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HOMIE PHILOSOPHY FOR 1921

An evening coat and white necktie don't of themselves make a man civilized any more than they make him a gentleman. A pair of overalls and a battered hat quite often cover a man while he is doing something for civilization far more important than the average man wearing an evening coat and a white necktie can possibly perform in that rig. The young scientist who handles a plow in such a manner that the soil will be just right for a crop of corn greater than the average, has no cause to envy gents in fashion plate clothing.

COMMERCIALIZING HIGHWAYS

We have all been good-roads boosters from Maine to California and hundreds of millions of dollars of the taxpayer's money have been spent to build what would have been considered perfect roads five years ago.

Today our hard surfaced roads are being torn up by truck traffic just about as rapidly as our macadam roads were torn up by automobile traffic from seven to ten years ago.

It is a question of how far the state is going to go in providing permanent highways to be destroyed by overloaded commercial vehicles long before the bond issues, which built the roads, have been paid off.

BLOC

We are told, by the President, certain leaders of the Senate, Governor McKelvey of Nebraska, and Representative McArthur of Oregon, that the agriculture "bloc" in the Senate must be done away with, that such procedure to form the laws of the nation threatens the moral fabric of the Union.

Did you ever hear of a political "bloc"? Party line drawn against party line.

The political issue, not the right



or moral of the question, considered in the state of Michigan in the year 1918 a man by the name of Newberry entered the primaries for U. S. Senator. Later, evidence a matter of court record showed an expenditure of \$200,000. He was tried and found guilty under the corrupt practice act. He appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court and they rendered a decision that the act was void.

A few days ago Newberry made a defense speech in the Senate. He said "with God as witness, I am innocent. I was not in the state of Michigan during the primary or general election. I did not solicit or expend directly or indirectly one single dollar. Contributions, none with my knowledge or consent. Disbursements, none with my knowledge or consent."

Mr. Oregon Farmer, thru some unknown miracle you accumulate enough money to permit you a year's residence in California. While you are away your friends secure your nomination for the high office of U. S. Senator. A hot fight is on. Money is spent like water. The press of the United States carries columns of news on the fight. It is read from the hod carrier to the silk stockinged. What manner of man could you be if you did not know what was going on in your state thru the press.

Were you interested enough in this (with office, if you did not read the papers), to write to some friend for whom you were not informed and kept up-to-date by anticipating henchmen, if you were truly immune from all knowledge of the case, in the name of God, I ask what kind of a Senator will you be? What of that \$200,000? will you work it out thru a daily wage, emptying your United States salary? The Senate seated Newberry by vote of 46 to 41. It was a party "bloc" vote excepting nine Republicans who had the courage of their convictions, and voted not to seat Newberry. Oregon Senators, Stanfield and McNary voted to seat Newberry.

Getting back to the "bloc". The basic industry, agriculture, of the Union has toppled in the abyss. Far seeing Senators see the need of unity for granger legislation and formed a "bloc" that this legislation may be put thru. The President says there must be no "bloc". When should a "bloc" be? When political linen needs washing or first aid to grasping agriculture.

A NATION OF OIL BURNERS

Supposing the labor loving United States was dependent on foreign corporations and supplies for its oil and gas?

The little gasoline shortage in 1920 was a mild example of conditions which would result, not to mention the increased price we would pay.

It would be about as hard for us to get on comfortably without gasoline as without shoes.

We have had timely warning that this country as the world's greatest oil user, must maintain its place as the world's greatest oil producer.

To that end every legitimate government encouragement should be extended to this industry to see that it has every incentive and opportunity to produce and develop oil resources.

CORRECT TAX EXEMPTION EVIL

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce on January 3 passed strong resolutions in Portland condemning the practice of issuing tax-exempt securities.

The resolutions point out that our federal policy of taxation has been radically changed from an indirect to a direct tax by a graduated scale of taxation upon incomes.

As a result of these high income taxes, increasing volumes of capital are being invested in non-taxable securities of federal, state and minor supervisions.

This diversion of capital from productive enterprise to exempted securities is an unfair and serious handicap to business which cannot compete for money against such odds.

Investment of large incomes in tax-exempt securities relieves the holders from taxes they would otherwise be obliged to pay, and, thereby, imposes on those who cannot benefit by such exemption, an unfair burden of taxation.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, in its resolution, concludes by recommending that necessary corrective legislation be provided to remove this present inequitable burden of taxation and to make all income, from whatever source, and in whatever form, bear its just proportion of the cost of government and remove the discrimination now prevailing between government and those of private enterprise.

The demand is becoming insistent that the iniquity of continuing to issue billions of dollars of tax-exempt bonds and securities by investment in which capital can escape all forms of taxation, be corrected. Here is a logical point to begin to reduce tax burdens by making all pay equally.

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THE OIL OF JOY

Being a Proper MIXTURE OF WIT, HUMOR AND PATHOS

By Esorbma

Coal heavers and wood burners, do you see the grass "feathering?"

What about a good three day blow from the west? Aren't you lonesome? Do you sleep well? When was the last wind?

Get this one. Plant the Burbank potato, pepper between the potato rows. It causes the eyes to water, creating self irrigation.

We wonder if some ill wishing "wet" sneakingly slipped the varnish into the communion wine of the Grand Rapids brethren.

Arbuckle, the double cross nurse, is on the front page again. Here's hoping that there will be at least one woman on the jury.

The Federal Reserve Board tells the president that they do not want farmers as members. Mr. President, make the board all farmers.

The complete text of the Arms Limit Treaty will soon be ready for publication. Clip this from your paper—preserve it as one of the great upward steps of civilization.

Seven hundred years is some length of strife for Freedom. Ireland has won independence and is of great cheer. So is the British Tommy as he rolls his billet for London's shore.

Morrow county and Portland, let us make it Bargain Day. Washington state has retained Col. Goethals to expert the Columbia basin project. Why not the John Day while the Colonel is in our midst?

Gov. Sproul of Pennsylvania has appointed G. W. Pepper to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Penrose. Mr. Pepper is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He was the leading hammer thrower of the track team. This alone makes him eligible to a senate seat.

What a field for some genius is the upper reaches of the Columbia River, say east from the Celilo Canal. A modern light draft boat of a good tonnage would revolutionize the inland Empire. It would create inland ports for the shipment of the ores, wheat and wool to the marts of the world. A saving in freight rates unestimatable. With the inventions of the day is it expecting too much that this boat may become a reality?

From the Marine News is taken the following: "Steamer Bohemian Club, San Pedro to Manila, 3592 miles west of San Pedro, Jan. 8th 8 P. M. Steamer Los Angeles, San Pedro to Yokohama, 1792 miles west of San Pedro." What is more wonderful, more mysterious than wireless, the master of the ship in daily communion with the home port. Next, the wireless telephone, an instrument that can be carried in the coat pocket. Recently an operator on the coast of Scotland picked up the strains of a violin from the lower reaches of the Mississippi. The boundaries of another world border our ivory domes. We are kept so busy to prevent stumbling that we have not time to look up.

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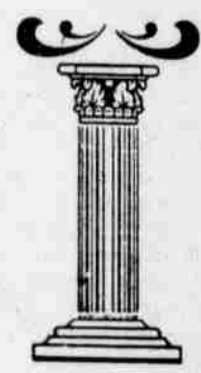
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