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IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN—IT'S YOURS

If you want to live in the kind of a town

Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike;
You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you
knock your town.

It isn't the town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid

Lest somebody else gets ahead;

When everyone works and nobody

shirks,

You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal

stake

Your neighbor can make one, too,

Your town will be what you want to

see,

It isn't the town—it's you.

—The Stockholder Herald.

A BLOW TO BUREAUCRATS.

It is not a long step beyond the doctrine laid down by the supreme court in the Alabama water-power case to the doctrine that the right of eminent domain may be exerted by water-power companies against government land not devoted to governmental purposes.

Recognition of the authority of states to vest water-power companies with the right of eminent domain is the main factor if other court decisions are accepted as precedents. Numerous decisions have been rendered affirming the right of corporations performing public functions under state laws to acquire by condemnation needed government land. If this construction be correct, objections to the Ferris bill and its purpose to make the government an exacting landlord are minimized, for the intended effect of the Ferris bill must fail.

But the decision presents another angle. One of the professed friends of the supporters of the Ferris bill is that if public lands needed for development of water powers are turned over to state control the water-power interests will acquire the power sites in fee, and hold them out of use. A law similar to that sustained in Alabama would deprive a company of the right to hold power sites idle in the face of a desire of another company to use them.

There could, in fact, be no water-power monopoly short of the time in the far distant future when all water power shall have been developed. Then it could only be a monopoly of plants engaged in supplying hydro-electric energy subject to state regulation.

Those who see harm lurking in that are referred for consolation to those local eminent proponents of the Ferris bill who are now advocating a single telephone service in Portland on the theory that the people are served better and cheaper by a publicly regulated monopoly than by two systems with the attendant necessity of fixing rates that will pay returns on duplicated investments.—Oregonian.

THE PENALTY OF FOLLY.

The Eugene Guard has gone into the hands of a receiver as the result of debts created under the management of E. J. Finneran.

The Sentinel does not wish to gloat over the misfortunes of a competitor, but we have known for a long time that this was certain to come.

How did we know it? Because when a business is run at the maximum of expense and its product sold below cost, there can be no other result.

Solicitors were sent out over the country to get printing orders at less than the cost of production. Several Cottage Grove business men have profited by the Guard's lack of business sagacity and have gotten job work at less than it cost The Guard to produce the same. We presume advertisers were treated in the same manner.

A newspaper can not live without a profit any better than any other business. All the failures in the newspaper business in Cottage Grove have come about for the same reason that The Guard has failed.

SOFT FOR REPUBLICANS.

Under an "economy" administration the democrats have added millions to the expenses of the government by creating unnecessary offices. By so doing they have played into the hands of the republicans in more ways than one. When the republicans again come into power, they can make a great show of economy by looting off the extra offices created by the democrats—and still have plenty of unnecessary jobs to give to hungry office seekers.

If the republicans do not see fit to discontinue the unnecessary offices made for the purpose of giving jobs to hungry democrats, the democrats may well feel chagrined when they find they have got the cussing for creating offices out of which republicans will get many times over what the democrats will have gotten.

TEAM WORK NEEDED.

The following from the Molalla Pioneer applies equally as well to other cities.

Not in the spirit of kicking but with the desire to point out a community defect in the hope that we may remedy it, we again call attention to one very weak point in our city. It is our reluctance to do team work. It shows in our business and in our sports. The weakness of our basket ball teams and our base ball teams is their want of team work. Strangers notice this and you hear it at every game.

It is the same way in the business which concerns the community. We accomplish a good deal, yet it is very small to what could be done if we would only learn to do "team work."

LETTERS FROM DEMOCRATS WANTED.

In the campaign that is now commencing The Sentinel will be strongly biased toward the republican party, especially in national affairs.

But we believe our opponents should have ample opportunity to make their side of the case public. Therefore, we wish those of the democratic faith to understand that our columns are open to them at all times for a discussion in a decorous manner of the issues of the campaign. If the democratic views are not presented through our columns it will be only because the democrats do not avail themselves of the opportunity that is freely offered.

Silverton Appeal: Oregon climate can make a paper out of the most gracious liar in the least possible time of anything we have yet attempted to cope with.

Oregon City Enterprise: Now Great Britain is quoting Lincoln's method of

warfare as a justification of her intended blockade of Germany. If Lincoln was alive, how he would hate to be connected up in any way with the slaughterfest in Europe.

Corvallis Gazette-Times: The word "unusual" has had to do more than its share of the work since January 1.

The most striking thing about the Lebanon Criterion is that the merchants of that city seem to be wholly unappreciative of a good newspaper.

Woodburn Independent: As neutral nations understand the situation, the belligerent powers may fight one another, but they do not yet own the whole world, including open seas.

Benton County Courier: It is curious that there is no "roar" being made in regard to what the allies are doing in Greece. When the Germans did the same thing in Belgium there was a lot of noise about invading a neutral country.

MORE ADOO ABOUT SOMETHING

(Written for The Sentinel by Col. Mercer.)

Though with their high wrongs I am struck to the quick,
Yet with my noble reason, 'gainst my fury
Do I take part: the rarer action is
In virtue than in vengeance.

—Shakespeare (Prospero, Act 5, Sec. 1.)

Wm. G. McAdoo! U. S. Treasurer! "Where art thou?" Come into Court! "What is this that thou hast done?" "Who told thee that thou wast naked?" (Gen. 3, 11.)

Didst thou think to hide thy political infamy by espousing Woodrow's youngest daughter?

Didst thou think that the lusts of thy new father-in-law's exalted position would shield thee from irony's pitiless pen?

Hadst thou consulted the oracles thou wouldst have learned that, "Hanging and wiving goes with destiny." (Shakespeare, Nerissa, Act 2, Sec. 9.)

Hadst thou consulted the magi thou wouldst have learned that "many a good hanging prevents a bad marriage." (Shakespeare, Clown, Act 1, Sec. 5.) (Shak., Clown, Act 1, Sec. 5.)

If the Court please! The defendant at the bar stands charged with being the dark and vengeful spirit of democratic ambition, preferring to rule in hell rather than serve in heaven. Since his avowal of the unprincipled and barbarian motto, that "to the victors belong the spoils," office which was originally a political party device for the benefit of the people—has become the plunder of this defendant. Patronage is waved like a huge magnet over the land; and demagogues—and especially the kinsmen of this defendant—like iron filings, attracted by a law of their nature, gather and cluster around its poles. The whole fabric of our government is thus prostituted to the uses of their political party. Offices—under the supervision of this defendant—are conferred as the reward of partisan service. He has been the pilot and commander of this administration in the prodigious waste of public moneys. His subordinates—under his tutelage—have been taught that all moneys in their possession belong, not to the people, but to the democratic party, it requiring but a small exertion of casuistry to bring them to the conclusion that they have a right to retain—as salaries—what they may conceive to be the value of their political services.

If the Court please, one of Shakespeare's characters is made to exclaim, "I have been politic with my friend, smooth with my enemy." This defendant, Mr. McAdoo, not only possesses these traits of character to a marked degree, but he has outdone the afore-said Shakespearean character and carved high his niche acting in the capacity of a political benefactor to his own family relatives and tribesmen. He has recently appointed to the government service, in the New York custom house, no less than five of his own relatives and friends, turning out competent employees—who are residents of New York—to make vacancies for his kinsmen who are southerners with approved democratic proclivities. Among those thus appointed are Miss Mary Faith McAdoo, John Castle, husband of McAdoo's housekeeper, a Mrs. McDonald and John O'Neill (Jews, I apprehend), who are cousins of McAdoo. Nor will this defendant pretend to deny that most of the other appointments made by him—in the New York custom house, or in the office of his friend, Stuart Giboney, who is McAdoo's political lieutenant and former partner.

May it please the Court, it is seldom, indeed, that a flavor of romance can be introduced into a case of this kind, but this defendant has indulged in so many flights of fancy that I cannot refrain from calling the Court's attention to a few of them. Romance, your Honor, differs from the novel, as it treats of action and adventures of an unusual character; that is to say, it vaults or soars beyond the limits of fact and real life, and often of probability. The first romances of the human race were a monstrous assemblage of histories, in which truth and fiction were blended without probability; a composition of amorous adventures, an innumerable, or implied, is here intended—and the extravagant ideas of chivalry. Although the writings of this defendant differ somewhat from the style of the old masters, he is nevertheless the author of one of the most interesting romances—though probably not one of the "best sellers"—of modern times. In fact, your Honor, this defendant not only enjoys an international reputation as a writer of "high comedy," but he has recently distinguished himself as an expert aviator in handling the latest type of aeroplanes.

If your Honor please, innocence is ever simple and credulous. Conscious of no design itself, it suspects none in others. It wears no guards before

its breast. Every door and portal and avenue of the heart is thrown open, and all who choose it enter. Such was the state of our country at the close of business September 30, 1915, but before sunrise on the following morning some remarkably curious things had happened in the vicinity of the United States treasury. It transpires that for three months previous to September 30, 1915, the balance in the treasury had shrunk over \$35,000,000 or nearly \$12,000,000 per month. The excess of disbursements was larger for the same three months of 1914 and at the same rate for three months more (in 1915) would have found the treasury practically empty. The balance in the treasury as shown in the daily statement of September 30, 1915, was only \$40,898,894.97. The admitted shrinkage of \$12,000,000 per month would soon (viz: during October, November and December, 1915) eat up the above balance. The situation was alarming—it was a ground-hog case—but this defendant, Mr. McAdoo, arose to the occasion. In fact, your Honor, he took an aeroplane excursion into the clouds and marked up the above balance overnight to \$128,063,545.23, which last named sum is quoted as the balance in the treasury statement issued on the following morning.

In order to accomplish this astounding feat of "window-dressing"—up in the clouds—the defendant transferred (on paper) the redemption fund of \$13,478,788 and also transferred \$61,825,97, which had been placed to the credit of disbursing officers with which to meet various debts of the government. These funds were thus transferred so as to swell the balance in the treasury. It was very simple, but somehow no one had ever before thought of it, consequently (heretofore) disbursing officers' balances after once being taken out of the treasury—placed to the credit of the disbursing officers—have not been counted as if they were still in the treasury. The same may be said of the redemption fund. This fund is set aside—by act of congress—for a specific purpose and it does not belong in the treasury balance.

If the Court please, the Psalmist David (22-12) complained that "many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round." As a master-workman in the art of converting debts into credits, liabilities into assets, and obligations into resources this defendant is a veritable strong bull of Bashan. On July 10, 1914, the proceeds of the sale of two battleships to Greece, amounting to \$12,535,275, was placed in the U. S. treasury. It transpires, however, that when this congress passed the law authorizing this gift to Greece, it intended to place the money to the credit of the government of Greece, that law then and there also expressly provided for the appropriation of this money for the construction of another battleship and, therefore, this money was held only in trust in the treasury and did not belong in the general fund in the daily balance, that is to say, by an act of congress this of Bashan's \$12,000,000 was already appropriated for a specific purpose, and by no stretch of imagination—by no trick of the juggler's art—could this money be legally credited up to the Underwood tariff act and placed in the general fund, yet this defendant—this strong bull of Bashan—did not hesitate—while pulling off that "window-dressing" stunt up in the clouds—to perpetuate this shameful irregularity. In addition to these alleged irregularities, this defendant has—despite solemn promises to the contrary—unblushingly increased his office force from 3,183 to 3,541 persons; has increased his field force from 1,407 to 2,085 persons and, instead of reduction, as promised, this increase of 1,036 officers and agents in the treasury department alone is costing the taxpayers \$1,750,000 annually.

If your Honor please, this defendant seems to have proceeded on the theory that politics—instead of mathematics—is the exact science which should actuate him in the discharge of his official duties. In bringing this case before your Honor I could go on for a thousand and one nights; and even as in those eastern stories, so in the chronicles of the official order under the supervision of this defendant, the tale would ever be heaps of gold wrung from an already overburdened people. Aladdin's wonderful lamp was as nothing compared to it. He and his spoilsman-subordinates seem to possess the identical cap of Fortunus. Some wish for \$5,000 and more wish for and obtain \$12,000 salaries—and behold thanks to a subservient democracy (congress) it lies in glittering heaps before them! Not since our fathers laid the foundations—deeper and stronger—of our American republic has any other administration ever rewarded its adherents in such a lavish abundance. Pizarro held not forth more dazzling lures to his robber band, when he led them to the conquest of the "Children of the Sun."

To sum up, if the Court please, there is a natural, immutable and eternal reason for that which we call political vice. Our fair temple of fame has garnered fast and well within its mystic walls the names and glorious deeds of illustrious Americans who were illustrious only because of their political virtues and abilities. As I think of Alexander Hamilton, Washington, the secretary of the Treasury; of Salmon P. Chase, Lincoln's secretary of the treasury, and other distinguished Americans who have added lustre to our American republic by their unselfish devotion to the discharge of public duty, my blood boils at the cold-blooded atrocity with which this shameless defendant has sacrificed the very family jewels of our republic to pay the consequences of his own official profligacy. Nay more! When—on the 14th day of next November—Woodrow Wilson goes down in the vortex of political ruin, this defendant, McAdoo, will be the spectacular central figure in that much-to-be-desired political disaster.

In the meantime the man in the moon actually holds his nose while passing over our national treasury.

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