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THE REAL RED PLANET. I. War of a thousand plagues— This is the planet red; And who will build the cities When the men lie dead? II. Till love the war-flame smother— And stays the crimson rain The brutes, o'er their dead brothers, Will claim the world again. —F. L. Stanton.

MANY MILLIONS AT STAKE. If the sub-committee handling the matter in the house of representatives has its way the Oregon school fund will derive but 10 per cent of the grant land money. Instead of obtaining approximately \$20,000,000 for the irreducible school fund we will get \$5,000,000 or less. Senator Chamberlain's bill would give the school fund 40 per cent of the proceeds from the land. The interior department recommends 20 per cent for this purpose and it is in doubt what the final outcome will be. Meanwhile Oregon has taken no adequate steps for the protection of its own welfare. The only work done toward securing these millions for the benefit of the schools has been by a few independent newspapers, the East Oregonian among them, giving support to the Chamberlain plan and exposing the monstrous blunder in the legislature's "midnight resolution" and in the behavior of the so-called land grant conference. Few of the commercial organizations of the state have turned a hand to help Oregon in this great emergency. The Portland chamber of commerce is just waking up to the situation after all these months. Umatilla county has done something in the matter but not enough. The school directors of the county aroused by the East Oregonian's attitude on the subject, passed a resolution endorsing the Chamberlain bill. We should do more. The Pendleton Commercial Club and all kindred organizations in this section

should be wiring to our senators and Congressman Sinnott urging them to do their utmost to obtain something better than the house committee offers the state.

Is \$15,000,000 of no importance to the schools of Oregon?

THE GERMAN GUNS

BEING at a disadvantage numerically and financially the Germans have been forced to rely for success upon superior generalship, more thorough organization and better guns. There has been particular interest in the character of their guns. In the warfare through Belgium and in Poland the great siege guns of the kaiser were of deadly effectiveness.

It is possible German ingenuity may have further surprises in store. Professor Rausenburger, the inventor of the famous 42 centimeter howitzer, is said to be perfecting a gun that will be able to send bombs and other deadly missiles across the English channel, exploding them well inland. It can be done in England, it can be done in France.

German proficiency in gun making, if reports are reliable, has gone far toward balancing up the Teuton side in an unequal war. But in passing it must be mentioned that after many weeks those guns have thus far failed to batter down the defenses around Verdun.

LEGISLATORS

GETTING a legislature to consider and act upon all manner of essentially personal and petty questions is perfectly easy. This state solemnly forbids playing any game of cards in a place of public resort. That one forbids buying a cigar on Sunday. A number have gravely dealt with the portentous problem of giving tips. Every winter produces a sheaf of bills to regulate women's dress. Getting any state to attend to such matters as when and how a kimono shall be worn, or the length and cut of bathing suits is perfectly easy. A legislature, as a rule, fairly revels in these silly little prescriptions of personal taste and manners. They strike the measure of its capacity.

But getting a legislature even to consider public questions of large importance is difficult. There is a legislature's elementary business of taxation, for example—admittedly a patchwork mess of inequality and inexpedience in most states. Wisconsin has achieved a fairly intelligent, efficient and equitable tax system; and that stands out as a tremendous and exceptional achievement.

There is the matter of judicial procedure—confessedly archaic, cumbersome, uncertain, unjust in many states. How long will it be before some state sets up a system of administering law as cheap, speedy and relatively certain as that in England and Canada?

da? A good while probably, though meantime nearly every state will enact quires of foolish little personal laws.

Where the law requires a washerwoman's cookstove to be assessed and a millionaire's wife's diamonds are not assessed, the legislature is deeply engaged with censorship of moving pictures. Where mob murders are a well-recognized institution, the legislature is passing an act to regulate the length of hats.

Broadly speaking, anything except big public business is always in order.—Saturday Evening Post.

Reports from Mexico are conflicting but the fact our soldiers have been in that country for some time now without causing any gigantic uprising indicates the situation is not what some of our Tories would like.

While Oregon has been slumbering the out-of-the-state reclamation people are about to get away with money that should go to our school fund.

No one can say war prices are being paid for wheat in the United States.

Don't wait too long about registering.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

A PLEA FOR CLEMENCY.

"Is that the officer who arrested you?" his honor inquired of an old negro whitewash artist, arrested for assault.

"I can't rekkerlect," answered the prisoner.

"Sure, I arrested him, judge," put in O'Flynn, with indignation. "He knows it, too."

"Take a good look at him, Moses," insisted the judge. "Isn't that face familiar?"

The darkey squinted long and acwongly at his accuser.

"Now dat I uses mo' keer, Judge," he said, "peers like dey is somethin' familys about dat face, but dis yere worl' is so full ob nacherty ugly folks, jes' an ordinary man kahn't always tell de diffrence betwix 'em. Dat's him, Judge, dat's him . . . but be ez easy ez yo' kin on him, kaze he got a wife an' fo chillum."—Case and Comment.

Looked That Way.

You know every boy in this country has a chance to be the president of the United States," said the schoolmaster.

"Oh, I know what you're driving at," said the bright boy; "you want to be for preparedness."—Yonkers Statesman.

Sold!

"Has Jones moved into that new house he bought?"

"Yes, he's been in it over a month."

"Funny it's still got the 'Sold' sign on it."

Same Thing.

"Thanks, old man. You've saved my life by lending me this ten-spot, and I'll never forget it."

"In other words, you'll remember it until you pay it back, I suppose."

THE QUESTION OF SORE THROAT

(By Dr. E. B. Haslop, Pendleton, Or.) Osteopathy has long demonstrated its efficiency in relief of throat conditions. The sore throat which usually finds no relief in antiseptic applications because they tend to irritate, is wonderfully responsive to osteopathic treatment. Local applications are sometimes advisable; the best are none too good in cases of tonsillitis, for they sterilize or kill germ life. Among some of the best are iodine, nitrate of silver, ichthyol, Dobell's solution and soda. The Osteopath uses these when necessary.—Adv.

WHY DON'T YOU REGISTER TODAY?

Less than a month is left in which to register for the primary election. The registration books will close April 15th.

Every voter must register. This means those who registered at the last election, as well as all others. If you have not registered with the county clerk or one of his duly authorized registrars since the first of the year, you are not registered for the coming primaries. Do not confuse city elections and registrations with those of the county and state. They have no connection.

Registration has been very slow. Unless voters attend to the matter at once a rush is promised for the last few days before the books close.

Why not register today at the court house. The office will remain open until 6 o'clock today and tomorrow.

The permanent registration law is now in effect. Once registered under this law you will not be required to register unless you move from your precinct. DO IT NOW.

Poole Doubtful? Perhaps— But not About his Clothes For They're Society Brand

you're coming to them— young man

sure as you are a foot high

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