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OUR DUTY TO OURSELVES.

Looking at the matter from the standpoint of a mere American, and stripped of the frills of diplomatic verbiage, it appears to us that all this fuss over what California may, or may not do, regarding land legislation is mostly California's business. Maybe, this is the much-discussed, and sometimes despised, doctrine of state rights. If so, we'll have to accept the condemnation of those who believe that the rights of the states are not paramount to those of the nation. Nor do we say that they are—always. But conditions on the Pacific coast are much different from those that prevail in the middle west and in other sections of our country, and those who are not familiar with them, are in no position to lay down the law to us and tell us our duty.

Looking at the question in its broader sense, we must all admit, of course, that no state has a legal, or a moral right to enact legislation that shall violate the terms of any international agreement or treaty; but we should not take the contention of the outside nation as proof positive that such violation has resulted. There are two sides to every question and both should be carefully considered before we jump at conclusions. Merely because Japan insists that the enactment of the proposed anti-alien land law of California, will abrogate existing treaties does not necessarily imply that this is true. Perhaps Japan may look at the matter from a different viewpoint—certainly she is vitally interested in the legislation since a number of her subjects will be affected.

The Observer believes that, generally speaking, the law which prevents aliens from owning real estate, is right. America and her resources should be primarily for Americans. Our first duty is to our own people, and they should be protected at all hazards. When we declare by statute that citizenship may not be extended to the subjects of any country, by such enactment we effectually erect an embargo against the people of that country, and to permit them, nevertheless, to own property in a nation of which they are not even subjects, is to open the way for the admission and protection of possible foes. Under present conditions, when Japan calls her people, in case of war, or other urgent need, they respond with a unanimity that is remarkable. Their first duty is to their emperor and they leave their tilled garden patches, and their chosen avocations, and swarm over the sea to take up arms for their country, and their enemy is as liable to be the United States as any other nation. So long as citizenship is denied the Japanese, or any other people, they should not be permitted to become property owners and thereby be guaranteed protection for their property United States as any other nation. At the expense of the nation, or the spilling of the blood of the American people. They cannot join with us to repel a foreign foe, therefore they are not entitled to the same advantages that Americans enjoy.

This may not be a diplomatic view of the situation, but it is one that appeals to every true-blue citizen of this country, and it is the one that will eventually triumph, we believe. Japan has long ago accepted the dictum of the United States against admitting to citizenship the people of her country; she should not now object to the ultimate outcome of that embargo, the refusal to permit her subjects to become the beneficiaries of this government. Japan has been content to permit her people to come to the United States and prosper as they could never hope to do in the land of their nativity, at the same time knowing that these same fortune hunters stood ready and willing, all the time, to respond to the call of the emperor and take up arms for the defense of the blood-red flag of the Mikado. However, when it comes to a point where it is proposed to protect our own people against the gradual and steady encroachment of an alien citizenship, against the usurping of property rights by those whose only interest here is what they may gain financially by their stay, the Tokio government, always solicitous for the welfare of its subjects, is quick to interpose objections.

We do not know what the outcome of this dispute may be, but we sincerely

hope that California will stand firm on the proposition and persevere in her determination to protect her American citizens in their rights and privileges. If an international treaty be violated by such outcome, we may be obliged to accept the result but, at the same time, all honest Americans won't have a very friendly opinion of it.

HANDWRITING ON A WALL.

Somehow the luxurious Senate baths have disappeared, or at least have fallen into an innocuous desuetude. Washington advises report that the doors of the marble corridor along which the marble baths are situated, are locked, and that the masseurs, the rubbers, the fanners, and all singular of the retinue of serving people went to wait upon senatorial whims, are vanished, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There is silence now in the marble corridor, and any senator who could, by any chance, pass through the locked doors, would hear his echoing footsteps and feel like one who treads alone a banquet hall deserted, where not long ago the splash of scented waters, and the warm breath of Oriental baths, would have made him feel not as a senator of the United States, but as a senator of Rome in its sybaritic days.

Who will longer doubt the force of public opinion? When the appropriation was made for the heavy expense of completing and furnishing such a place for senatorial use, there was a public outcry. Nobody cared much for the money, but the American instinct which revolts at the idea of any citizen serving his own personal needs and comforts at the public expense, in magnificent ways, made itself felt. We ourselves expressed an opinion that men who will not spend their own money for their own luxury are not gentlemen. And that opinion grew common, very common. For the American instinct knows a gentleman when it sees him, and apprehends what he is or ought to be when it doesn't see him. The Senate maintained its dignity, and refused to openly recede. But it has receded.

What the American instinct is, in such matters, has been shown often, at many times and places, but never more clearly than when "Big Sandy" Waltrous ran against John Coughlin for the councilmanic seat of the First Ward of Chicago. Coughlin had held the office long, and, despite his popularity, the "boys" were tiring of his long tenure. "Big Sandy" was also popular and had never held office. Coughlin was in danger until, one night, addressing his constituents, at Harrison and South Clark streets, he produced a committee who read a report that that morning, at 10 o'clock "Big Sandy" had been caught in the act of taking a Russian bath. "Tain't that I mind the Russian bath so much," said Coughlin, after this report; "but that's not the worst of it. He takes Turkish baths, and if any of you boys will go around to the Palmer House with me most any morning we'll find him layin' on a marble slab with a big nigger fannin' him. Think of an American citizen takin' a Turkish bath, or a Russian bath, every mornin', as if the good old-fashioned American bath that all of us take on Saturday nights ain't good enough for him. Gentlemen, the man that can't keep clean on one American bath a week is too dirty to represent this ward in the Council." The fate of "Big Sandy" is a part of history. His vote went into the "seating" column, and Coughlin still represents the First Ward. Perhaps the Senate has read that handwriting on the wall.

The methods which big Eastern manufacturing concerns adopt to bamboozle the unsuspecting and credulous newspaper proprietor into free advertising for their wares, are multifarious and persistent. Only recently The Observer has been requested, time and again, to run a series of "Recipes for Housewives" which on the surface, appear to be innocent guides to superior cookery, but which are, in reality, simply advertisements for a certain brand of baking powder. Each recipe calls for the use of the baking powder, and carries the impression that the thing can't be constructed without that powder, no other filling the requirements. These recipes are furnished the newspapers in electrotype form, absolutely free, and all that is necessary is to print them. The manufacturers of the baking powder lay great emphasis on the value to the reader, of the helpful suggestions contained therein, and intimate to the publisher that he is securing a popular department for the benefit of his women readers without cost. The Observer has refused to fall for the bait, but it appears that many other newspapers have succumbed. Before us is a copy of a Salem newspaper with one of the recipe advertisements which shows that the publisher is willing to give to a foreign concern space which he asks his home merchants to spend good money to buy. While this may not concern the public generally and is, strictly speaking, merely a matter affecting newspaper ethics, the point which we wish to emphasize is that advertising space in a well-regulated newspaper is its stock in trade, and there should be no favoritism shown in its sale. But proposals of this kind always find many willing suckers who readily accept them because they imagine that they are getting something for nothing. They do not realize that the public is as quick to see the graft and understand that this is but one more indication of the

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low value which some publishers place on their advertising space. With such examples before them it is no wonder that the patrons of newspaper columns also often underrate the value of the publication as an advertising medium. The baking powder advertising-recipes go hand in hand with the "Pictorial Supplement" feature so recently embraced by numerous Easy Marks in the newspaper harness in the Willamette valley.

Senator "Gawge" Chamberlain hopped into the limelight the other day when he introduced a joint resolution in the senate abrogating existing British treaties. His action was brought about through what he termed the activity of the "anglo-manians" in attempting to dictate to the United States regarding its policy of tariffs on foreign shipping through the Panama canal, and other things which the British nation objects to. While the Oregon senator probably doesn't believe that the senate will take him seriously, he nevertheless exposed the real reason behind his move, when he declared that he would "give the people something to talk about." Even so, people can't help thinking that this country has a right to legislate to suit itself, so long as existing treaties are not violated. It won't hurt anybody to declare ourselves once in a while, and any tub is much stronger for standing on its own bottom. Go to it, Gawge, we're with ye.

Something's wrong with Michigan. The state came within 700 votes of woman suffrage in 1912, but snowed under the proposition by something like 35,000 in a recent election. In 1912 the miss was as good as the mile of the last election, but that is not saying that the miss will not keep on trying to get the ballot. The Michigan suffragists should come to Oregon, we can help 'em here.

At a time when the cause of equal suffrage is claiming converts everywhere, and state after state is adopting it, we find that divorce cases are increasing with surprising rapidity, and suicide among the women is much greater than a few years ago. Here is a problem for psychologists and sociologists.

—Trespass notices, weather proof, for sale at Observer Job office.

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