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ALL OF THE TIME

"Women and children first!" This is the law of the sea; But why not make it the rule wherever a man may be? Let it become the law where roisterers quench their thirst; Embazon it over the bar—"The women and children first." The man who is staggering home, having squandered his weekly wage, May dream of heroic deeds and his name on the printed page; He may long for the chance to prove, where worse has come to the worst, That he has the strength to say: "The women and children first."

THE PUBLIC SHOULD DO IT.

Several days ago the East Oregonian discussed the evil of large trust contributions to presidential campaign funds and suggested that it would be better for the government itself to pay the expenses of the campaign after the nominations have been made rather than to allow the same to be financed by such men as Morgan, Guggenheim and Perkins.

The people are foolish to allow money from "any old source" to be used in the presidential campaign because such money can be used to distort the situation and bring about bad results.

Here is a recent sample of how the thing goes. Down in the south the Underwood campaign seems to have plenty of money behind it. G. R. Hutchens of Atlanta is the campaign manager and writing to J. E. Gardener of Atlanta, Ga., he gave the following classic instructions:

"We want you to give them hell in Morgan county. I enclose you check for one hundred (\$100) dollars. I suggest that you use it for barbecue and that you get out a good crowd and rattle the opposition. Or you can use it in getting the vote out. "I leave it entirely to you."

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the presidential administration will be free from obligations save to the public and a man like George W. Perkins would have no more influence than Bill Smith. It is true it would be difficult for public money to be used in conducting the campaigns for presidential nominations. But for the people themselves to finance the final race between the candidates of the two great parties would be a simple matter.

THE PARCELS POST BILL.

The East Oregonian has received the following statement from Senator Bourne's office relating to the parcel's post bill that has been introduced by Oregon's senior senator: "Senator Bourne's parcel post bill introduced a few days ago, is designed to give the people of the United States as low a merchandise rate as the actual cost of the service will permit and to base the charge upon the service rendered. His bill includes what is called a "zone" system, with rates varying according to distance. This plan gives the advantage to the local merchant, and yet provides much lower rates for long hauls than the rates now in force.

"For example—the present rate on merchandise is one cent an ounce, or 15 cents a pound, regardless of distance. This is an absolutely unscientific rate. It now costs a resident of a rural route 16 cents a pound to have merchandise mailed to him from his local market, and the limit is four pounds which would cost 64 cents. Under the Bourne bill the rural route rate is five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, or 15 cents for 11 pounds, this weight being the limit.

"But the Bourne bill will not be as favorable to mail order houses as local merchants have feared. The proposed rate for a distance such as that from Chicago or Kansas City to Oregon is 12 cents for the first pound and ten cents for each additional pound or \$1.12 for 11 pounds. The present charge for 11 pounds made up in four pound packages would be \$1.76, so that there is a reduction of 64 cents and yet the local merchant has a rate of 15 cents as compared with \$1.12 charged on the package from Chicago. This difference of 97 cents because of the greater distance is believed to be ample protection to the local merchant and fully justified by the cost to the government."

Certainly the bill is right in striving to fix rates on a basis of the cost of service. But whether it actually does so seems debatable. If a one pound package can be brought from Chicago to Pilot Rock for 12 cents it should not cost five cents to send that package from Pendleton to Pilot Rock. The rate on local business is still too high as compared with the rate on packages from a distance. This may be answered in part no doubt by saying that the cost of service comes not entirely from transportation but from handling also, and that a package traveling but a short distance calls for as much handling as one going a long distance in a through pouch.

If the Bourne bill is given consideration by congress it seems probable that the question as to whether or not the rates specified are truly based on the cost of service will be the chief bone of contention.

The Chicago dailies are all tied up by a strike of the pressmen. Senator Lorimer won't care if some of the Chicago dailies are never published again.

It may be many years before Pendleton gets another paving war such as in on here now. Usually the paving company has only to compete with itself.

If the present weather keeps on the sheep will be very glad to be sheared.

North Yakima must be a small town somewhere in the foothills.

Taft is becoming almost as strong with the verbal punches as is his ex-friend.

DECEIVED BY HIS STYLE.

When Charles A. Cotterill was making an automobile tour in northeastern Ohio not long ago with a member of congress, the machine got stuck in the mud and the party invaded a farmer's house with a request for dinner. "I don't know you," said the congressman to the farmer "and you don't know me, but you elected me to congress and now I want you to give us a dinner."

The farmer and his wife furnished an elaborate meal and it was when the repast was half over that the

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countryman with a worried look, exclaimed to his wife: "Mommie, you didn't give Mr. Cotterill a napkin." "Oh, yes," said Cotterill quickly, "here it is," and he took it out of his lap and held it up for all to see. "Oh!" apologized the farmer, "I thought you didn't have one because you didn't have it on."—Popular Magazine.

TEDDY'S ROCKING-HORSE.

Teddy had a rocking-horse. Its name was G. O. P. He loaned the horse to Willie Taft. "Till he could go to see The big things out in Africa And take his gun along And prove himself a true Nimrod. He proved it good and strong: His gun, of course, was very large— A regular blunderbuss, For to be sure it carried a charge to kill a rhinoceros.

He did not shoot the smaller game, For Ted's not built that way, But firmly built his hunter's fame On mighty beasts of prey. And when he'd killed them by the score

Until quite satisfied, He set out for his native shore With many a curious hide. And as he reached his native port The eagle screamed for joy— The nation gave the day to sport In honor of her boy, For Ted is not a common lad, He is both brave and wise; His fault is that undying fad— He'd rule all 'neath the skies. That great canal now being built's A tribute to his fame; It should be called "The Roosevelt," In honor of his name.

Of late he's made one sad mistake, Though common to most men; His friends don't think that he should take His pony back again. He's thrown his hat into the ring And bids Bill come across, But Bill will do no such a thing As give him back his horse. —Joe McGee. Bryan, Texas, April 23, 1912.

THE MATCH-MAKING KAISER.

On one occasion while on a military round the German emperor came across a private with a very melancholy visage, and he asked the reason of the troubled face.

"It's like this, sir," said the soldier, "I've fallen in love with a sergeant's daughter, and she loves me all right, but the father won't let her marry anyone of lower rank than his." "Oh, that's it," laughed the kaiser. "Well, trot off and tell him the emperor has made you a sergeant."—"The Real Kaiser," Oscar Fricke, in National Magazine for April.

SEVERELY LOGICAL.

It was a Welsh minister who described the devil to a congregation in a remote Welsh valley. Said the minister: "The devil is bound round the middle with chains, and round the arms

with chains, and round the legs with chains. But John Jones," pointing to a man in the front row, "he can reach you; and you, David Evans," pointing to one in the middle row, "he can reach you, and," pointing to one at the middle row, "he can reach you the back." John Williams, he can reach you."

FRENCH SOCIALISM.

Mr. Samuel P. Orth, writing in the May World's Work about French Socialism says that in spite of the numbers of those who have embraced socialism, in spite of its power,

you are impressed with the vagueness of it all. There is that elusiveness about French Socialism, which, to an Anglo-Saxon, is exasperating. In vain you try to pin down a French socialist to something definite. He always slips away from you with his unctuous rhetoric. "We French so dearly love the romantic. We adore triumphant insurrection," one of them said to me after I had tried for half an hour to glue him down to a definite proposition.

The fact remains, however, that socialism is spreading into every corner of France. Nothing seems to be able to check it. It is an ever-increasing current of discontent and protest. And it will require great genius to guide it if it can be guided.

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