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Grabbing a National Park

The clash between the National Park service and the Forestry bureau, which has prevented the enlargement of the Crater Lake National park, because of the jealousy of the Forestry bureau, which strives to retain authority over all the public domain possible, is again in evidence in the Barbour, Roosevelt-Sequoia park bill now pending in congress.

The Sequoia National park, in Southern California, 252 square miles in area, was established in 1890 to preserve several fine tracts of the primeval forests of California, the most remarkable in the world for the extraordinary size and beauty of their trees. It is the only national park (except the General Grant Park, which is insignificantly small and sadly mutilated by lumbering) whose express purpose was to preserve some of these magnificent forests. For thirty-two years it has protected them, but it is to do so no longer. The Barbour bill, supposedly a bill to enlarge the park, while adding much land mostly of little value for park purposes or for anything else, contains a concealed joker that cuts the park in two and turns over the half containing the larger part of the fine forest to the Forest service, a bureau conducted entirely for commercial and utilitarian purposes, which can legally, and may be expected to, sell the greater portion of the trees for lumber.

The addition of a large area of high, barren, rocky, inaccessible land to the park looks well on the map, and makes the deal seem like a good exchange. But it is not an exchange. The public, not the Forest Service, owns the land that will be added to the park, and can use it for park purposes if it pleases without giving anything up. The public stands to gain only what it has already. It stands to lose the only two large tracts of forest of enormous sugar and yellow pines (trees 200 feet tall and 200 to 500 or more years old) that the entire National Park system contains, as well as two of the four large groves of sequoias that the present park contains.

This is a variation of the same old scheme that greedy lumbermen have worked repeatedly to secure choice parts of timber in exchange for worthless tracts of brush. Altho it is no longer possible for lumbermen to buy forest reserve land, they can buy the timber without the expensive overhead of ownership, and there is no binding promise to protect the trees, once they are under jurisdiction of the Forestry service, which cares more for the money it can realize than for the perpetuation of scenic beauty.

All lovers of nature are requested to white to their congressmen and senators protesting against this grab of natural forests that a thousand years cannot replace.

Reducing Taxes

Secretary of State Kozer recently outlined the following suggestion to the legislature as a beginner in tax reduction to save $775,000 a year in state expenditures:

Eliminate one-fourth mill annual levy for road purposes, saving annually $250,000; transfer entire administrative expense of state industrial accident commission to its own funds, annual saving $100,000; transfer entire administrative expense of state game and fish commission to its own funds, annual saving $15,000; transfer entire administrative expense of world war veterans' state aid commission to receipts of commission, annual saving $60,000; eliminate bounty on predatory animals saving $50,000; reduce bureau of mines appropriation $12,500, annual saving $12,500; reduce advertising Oregon's scenic wonders and appropriation for State Tourist Association, annual saving $25,000; levy only sufficient tax to meet demands on soldiers' educational aid fund, annual saving $262,500—total annual saving $775,000.

Such mild reductions as those proposed will not offend anyone in particular, neither will they make much difference to the taxpayer, for $775,000 is a very small part of the $40,000,000 annual expenditure, but of course every little bit helps.

Still better than Mr. Kozer's plan is the consolidation scheme put in effect some years ago in Illinois and installed in Idaho and Washington last year, which has resulted in material saving. But no plan for saving state taxes will accomplish ends sought unless it is followed by proportional reductions in county, state and district expenditures.

Practically every legislator as well as all state officials were elected pledged to drastic tax reductions. It will be interesting to see how sincere they are in carrying out promises at the coming sesssion.

Along State Street

City farmers are now harvesting next year's crops.

Anything tastes good to a hungry man.

The best rolling stock is the good old silver dollar.

A man can never keep ahead by following a crowd.

Why doesn't someone start a "Kiss-your-wife week?"

It takes a strong man to keep a promise and a weak man to break one.

When a girl wishes a man to save money, it is a sure sign he is going to need it.

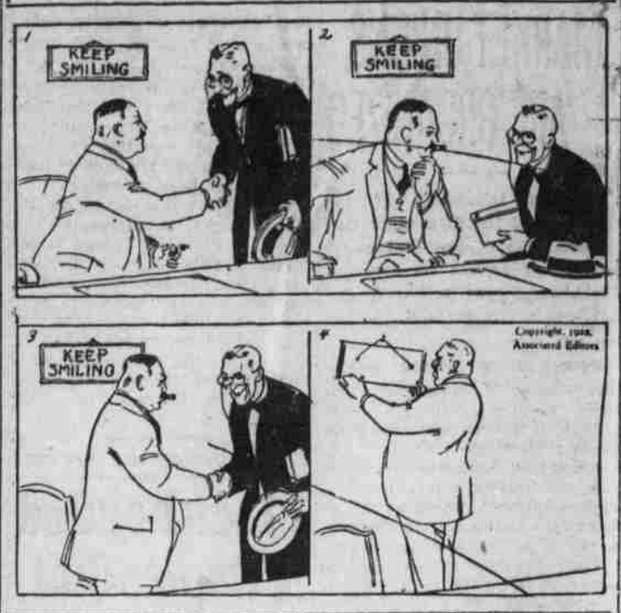
It is unlucky for 13 to sit down to a table where food has been prepared for only 12.

The government has issued a bulletin on "How to Save Coal." The first requisite is to get some coal to save.

A one-horse town is where all the farmers view the Saturday night crowd sitting in their flivvers parked along Main street.

The popular sport of "filling up the tank" has changed position from a location in the barroom to a gasoline station along the highway.

PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



The Regeneration of Malcolm Starmount

By Idah McGlone Gibson.

The Will

"Maybe Nalda Courteney will cool off," remarked Parker cryptically, "but I am afraid you don't know her, Pat. I think she will hang to Starmount if possible. He is too good a thing to let slip throug her fingers without trying to get good and even with him for slipping.

"She will send him to prison, if she can, or make him pay well for the accidental death of Dick Tennant. She is always in need of money and this will look like providence to her."

"Well, Ted, if that is your opinion, I might as well prepare for a prison sentence. I will never give Nalda Courteney another dollar for anything while I am alive and I will fix it so that she cannot get her fingers on anything of mine after I am dead. I want you to draw up the papers right now, Ted. Make it a trust deed by which Mary Devlin is to be paid everything I have when she is 25 years old. You are to be her guardian and see to her education and care until that time. Ted, you will do this for me, won't you?"

"Of course, I will, but I think you are crazy, Mal. You don't know anything about this girl. You only met her this morning. You stand in great danger of being put out of the way before you get through with this mess. Are you sure that this is what you want to do?"

"Sure. Fix up the papers while I telephone."

Wait a minute, Mal. We must have another witness to the arrangement beside Pat."

"Call in that nurse. She was to sit up part of the night with Mrs. Devlin."

"Do ye think he means it, Mr. Parker?" asked Mulcahy as Starmount left the room. "Does he really mean to make little Mary Devlin rich?"

"Yes, Pat. He means it. I have known Starmount ever since he was a boy. He is a creature of impulse But he always stands by the consequences of his impulses, good or bad."

The lawyer walked into an adjoining room and sat down at a writing desk and drew up a simple will, in which Malcolm Starmount gave his vast fortune to a little girl of whose very existence he had been ignorant that morning.

"You will sign here, Pat," said Parker, "after you have seen Mr. Starmount sign his name. Meantime drop down the hall and ask the nurse to come here."

As Mulcahy left the room Starmount returned.

"I feel like the conspirator in the third act of a melodrama, Ted. I've sent in the notice of a thousand dollars reward of my car and reported its loss to the police. Now after they find it and Tennant's body, someone will be sure to talk and ther will be an inquest and an investigation started as to what happened at the fool party Nalda pulled off. I will probably be accused of being too drunk to know when Tennant came to get the car and start home."

"I hope it won't be that bad, Mal. But better that kind of a scandal which you can get rid of by going to Europe for a few months than languishing in jail"—

—"Shuh-sh. Here comes the nurse."

Pat came in with her and she witnessed the signing of Starmount's will. She looked surprised, but said nothing. After she and Mulcahy had affixed their names she turned to leave the room.

"How is your patient, nurse?" Parker asked as he folded up the paper.

"She is comfortable, Mr. Parker. Probably more comfortable than she ever was before in her life, but that is about all that can be hoped for."

"Is Mary awake, nurse?" Pat asked suddenly.

"I do not know. I will see if you want me to."

"If she is, will you ask her to come out in the hall and talk to me a minute?"

"What are you going to do, Mulcahy? If I were you I would let that child rest."

"She'll rest much better, Mr. Starmount, after I have talked with her."

"But, Pat, you must not tell her what I have just done."

"Of course not, but if I know Mary Devlin at all, she is lying there bothering her little head and worrying for fear they will all be taken back to the alley tomorrow. I want her to know that she is going to stay here a while, at least, and that I am going to be here to look after her. That will make her sleep if anything will."

"All right, Pat, but don't keep her long."

"Malcolm, I am afraid that you are letting yourself in for a lot," remarked Theodore Parker with true lawyer caution when he and Starmount were left alone.

"Well, if you must know, Ted, with all I am letting myself in for consciously and with all the letting in that the future may bring, I feel better and more decent tonight than I have for a long while.

"You know, Ted, what my father was. You know how he treated my mother. You know all the scandal about my birth. Your father stood by my mother when she had to fight for her honor and my ligitimacy and, of course, you know how triumphantly she came through it all.

"I was only four years old then, and you were only ten, Ted, but we both were men when my father died. He couldn't cut me out of the major part of his millions because they had been put in trust for me by my gradfather.

"You would have thought, Ted, that his foveless end would have been a lesson to me, his son, but I have gone on my careless way ever since my mother died. And here I am, probably in for as big a scandal as my father ever had and with a criminal charge thrown in for good measure."

Tomorrow—Mary's Pledge.

The chap who just knows he can never get anything for nothing, lots of times gets a big setback when his fellows express their free opinions of him.

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These Prices for Five Days Only—

Dec. 5th to Dec. 9th

Buy enough to do you until next canning season.

Golden Bantam per can 25c, wholesale price this week, per doz. $2.25; per case 24 cans $4.89.

Royal Club Fancy Maine, 20c; wholesale price this week, per doz. $2.20; er case 24 cans $4.09.

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My. T. Nice Fancy Maryland, 11c; wholesale price this week per doz. $1.20; per case 24 cans $2.25.

You will never have an opportunity to purchase this quality corn at these low prices. Stores, hotels, restaurants and boarding house orders filled only so long as present stock lasts; will not guarantee Stock to last allweek. ....

Tomatoes

The Tomato market is very strong; several advances have already taken effect.

Royal Club hand picked solid Tomatoes, per can, 18c; per doz. $2.12; per case 24 cans $4.00.

Springville Utah Standard ripe, juicy Tomatoes, per case 24 cans $2.90.

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These prices are less than the present wholesale any place in the northwest... We advise buy-ing a very liberal supply as you are sure to pay 40 per cent more..for this same grade of tomatoes.

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We believe this grade of Peas will be selling 50c to $1.00 per dozen more by next spring.

Lilly of the Valley Tiny Sweet Peas per can 25c; per doz. $2.80; per case 24 cans $5.25.

Lilly of the Valley Peas are the very highest grade of peas sold in this market.

Royal Club Tender melting Wisconsin Peas, per can, 22c; per doz. $2.40 per case $4.50.

Del Monte Extra Sugar Peas, per can 20c; per doz. $2.25; per case $4.10.

Montana Tender Sweet Peas, per can 15c; doz. $1.65; case $3.15

Peaches Apricots Pineapple

Del Monte large can yellow Peaches, per can, 30c; per doz. $3.50; per case 24 cans $6.90.

Del Monte medium cans yellow Peaches per can, 25c; doz. $2.85; per case 24 cans $5.50.

Del Monte small yellow Peaches per can, 20c; per doz. $2.15; per case 24 cans $4.10.

Robles Peaches, large cans, per can, 23c; per doz. $2.40; per case 24 cans $4.40.

Lodi California Peaches, per can, 23c; per doz. $2.40; per case 24 cans $4.50.

Del Monte Apricots, large can, per can, 37c; per doz. $3.90; per case 24 cans $7.50.

Del Monte Sliced large cans, 35c; doz. $3.89; case 24 cans $7.60.
Rosedale Sliced, large cans, 32c; doz. $3.60; case 24 cans $7.00

Every Day Prices

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