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THE CHILDREN OF THE CHILDLESS.

The Children of the Childless—yours—and mine.—Yet, though we sit here in the plying gaze of fathers and mothers whose fond fingers twine their children's locks of living gold, and praise With warm, caressing palms, the head of brown, Or crown Of opulent auburn, with its amber gloss In all its splendor loosened and jostled down Across The mother lap of prayer—even when These sweet petitioners are kissed, and then Are kissed and kissed again—The purged months lifted with the worldier prayer That bed and oblivion spare Them yet a little while Beside their envied elders by the glow Of the glad firelight, or wreathe-ing, as they go, Some promise for the morrow, to beguile Their long exile Within the wild waste lands of dream and sleep. Nay, may, not even these most stably real Or children are more loved than our ideal—More tangible to the soul's touch and sight Than these—our children by Divine birthright. Those—these of ours, who soothe us, when we weep, With tenderest ministries, Or (dashing into smiling ecstasies, Come dashing through our tears—our laughing leap Into our empty arms, in Fate's despite, And nestle to our hearts, O Heaven's delight!—The children of the childless—even these! —James Whitcomb Riley.

THE INHERITANCE TAX AS AN ISSUE.

THE emergency revenue bill contains a provision for an inheritance tax. It is a just provision because vast fortunes are often not earned by those who hold them. Many of them such as the Astor and Vanderbilt fortunes are hereditary. Society at large, protected in this country by the United States government, has been the chief factor in creating that wealth. A federal tax

upon such estates is sane and fair.

It would have been a splendid thing for the country had a federal inheritance tax been enacted long ago. It would have reduced ordinary forms of taxation and been of real service to men now surfeited with wealth to such an extent their stamina is impaired.

The platform of the progressive party in 1912 had a plank that said: "We pledge our party to enact such a federal law as will tax large inheritances."

The present administration is enacting that principle into law. It is but one of many good things advocated by the progressives and brought to realization by Woodrow Wilson.

Where Mr. Hughes stands on this subject is not known, but while governor of New York he fought the federal income tax amendment. Therefore it is logical to suppose he opposes an inheritance tax.

Meanwhile there are mutterings by republican newspapers, indicating opposition to the inheritance tax feature. This is particularly true in the east. In some sections it will be made an issue against Wilson.

How can such forces expect to win over the bull moose vote when they thus oppose cardinal principles for which the progressive party stands? Will it not be common sense for progressives to support the man who has shown by his record that he is of progressive mind?

THE BALANCING SEASONS

THOSE who for lack of time or lack of money cannot hie away to the mountains or the coast when the weather grows warm may take comfort in the fact one renowned philosopher says people should not do such things anyway. Bergson, the French philosopher, says that it is a good thing for people to go through the varying temperatures of winter and summer.

VITAL TO THE RURAL SCHOOLS

WHILE here some weeks ago Professor Ressler, former president of the Monmouth Normal school, endorsed the measure for a normal school at Pendleton and emphasized the fact that the rural schools are the chief sufferers from the present lack of trained teachers.

Mr. Ressler asserted, what is well known, that the cities and larger towns usually secure the better grade of teachers. The country school has to take the "beginner" and often such teachers have had no education beyond the eighth grade. Teaching in the country they do not have the bene-

fit of the supervision that is so valuable in cities and towns.

In other words the schools that need trained teachers the most have the lowest percentage of normal graduates. When only 13 per cent of the teachers of the state are normal graduates it may be readily seen the percentage of graduates teaching rural schools must be lamentably low.

The measure for an eastern Oregon normal school at Pendleton is of vital interest to ever country school district.

UNEARNED INCREMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

WE are again negotiating for the purchase of the St. Thomas group of islands in the Caribbean. The islands are of much greater value to us than to Denmark. The inhabitants would be much more prosperous and contented under Washington rule than under Copenhagen rule. The only point of doubt as to the proposed treaty is the price. This is placed in the early reports at the incredible sum of \$25,000,000.

For 3141 islands in the Philippines, with 115,026 square miles and a population approximating 10,000,000, we paid \$20,000,000 giving ground for Tom Reed's bitter epigram about Filipinos at \$2 a head, but, of course, that was at the end of a war with the former owners. The island of St. Thomas has 33 square miles, that of St. John 21 and that of St. Croix 84, a total of 138 square miles, with a total population of 27,000, mostly colored. This figures out at the rate of about \$181,159 for each square mile of the islands and nearly \$1000 a head for each inhabitant. The average price for each acre of mountain and rock as well as arable land is \$283, which price does not give the ownership of the land but only the right to govern it. The Danes are driving a hard bargain.

We were offered the islands in 1867 for \$7,500,000 and refused them. In the treaty for their purchase negotiated in 1902 the price was put at \$5,000,000 but the Danish parliament declined to sell at that figure. Assuming that what we were willing to give in 1902 was a fair valuation, the \$25,000,000 now demanded represents about the greatest increase in unearned increment in 14 years on record.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A progressive party mass meeting at Seattle refused to endorse Hughes, asserting that President Wilson has given the country a lot of progressive legislation; all who look to the record will find this to be true.

There are many who will hope that the transformation of the McKay road into a county thoroughfare will see some culverts brought into use.

Old Sol is reminding us that he has not entirely forgotten how.

Ammunition costing \$25,000,000 was too much ammunition to be stored in one place during such times as these.

While those cruisers watch outside for the Deutschland they cannot bother the Bremen.

Baker is a lucky town, it has a municipal electric plant and is providing a unit light system for the business streets.

It is time for all strong minded people to join in "willing" that the heat wave gets caught on Pike Peak.

One variety of first class citizen is the man who is ready to go down into his pocket when the community need is at stake.

When the new federal building is ready for use all will want to join the postal force.

Preparations Made to Court Martial "Slacker" Soldier

OFFICERS INTERESTED IN CASE OF LEWIS GARDNER, WHO REFUSES FEDERAL OATH

COLUMBUS, July 29.—General Blise started for Douglas after inspecting the Massachusetts and New Mexico militia. He reported the men, and camps in excellent condition. He said: "The guardsmen are equipped with everything necessary. There is no complaint against the food or quarters. The men are suffering some discomfort on account of the climate and dust storms. They are only discontented on account of inactivity."

Eastern guardsmen read with amusement of the intense heat at home. The temperature here is cool on account of rains. Preparations are made to court martial Lewis O. Gardner of the New Mexico militia, for being a "slacker." Gardner remains odorous. He refuses to take the federal oath. He has been confined in the stockade here over a month. Military officials are manifesting great interest. It will be a test case affecting slackers in other states.

BEND PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF COUNTY'S DIVISION

Mass Meeting Called to Determine Exact Stand of Citizens.

BEND, Ore., July 29.—Whether the citizens of Bend interested in the removal of the county seat of Crook county from Prineville to Bend will change their position and favor the county division issue is proposed on Monday afternoon by a large committee from Prineville, will be determined at a big mass meeting which has been called by Mayor James A. Estes, chairman of the county seat committee, to discuss the issue.

The lines for division as proposed by the Prineville committee are considered to be popular in Bend. The issue is believed to be a more popular one than the removal of the county seat and it is one upon which the citizens would prefer to work, it is believed.

The lines suggested by the Prineville men are substantially the same as those upon which a fight was waged last year, except that Terrebonne, which is the proposed terminus for the new railroad which Prineville expects to build, has been left in the Prineville and moved the lines three miles further east to the Powell Falls section. The Prineville men say that upon these lines the necessary 35 per cent of the vote can be obtained without difficulty.

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TROOPERS HAUL HAY FOR MOUNTS NATIONAL GUARDIEN, MANY OF THEM MARKABLE SKILL IN THE ROUTINE WORK OF caring for their mounts in the camps on the Mexican border. One of the tasks is the handling of hay. It is no easy proposition to "load" the piles of hay from the auto trucks, but the men go to it with a will—if you think it's easy try it some day when the temperature is near 100 as it is now in Texas.

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