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encouraging. The facts are given so as to show the situation as we find it. The legislation at issue involves something like \$18,000,000 for the irreducible school fund of Oregon. If we have senators or representatives uncertain as to where they stand or unwilling to make their positions known it is certainly time to find it out.

**THE HONESTY HABIT**

**H**ONESTY is habit produced by the life ideal of the individual and influenced greatly by heredity. There are varying standards of honesty and most people are true to their own notions on the subject. However, some people have loose ideas regarding the matter and consider it right to get away with anything they can for themselves even though they disregard the rights of others.

Not so with Louis A. Berner, a poor workman in St. Louis. He is a man with a wife and five children. Out of work and walking the streets in search of a job he found a diamond earring worth \$350. To most men in his circumstances the temptation would have been strong to sell the gem and pocket the coin for his own use. Berner restored the earring to its owner and said he had felt no temptation to keep it. His conception of honesty required him to seek the rightful owner and he was true to his own convictions. He manifested a habit tendency that could well be imitated by many people who do not have five children and do not have to walk the streets in search of work.

**JOBHOLDERS MUST KEEP OUT**

**T**HE president's instructions that federal office holders be ignored in selecting convention delegates is in accord with the sentiment of the day and looks to a literal fulfillment of his letter to Congressman Palmer stating the conditions on which he would accept a renomination.

Because democracy has been cut of office so much, one spectacle was less familiar in democratic than in republican conventions. This was the spectacle of the collector of customs serving as chairman of the state delegation, the collector of internal revenue representing the delegation on the resolutions committee, the pension agent barring hostile delegates as a member of the credentials committee and the postoffice inspector and special treasury agents combing the corridors for wavering gentlemen entitled to seats. But even in democratic conventions all these things have been too frequent.

A president will not be named for a second term this year by a convention in which his own appointees make up a majority or at least control the balance of power. Officeholders must base their claims to

reappointment on the merit of their official service, not on their work as delegates. For another reason jobholders will also be scarce in the G. O. P. convention this year. Probably the old order of control by patronage will never return.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It is timely to announce once more that this paper does not make use of anonymous communications. It is a waste of time for any individual to send a letter to the East Oregonian and expect its publication unless his or her identity is made known. It is not always necessary to publish the writer's name, but it must always be known to the editor.

A La Grande girl took a shot with a pistol at a Peeping Tom, which procedure will probably never have to be repeated by anyone in that house.

The German chancellor is extremely confident and so are the leaders of the allies; meanwhile the death mill grinds on.

Most news is tragic these days and the reports of our baby show and queen contest should be welcome.

If a strike should come the general public will be the chief sufferer.

**Lewis Upholds the Militia System in Speech in Senate**

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Declaring that the national guard is a patriotic, non-political organization, Lewis addressed the senate today. He asserted the militia was as efficient as any reserve force could be. He answered Chamberlain's charges that the militia maintained a lobby at Washington and took exception to Chamberlain's threat of completely eliminating the militia if it did not cease its alleged jealous opposition. He predicted that Chamberlain's proposed reserve force would prove a failure because nobody would enlist. As a result the militia would be weakened without strengthening the national defense elsewhere.

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**WHERE DOES SENATOR LANE STAND?**

**W**ING to the fact the position of Senator Lane with reference to the land grant bill has not been made clear the East Oregonian Monday evening sent the senator the following wire:

Our people very anxious to secure 40 per cent grant land money for school funds. Some newspapers report you as lukewarm in matter. Will you please wire statement your position.

**EAST OREGONIAN.**

Last week an inquiry of a similar nature was made of Congressman Sinnott when a report from Washington cast doubt upon his attitude. Mr. Sinnott promptly replied with a statement making it clear he has been working vigorously for the school fund and intends doing so until the subject is disposed of.

To the message sent Senator Lane no reply has been received though an immediate answer was requested. What his silence means this paper does not know but it does not seem

**Trade Extension Work Abroad**

Uncle Sam, through his department of commerce, is by no means behind the times in supplying factors in foreign trade. In this day of preparedness propaganda, alertness in commercial preparedness is as keen as in the military. Business scouts in the way of commercial attaches, and special agents now cover practically the entire world, and no points affecting commerce, and particularly markets for American goods, are overlooked. At London, Berlin, Paris, Petrograd, Melbourne, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Valparaiso, Lima, and Peking there are stationed commercial attaches whose supervision extends over the entire country for which their headquarters is capital. In addition to these resident scouts there are a number of special agents in every country making special investigations into trade conditions, market prices, business opportunities, shipping facilities, and credit systems.

All information, whether relative foreign tariffs, treaties, markets for American goods, openings for investment of American capital, or of what ever class, is forwarded to Washington, rushed to press for distribution to business men throughout the United States. The most salient features of these investigations are incorporated in "Commerce Reports," for the benefit of the American business man. "Commerce Reports" is the official organ of the bureau of foreign and domestic service. It is a live daily and is very essential to the business man who is interested in foreign trade and who desires to keep thoroughly up to date on what is being done abroad. It should be read regularly to be appreciated and to take advantage of the many opportunities presented. It is also contributed to by consular officers and resident commercial agents, and often contains a great deal of valuable information in the way of domestic trade and statistics showing what is being done in the United States.

While the department of commerce has been making headway in its campaign for commercial preparedness through its commercial attaches abroad and its commercial agents and special agents in the United States and foreign countries, with a view to getting stronger foothold and holding it after the war, still it is broad enough in its viewpoint to recognize its weak points and at the same time alert to remedy them. With this object in view a worldwide survey of "Sales Organizations—Merchandising Methods" has been inaugurated. This work is to be carried out under the direction of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce through its eight branch offices, for information in the United States.

The bureau recognizes that it is woefully deficient in information of paramount importance along the lines of export merchandising, and is giving to the basic source for its information—that is, the manufacturers and exporters themselves. The methods of handling export trade, whether direct or through intermediaries are being sought. The firms and companies who have warehouses and branches abroad are to be ascertained. Those in the export business will furnish valuable information on this line of the survey, even the firms in the United States doing parcels post business; the methods by which trade is secured, whether by advertising, through catalogues, newspapers, trade journals, fairs and exhibitions, or by means of free samples, will all be collected and compiled for the use of business men when completed.

In fact, the information when completed will be in the form of a general synopsis of American trade with foreign countries.

During the last calendar year our foreign trade broke all previous records and reached the enormous total of \$5,326,977,967, of which \$3,547,489,372 was exports. One can hardly conceive of the volume of goods exported reaching a money value of over three and one-half thousands of millions in one year. Recently larger percentages of manufactured articles were exported, as against formerly the raw materials.

The manner in which and the methods by which this vast and increasing volume of trade is handled are the subjects of the investigation or survey that is now being made. Nor is the department stopping here. It proposes to obtain from the ten commercial attaches stationed at the above mentioned places similar information as to the methods used by the countries in which they are stationed and by other foreign countries operating in their districts for comparison without methods. The information when obtained and analyzed will be of inestimable value to those engaged in commerce and industry.

The commercial agent of the eighth district, known as the "Pacific Northwest District" with headquarters at 922 Alaska building, has already begun work on his portion of the report and will continue to gather data from exporters and commercial organizations. It is likely that there will be made from time to time mention of the progress of the work at home and abroad in the "Commerce Reports," which may be obtained from the commercial agent.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Commercial Agent.

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