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#### THE STATE TAX INDUSTRY

The fire at the penitentiary yesterday destroyed 200 to 400 tons of flax, and the flax machinery was also destroyed-But all the rest of the 2000 or more tons of flax is intact, in stacks outside the prison walls, on the farms of the growers, ally: and in the warehouse at Rickreall; and all the hemp is at Lahish Meadows: and the flax destroyed was fully covered by regular insurance-independent of the state insurance under

And the flax machinery was covered, in the same way. So there will be no money loss to the state flax industry; it because he advocates a severno loss excepting in the shutting down or slowing up of the operations. Some pedigreed seed was burned; but more is on reforms so as to equalize the tax hand or available. The burning of the pedigreed seed was a burden in order that the farming loss to the industry: but it will be recovered soon.

The flax threshing machine had not arrived. There will of course be delay in securing new flax machinery, but when legislation under his administrait is secured it will be more modern and efficient than most of the old machinery.

The wood working and other industries that were burned are covered by the insurance provided by the state under the purance law; the law that was fathered by Mr. Dunbar when was Secretary of State. These other industries will also built as speedily as possible.

And another thing will be done that perhaps would have been somewhat delayed but for the fire of yesterday-

The new buildings will be made as nearly fire proof as de. And they will be built separately. There will be a ng for the flax industry machinery. There will be a building for the proposed flax spinning plant. There will be ne for the furniture factory; one perhaps for the saw mill. They will all be separated as far as possible.

Provision has already been made for a flax warehouse of rick and concrete. There will finally follow other buildings for the same purpose, of the same materials. They will be separated. There will no longer be any great quantity of flax straw or fiber, or tow, or seed stored inside the walls, or in the ildings in which any of the machinery will be placed.

The flax industry will go on, and in a safer and better way than heretofore. So will the other industries. The work of rendering the Oregon penitentiary entirely self supporting will proceed with a better foundation and under more orderly plans than before.

### THE ARISTOCRACY OF COOLIDGE

The New York Tribune points out that the one comical comment upon President Coolidge has come from the New York Call, an organ of the Socialists. It referred to him as elonging to "the Back Bay aristocracy of Boston." This will give the Coolidges of Plymouth, Vermont, farmers bred and born a good Yankee grin-

For if a precise prior occupation is to be tagged upon the new President, it obviously must be farmer-

For he was pitching hay on his father's farm when the r's boy. One of his sons was working on a farm when shift from Vice Presidency to Presidency happened, and at back to the job at the usual hour the next morning. hen there was a demand for an estimate of Calvin Coolidge his father, that Vermont parent replied in truly Vermont e that "he had always done his work fairly well.

This lavish parental praise suggests what aristocracy it is hat President Coolidge belongs to-The aristocracy that Americans recognize, the aristoreacy

There are indications that already the representatives of

he farmers in Washington are awakening to the fact that he is a man who has studied the farmer's problems in the sweat of his brow.

went out and made the search.

there worked in his mind the fact

Certainly no better illustration

could be given of the honor sys-

tem. The world is learning that

a man does not lose his honor

upon entering prison, that he does

not forfeit the right to have his

word may be clouded under the

and furthermore it reflects in the

TURN ON THE LIGHT

## THE HONOR SYSTEM see | ege of bringing the man in. They

For centuries the inquisition They were unarmed save with was looked upon as the only real clubs they picked up on the way, way to ferret out crime and the but they made a most thorough tion verdicts were so revolting every hand. Every man came world for years. Finally the idea as a matter of course. crept in slyly but surely that a man was a human being even if he came a realization of what he was opposite extreme and a laxity fol-Then the pendulum swung to the lowed. In many instances maudlin that these men were working sentiment took the place of cruel along certain lines that led back to punishment. Out of this there honorable standing in the world. came a balance, an adjustment, The man who was under no pledge, that was fair. Crime was none the the man who, under the game less loathsome, but its punishment laws, had a right to get his liberty was not made so drastic. Out of if he could, voluntarily gave himthis middle ground there came a self up and came back to take just appreciation of the rights of what punishment was coming by man, no matter how seriously the prison rules. charged with offending.

The honor system came as cess of evolution.. It has had its ethacks, unworthy men have violated their obligations and the nies of the system have been pledged word taken. A convict's quick to point out that a man con. ed of a crime could not be rules of legal evidence but betrusted. Gradually the system has tween man and man it is still good won its way. We think there never was a better illustration of conduct of men whose word has ts workings than happened right not been pledged. in Salem last week. Two prisoners tried to escape. They were not honor men and under the came law of the world had a right to do so if they could. One was mickly captured; the other was Governor Pierce. It may have an | The greatest thing in the world

Pierce was fairly elected, the peo- so unconsciously delightful, so ple decreed that he be given the splendid in their young lyives and mandate to do certain things. In their futures. every move he has made Governor Pierce has found determined opposition. There must be some reason for this. Is there a consame man today that he was when elected last November. The Oreand is demanding a square deal. The East Oregonian, published at ciated the opportunity offered. Pendleton, has this to say editori-"Who are these men and why are they trying to throw the state into the turmoil of a recall election? What has Governor Pierce done to deserve a recall fight? Is ance tax on timber and other tax

sections of the state may have a fair deal? Is it because the first lini, and the Fascisti Movement barricaded and armed to shoot tion reduced expenses a million dollars and passed an income tax law? Is the governor opposed because he has set his foot down against promiscuous certification of irrigation bonds by the statea step he took in order to save the taxpayers from serious less?

"Is the governor to have a recall fight because he has done something wrong or is it because he has been a real governor who ous in some countries and Italy and lost, that poor Italy was on has done his duty as he sees it and has refused to take dictation from any quarter?

"No doubt he will be enlightened on these points as time goes on. Meanwhile, why are those Portland gentlemen so sly? If they want a recall fight why do they not come boldly out into the open of government and the insidious and state their case? Why have doctrines sent broadcast from they resorted to thet subterfuge of trying to make people believe the affair originated in Umatilla county? Why should this county be held up as agitating a recall? Why was R. E. Bean called hurhappen that he returned with a Mr. Bean, an official of this county, to be the local champion of a move to recall the man who last fall received from this county the heaviest majority it ever extended gubernatorial candidate? If so, what are Mr. Bean's reasons for acting in such a capacity? Why does he think the governor should be recalled? Many people think Mr. Bean has placed our county in a false position, and that an explanation from him is due."

## EVER THE WOMAN

It is ever so the woan is to blame. When Adam said "The woman tempted me" he opened the way for all men to charge the women with the sins of the world. So far has this been taken that if a man and a woman are caught in a moral lapse the man can go his way in the world while the woman is an outcast forevermore.

The revolution in Spain is said to have been caused by a woman. grandee married his mistress shments following the inquisi- search, beating the bushes on and attempted to force her into society. The social world rebelled, they shock the sensibilities of the back, not as a matter of duty, but the military world took it up and the ministry was unhorsed. It In the mind of the fugitive there will be recalled that in the days of Andrew Jackson a woman diswas charged with crime and that doing to his fellow prisoners, to rupted his administration. Wohe was a human still even if con- the men whose honor had been man is responsible for a lot of evil. victed by this inhuman court. pledged. He gave himself up. but man just would not do with-This man was under no direct obli-

> Just a word here in defense of woman. God bless her, she is the delight of our home, the beacon star that guides a wallowing world into the pearly gates. We hold to the idea that while the preponderance or testimony is such that we must admit that Eve actually committed the physical act of reaching up and plucking the apple, Adam either dared her to do it, or what is more, probably ran to her with a hop, skip and a jump calling "Eve, give me

## LET'S GO

Willamette uniersity is open for the school year and the classes will begin reciting tomorrow. It is just glorious to have these youngsters back with us. They are so full of life, so exuberant royal guard was taking some men enough to have his passport stoin their liveliness, so bubbling over in a lorry through the streets, len from his pocket. Possibly a one Skip, and one Jump!. Hop leaped back to the house, so that pet. joy of life that they bless the entire city. There is not a home here that is not brighter because reason for the proposed recall of these young people are back.

effect on future politics. If men is youth, it comes but once to an service. He had not acted with termination, which was all the In the evening of the same day are to be recalled from office sim. individual, but it is with us from the necessary "prudence." in more powerful because it was the escape 18 pen men, four of ply because they seek to do their year to year in the generations of order to quiet a riot in a town at seemingly passionless and calm.

right to know it. If the recall is Then again the school is doing less devoted to the right as it sees, a judge and executioner. If it the inhabitants by the orderly, and his eyes hardened. He struck vent his making good? Governor students. They are so wholesome, spond to the public desire.

EUGENE TO THE FRONT Eugene is a forward looking city. It has been living up to the spiracy? Governor Pierce is the minute for a long time. Eugene is just now establishing the religious day school. It was done

is no less intelligent than ours, no ponies down at Corvallis.

Governor Pierce has been in of- and women now, but they are only vance movement. The Oregon fice eight months. He started funning) for great work as men Statesman has been disappointed with a hostile legislature, and and women. What a pleasure it is in our board, but it has not critisince its adjournment he has been to realize that when those of us cised it because it knew the memharassed, nagged and beset on who are older get tired and shuffle bers were honest in their decision every hand by characterless news- off this mortal coil that the and that they were men of such come to fight fire with fire, and papers and malicious politicians. world's work will be carried on high character that when they did Why this desperate effort to pre- by such as these. God bless the catch the vision they would re-

The fire yesterday adds another place and carried with that was a so wonderfully worth while in chapter to the record of the penitentiary for sound discipline. The alarm was given by a convict, and other convicts fought heroically to save the state property. It would have been mighty easy for them to have started trouble.

gon Statesman is not the only pa- by unanimous vote of the board lamette valley who are worrying under Signor Facta," and the per that sees a bug under the chip of education. That was because over selling their crop for less other the militant organization the board understood and appre- than cost can cheer up. While they are doing this they are sup- time the fascisti were anxious to The Eugene board of education porting a string of fine polo

## Mussolini and the Fascisti

(Rev. J. R. Buck)

I have been asked many times for my opinion of the outstandviews may be of interest to some, dismissed for lack of "firmness." therefore this article.

or less, at the close of a world through sheer necessity for pro- Rome was surrounded on three was one of these countries. One the very verge of chaos. must visualize Italy's condition at the height of the Socialist's regime in order to fully appreciate the remarkable work the Fascisti have done, and are still doing. Socialism had been growby offering a panacea for all evils Moscow were being accepted by a large proportion of the people, taking a strong and upright stand

unsafe. own country, and passed by. In to class hatred were made, mob violence incited and even violent attacks-printed and shouled,on the throne and parliament were tolerated. Anti-nationalist

rapidly spread anti-army feeling and the soldier who had given his all for his country became a loathsome object. In Rome decorations were placed and preparations made to honor the boys returning from war. But at the instigation of the Reds, the goverhment abandoned all such manifestations and the home coming of Italy's soldiers was a sorry affair. The government had shown its timidity or inefficiency to such an extent that the communist party grew bolder and bolder until it dared to advocate openly, Frighten the government. The more they give way the harder we will press them, the harder we press them the more they give way." At the opening of the first parliament after the war the socialist deputies openly decided the king and even became threatening. They left the chamber in a body crying, "Down with the king!" The army and the bravest and their arms taken from them pacify the bolshevists, and when they were attacked, as they many authority. These Roman lictors times were, they could defend themselves only with their fists up the cause of any forlorn hope, with knives and revolvers.

Railways were in charge of the Reds, and the service was abominable. It is said that 75 per cent of the patrons rode free, and tary breeches, puttees and boots should a soldier or officer appear and a black fez decorated with a to ride wearing his army uniform black tassel. But they are piche was asked to get out, and if turesque in the extreme, for all he refused, was thrown out. The are young, full of agility and with hated by the communists with a carry revolvers and loaded sticks hatred that was deadly. Again which are often very useful in to preserve peace, and when they ion with the right arm extended, which the King traveled when he were defied and spat upon, they a movement revived by d'Annun- went from the west of his king- Jump to let him churn the butnot to retaliate but to "exercise firmness, but with prudence." It is told that when the workmen of Milan seized some of the facwith rifles from the roof of a factory. He battered down the door by driving the lorry at full ing his every effort to its successspeed against it and arrested 300 ful and permanent organization. armed men. For this he was de- The fascisti performed the work graded and dismissed from the laid out for them with a grim de-

carabiniers went around a village through which he would otherwise have had to pass in order to exercise prudence, and the ining figure in Italy today, Musso- habitants of the village who were which he has inaugurated. Hav- the police complained and the ing been in Italy recently, my lieutenant was also degraded and

It is often remarked that his- ner of the government played dirtory repeats itself; but in this ectly into the hands of the bolinstance it is difficult to find a shevists, until the loyal portion paralel case, for the conditions of the population became first an- lini went to Rome the next day, are peculiarly isolated. Bolshe- gered and then frightened at the but the government refused to vism itself is not new, but its ap- state of affairs. Many proclaim- yield. Then the fascisti mobilizplied power in all countries, more ed themselves communists ed, quietly but swiftly, and soon war made its strength tremend- tection. Trade was so impeded sides by an army of 120,000 men,

was born. Benito Mussolini saw socialism in practice and he was sickened, disgusted and disillusioned, shough he had himself been a lifelong socialist. The obing and rapidly gaining adherents, ject lesson of socialism in actual power convinced him that socialism was neither pleasant nor healthy. His father, a blacksmith, had long leaned toward while the government, instead of believed was good. But the socsocialism as something which he ialism of the blacksmith was was apparently so supine that something better than that of laeveryone was beginning to feel ter days. At least it had not been tried, and we may well be recall petition in his pocket? Is symptoms of which we have seen tered politics when he was a mere and Sweden. The climate alterboy and he ran for parliament against a rich man. His failure Italy red flags were flaunted, soc- in the race so angered him that ialist songs were sung, appeals he smashed a ballot-box and fled to Switzerland to avoid punishment. He was a student and mastered French and studied political economy, and finally became the editor of a socialist paper. The Swiss grew uneasy and finally banished him. This banishment was not removed until he became

> premier of Italy In view of later events it is interesting to note the prophecy made by George Sorel, a Belgian socialist in 1912. He said. "Our Mussolini is not an ordinary soc- possibility of making money so haps yet see him at the head o. a sacred battalion, saluting with his uplifted sword the Italian flag. \$2,000. He is an Italian of the fifteenth century. It is not yet known. but he is the only energetic man capable of mending the weakness of his government." He has indeed proven himself to be "not an ordinary socialist," and when the time was ripe, his distillusionment was rapid, and, we believe,

The organiation, known as the fascisti was born at Milan-a veritable hot-bed of bolshevismbundle of sticks fastened about an the remainder. by the government in order to axe, which was carried by the Roman lictors as an emblem of were fearless and ready to take while their enemies were armed and were animated solely by dire necessity to save their country. A fitting name for the new organization. Their uniform is a tight-fitting black shirt, mili-

salute and the marching of the fascisti in the streets of Rome, they were too helpless to do any But oh, how badly it worked! lamb and chery pie on their taas they bore a wreath to lay on the work, had it not been for three tories the police were told not tomb of the "Unknown Soldier." to interfere. A lieutenant of the the writer was unfortunate to work for them.

Mussolini was the heart and soul of the new movement, lend-His termers, asked the privil- duty, the people at large have a students who come to Williamette, some distance a Heutenant of the They corrected and chastized like

and the bolshevist agents were beaten and sent away. In a was now dictator of Italy. measure it seems obnoxious, but stringent methods were necessary.

shevists. Naturally from what it was six of one and a half dozheaded by Mussolini. At this gain the government of Rome, and it looked very much as though Italy would become a republic. In fact, it is said that Mussolini favored this at first, but events so shaped themselves that it was abandoned. The king and the well. dynasty were to be maintained. The details of the military camtled at Milan, while another con- ness. ference was held at Florence some nine days afterwards. Eleven days later a fascisti congress was held at Naples and an ultimatum was sent to Rome, couched in language showing a marvel-Inertness and a conciliory man- ous loyalty. However it was a demand that 'the government should transfer its powers to the fascisti within 48 hours. Musso-

> perfectly organized, well disciplined and ready for the fight. The king refused to sign the edict establishing martial law, but sent for Mussolini, who came to Rome, settling the groundless fears of

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ciency. And this war was waged my further decision in your case. they thought, for the fascisti against those in the highest placwere few in numbers, and the bol- es of the government as well as shevists were everywhere in great the lowest street cleaner. His motto was "Make good or get bred man. Fancy expecting an In the beginning the better part out," and it applied to himself as oficial of 15 years' seniority to of Italy did not favor the fascisti well as to anyone else. The folany more than they did the bol- lowing story will illustrate his clerk, and speaking in that way methods: "A solid bureaucrat before a porter and a chauffeur! transpired at first they thought approached his barricade of State It is significant that Signor Muss papers one morning, some what olini's remark was to this effect: en of the other. But they com- after the appointed hour. As he "Imagine trying to build up a menced to realize there were two came up to the florid portals of new Italy with material like governments in the country, one the Ministry, where a porter in that!" described by the fascisti as "the gold embroidered coat and cocked fictitious Government of Rome hat stood with his silver mace of office, Signor Mussolini suddenly emerged. The official gasped as though the devil himself had shot up through a trap door in the marble floor.

'I regret, signor, that you are not in good health.'

The official reassured him nervously. 'Your Excellency must be mistaken. I am perfectly

'On the contrary,' replied Signor Mussolini, still with the smile paign which was to overthrow of doom, it is evident that you the existing government were set- are recovering from a severe ill- duties of all classes of society,

The puzzied official shook his that you must mistake me for someone else

Signor Mussolini's smile faded,

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a weapon in the hands of unscrup- such wonderful work. It is doing the right, but ours has not yet was found that outrages were quiet bearing of himself as well his clenched fist on his open palm ulous men to injure the state and what all of us would do if we caught the vision. It will, because planned at any of the socialist as his troops. As they passed the with a report like the crack of a deter capable men from aspiring to could. It is preparing boys and the men are forward looking and clubs, the buildings were burned Victor Emmanuel monument, the whip. 'In that case,' he said in office, it is time this were known. girls (they call themselves men will yet catch step with this adado. The Red assassins were put Rome, they deposited palms of good enough to explain why you to death, oftimes in street battles victory on the tomb of Italy's are only entering your office at Unknown Warrior. Mussolini 11 o'clock, when the hour for beginning is 9 o'clock. Acrebo (to No sooner had Mussolini be- his companion), make a note of the fascisti felt that the time had come prime minister than he be- the signor's name. And you, siggan war on slackness and ineffi- nor, go to your office, and wait

Off went the paggered delinquent. Decidedly this new head of affairs was rude, if not an illfollow the clock like a junior

To be sure the victory of the

fascistl is new and strange and is criticised by many. So far it seems to be a one man govern ment, which is always dangerous But personally, we believe it is the entering wedge for a betterment of government, not only in Italy but in the world generally. A nation has suddenly arisen from its sleep and has proclaimed a faith in principles which are the foundation of all real civilization. Christianity, patriotism, loyalty to state. Liberty in its true sense recognizing the rights and unity of all for the good of the country, obedience to established nead. 'I assure your Excellency authority, social morality—these are the things that bolshevism would consign to the oblivion of the junk pile, and in the case of Italy, bolshevism, which is apparently honey-combing every civilized country of the world, has received its first set-back.

THINGS TO DO

## THE BOYS AND GIRLS NEWSPAPER

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### A TRIP TO THE NORTHLAND COUNTRIES OF EUROPE

in seemingly harmless ways, the doctrines. Benito Mussolini en- tries of northern Europe, Norway nates between mild and severe but in the northern districts approach. es a polar temperature. There one finds reindeer and other creatures of a frigid world. On the fjords, or watery 'indentations of the coast are found many kinds of fish, the catching of which employs thousands of people.

## A KINDNESS REPAID

When Paderewski was on one of his early tours i this country. he played a concert at San Jose, Two ambitious students at Leland Stanford university say the ialist. Believe me, you will per- they managed the recital. The air castle they built was a large one. and they guaranteed the pionist

As Paderewski was not well known at the time, his audience was small. The two students found that \$1,000 was all the box office had taken in and they would have to go in debt to secure the other \$400 to pay what thety had guaranteed. But they found a kind hearted Paderewski when they sought to explain. The musician directed that the boys should pay out the \$1600 all the expenses they had incurred, deon March 25, 1919. The word duct 20 per cent from what was of Italy's soldiers were degraded fascisti comes from "fasces," a left for their labors, and give him

Twenty years later when Pader-



land ewski's fortune was spent and his those students. Herbert Hoover, repay the kindness by going to his resources for aiding his native Po- remembering the musician's mercy aid.

seemed at an end, one of in the years before, was able to

## THE SHORT STORY, JR.

THREE JOLLY HELPERS Tis a good plan when a

marries.

him taries.

For him to employ a few fairies: Who'll be sure not to shirk The chores and housework.

Once a wrinkled, bent old man dom to the east of his kingdom. (While watching the peculiar Now the old man and his wife

would have been unhappy, for water, while Skip swept the floor, able to have lentils and roast elves that the Good Fairy sent where he forgot to sweep; when and bread and butter, and Hop



swept the floor very clean every our cottage for food and drink!" morning: Skip ran to the cistern for water and caried it very care- butter, and on the floor are great fully to the old man's table with- unswept patches!" wept the old out spilling a drop and Jump woman, looking at the guilty stood on top of the churn and elves, who sat in the row in the kept it constantly in motion till corner. Sudenly the three sprang the butter came. But nobody to their feet. When the King could see these elves at work ex- came, there was water for him carabiniers and royal guards, the faces emphasizing the dignity of Then abundance he'll find with kind old wife, and even they and the floor was so clean that could not tell the little fellows the Kink was very pleased. When

of a great wood, right on the path was happy until Hop became dis- an." contented with sweeping the ter, and Jump in turn begged Skip their own tasks, for with the to let him run to the cistern for money old man and woman were Skip left great, wide, dusty places ble every day with their water Jump ran to the cistern he slop- was allowed to sweep-not bare One elf was named Hop, ped water on the ground as he boards-but a blue velvet carwhen he got there, nothing was left in the pitcher; and Hop's feet were so light that when re sanced on the churn no buter

> One day the old man came hobbling into the cottage, "Wife," he cried, "the King is pasing this way, and in half an hour, his mes

"But we have no water and no he left he gave the old woman a and his tired, cripled old wife til Everything went very well bag of gold, saving. "You are a and again detachments of these close quarter fighting. They sa- lived in a cottage in the midst of in the household and evedyone very fine housekeeped, old wom

> Then Hop and Skip and Jump were glad they had gone back to

