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SOME MORE MISTAKES TO CORRECT

That section of the narrowly partisan Democratic press which can find virtue only where Democratic affiliations are thickest seems to be pretty much upset by the present state-wide movement to bring George A. White of Salem into the Republican gubernatorial contest.

Mere mention of the possibility aroused the irritability of the Capital Journal to the exploding point—

And the first explosion came with a black headline announcing "Colonel White Arrested for Speeding."

It was a hideous charge of misconduct for the Capital Journal uncovered the fact that Mr. White "was traveling 26 miles an hour when arrested" and that he was to be "arraigned in court at 2 p. m."

Doubtless the thousands of enthusiastic and loyal citizens over the state who are petitioning Mr. White to lay aside his own wishes in the matter and become a candidate for Governor would have dropped their work after this glaring disclosure had not the Capital Journal in its next issue, in an announcement under the caption "Capital Journal Makes Mistake," confessed that the speeding story was made of whole-cloth.

So the Capital Journal tried it again and in a double-column leading editorial fired a broadside the gist of which was to the effect that Mr. White was "appointed by Governor Olcott" and so shouldn't run against him; that as Adjutant General he raised his own salary and changed the state law so as to bestow upon himself a life job and that he increased the cost of the National Guard from \$100,000 to \$170,000 at the last session of the Legislature.

All of which, like the charge "Colonel White Arrested for Speeding," would be very interesting and constructive if even remotely based on fact.

The facts concerning Mr. White's appointment as Adjutant General are definitely known.

He was appointed Adjutant General by the late Governor Withycombe—

And after his brilliant performance of organizing the state's man-power and resources and putting Oregon first in every effort during the crisis of 1917, Mr. White took a leave-of-absence from Governor Withycombe so that he might go with the Oregon men to France as a volunteer in the American army.

While he was away in service, Oregon's war Governor was opposed for re-election by Mr. Olcott, who was defeated at the last election. Shortly after, came the death of Governor Withycombe, and when Mr. White returned to his home and his work, the war ended, Mr. Olcott as Secretary of State was sitting in on the job of Governor.

It takes only a cursory inquiry of the laws of Oregon to show that when Mr. White became Adjutant General, the tenure clause was the same as it is today. While he was absent in his country's service, the law was changed, and the last Legislature restored the position to the same status as when he left for service.

As to the salary increase. Mr. George W. Joseph, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee which handled that matter, is authority for the statement that Mr. White said he was not asking an increase; and the entire Oregon National Guard Association of Oregon, which sponsored the State Military Code, will testify that Mr. White openly and directly opposed writing any increase into the bill—and was voted down.

In stating that Mr. White "increased" the appropriations for his department from \$100,000 to \$170,000, the Capital Journal neglects to note that the \$160,000 was provided when the National Guard was still in the Army, and that prior to Mr. White's return the little pitance of a force that was built up operated at a loss. No mention of the fact is made that Mr. White brought \$200,000 into the state from the U. S. Treasury last year, and that this money was distributed among twelve counties, \$16,000 of it in Marion county—

And that up to the time of Mr. White's return it was costing the state more to operate its military department than was received back from the federal government.

But, for all that, why should the Capital Journal try to be honest and thorough in such matters, for it is nervous and irritated over the possibility that Mr. White may step in to disturb the possibility of a continued Democratic political picnic in Oregon.

Coming up; the flax industry.

Heaviest snowstorm of the winter in central Wyoming yesterday. A real spring day in Salem. Let's stay.

The outlook for good prices next fall and winter for flax fiber is encouraging. If all signs do not fail, the independent flax movement is going to start off with a good year. That will help a lot. It will mean the spinning of flax in Salem in due course of time; when the growers and the stockholders of the new company, and perhaps other companies to be organized, will be getting some of the "spread" that now goes to the twine trust, which is charging fishermen and others \$3 a pound for their twine. And it will mean, in good time, the making of fine linen in Salem, and the development of the flax and hemp industries here into one of the greatest if not the greatest of all the industries of Oregon.

EMMA GOLDMAN MAY COME BACK

Springfield Republican: Perhaps Emma Goldman, the anarchist, will soon be permitted to return to the United States and lecture in our leading universities. She begins a series of articles on Soviet Russia, printed in the New York World, by saying:

"The Russian revolution as a radical social and economic change meant to overthrow capitalism and establish communism must be declared a failure." She proposes to expose the whole horror of bolshevism and "the world feels it is discharging a duty to the public in presenting her articles."

THE LAND OF THE FREE

It is stated that amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States have about one hundred times as much latitude in the exercise of their hobby as their brothers in England. Over there the government arbitrarily restricts the power of amateur sending apparatus to such an extent that their messages carry only 10 or 15 miles. In the United States the only restriction is one of wave length, and amateur messages are frequently heard a thousand miles or more. The difference in the

attitude of the two governments in respect to radio is illustrative of the general difference between a monarchy and a republic. Our government is by and for the people to a much greater extent than is the British. Encouragement of private initiative is one of the outstanding policies of Republican management.

A SIX YEAR TERM

President Harding is reported as willing to accept the proposed constitutional amendment for a single six-year term for our presidents. If it passes through congress he will speed it along. However, the Wood resolution may not make better progress than the single-term movement has in times past. Undoubtedly a majority of American voters have for many years favored a single presidential term of six years as against the present method of choosing chiefs. But majorities do not always count. An in-

FUTURE DATES

- April 7, Friday—"Clarence" comedy to be shown at Silas by Playmakers of Silverton high school.
April 7, Friday—Debate between Willamette University and Denver University.
April 7, Friday—"Hooster School Master," presented by Miss Lela Walton's students under direction of American Legion Auxiliary.
April 7, Friday—"Paul Rogers" to be presented by Salem high school music department.
April 8, Saturday—County Odd Fellows meeting in Summerville.
April 10, Monday—Willamette university chapel. Prof. F. A. Vitamins and the balanced diet.
April 12, Wednesday—County community club federation meets in Salem.
April 14, Friday—Last day on which candidates for state offices may file with secretary of state.
April 14, Friday—Concert by Mary Schultz, violinist Grand theatre.
April 16 to 22—"Better Music" week in Salem.
April 16, Sunday—"Easter."
April 18, Tuesday—Whitney Boys' Chorus to sing in Silas.
April 27, Thursday—100th anniversary of birth of General U. S. Grant.
May 1, Monday—W. W. Ellsworth, noted editor and literary man, to address Willamette students.
May 4, 5 and 6—Cherrion Cherrington.
May 13, Saturday—Junior week-end entertainment at O. A. C.
May 19, Friday—Primary election.
May 20, Saturday—Open house, science department of high school.
May 20, Saturday—Marion County school athletes meet.
May 26 and 27, Friday and Saturday—May Festival, Oratorio Creation Friday in armory; living pictures Saturday night.
June 6, Monday—Track meet, Willamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove.
June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day.
June 16, Friday—High school graduation.
June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marshfield.
July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday. State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
September 23, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem.
September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up.
September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
November 7, Tuesday—General elec-

trenched minority has more often dominated the scene.

GOD SPEED!

Mr. Lloyd George hopes to make the Genoa conference the crowning success of his political career. We wish him well. The problems to be considered at Genoa are essentially of European concern, and it is up to the countries of Europe to solve them. The fact that the United States is not to be a participant does not detract from American well wishes for the success of the parley. The American attitude is not of the dog-in-the-manger variety.

"CARPENTIER MAY NEVER FIGHT AGAIN."

Dispatches from Paris announce that Carpentier, the French fighter who met Dempsey in the United States last July, will probably never be himself again.

"The boy does not realize the shape he is in," one of his doctors is reported to have said. His trouble is attributed chiefly to "the terrific pounding" he received in Jersey City last summer.

An exchange says that any one who has seen the motion pictures of the Carpentier-Dempsey fight will not be surprised at this announcement. Constantly during the fight Dempsey's arm flashes up and down over his opponent's kidneys. The kind of punishment the defeated man received in that battle is the kind that shortens life by years and leaves broken health while life remains.

Boxing is one thing—prize-fighting is another. And for sheer brutality prize fighting as conducted in the United States at the present time is hard to equal.

EVERYBODY SATISFIED

The Democrats are rejoicing because the Republican candidate in the special congressional election in Maine received only 62 per cent of the total vote. Since the normal Republican vote in that district is only about 54 per cent, the Republicans are also jubilant. For once, apparently, both Republicans and Democrats are satisfied with an election.

MAKING SAFE

The new city council of a North Dakota town is made up entirely of women. At the second session the members declared war on all

bootleggers and jazz performers and ordered the enforcement of a 9 o'clock curfew. Drinking and dancing are to be made impossible if the ladies have their way, and the town will be under the blankets by 9 or they will know the reason why. Even the husbands will stay home if there is no other place to go.

GREEN GOODS

Will a diet of green and uncooked foods prolong life? Members of the Longer Life League are finding out. Some of them are largely confining themselves to a regime which consists extensively of lettuce and peanuts. These particular fastidists are not so insistent that their fodder be green as that it be uncooked. They might even stand for beef, but it would have to be raw hamburger, at that. But they have evolved even a pie that is unbaked and bread that is innocent of the oven. If a member of the Longer Life League lives to be 100 years old on a diet of alfalfa and spinach the green fodder wins.

THE FOREIGN INVASION

The black rats of Japan are said to be taking possession of the wharves and warehouses of Long Island and Harlem. They are thought to be driving back the brown and gray rats and gradually invading the homes of Brooklyn. Is this another visitation of the mikado? Is he trying to secretly suppress the home-

brewed native rats of America? Take their place with the black pirate rats of Japan?

OBSTRUCTIVE PATENTS

Secretary of War Weeks is urging the enactment of legislation that will prevent the limitation of production in the United States by reason of foreign-owned patents that are not being worked in this country. In some instances it is said that manufacture of materials is wholly prevented because of the obstructive patents.

HANDS OVER SEAS

Another German steamship line from Hamburg to Pacific coast ports is reported as materializing. It is a part of the Hugo Stinnes activities, which dominate Ger-

many and encircle the globe. The names of the first three steamers of the new line are reported as miral Von Tripitz and Gen. Von Buelow. It would seem that with these titles it would be easier to start a fight than a trade alliance. Some one suggests that maybe we can get even by sending the Gen. Pershing to Hamburg for a cargo of pretzels.

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Home Talent Plays

THE PAPER LILY Margaret Braden, a tall, dark-eyed, serious girl, and her younger sister, Julie, frail and sunny-haired, are sitting at a little square table making paper flowers. Besides the table there are a couple of cats and a dressing table in the room. At the right is a curtained doorway leading into another room. At the left is a single, half-opened window, near which the girls are working with their backs to it. JULIE: Anyway, I'd rather make lilies than roses. I was so sick of that awful pink. Why, at night I'd dream of pink monkeys just that shade jumping up and down all over the bed. MARGARET: White is such a nice, cool color. I think that's careful, Julie, you've cut that petal crooked. We can't spoil any of these if we're to have them ready when mother comes home so she can do the finishing touches to-night. JULIE: I've been working as fast as I can, Margaret, but I can't help it because I was kept in at school. I was sleepy, and I didn't hear the question. MARGARET: Well, don't fuss about it now. Hand me some more of the green. Julie, did you ever see a real Easter lily? (The face of a young girl appears in the window.) JULIE: Of course, I pass about twenty-seven florists on the way to school. There's one next here, you know. And they're all stocked up with Easter lilies already. MARGARET: I mean one right now, so's you could smell it and even touch it. Once we had a lily, a real one with a gold heart. I can close my eyes and see it now. You were too little to remember it, Julie. JULIE: I wish one of those pa-

JULIE: Why—why—what is that on the window sill? MARGARET: It's an Easter lily, a real one! (She runs over and drops on her knees before the plant.) Oh, Julie, come see how fresh and sweet it is! JULIE (bending over it): How mother's eyes will shine, when she sees how the paper lilies bloomed. It's like wax, isn't it? MARGARET: Some kind neighbor must have put it there. I can't figure out any other way, because miracles— JULIE: They DO happen. However it got there, it was a miracle, our own Easter miracle. ONE REEL YARNS APRIL FACE A DGE came down the street from the grocery, stepping along carefully to avoid the mud puddles, her father's big umbrella held close over her head, so that it seemed as though the umbrella itself were moving in the drizzle. Her face was puckered up, her mouth drooped at the corners, as she splashed along. She hadn't wanted to go to the grocery. It seemed to her that she was always doing things she didn't want to. It was a nasty, wet old world. She went around to the back of the house, in order to keep from getting the front porch muddy. As she stepped up on the porch she heard her name mentioned, and she stopped before she realized that she was eavesdropping. "Yes," her mother was saying. "Madge has on her April face again today." "She is a regular barometer," the other voice agreed. Madge realized that it was Aunt Katherine,

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