produces the crops on which mankind can live. It proposed to take away practically every other variety of land or property control that has been developed into a human asset—railroads and all transportation and communication, mines, forests, steel making, creameries, elevators, the handling of every food product; and, by implication, every other businesses but the ownership and operation of the farms.

In North Dakota, where it was strong enough, it legislated to ruin or coerce every hostile or lukewarm newspaper, bank, mercantile establishment; there was no free press in Dakota—only the outside "outlaws" and the inside sycophants or thieves. There were to be few or no independent businesses; all the present employes and employers were to become wage-workers and wards of the state. As I understand Socialism, this was it, pure and undefiled.

Pure, that is, with but one exception: The land monopoly. Directly, dogmatically, it declares that the farmer is a privileged class; free to own his lands, however acquired, without sacrificing them to the melting pot in which other property was fused for the common good; free to combine for his own gain, to manipulate the government for his own political and personal profit. The law of supply and demand was open for his benefit; he could charge all the traffic would bear, on the food that the people must have or die. The farmer oligarchy, self-proclaimed, self-perpetuated, absolute, could fix prices, fix wages, starve men to low wages or to exile in every other business.

By organization, it made the farm land owner an absolute business and political despot; it made every other man a serf and a slave and an apologetic, begging puppet hunting a job. That it did not work out to this unspeakably bitter end, is due to the sterling Americanism of the good Americans even in North Dakota who refused to be browbeaten by this swinish, slave-driving program.

This talk of abolishing all perniciously parasitic "monopolies" and middlemen from society, sounds fine. Except for certain inside evidence that can not be disregarded, it appeals to me, a dead-in-earnest farmer who has felt that business conditions were wrong and that this is an honest attempt to remedy them.

But I swear that it is the sinister egotism of the Puritan fathers who burned witches and heretics in the name of their own fantastic God of hate and murder. We of today know that there never was such a God; their own assumption of superiority was not exactly a pose, but it was a colossal, egotistical blunder if not a lie. They were not qualified judges; their so-called legal remedy was only selfish, ghastly crime.

That is the kind of propaganda the original Non Partisan League presented—to legally declare all men political parasites or pervers or criminals save themselves, to declare forfeit all property titles but their own, to drive into servitude on their own terms all men but themselves, to abrogate as contrary to public polity every business but their own absolute monopoly over life itself, and to set up their own law of "all the traffic will bear" for their own sales.

It is quite true that as yet there is no formal Non Partisan League in Oregon; officially, there are only a few self-imported agents, organizing at so much per head—and it is a goodly salary in these hard times. But the true league spirit as I interpret it, was here ahead of these financial agents and agitators. I am part of this "be-honest" league spirit that antedates these paid shouting exponents. I thank the Lord that the league that I stand for, is an honest league; that believes in putting every monopoly into the same proscribed class. If the land is a monopoly, if the farmer who bought land cheap and holds or sells it for a high price is a

parasitic middleman and profiteer, abolish both; take these unrighteous profits away from these holders, and put them back into the public treasury—AND START CLEAN.

I do not wish to call names; but I assert that he is a thief and a liar and a political tyrant and thug, who attempts to carry out the first part of the North Dakota program of declaring practically every other business as a state utility by clearing in private hands it is either a monopoly or a parasitic, middlemanic incubus—and then is not honest or intelligent enough to include in the proscribed list the only great, essential monopoly of land. If one believes in their preamble, that natural and even built-up monopolies belong to the whole people, he must believe their main text that declares the land to be the one essential for maintaining human life—or else he is a mental assassin or thief.

If I say that "We the League of Oregon" will not be of this self-righteous, lying-to-ourselves class that take away other men's businesses and jobs, while boosting our own monopoly, I believe I speak truly.

Maybe we do not exactly want to give up our own farms to this creed, and go to work for wages as tenants on the farms that the political power in temporary control can again take from us by edict. Yet I believe we ARE honest; and I believe further that the only league that can prevail among the honest farmers of Oregon is one that says "Give it ALL back."

We are not hypocritical Ananiases, selfishly withholding a part of the price of better government. Many of the original Non Partisan followers were sincere, though ignorant and hence brutal in their swinishness. Now that we recognize more clearly the nature of the land monopoly, we can not honestly prate of taking back any other "essentials" and monopolies, until we dedicate our own monopoly to the public treasury.

Do I speak for the honest Non Partisan Leaguers of Oregon? —G. X.

If you are going to help the slogan editor prove that this district ought to raise more live stock, you will have to do it today.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will be a member of the American delegation at the disarmament conference. Three cheers by Woodrow Wilson.

Hist, the Dail Eireann is in season and the fate of Ireland is in the balance. Will somebody hold the rope while De Valera spits on his hands?

"Conference on Limitation of Armaments and the Far East" is the official title of the coming international meeting in Washington. Paste it in your hat.

A total reduction of \$790,330,000 in the annual tax bill of the nation will result from the changes in the 1918 revenue act embodied in the new administration bill. The people who voted last November for a new deal in taxation at Washington are likely to get it.

The Statesman has issued, for premium purposes, a road map of Oregon, giving all the paved, graveled and other main roads, the size, county seats and population of the counties, and the population of all the towns and cities. If you will take this map and add up the population of Marion and Polk counties and of the parts of Yamhill, Linn and Clackamas that are in the Salem territory, you will find that Salem has 100,000 people in its trade territory, or its potential trade territory. And there cannot be found in all the world a more prosperous 100,000 people. What's more, there will be 200,000 before very long, and, in the next five years, the potential value of all the property in this territory will increase by half, and it will go right on increasing. The paved roads will help materially in this increase of population and wealth.

THE PASTIMES OF THE RICH. Coincident with the announcement that Mary Roberts Rinehart received \$200,000 in royalties for one of her plays alone came the news that she was undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Mary is well again now, but we do hope she is not going to set this sort of example of riotous living on her hard-earned wealth. So many people in the heyday of their success indulge themselves in this sort of extravagant luxury—and it is a matter for the deepest regret.—Los Angeles Times.

A GREAT FRENCH THINKER. In the present close alliance existing between France and ourselves it is pleasant to recall how the first European who wrote a book showing a real insight into American political ideals and their working out was a Frenchman, De Tocqueville, whose "Democracy in America," published 84 years ago, was an epoch-making book. Were he alive today he would be surprised at a recent deliverance of our president containing a complaint regarding the excessive burdens too many of our citizens would throw on the federal government. "The one outstanding demand of to-

FUTURE DATES August 31, Wednesday—Joint picnic of Salem and McMinnville Rotarians at Westland Ferry. September 26 to October 1—Oregon State Fair. September 28, Wednesday—State soldiers aid commission to open bids on \$2,000,000 bond. November 22 and 23—Marion county Teachers' Institute.

voce elsewhere in these days. A Puritan religious faith, acknowledging and revering a world moral law incumbent not only on the individual and the family, but on the nation, and functioning through churches independent of state control, cannot but act as a steady and inspiring force in a democracy; and this fact was very evident to the large-minded French critic. Law and religion he regarded as the pillars of our great democracy.

TURKEY'S NEW CAPITAL

Recent reports may have led some people to believe that the Greeks were about to overwhelm the Turks. Unfortunately there does not seem to be much likelihood of this. The "historical rampart of Islam" is still intact despite the victories of the soldiers of Constantine. The Greeks are not yet in Constantinople. "Poor, dear Tino," as some one unkindly called the restored king, is hardly likely to make a state entry at the head of his troops. The allies do not want him there and it has been stated that they have served notice on him that his army is not to attack the city. Even should the Greeks take Constantinople they would be a long way from conquering Turkey. Constantinople, word which lingers long on the tongue and brings up memories of glamorous nights, is no longer the real capital of the Moslems. It has given place to Angora, the city on a hill which cannot be hid. The ancient Anycra, 215 miles from the Golden Horn, is one of the few cities in the Old World which has gained immensely as a result of the war. Before the world conflict it was a picturesque but tumble-down place of sun-baked bricks. As the capital chosen by Mustapha Kemal, it is being rebuilt. The Turkish government declares that it will be converted into a city worthy of its new dignity. Clinging to the slopes of a steep, rocky hill which is crowned by the ruins of the old citadel, Angora offers many opportunities to an artist with vision. A Hungarian engineer has been commissioned to re-establish it and he has taken Budapest for his model. Government buildings will adorn the heights above a deep canyon and a new and modern business section will be constructed.

THE HOB-NAILED LIVER.

A certain New York doctor says that prohibition has decreased the number of cases of "cirrhosis of the liver" in the county hospitals by 50 per cent—that being the unromantic complaint known in the vernacular as "drunkard's hob-nailed liver." It appears, however, that home brew can do a little to maintain the complaint, although its debilitating effect is chiefly upon the kidneys. Of course, in time the hob-nailed liver should disappear from the hospital clinics altogether, which will be very unfortunate for the medical student of the future who will be denied the study of this important human complaint under the most desirable conditions.

However, we must not take too gloomy an outlook of the situation. The home brewers may improve their nectar up to the hob-nailed standard and in any case most of us personally know a few fellows who are altruistically providing that the students of the future shall have a chance to examine hob-nailed livers if their present method of maintaining their private stock is not tampered with.

LADY-LIKE SPORTS.

The smoking compartments for women introduced for the benefit of female tourists on the Canadian Pacific appear to be quite popular. Likewise the ladies are learning to play a good game of poker as a variant from auction bridge. A neighboring paragrapher declares that when a girl can smoke and play poker she has the makings of a real sport.

BUILDING EDITORS.

Journalism is being officially taught at 171 of the colleges of America. The nose for news can not be grafted on the human face, but where it exists it can be sharpened and trained. Some of the old-time editors did not have much regard or esteem for college bred "journalists," but they have demonstrated not only their value but their eminecne.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fine fall days. The detours are terrible— But they will not last long, and then going in this district will be much better than ever before. By noon today, the paved Pa-

ALLEGED MEMBERS OF NATION-WIDE DEATH RING.



A nationwide murder ring, the American branch of the dreaded Italian Camorra, is thought to have been uncovered by the New York police through the arrest of six Italians, three of whom have confessed. Fear of being haunted by the ghost of a man whom he had slain led Bartolo Fontano, a barber, to confess to the police of his connection with the gang. The band is known as the "Bonventre Gang," members of which, the police believe, are responsible for the murders of hundreds of Italians in various cities throughout the United States. The American branch of the Camorra, it is said, carried out orders or killings received from the association in Italy. Ten murders in Detroit, five in New York and two in Brooklyn are attributed to the gang. The picture shows, left to right: Stefano Magaddino, police detective S. A. Repetto, one of the detectives who made the arrest; Francesco Puma, Giuseppe Lombardi, Tito Bonventre, Mariano Galanti and Bartolo Fontano.

diffic highway to Jefferson will be finished—the gap closed up joining with the South Commercial street paving.

But this part of the Pacific highway will have to be left for thirty days, because it is concrete, and it must "set." But think of the joy it will be after thirty days; compensating for all the griefs of the detours.

Congress is about to take a recess for thirty days. If the tariff and finance bills had been put through, instead of hung up by the windjammers, and a few other major pieces of legislation finished, the people of the country generally would feel more like the members had earned a vacation.

The passenger rate war down at Portland may teach the transportation line managers a lot of things—among them the fact that the people will use their facilities when they think they are getting their money's worth, and a little more.

The Non Partisan League organizers (at \$18 a throw) in Oregon are finding hard sledding. The harder the more creditable to the farmers of Oregon. They can do nothing but harm in Oregon, and the fewer \$18 receipts they write the better for all concerned; excepting, of course the organizers who are looking for easy money

NOT FAIR TO OUR HOME MERCHANTS

They Are Discriminated Against in Favor of Rank Outside Peddlers

The arrest of Max Solof, proprietor of the People's Cash store, by Officer Miller Hayden yesterday morning on a charge of unlawfully selling watermelons on the streets of Salem brings to mind a question which, for a long time has deserved newspaper comment.

The writer has gone to the trouble of interviewing a number of other grocers, among them William Busick, and they are of the unanimous opinion that while Mr. Solof's act of selling watermelons on the street may have been a technical violation of the law, it is not such a heinous offense as to justify his being dragged before the court.

Mr. Solof and other grocers are supporters of the cost of the city's government. They are in business here and they contribute very largely to the Commercial club and other civic organizations. Yet for a trifling offense they

are hailed before our police judge as law violators, while for a trifling license fee peddlers from Portland are allowed the privilege of bringing truck loads of over-ripe melons or fruits to Salem and blockading State street while peddling these inferior quality melons to our unsuspecting citizens at a price supposed to be low but which is not really low, when the quality of the melons or fruits is considered.

The final result of allowing these vendors to peddle their inferior goods is that our local grocers, in order to compete, are forced to order equally inferior goods, goods which they can profitably sell at the prices charged by the peddlers who do nothing to support our city or our civic organizations except pay the insignificant license fee charged for the privilege of peddling.

Either these licenses should be made so high as to be almost prohibitive, or a little more consideration should be shown such merchants as Mr. Solof, who is an asset to our community and a much respected citizen.

Remember the old days when the owner of an automobile going on a trip of but a few miles was not at all sure that he would be able to return in the machine. The chances were that he would have to come back by some other method. And that was not so, long ago, either.

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