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**Loganberry
Laughs**
By Robert Quillen

The great need of the season is a union suit adjustable to various temperatures.

Patriotic enthusiasm: The act of cheering while the other fellow is fighting; antidote, taxes.

Bachelor: A tightwad who is content to kiss a pretty girl while some other man pays her board bill.

"Hell is right here on earth," says Rev. Warthing. Somebody is always knocking the Balkans.

You can't expect the dove to settle down while the raven keeps up such a din on new battleships.

The chief cause of crime is a tax system that gives one a reasonable chance to get away with it.

We hope the young ladies never discover what comfort is afforded by a fragment of plug cut parked just east of the six-year moiars.

Among twenty mothers, exactly twenty are afraid the children of the others will corrupt her darlings.

What the navy needs is a balloon that won't try to run away from civilization when it is turned loose.

The end of Heinle's obstinacy is near. The allies are taking over the breweries in occupied regions.

They say you can buy more with a dollar now. The experiment would be interesting if a fellow had a dollar.

Once upon a time there was a man who didn't like praise. But he died, and the world has known his like no more.

Bootleg hooch contains the deadly fusel oil. So, for that matter, did most of the hooch sold in the old days.

The great American mother does not believe in germs, but when she is down town with little Willie she still washes his face with a handkerchief and saliva.

They say Lloyd-George sticks to a well-balanced ration. Carrying water on both shoulders doubtless necessitates it.

There is no reason to waste anything at all in a world where a little vinegar can persuade people that pig's feet are edible.

Analyzing Our Deficiencies
Viscount James Bryce, "most versatile of living Englishmen," former British ambassador to the United States, historian, statesman, diplomat and man of varied achievements, has rounded out his remarkable career by publishing at the age of 83, "Modern Democracies," a two volume study of contemporary republican forms of government, in which the ills that effect our own democracy are treated at length. Since the publication of "The Holy Roman Empire" in 1862, whatever Viscount Bryce wrote has commanded world attention. His books have been adopted universally as text books for colleges. In his "American Commonwealth" he told Americans more about their own government than they knew themselves and treated their problems with a broad sympathy. His later study indicates that he is becoming cynical towards democratic ideals in practice.

Defects in the operation of popular government in America are summed up by Bryce as follows:

- ONE—State legislatures do not enjoy the confidence of the people, as is shown by the restrictions imposed upon them, and by the transfer, in many states, of some of their powers to the citizens acting directly. Congress maintains a higher level, yet one below that to be expected in a nation proud of its institutions as a whole.
- TWO—The civil service (with the exception of the scientific branches of the national government) is not yet equal to the tasks which the extension of the functions of government is imposing upon it.
- THREE—The state judiciary is, in the large majority of the states, inferior in quality to the better part of the bar that practices before it, and has in some few states ceased to be respected.
- FOUR—The administration of criminal justice is slow, uncertain, and in many states so ineffective that offenders constantly escape punishment.
- FIVE—The laws are in some states so imperfectly enforced that the security for personal rights, and to a less extent for property rights also, is inadequate.
- SIX—The government of cities, and especially of the largest cities, has been incompetent, wasteful and corrupt.
- SEVEN—Party organizations, democratic in theory and in their outward form, have become selfish oligarchies worked by professional politicians.
- EIGHT—The tone of public life and the sense that public service is an honorable public trust, the now rising, are not yet what they should be in so great a nation.
- NINE—The power of wealth, and particularly of great incorporated companies, to influence both legislatures, and the choice of persons to sit in legislatures and on the judicial bench, has been formidable.
- TEN—The there are and always have been in public life some men of brilliant gifts, the number of such persons is less than might be expected in a country where talent abounds and the national issues before the nation are profoundly important.

The causes of "these failures of democratic practice to attain the standard required by democratic theory" are set forth by Bryce as follows:

- ONE—The want of respect for legislatures is due to the quality of the men who fill them, few of whom are superior in knowledge and intelligence to the average of their fellow-citizens, and many of whom are (in some states) below that average in point of character.
- TWO—The civil service was recruited without regard to competence, and the spoils system not only disregarded fitness, but taught the official that his party organization had the first claim on his loyalty.
- THREE—The mediocrity of most state judges, and the delinquencies of a few, are the natural result of popular elections, short terms of office, and low salaries.
- FOUR—The delays and uncertainties of criminal justice are due partly to the weakness of the juries, partly to an antiquated and cumbersome procedure which provides endless opportunities for delay and technical quibblings. Why is not the procedure amended? Because, while nobody in particular has the duty of amending it, the selfish interest of petty legislative groups discourages reforms.
- FIVE—State laws are ill-administered, partly because some of them having been passed at the instance of a small but insistent section, are found hard to enforce; partly because elected officials (in cities and counties) are slow to prosecute offenders who can influence their re-election; partly also because in many states there is no rural police force.
- SIX—The scandals of city government may be ascribed (a) to the voting power of masses of immigrants ignorant of the institutions of the country; (b) to the faulty frames of municipal government which so divided responsibility that it could not be definitely fixed on a few persons; (c) to the failure of the "respectable" taxpayers to select and support by their votes trustworthy candidates; (d) to the power of party machines.
- SEVEN—Party organizations, long neglected by the great bulk of the members of each party, fell into the hands of persons who made personal gain out of them, and whose sins were ignored because the multiplicity of elections created a heavy mass of work, and they performed it.
- EIGHT—The men of fine quality who entered politics were, after the first 30 years, too few to maintain a high tone, while the ordinary politicians were liable to be demoralized by machine methods and by the impunity which the negligence of a busy public accorded to delinquents.
- NINTH—The power of wealth has been immense, because the benefits which rich men and corporations sought to buy from legislatures were worth a high price, because secret bargains could be easily made with either bosses or with obscure legislators, and because these recipients of money or whatever else was offered were below the fear of social censure since they had no social position to lose.
- TEN—The comparative rarity of well-stocked and thoroly trained minds among politicians of the second rank—they are of course to be found in the front rank—is largely due to the attractions, greater here than in most parts of Europe, which other occupations offer.

Most students and observers of government will admit that Viscount Bryce has correctly diagnosed the ills of American democracy, and that as a whole we fail to measure up to the standards required for successful democracy. And it is due in no small degree to the deterioration of citizenship brought about by the admission of hordes of inferior classes of foreigners in the commercialization of our resources at the expense of the nation's future.

Hanley Case Before State Water Board

The attempt of M. F. Hanley to extend his water rights on Little Butte creek was the subject of a hearing before the state water board here Thursday. Representatives of the Rogue River Canal

company and the Medford irrigation district appearing in protest, contending that they hold prior rights to the water involved all of which is needed for the irrigation district. Representing Hanley in the controversy were Eval Reames, Medford attorney; Garfield Stubblerfield of Grants Pass and J. A. Baar, Portland engineer. The protestants were represented by H. P. Chadwick, engineer, and James T. Chinook, attorney for the company.

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When a Wife Should Speak
When Hal and I arrived at the hotel he found a letter from his father. Something in the letter was not to Hal's liking, as I heard him swear softly under his breath.

I placed my hand on his arm, but he shook it off angrily. He thought that I was remonstrating with him for his profanity, while I was only trying to sympathize with him in his annoyance and trouble.

Fantastically I tried to picture myself what married life would be if every husband would intuitively know the motives of his wife, and each wife could be made to recognize the "why" behind her husband's words and actions.

I have often thought if the minister—when he says the so-

lemn words "I pronounce you man and wife" could, by some necromancy establish a kind of telepathy between the married pair which would give them both understanding, it would simplify matters in making marriages a success.

As I stood there, gazing open-eyed at Hal, an old song my mother used to sing to me popped into mind:

"Strangers yet!
After joy and toil together
After fair and stormy weather,
After travel far and lands,
After touch of wedded hands;
Strangers yet!"

I determined, however, I would not allow Hal to be a stranger to me long. I resolved to put all my powers of common sense and tolerance to work trying to un-

derstand him, and making him understand me.

So instead of being hurt after Hal threw off my arm so impatiently, I said very sweetly and slowly my hand back: "Have you had bad news, Hal, dear?"

He was quickly responsive and turned to me smiling. "Would you mind, Alx, if we only say here for a few hours? Dad seems to think that business comes even before a man's wedding journey. Like all men of his age, he has forgotten his own honeymoon. He has gotten into some trouble on a business deal and wants me to come home and help him to clear it up."

Hal can look very appealing when he wishes. A man is never as fascinating to a woman as when

Open Forum

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor:
While passing through the city today I had my attention called to an editorial appearing in a recent issue of the Statesman, in which the governor was taken to task for accepting a courtesy from an officer of the U. S. army who, under his direction of the war department, was making a flight between Portland and San Francisco for the purpose of testing the relative flying merits of the aeroplane and the carrier pigeon.

Had my name not been coupled with the governor's, in the editorial, I would have considered it no affair of mine, and left it to the governor to answer or ignore, as he saw fit. But as my name was brought into the matter by Mr. Abrams, who it is quite widely known, wrote the article, as no one else employed on the paper could have been so contemptible, I felt it my duty to enlighten the public as to certain matters which I had hoped might be forgotten.

45 Aliens Held For Deportation Are Now Missing
Detroit, Mich., April 13.—Forty-five aliens for whom deportation warrants are held have disappeared, it was announced today. The aliens have been at liberty under bond since shortly after their arrest in the department of justice raids more than a year ago. Officers believe some of them have secretly left the country.

I wish to controvert your editorial article under date of April 13, wherein you state that a protective tariff on hops would work against the marketing of American hops, and that it is the English brewer who buys the American hops.

Official import figures for the last 12 months show that there were dumped onto the American market from the foreign countries of Germany, Austria and Russia equivalent to 32,000 American bales, which is four times more than were imported during the preceding four years, notwithstanding there remains in the hands of hop growers on the Pacific coast approximately 30,000 bales, with a declining market, now below the cost of production, it is plainly seen if the tariff had been adequately high enough to have prohibited the importation of these cheap grown hops, that these holdings would have been absorbed right here at home, and at a fair living price.

From best information obtained from the United States department of labor, commerce and agriculture shows that during 1913 the labor cost in the United States was two and one-third times greater than Germany, while in 1920 the labor costs were 18 times more than Germany, which is lower than the cheapest Asiatic Coolie ever dreamed of being. We absolutely cannot compete with this cheap labor. Suppose Germany was to dump her hops onto our market at 4c per pound over her cost of production, at the present rate of exchange when you convert our money into her money she would be receiving a fabulous price for her hops.

Stolen Mail Recovered.
St. Louis, Mo., April 15.—Post-office inspectors today announced the recovery of \$18,000 of the \$50,000 bonds obtained in recent mail robberies at Jefferson City, Mo., and at St. Charles, Mo.

Having caught the spirit of Clean-Up week, I have been clearing my attic at home of an accumulation of old records and papers which, for the reputation of many of our citizens, had better be burned than preserved. Among them I found a pitiful appeal from Bob Hendricks, who was about to see a close relative go to the federal penitentiary for a period of years as a result of his complicity in land frauds.

The English hop growers are protected against the dumping of hops onto their market, the British government has placed an embargo on the importation of hops, and their hop growers are guaranteed a good living price above the cost of production.

When the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill fixed the price at 15c per pound conditions were vastly different from what they are at present in the European countries and the United States, at that time America had the British importations to supply, and then America had an enormous home consumption equalled 80 percent of our home consumption, and our home consumption has decreased 80 percent. It is obviously manifest that a tariff duty is urgently required, and double the present duty of 10c per pound is relatively much lower than when the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill was enacted, considering the conditions of today.

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Neither had he been kind to Olcott during his candidacy for secretary of state, yet he was prompt to crawl on his knees to him and while shedding copious tears, implored his help toward saving his relative from the disgrace of a prison term. Olcott, being of a sympathetic nature, and feeling strongly the grief that it would bring to the families concerned, came to me and made a strong plea for my assistance, and got it. It was the only favor that Olcott has ever asked of me during our long and close association.

As a result of these appeals I made myself forget all of Bob Hendricks' past unkindness to me, and put forth every effort to save his friend and relative. My efforts played no small part in bringing about a pardon from the president, and when the good news reached Mr. Hendricks, he fell on our necks and pledged eternal friendship (which we both knew at the time was bunk) and assured us that as long as the sun continued to shine, and the stars to blink, he would remember our kindness and stand ever ready to return it, (more bunk).

There was no time during the war that Abrams was in any danger of the enemy's bullets. Immediately after his contingent was landed in France, he either from choice or because he was lacking in qualifications, was sent back to England, where he was permitted to strut in uniform upon the parade ground while the rank and file of the brave boys of the Oregon contingent were at the front, fighting their country's battles under the most hellish conditions. Upon his return to Salem he was unable to secure his old place upon the industrial accident commission for the reason that the governor during his absence had discovered past attempts on his (Abrams') part to loan industrial accident funds to Bob Hendricks or some of his hot air companies and felt that the fund was too sacred to trust to his guardianship.

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Ratification of Colombian Treaty Likely
Washington, April 15.—Republican senators of the progressive group today, headed by Senator Johnson of California, renewed the attack on the pending Colombian treaty, but administration leaders sent word to President Harding that it was assured of ratification when the vote is taken next Wednesday.

Senator Johnson said he could not understand the "marvelous and overnight change" of many republican senators who opposed ratification in 1917. This treaty, he said, "would never have been ratified during the life of Theodore Roosevelt."

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE Eye Glass-Wearing Public

We take great pleasure in informing our customers and friends that we have engaged the services of a highly trained and experienced eyesight specialist, Dr. Walter C. Gehman, a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology and the DeKeyser Institute of Optometry, who is now in charge of our Optical department. Dr. Gehman was in practice in Ohio previous to having been admitted a Fellow of Optics in Northern Illinois College in 1914. For the past two years Dr. Gehman has been with Dr. Reynolds, of Portland, and previously was with the Columbian Optical Co.

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