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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

BACK OF THE BLUNDER

He blundered, and the foreman came
And burned his soul with words of shame.
High in the office sat the chief
Whose speech was always sharp and brief.
And all he learned was that a man
Had spoiled a very careful plan
By careless work. In all the place
None read the anguish in his face.

He blundered, and men cursed his name
And on his shoulders heaped their blame.
Yet had they known, who stood to sneer,
They would have spoken words of cheer.
And had they sought to look behind
His blunder and his lapse of mind,
And tried to understand his case,
They would have seen a sick child's face.

He blundered, but not one could know
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ONE GETS TIRED OF PLAYING ALWAYS IN THE FIELD

THE Portland Oregonian in an editorial last Saturday takes issue with the East Oregonian on the rate question now before the interstate commerce commission. We knew it was coming. We knew that now the shoe is on "the other foot" the Oregonian would reverse itself on the principle that cost of service should govern rates. That principle was noble and sound when the Columbia basin case was up and Portland had an iron in the fire. But now the line-up is different. Interior towns seek the benefit of this principle and presto, witness the Oregonian's summersault. The Portland paper contends the two cases are not parallel. But the same general principle is involved and everybody knows it. The Oregonian's hypocrisy is so bald faced that further proof of its insincerity is not necessary.

In a nutshell the plea of the railroads in the case before the commerce commission is that on west bound traffic, or at least a large part of it, Pendleton shippers be charged the rate to Portland plus the back haul from Portland to Pendleton. It means that rates to Pendleton from the east shall be about one-third higher than to Portland despite the fact the Pendleton haul, is a shorter haul. It means that on fencing, on binder twine, steel and innumerable other articles the consumer in the Pendleton country must pay one-third more freight than does the consumer in western Oregon. It means that distributing business in the interior shall be curbed and that distributing business from Portland be fostered through plain favoritism. It means "robbing Peter to pay Paul."

The Oregonian talks about the ocean and says Pendleton cannot have ocean rates because the ocean does not touch Pendleton. That is true. The coast cities are entitled to the benefits of their location near the sea. But by the same token interior cities are entitled to the benefits of their position on land. Interior cities are closer to the east than Portland and by all the rules of ethics are entitled to lower rates because of the shorter haul. The point is as plain as the nose on your face.

"This would benefit the interior as well as the coast," asserts the Oregonian. But Mr. Corey of the state public service commission thinks differently. He sets forth in an article published today that the railroad plea is unfair to interior points and granted will work against them. Does he know nothing about the railroad rates? If the rates asked for went hurt interior cities it is strange that Spokane, Boise, Salt Lake, Phoenix, Pendleton, Walla Walla, Baker, La Grande and all important cities of Idaho Wyoming, Utah and interior California have united in a league to fight the plea. Do none of the interior points know what is good for them. Is it only in Portland that this subject is properly understood.

The East Oregonian likes Portland and the Portland newspapers, but it is "fed up" on advice from that source with respects to the interests of Eastern Oregon. The Oregonian also tells us that the Portland chamber did not recommend the Wallula cutoff. It also says that if the cutoff is built it will not hurt Pendleton or Umatilla county. It does not realize that people here are capable of forming their own opinions on that subject. The Oregonian will soon be telling us it is right and proper for us to go 50-50 with Portland in paying for the 1925 exposition although Portland expects to get all the cream and four-fifths of the skimmed milk.

If Portland wants to play ball with this section of the state they should play the game on the square. It is unsatisfactory when the other fellow insists always on being the batter while we stay in the field and chase their grounders.

A DIPLOMATIC FICTION

PEACE and progress must come through cooperative rather than competitive enterprise in backward countries. It must come through international use of export capital, as Will Irwin has expressed it in "The Next War." It must come through an open door principle. At present the open door in China is a diplomatic fiction. All the powers have given to it their robust vocal approval, and all of them ignore it. It is as much a polite lie as the assurances of distinguished consideration with which passports are handled to the expelled envoy of an enemy nation. Germany subscribed to it, but continued to hold Shantung until the prize was lost in war. Russia signed, but continued to hold Port Arthur until that was lost in war. Great Britain signed, but continued to hold, and continues to hold, Hongkong and Kowloon and Wei-hai-wei. France subscribed, but continues to hold Annam and Kwangchau. Japan signed, but retains Port Arthur and Shantung and Korea and the rest of her imperialist acquisitions on the Asian mainland.—The Nation's Business.

The problem before the voters of Pendleton next Monday will be whether the city shall keep moving, under slow speed, or shall kill the engine because the road happens to be rough. There is only one answer unless we want to be stalled by the roadside.

The English and the Japanese talk very nicely about the Hughes program but we will have a better gauge as to the depth of their emotions when they scrap the Anglo-Japanese treaty.



Charles Chaplin in his two roles in "The Idle Class" RIVOLI TODAY

FROM THE PEOPLE

A SERIOUS PROTEST

A serious protest comes to the Editor of the East Oregonian from a man who thought himself to be a 100 per cent American citizen of Pendleton.

The protest Harold J. Warner's explanation of the last relative to who can vote at the coming election and who cannot vote. What certain citizens can vote on and what they cannot vote on.

Of the six measures to be voted on, the measure relative to the city budget is denied this voter who in his own language protests thus:

"It is the first time in all my many years of good, clean, loyal American citizenship that I have ever been denied my full citizenship at the polls. What does it mean? It means that he who is fortunate enough to own certain lands or properties at a certain time is graded as a citizen into percentages. What are we coming to when we start curtailing the privileges of the ballot? What have we been building up during these many years of American freedom but the absolute freedom of the ballot, the absolute right to participate in the framing of all laws and regulations when the ballot is used.

Are we drifting toward the customs of the old European countries where in a man who pays a thousand dollars taxes can exercise the use of one vote, when the man who pays thousands of dollars taxes can use the privilege of hundreds of votes and where the millionaire controls the country? It means that laws can be enacted and enforced over which I have no control, yet I call myself a citizen of our noble country and one of Pendleton's progressive men.

It means that at this present time I am in reality but 5-6 an American citizen and but 5-6 a Pendleton progressive, for I can vote on only 5 out of 6 of the measures coming up at this next election.

But it is carefully explained to me thus: You who hold our much beloved American flag on high are divided into two classes of citizens—you who are property owners and you who are not. Those of you who own property can partake in the framing of our laws and you who do not own property cannot enjoy this privilege—neither can you serve on juries.

Who is the taxpayer? Who makes it possible for our city government to run? Whose judgment is sound and whose is weak? Is it the person who receives his tax receipt from the duly elected tax collector or is it the one who helps that particular tax payer to pay those taxes or is it both? And

what does all this have to do with my rights to vote as an American citizen? It is explained to me thus: "If I pay no taxes into the coffers of the city I have no right as to their disposition. I am not interested, I must be directly interested in the money before I can vote on the subject." But at the same time I vote on whether a man shall die on the gallows for a capital crime or whether he shall not and I have not the slightest intention of joining his class of men. You and I vote and use our power of the ballot to eradicate thieves and bootleggers but it isn't necessary to join the thieves and bootleggers union or participate directly or indirectly in their trade in order that we can use the ballot to regulate or eradicate those things.

Explanation is made also that this is a power given by the state to city charters and that we are about to use it for the first time at the coming election. Also that we kind of "scrapped" or "junked" another old law of the same sort that was long ago used at the school elections.

It is all the more reason why this law should be junked, it is not in keeping with good democratic government wherein all men are created with equal rights, and where these rights are not abused, he as a good American citizen shall use those rights.

My interpretation of full citizenship wherein all men and women can enjoy the full privileges of an uncut ballot is the legal age. The sound mind and a true love for the greatest flag that ever helps all mankind to make our world a decent place in which to live.

Why can I not call myself a 100 per cent citizen of our magnificent country—why cannot I call myself a 100 per cent Pendletonian and enjoy all the privileges of one? Am I 1-4 3/8 and 5-8 citizen?

Why not put a stop to this curtailing our privileges of the ballot that I may happily say that I can freely participate in all the privileges of a democratic government?

Mr. Editor I am one man to call a halt.

CITIZEN.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, November 16, 1893.)

Charles Cowan and C. A. Franzer hunted grouse near Hartman's Spur, fourteen miles above Gibbon, Wednesday. They had a good time, and a successful hunt, bringing down fourteen of the birds.

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