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### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

A proposed "Workmen's Compensation Act" will appear on the ballot at the coming election. It is designed to take the place of the "Employers' Liability Act."

The latter law has several pernicious features. A just "Workmen's Compensation Act" is fair to all concerned and gives the workman his just dues without persecution of the employer.

Industry is being stagnated in Oregon by its liability law. Employers in hazardous occupations are paying enormous sums for liability insurance, and even then do not know where they are at or when several large damage suits may confiscate their business. Besides, the employee is not properly protected. The compensation act promises to do away with this uncertainty and at the same time give the employee better protection than he now has. Of course the new proposed act will be bitterly opposed by the liability insurance companies.

Under the liability act, now in force, it is estimated that only about 40 per cent of the money won in damage suits ever reaches those for whom intended—the balance being eaten up in lawyers' fees and court expenses—and the lawyers probably do not charge more than their services are worth. In addition there are the expenses of the defendant that are a total loss to the parties concerned.

Under the compensation act, employers would pay a certain per cent upon their pay roll into a fund administered by the state without expense, and all money would reach those for whom intended.

Under the liability act, the injured workman is dependent largely upon chance for his compensation, upon caprice of court and jury and the ability of his attorney. One workman may receive but half as much for the same injury as some more fortunate fellow worker.

Under a compensation act, certain amounts would invariably be paid for certain injuries. All chance would be removed. An injured workman would always receive his damages, and all would receive the same amount for the same injury.

Workmen's compensation act makes provision by law, without trial by court or jury, for specific and absolute payment for the injury received, as per legally scheduled rating, the workman

receiving prompt payment without the expense incident to litigation, and without regard as to why or by what cause the accident occurred—save and except only, injuries that are self inflicted.

Under the liability act a verdict against an irresponsible employer is worth nothing.

Under the compensation act the state is the party against whom the workman has a claim.

Under the liability act employers in the lumbering business, an important one in Oregon, pay something like 2 1/2 per cent upon their pay roll for liability insurance and are not protected above \$10,000.

Under the Washington compensation act the expense is about .85 of one per cent upon the pay roll. In Germany, under its compensation act, part of this expense is borne by the employee.

The experience of the Germans indicates that 17 per cent, plus of accidents are caused by the carelessness of the employers, 29 per cent, plus of accidents are caused by the carelessness of the employees, 10 per cent, plus to the fault of employer and employee jointly and 43 per cent, plus to the hazard of the industry. It is obvious from these figures that it is only fair for employees to bear a portion of the expense.

Under the liability act, an accident that causes a law suit estranges employer and employee.

Nothing like this would occur under the compensation act.

The Washington compensation act makes the following provisions:

Payments of \$20 per month to a widow until death or remarriage. A dower of \$240 in case of remarriage but no further payments. The sum of \$5 per month for each child under the age of 16, but no more than \$15 for any one family of children having a widowed mother or father. Orphan children \$10 per month each to the amount of \$35 per month, until 16 years of age. For partial dependents, not to exceed \$20 per month.

For all death claims the sum of \$4,000 is taken from the general fund and invested at interest to procure funds with which to meet the monthly payments for total disability. If unmarried \$20 per month. If married from \$25 to \$35, according to family. For total disability not permanent, benefits are increased first six months 50 per cent., providing this sum does not exceed 60 per cent of regular wage. Monthly payments in all cases may be converted in lump sum payments either in whole or in part.

In cases of injury where the disability is not total or permanent such injury to be paid for in lump sum, and the maximum \$1,500. Employer is held responsible in case accidents are

caused by neglect to comply with safety laws, and must reimburse the insurance fund for half the benefits paid in each case.

### A UNIFORM VALUATION.

Petitions are being circulated by the Oregon Equal Taxation League for an initiative bill that will provide for restoring the statewide uniformity in taxation that was destroyed by the county home rule tax amendment that was adopted at the last general election. One of the most pernicious systems of taxation is that where each county sets its own valuations. The state tax is always a certain number of mills on assessed valuation. Therefore, the tendency is naturally to keep the valuation down to avoid paying too much state tax. A county assessing property at 50 per cent of its value pays a larger proportion into the state treasury than the county assessing at one-third, which is not a square deal. To keep valuations down makes the local valuation rate high, thereby scaring out prospective settlers. The only proper system is to have a uniform state valuation.

### A HUMAN JACKAL.

Parkinson and the editors of the Cottage Grove papers are alone in their desire to kill off the state university. Still, they should have no trouble in securing 8,000 or 9,000 names to any initiative petition they may wish to file—the supply of city and telephone directories being ample for this purpose. The cemetery records are also public property and are invaluable, since dead men tell no tales, and can't deny in court that their signatures were fraudulently obtained.—Eugene Guard.

The human jackal guilty of perpetrating the above seems to be enjoying itself by the way it smacks its dripping chops while devouring its self-prepared meal of putrid carrion.

Doubtless The Guard thought to hurt the feelings of the Cottage Grove editors by associating them in the same sentence with Parkinson. Doubtless Parkinson would feel that he had strong grounds for a libel suit if his name had been associated with that of the asinine garbage collector who presides over the destinies of the editorial page of The Guard.

The Guard is seeing things again, as usual—probably been imbibing too freely of Springfield water. There is no desire on the part of Cottage Grove to kill off the university. Cottage Grove people hope to live to see the university the equal of any in the country. It is also a convenience to Cottage Grove to have the university at Eugene—is even a point in its favor in getting settlers—although the latter point is probably more than offset by the sickening, reeking stench of The Guard's vile and filthy editorial attacks upon respectable people.

We would like to have The Guard specify particularly who are the Cottage Grove crooks, knaves, thieves and bowery bums who signed the referendum petitions. We would also ask The Guard to specify how many of the Cottage Grove signatures were taken from

directories and cemetery records. What aggravates The Guard is that the Cottage Grove names were live ones.

We would refer the Eugene papers back to their editorial pages of a short time ago and ask them to put into practice the sage and kindly advice given the Cottage Grove people when Nesmith County failed to carry. The advice was good then—it is good now. Just take a dose of your own medicine. Don't go whining around like whipped curs. Stand up like men. Don't stoop to methods lower than those who forged names to referendum petitions.

If you have received an unfair blow, it is largely your own fault. Get back into the fight on a fair and square basis and you will be surprised at the friends the university has. But the invidious method adopted by the Eugene papers will antagonize every voter who reads them. It is pleasant to believe that they do not reflect the general sentiment in Eugene. It is fortunate for the university that their sphere of action is very limited.

With Col. Theodore Roosevelt, high apostle of moral reform, trotting around the country haranguing the people on their sins, and his daughter Alice setting Washington society agog with the "turkey trot," the family seems to be working at cross purposes.

### THE SUNDAY CIRCUS.

The Sentinel has been importuned several times during the past week to express its opinion about the Sunday circus, and to "rip the council open." Be it said to their credit, not a councilman has made a request for leniency.

The editor of The Sentinel signed the remonstrance petition because he wished to express his disapproval of Sunday circuses. He gave it no further consideration because he thought it useless. The editor is one of the remonstrators who will not be present at the circus performance, and would not have been whether the remonstrance had been circulated or not. From his viewpoint the council made a serious mistake in granting the license, but he does not see how the prayer of the petitioners could have been granted and he is not going to rip the council open. He feels that every member is an honorable and upright citizen and that past patriotic service to the city more than over-balances what the editor believes to have been a mistake at this time.

The editor believes that there are many among the remonstrators who would have done the same thing under the same circumstances as did our present alderman. They are merely fortunate in not being on the council at this time. He believes that the sacrifices which a man makes to serve on the council entitles the councilmen to leniency in the present situation, a situation in which they are placed because of their patriotism in making such sacrifice. Greater sins than the

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one now laid up against the council have been forgiven by Him who taught us to love one another. Let us do likewise. We need have no fear of any more Sunday circuses and to prolong the agony longer is useless.

### COME AGAIN.

The Sentinel seems mystified over the appearance of a little "original" poem appearing in The Leader and the Brownsville Times almost simultaneously. That's easy, Bro. Bede! We got it from the same source from which you receive your weekly column of "Things We Think."—Leader.

No you didn't! Why don't you write your own dope, the same as we do?

### Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

There is some difference between the man who says a thing should be done and the man who says, "I'll do it."

Health is one of the most valuable things we have—and yet we give it up for baser things.

A leader of men usually claims credit for all the good things his followers do and lays the bad onto them.

When you put a thing up to some people, you put it down and out.

If there weren't any multi-millionaires in this country, what would the newspapers do for first page stories in the event of a wreck like that of the Titanic?

It seems as if you can never get so well off but that there are a few a little better off, nor so bad off but that there are a few a little worse off.

An inflamed proboscis is not generally considered a shining light worthy of being followed.

The last war should be a universal fight for peace.

Fate is cruel sometimes. In a year when the Democrats have some chance of winning, Bryan is not a candidate.

Mistakes made in this old world do not appear nearly as hideous when made on our side.

A man with an inclination to snooze in the mornings has invented a sure-go automatic fire starter. The most approved method is to marry one.

When we note some of the nudest styles in clothing worn by feminine members of high society, we sometimes are curious to know how the blooming things stay on—but we suppose that's none of our business.

Charity covers a multitude of sins. We need a whole lot more charity.

The lawyer who only charged \$200 for collecting \$25,000 has destroyed a well-founded tradition as to the business sagacity of members of the legal fraternity.

We are all heartily in favor of our own kind of reforms.

Our days on earth are so few, why not help others to enjoy them and thereby make them more pleasant for ourselves.

The fountain of eternal youth has been found. It bubbles over with sunshine and good cheer.

Those with wealth would enjoy it more if they didn't wait for their death to make others happy.

Nowadays the old adage about casting pearls before swine loses its force—because you can sell the pigs and buy plenty more.

Good cooks do not need to wait for leap year.

School education is too theoretical. Arithmetic teaches that there are four pecks in a bushel.

The higher in society a woman gets the lower she wears her décolleté gowns.

Adam was ripped open to get a rib to make Eve of—and man has been mostly ripped open ever since.

A person's intuition is considerably sharpened by a thorough study of the subject under consideration.

Many are started on the voyage of married life with a smack.

The more brains a man has the less likely is he to have the big head.

If you would achieve success, you must get rid of fear of criticism.

With nothing to do all day long, no wonder Adam was happy when Eve came.

### Change of Drill Night.

Taking effect this week and until further notice, the drill night of the Coast Artillery will be Friday instead of Tuesday. The change is made in order that the boys may have the services of Capt. Collins regularly, as instructor in handling the large guns used in the coast service.

H. K. Metcalf, Capt.

# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

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