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## IN A NUTSHELL

"The whole story of the state's financial troubles can be told very briefly. Here it is:

"The cause: That section of the Bank of North Dakota law which permits the bank officials to transfer money from one state fund to another by a simple book entry. This section of the law simply turns the taxing power of the state over to the bank's directors, taking out of the hands of the legislature where constitution places it.

"What happened: The tax funds were so transferred. Nine houses for state officials were built from the tax funds. Nearly \$3,000,000 was loaned on long time mortgages. More than \$1,000,000 was advanced to the state flour mill and elevator. More than \$1,400,000 was loaned and deposited in banks which are now bankrupt, most of this money being in 'league banks.'

"The result: Unpaid checks for soldiers' bonuses, widows' pensions, school teachers' salaries and countless other legitimate purposes for which taxes were levied and collected.

"It's all simple enough, isn't it? There is no deep financial mystery about it. Anyone with a grain of business judgment would have foreseen just such a condition. You can't spend money and have it.

"And the remedy: Appoint a receiver for the Bank of North Dakota; prosecute the directors and the manager on a felony charge for receiving money into an insolvent bank; sell enough bonds to restore the 'frozen' funds, later paying these bonds, which will represent our losses, by taxes."

Every farmer in Oregon who is liable in any way to be bitten by the Nonpartisan League bug ought to read the above "In a Nutshell" presentation of the case of the busted state of North Dakota, not by a rank outsider, but by the leading newspaper of that state.

North Dakota is teetotally busted. It tried to sell state bonds; but no one will buy the bonds. Any sane man with money to invest in bonds will naturally (and does) reason that, no matter how willing some of the taxpayers may be to have the interest paid on the bonds as agreed, and the bonds retired according to their terms, the money of the taxpayers may be diverted to all sorts of wild-cat and hair-brained schemes of the Socialists sitting on the neck of the state, entrenched there by the system which has been built up by the comorra of the Nonpartisan League.

A school teacher recently went from North Dakota to St. Paul with her school warrants, trying to sell them—warrants issued to her by the district officials for her salary. She could find no buyers. She earned her salary, and the people of the school district would like to see her paid. They say their district is "good"; but this does not give the school teacher her money. The funds that should have been kept for the payment of the school warrants has been frittered away by the Bank of North Dakota, run on Nonpartisan League principles, or lack of principle.

And the officers of the school district are powerless, no matter how much they would like to see the school teacher get the money she has earned, and which the taxpayers of the district have been taxed to pay.

And so it is all down the line, in North Dakota, and so it would be in Oregon if this state could be "organized" in full, as it is right now being "organized" in spots, by the minions of this same bunch that has busted North Dakota.

Busted it so completely that it will take a hundred years and more to get rid of the burdens that have been piled on its back, to the last straw.

"Get the state out of business!" is the cry in North Dakota.

They must get the state out of business, and get rid of the last vestige of power now in the hands of the Nonpartisan League Socialists.

And not only that; they must convince the outside people able to help get the state on its feet that it is going to stay out of business, and is never again going to be subject to the Nonpartisan League corsairs, before anything like streaks of solvency will begin to show through the thick gloom that now overshadows North Dakota and makes the very name of North Dakota a byword in circles of sanity the country over.

It is bound to come—but it will come with travail and suffering and the bearing of grievous burdens through this generation and generations to come.

And that is what the minions of the Nonpartisan League are seeking to foist upon Oregon, one of the solidest and sanest states in all the union of states. They will fail, of course. But these fellows now extracting \$18 a head from the suckerdome of Oregon have a supreme gall to attempt to "organize" Oregon, with North Dakota so near that the Nonpartisan stench there that smells to high heaven so offends the nostrils of all the people of Oregon whose sense of smell has not been dried up.

Dock Wiley says that home brew is the worst stuff in the world. He knows.

The efforts of Charlie Dawes to save \$900,000,000 from the budget promise to be one of the high spots in profane history.

According to the terms of settlement between France and Germany, the latter will turn over 50,000 stands of bees to the French. And it is a good bet that the stingers have not been ex-

tracted from the business end of the bees.

Manufacturing is the Salem slogan subject for next Thursday. You will find that Salem makes a good many things, and considerable quantities of some of them.

Taft and Wilson are the living former presidents. Since the death of Grant in 1885, not more than two former presidents have been alive at the same time. In 1826 there were four living—John

Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. In 1862 the number was five—Tyler, Van Buren, Fillmore, Pierce, and Buchanan. Roosevelt and Taft were the first presidents to write in large volume for magazines and newspapers.

The Germans are always doing things that are disagreeable to the rest of the world. Just now they are working.—Boston Transcript.

Former President Wilson is actively engaged in the practice of the law in Washington. Wonder if he still holds his former aversion to attorneys?

It has been figured out in Ohio that people are living to a much greater age in that state than ever before. It requires some time for all the men to get a chance to run for president.

It is announced that the perfected tariff bill will be ready for the consideration of congress when that body convenes. No body is brave enough to predict when the vote will be taken in either branch.—Los Angeles Times. Our Congressman "Pat" McArthur was brave enough in the Statesman office a day or two ago to predict that it will be all over in December. The lower house will likely make it snappy—that branch has already passed the bill, and will need to scrap on the senate amendments, and its own further amendments, and the report of the steering committee. But the senate might talk all winter, if the cloture rule were not there—though it is employed only once in a great while—though it ought to be used very often.

## GREATEST MAN IN THE WORLD

A correspondent of our neighbor, the Evening Post, has been quizzing, among the scholarly shades of Williamstown, certain great men to find out who was the greatest man the war produced.

Viscount Bryce named a trio—Mazaryk, Venizelos and Smuts. Baron Krotf, remarking that he hated Lenin, doubted whether there was a greater man in the world than the soviet dictator. Other scholars made such widely different selections as Wilson, Keynes and Debs.

Our own nomination for greatest man in the world is John Smith. He was the greatest man the war produced, for he made the guns and the shells, the ships and the tanks, the tents and the trenches. He manned the fleets, submarines and airplanes. He went over the top.

John Smith was the greatest man in the world in the Old Stone Age, and he will continue to be so until that drear time when the standardized human being predicted by H. G. Wells has arrived.

It is John Smith who plows and harvests, writes and reads, loves and hates. He makes clothes and composes ballads, mows lawns and runs banks. He gives 25 cents for a collar or twenty-five billions for a war with equal grace. He pays the way of the Mazaryks, Venizelos and Smuts.

Remove John Smith from the world, and what famous statesman could keep on living?—New York Herald.

## WOMANLY ADVICE

The appointment of a woman as a member of the disarmament conference is still urged in certain circles. No particular woman appears to stand forth as especially qualified. It is mainly a recognition of the sex. This makes it a matter of politics, and that it what ought to be avoided. The problems of disarmament are such as suggest certain authorities. If the name of any particular woman stands out as especially effective in this connection, her selection would be wise and proper. But no one should be named merely as a sop to the women vote.

## RUNNING THE MACHINE

By the time the world's oil wells run dry, our busy inventors will have something ready to take the place of gasoline. Every day a fresh adventure in this direction is reported, and some Henry Ford of the future will be able to dip his bucket in the broad Pacific and fill the veins of his iron steed with a live-giving charge. The dispatches of the day tell of successful experiments by a St.

## FUTURE DATES

September 17, Saturday—Constitution Day.  
September 22, 23 and 24—Pencil Day.  
September 25 to October 1—Oregon State Fair.  
September 28, Wednesday—State and federal commission to open bids on \$5,000,000 bonds.  
November 21, 22 and 23—Marion county Teachers Institute.

Paul motor mechanic who, by the use of some clean mineral base and six parts of water, has been running his car in a way to arouse the admiration of the world and the despair of the Standard Oil company. He has been getting twenty-four miles to the gallon, and the stuff can be produced for less than 10 cents. It might be valuable in keeping the oil tractable, and it could at least be important as an auxiliary. A hundred years hence gasoline will have been forgotten.

## STILL UP IN THE AIR

The convention of the American Bar association has been indulging in considerable debate over the law and ethics of the air. It was held by some of the brainiest of the group that an aviator was a trespasser upon private property rights when he flew in the air over a home. The contention was that if a man owns a piece of land he has title from the center of the earth to the top of the sky. If a man wings his way over your home, he is as much of a trespasser as if he had bored a hole through your melon patch. But not all of the lawyers were of this mind. The practical ones urged the adoption by America of the international air agreement, which interpreted the law of the heavens to an every-day world in a manner that urges the greatest progress in the field of aviation. America is behind a number of European countries in commercial aviation. A general agreement or understanding as to the rights and obligations of the air-men would help the situation.

## PUTS AWAY THE CROWN

Elihu Root says he must decline appointment to the supreme tribunal of the international court created under the League of Nations. He says he is now 76 years old, and he feels that his years should be a barrier, even if he is carrying them lightly. Mr. Root was nominated for the high court by no less than six different nations. All this despite the fact that the United States is not officially a member of the League. This indicates the respect and confidence which the whole world extends to this great American. The designation of Mr. Root to membership in the disarmament conference would be agreeable to all. None would urge his years as a barrier to such service. It is the counsel of wisdom and experience that is desired.

## A GREAT DESERTER

Bill Haywood will be known in history as the "great deserter." First, he is accused of deserting his wife, next of deserting his country, and of deserting the dear old I. W. W.—Dayton News.

## WAR PAYS NO DIVIDENDS

The death of King Peter of Serbia will serve to recall the little world went to war for and, perhaps, incidentally, the little, so far, that it has gotten out of it.—Detroit News.

## WISDOM IN THREE WORDS

"Disarm or bust" is the terse ultimatum of George W. Norris of Philadelphia to the nation. He is governor of the federal reserve bank of the City of Brotherly Love, and his warning is not without meaning.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts to Flush Kidneys if Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally. Says a noted authority who tells us that the meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or a sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

### Councilmen Prohibit

Editorial Statement: Some of the actions of our "city fathers" are amusing. Take, for example, their new "woodpile ordinance." Vandervort says it will not be enforced. I say it won't be practical to enforce it.

Imagine the humor in it—Chief Moffit making daily check on wood piles. And then, too, this ordinance is to prevent the streets from being used as a storehouse. What in this ordinance, is to prevent just that? It takes the average family just about 30 days to use a load of block wood—a business building will certainly move their pile of wood oftener than once a month, if they run it directly from the street to the furnace.

And still this ordinance was so urgent that rules were suspended to make its adoption possible. And then, even though the matter is so urgent, give property owners thirty days in which to move. If it takes an "Oregonian" that long to get in a hurry, then there is certainly no place for this new ordinance or any other ordinance which attempts to make our city more beautiful and our streets more passable; rather, then, let us turn our streets into one indivisible "public woodshed" and travel in the alleys which, only, have been left vacant.

Ever yours, for a progressive Salem, BOLSHEVIKI BILL.

### Deer Must Be Tagged In Opinion of Van Winkle

Although the deer may have been killed by some other person, anyone who is found in possession of an untagged deer is liable to the penalty of the law, according to an opinion by Attorney General J. H. Van Winkle, written for the state game commission.

### Valley And Siletz Makes Protest Against Charges

The Valley & Siletz railroad company has filed with the public

service commission a protest against certain demurrage charges assessed against the company by the Southern Pacific company. The Valley & Siletz, it is said, is dependent upon the Southern Pacific for cars, and is accorded

the treatment that would be accorded an ordinary shipper rather than a branch line railroad. The complaint is that no free time is allowed by the Southern Pacific company for the period required to move cars to and from the point

of loading. The Valley & Siletz claims two days free time should be allowed and the commission is asked to establish rules and regulations accordingly.

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