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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

Playing Dirty Politics.

The governor fires the Port of Portland commissioners, who have a record of high efficiency. His only explanation is that he decided he might as well do it now and get it off his mind. The "low down" on it is said at Salem to be that the legislature was preparing to take the appointment of Port of Portland commissioners out of the governor's hands, and that the governor proved himself quicker "on the draw" than the solons.

Out of it all will come partisan recriminations from both sides. Partisans of the legislature will blame the governor. Partisans of the governor will blame the legislature. The fact is that all concerned are playing dirty politics. A stage of the battle has been reached wherein the question of who started it all ceases to be of much interest. What the ordinary citizen, not in politics, wonders now is how far the war is to be carried and what the whole sum of its effects against the public will be. The first manifestation is rather disquieting.

Some at least of the governor's announced appointees to the Port of Portland commission are competent men. The misfortune is not in their appointment but in the removal of the experienced men who already make up the commission.

Farm Commission's Report.

Again the president's agricultural commission, in its latest report, stresses co-operative marketing of farm products as the most important item in the programme of help for the farmers. It backs its conclusion in this instance with a definite recommendation for creation of a federal co-operative marketing board, whose purpose shall be to foster development of co-operatives among soil producers.

Like all others who study the farmers' problem and who believe that co-operation offers the most practical means toward its solution, the commission has concluded that co-operation must begin with production; that there must be grading and standardization of products, and following that co-operation in the selling of what the farmers have raised and made marketable by the standardization as proposed.

The commission makes it clear that farmer co-operation must be carried through by the farmers themselves, and that the function of the proposed federal marketing board will be to point the way and to assist but not to bear the whole burden of the movement.

The commission has no confidence in such measures as the McNary-Haugen bill, original or modified. It declares what most students of the problem have concluded, that artificial stimulation of the production of any one commodity for export will merely serve further to unbalance agriculture, and that a balanced agriculture must be established, with production kept within domestic demands, plus only such additions as can be sold foreign at a profit. To pass any law which would further stimulate production by farmers would be rendering them no service but its opposite.

As additional aids to agriculture the commission recommends adjustment of railroad rates, increased activity by government experiment stations, tariff adjustment in behalf of farm products and financial help to the livestock industry.

At Salem there is a bill to create the office of state real estate commissioner at a salary of \$3000 a year. Now let's have a rental agent commissioner and a grocer commissioner and a clothing store commissioner and newspaper commissioner and any others that anybody can think of. Let's have a salaried commissioner for every line of business, so that all of us will be treated alike and no business be left free from state regulation and prying.

At a convention of clothing designers held in Chicago it was announced that men are to wear flappy trousers and that those who are ultra-fashionable will wear plaited ones. Awful enough, but not unprecedented. Some 35 or 40 years ago spring-bottom trousers were considered tony. They were skintight as far down as the calves and terminated in spat-like flares that extended well out toward the toes of the shoes. Ask dad; he knows.

The iconoclastic Capital Journal of Salem roasts Dr. Coe for giving statues to Portland, roasts that city for accepting them, roasts Mayor Baker for the quality of his judgment in art and roasts Eugene for an alleged willingness to accept whatever Coe statues Portland may reject. A good deal of which is more diverting than genuine.

We have been unable to decide whether most advertising is being given Dorothy Ellingson by the newspaper space devoted to developments in her case, or by the printing of the various communications of protest against publication of anything concerning the case.

A Portland newspaper inquires as to what justification there is for continuing the office of constable of Multnomah county. Yes, or any other county. What does a constable do that couldn't be better done by a sheriff's deputy?

May wheat is quoted at approximately \$2 a bushel in Portland and Chicago. That ought to go quite a distance towards solving the farmer's problem.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

A Liability
(Pendleton East Oregonian)
Should the legislature take the governor's appointive power away from him it will be generally considered as an act of lissiteness on the part of the legislature and won't hurt the govern-

nor any. The appointive power is a liability, not an asset to a governor.

Farmers Who Are Not Tariff-Hungry
(New York World)
That agriculture is not now sharing

in the benefits of tariff protection but that it must have an equivalent benefit at the hands of the government or it will seek the destruction of the tariff system—such in substance is the notice served upon President Coolidge's Agricultural Commission by the American Council of Agriculture.

This council seems to be largely representative of farm organizations, including the National Grange, the National Farm Bureau, the Farmers' Union and so on. It evidently speaks with great weight of authority. And what it says must be highly disturbing to the administration in its way of settling the farm problem.

It says in effect that the Western Republican farm revolt has not been killed off by high prices of wheat caused solely by an unusual shortage abroad. It says what is true—that the tariff is a bungler so far as protecting agriculture is concerned, and that the farmer knows it as well now as before wheat began to go up. It says that as long as the government permits the actual beneficiaries of the tariff to tax the farmers through high prices, the government must do as much for them in other ways or something is going to happen to the republican tariff system.

Here is a fundamental part of the farm problem, and soon or late it must be faced as such. No government can go into the business of subsidizing or specially protecting some industries without meeting serious trouble from all other industries.

It Doesn't Deter

(Oregon Journal)
Capital punishment isn't checking crime. Delays in the courts, the laxities in justice, the many advantages given criminals on trial, the failure of juries to convict, and, above all, the easy-going public with its little concern over the increase in crime, all these combine to make capital punishment a dim and distant prospect for the man who kills. Besides, the death penalty doesn't deter.

A Vicious Measure

(Marshfield News)
Another effort is to be made at the present session of the legislature to repeal the affidavit of prejudice law. A bill with that end in view has been introduced by Senator Davis. Among those who have expressed approval of the measure is Senator Upton of this district.

The affidavit of prejudice law is a child of necessity. Throughout the state were judges who forgot the high honor bestowed upon them by the people and carried out to the bench their prejudices and hates. The evil had grown so great that something had to be done and the result was the passage of the affidavit of prejudice, which permits of the filing of an affidavit by attorney or client, who have reason to believe that the judge is prejudiced, asking that the case be tried by another judge.

Perhaps no county in the state has been so much cursed in this respect as Klamath county. Had it not been for the affidavit of prejudice many clients would have suffered gross injustice and become unwitting victims of the unreasoning hate of him who was supposed to deal out even-minded justice. This law was a god-send here and we have no reason to doubt but that it was a god-send in other counties of the state.

Eugene 25 Years Ago.

(From The Guard, Jan. 29, 1900)
Cottage Grove—Information has leaked out that a company is being formed to build a railroad from this place to the Bohemia mine, a distance of 35 miles, and it is said men of large means are behind the project. It is estimated there are 50,000 acres of timber land that can be reached by such a railroad. A serious obstacle in the Cascade timber reserve which extends to the foot of the mountain 25 miles from here. The Bohemia mines have grown to sufficient importance to demand a railroad, 20 four-horse, six-horse, and eight-horse teams being used last year in hauling freight.

T. D. Linton has thus far shipped 600 bales of hops from Eugene.

Registering is now quite lively at the courthouse.

Fred Hellman has a force of men at work excavating for the proposed extension of E. H. Ingram's store on Ninth street.

H. B. Miller went to Portland today for a few days stay.

J. B. Chambers has returned from an extended trip to southern California.

Mrs. F. A. Rankin went to Sodalville this afternoon to be gone several days.

Miss Martha Medley left this afternoon for her home in Cottage Grove.

TODAY

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going out during the eclipse, decided that it meant the end of the world, ran smack, razor in hand, and slashed one man before he was overpowered. He acted quite naturally.

Fear takes men back to the animal condition and makes animals of them. You see it in war, when horrible brutalities, often disgrace both sides. Fear has more to do with fighting than courage. You see what fear does in shipwreck, causing men to trample down women and children fighting for the lifeboats.

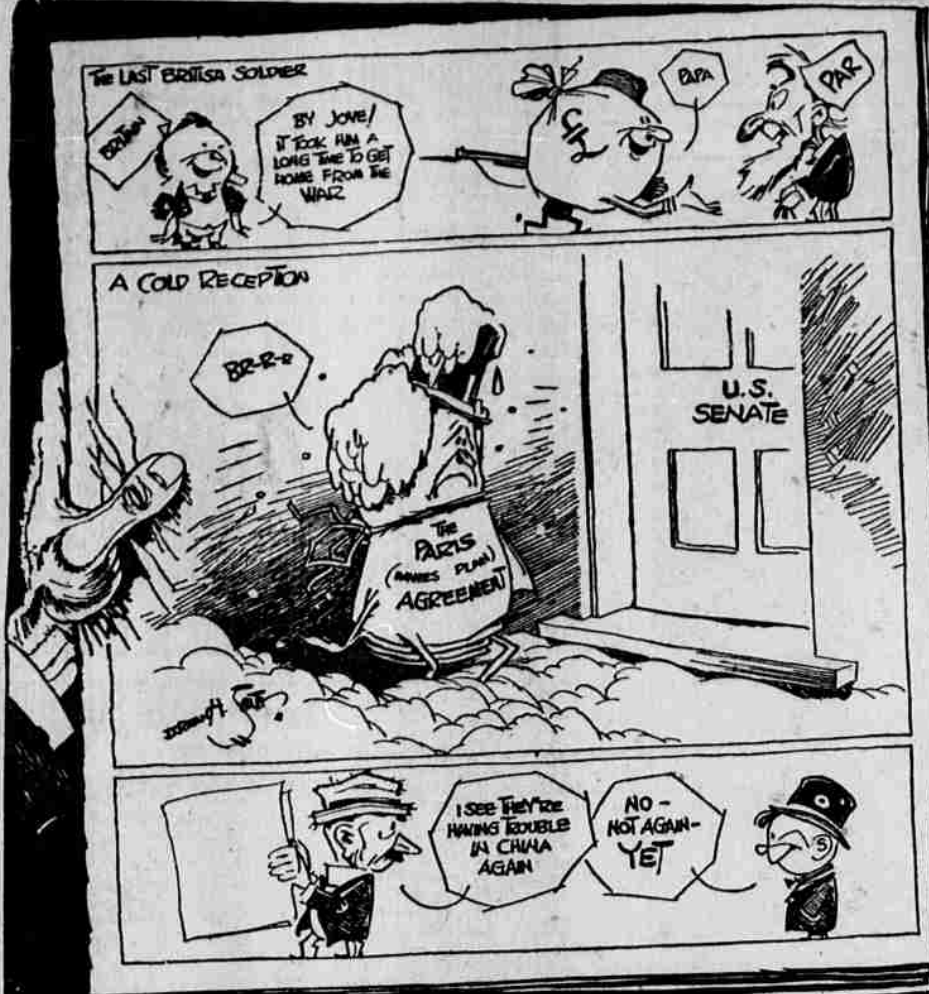
It is perfectly natural that the ancient negro, frightened by the word coming to an end, should instinctively feel that he wanted to cut somebody with his razor. That's what fear does.

The strange thing is that anybody should be worried about the world end. The same thing would happen to everybody and nobody, except, perhaps, the real estate owner would have cause for especial protest.

French fliers on their way to Lake Teland in the Sudan, landed at Calomb Rechar in the Sahara desert, promptly on time, reaching their first stopping place at 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

While this country, where flying machines were invented, wishes it had flying machines and does nothing. Ev-

A Busy Man's Newspaper



"AMERICA IS DUPED" SAYS HARVEY

Former Ambassador to England Doesn't Think so Much of Mr. Kellogg's Achievements in Regard to Reparations Settlement.

By HARRY B. HUNT
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—George Harvey late ambassador to Great Britain, is more than diplomatic in his estimate of the work of his successor, Ambassador Kellogg, secretary of state-to-be, in securing Uncle Sam a share of the collections to be made from Germany under the Dawes plan.

America's share of these scheduled collections, amounting over a long period of years to some \$250,000,000 is to repay us the cost of our army of occupation on the Rhine.

This amounts to slightly more than 2 per cent of the total collections planned to be effected through the Dawes system.

By thus bulking our claim with the reparations claims of other allied nations against Germany, Harvey holds our government has at one move nullified its whole policy of aloofness and non-participation in European affairs and that we are, as a result, as effectively ensnared in the European imbroglio as though we were a member of the league of nations.

Oregon Briefs

Channel beacons in the Columbia river are being re-established west of Rainier. A big pile driver is working down stream from that city.

A special election has been called for February 3 at Monmouth to decide upon the issuance of \$35,000 worth of bonds to construct trunk line sewers.

James R. Howell, who came to Oregon at the age of 16 with his parents, died recently at his home in Wasco, aged 79 years.

The \$250,000 Elks, temple at Astoria has been completed and the first regular session in the lodge room of the structure was held last week.

Mrs. Rose E. Barrett, who has attained national distinction as the city manager of Warrenton, has announced her resignation to engage in private work.

The new \$250,000 highway bridge across the Lewis and Clark river below Astoria is fast approaching completion and will be opened to traffic shortly after the first of February.

A slide of about 10,000 yards of debris has completely blocked the Coos Bay-Reedsport highway at Sugar Loaf, in the Coquille river middle fork canyon. The slide followed a three-inch rain.

Because of coyotes preying upon sheep, goats, turkeys, chickens and pigs, farmers in the Brownville and neighborhood communities are organizing for an extermination of the animals. A \$10 bounty is being offered for each coyote killed.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A new office building going up on Times Square will be open day and night. The owners ask prospective tenants to consider the possibilities of doing business 24 hours a day, pointing out that many out-of-town people combine business and pleasure and that they could go direct from the theater to offices in the new building for all-night conferences.

The most elegant wraps in town are worn to the opera. Last night I saw women and girls leaving the Met in white, ermine, silver cloth, gold cloth, red plush Spanish shawls and Russian sables. The cost of any one of those flocks would keep any family

stalled, if you please, in a corral "horse high and hog tight."

Strong words, those, for the man who has been the editorial champion of President Coolidge—the man who claimed to have turned the tide toward Coolidge in the late election by his slogan: "Coolidge or chaos."

Now, seemingly, George is of the mind that although we have Coolidge we may be headed for chaos anyway.

One thing seems certain out of the situation. We will be in for a period of prolonged debate in the senate, in which the whole scope of Uncle Sam's relationship to Europe—past, present and future—will be raked over again.

Senators who hold the Harvey view point—including the old irreconcilable battalion of the league of nations fight—will claim the Kellogg agreement ineffective and without force until reviewed and approved by the senate.

If this contention is sustained, a long wrangle in the senate, with all the bitterness and uncertainty that accompanied the league fight, seems inevitable.

Should President Coolidge approve the Kellogg agreement, he will precipitate a breach in his own party on the very eve of the beginning of his new administration.

Should he reject the agreement, he is placed in position of repudiating his own selection for secretary of state.

When Louis Judd graduated from Amherst in 1884 he had not decided on a career. Seeing that the Astor Library wanted an assistant he applied. When it was one of the units amalgamated 14 years ago to form the New York Public Library, Judd moved uptown and has been there since. Now at 66 he is known by hundreds of readers, many of them great scientists, educators and business men whom he has helped with suggestions for reading and references.

Snow shovellers have been at work on Manhattan streets for more than two weeks. These gangs are the most colorful selection of unskilled laborers to be found any place in the world, I believe. Some of them are ragged tramps. Some are foreigners just over from the other side. Some of them are aged men, too weak to lift a full shovel of snow. Some of them are men of affluence fallen to low estate. Some of them are men who labor at other jobs and shovel snow in off hours to stretch the family purse a bit.

At Sixth avenue and Forty-fourth street the other night I saw one of the snow shovellers wearing white spats and kid gloves. On Thirty-eighth avenue, a day or two ago I saw a man wearing a derby hat and frock coat. He worked on the fringe of the gang, doing as little as possible, trying to appear as though he did not belong to the uncouth gang.

Tom Sims Says—

Romance is not dead. It is just a trifle dizzy from watching the other emotions move so fast.

It is often hard to see how some people act the way they do until you feel inclined to act that way yourself.

While an operation is painful it may improve your health. The same is true of cutting out a bad habit.

A conservative is a man who is either wise or cowardly, all according to whether you are a conservative or not.

Absence frequently has a tendency to make the appetite grow stronger.

Perhaps others don't think as you think because they think more.

A train of thoughts travels fastest when it is running express instead of local, but it is more likely to have a wreck.

Being sure you are right before going ahead would be better advice if you could ever be sure of anything.

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