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THURSDAY, MARCH 19.

No Cause For Excitement.

SOME of the boys of the legislature are getting ready to investigate the workmen's compensation law and recommend changes when the solons meet again. On the commission created by the legislature for the purpose are such stalwart champions of the public weal as Gus Moser, Billy Banks and Johnny Coffey. Each of these is, of course, noted for the altruism of his legislative endeavors. Undoubtedly the work of this committee will prove about as effective as that of Ben Olcott's committee on consolidation of state departments or that of the tax investigation committee of a few years ago.

Among the friends of the workmen's compensation law are some who view with alarm the warming up exercises of this legislative investigating committee. They fear its activities bode no good to the law. Really though, there is nothing to get excited about. Even if it be true that this committee is the creation of an unfriendly movement, its promoters have taken about the surest possible way to make their own efforts fizzle. The legislature does not regard the work of such committees seriously, as witness the cool indifference with which it consigned to oblivion the report of the aforementioned consolidation committee and that of the taxation committee. And these reports, mind you, embodied carefully thought out and thoroughly practical recommendations of reforms for which there was public demand.

There is no demand for extensive amendment of the workmen's compensation act. At the recent session of the legislature a number of amendments drawn and promoted after close study, by Senator Maglady, of Lane county, were enacted which cured minor defects and inequalities in the law. The voters last November recorded their emphatic verdict against an attempt to amend the act on the side of radicalism. They will be just as emphatic in rejecting any changes designed in favor of the casualty companies or other opponents of the law as it stands. The legislative committee may as well save its efforts. Even if the legislature should reverse its usual course in dealing with such committees and take cognizance of its report, the voters will have the final say on whatever changes in the law may be attempted.

The Unlovely First Fruits.

A BILL prescribing a maximum 48-hour working week for women and children in industry has been chloroformed in the New York legislature. Thus do the first fruits of defeat of the federal child labor amendment begin to appear. And they give food for thought to those who in opposing the amendment agreed that legislation for protection of the weak in industry could with safety be left to the states. It can safely be left to some states but not all. And the only period during which there was real progress in the country as a whole in such legislation was that when the federal government was leading the way in the effort, through enactment of child labor laws which were later held unconstitutional.

The New York World, which first vigorously supported the federal child labor amendment, turned in the midst of the campaign and as vigorously opposed it. Apparently it had found its position untenable, in that it had been opposing federal prohibition while supporting federal regulation of child labor. Since the defeat of the child labor amendment became apparent the World has been urging the backward states, including New York, to do their own legislating for the adequate protection of women and children in industry. But the World has been getting nowhere with its efforts. Its arguments that defeat of the federal amendment was not an expression of popular disapproval of efforts to protect children in industry, but only a mandate for state rather than federal regulation, fall upon unheeding ears at Albany. Albany is listening to other voices—and selfish ones—which have been encouraged by what has happened to the federal child labor amendment, to speak forth boldly. What is happening at Albany is an indication of what may be expected in a few other states, and none of it is going to be designed to help women and children who toil.

The federal child labor amendment is defeated and the issue is a settled issue for the present. But it isn't settled right.

Who are the oncoming actors of the speaking stage? Who shall take the place of such an artist, for instance, as Otis Skinner when he drops out? One looks about in vain for the answer. Where are the Irvings, the Mansfields, the Keenes, the Mantells, the Salvinis, the John Drews, the Frederick Wardes, the Maurice Barrymores, the Roland Reeds and the Nat Goodwins of other years? They have no counterparts on the stage now. It seems one must look beyond the vogue of the movies for the reason why.

While a tornado was taking many lives and causing heavy damage to property in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri yesterday, we were in the midst of a perfect spring afternoon in Eugene. Why do people choose to live in the tornado belt?

Land offices in many locations have outlived their usefulness, and have been continued long beyond their justified time through pork-barrel politics. Now the president, by executive order, has abolished 39 of them, including two in Oregon.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Vetoes and the Normal (Corvallis Gazette-Times) This coin finds itself in sincere sympathy with most of the vetoes of Governor Pierce of the appropriation bills. None of the vetoes is going to harm a legitimate state activity or cripple a necessary state industry. In our judgment, he could very well have vetoed the state another \$175,000 by vetoing the Ashland normal school ap-

If there is any public need for additional normal facilities, and we believe there is, the state could do well to put the added burden of training teachers under the supervision of the state university at Eugene. Why is it necessary to pay for so many duplications of courses? Teachers have to have training in English, grammar, mathematics, philosophy, and so forth, all of which are being taught at the state university. The only additional course the university would have to add would be pedagogy for grade teachers. It could be done at less expense than anywhere else.

Mail Order Buying

An exchange, commenting on the approach of taxpaying time, wonders if the taxpayers, who bought from mail order houses during the last year in preference to home business houses, are aware that such patronage does no one any good but the mail order house.

Regardless of comparative quality of goods, or prices, the home business houses pay a large share of the taxes, besides being called upon to donate to this, to give to that, to support, always financially, every cause; and whether the layman realizes it or not, that is indirectly a discount on what merchandise he buys at home. Yet that layman, buying away from home, and continuing to do so, will eventually raise his own taxes by putting the home business man out of business. And while increasing his taxes, he takes away from the value of his property.

These are simple facts that apply to farmers as well as city residents. We all want to buy economically. We want an inherent right to do so. But a pinch-penny policy is not always economy—and too frequently it is failure thoroughly to understand that principle that results in mail order buying.

The Hammond Promotion

(Pendleton East Oregonian) C. C. Hammond, former Oregon man, is now a major general and chief of the militia bureau at Washington. Some years ago General Hammond was a deputy sheriff in Lane county and was chosen as colonel of the old fourth Oregon regiment. He had served in the Spanish war and always continued his interest in military affairs. His rise has not been as rapid as seems. He has plugged along for many years and his success may be credited to perseverance plus considerable natural ability for the line of work he is following.

The Roosevelt Tradition

(New York World) Discussing his coming scientific expedition into the wilds of Asia, Theodore Roosevelt made a modest out of the newspaper. If he must say that he was following in the footsteps of his father, he urged that they should at least add a certain footnote.

Now this was surely a modest request. But at the moment all that can be said is that Mr. Roosevelt intends to follow his father's footsteps. Whether he actually follows that big track is another question. For ourselves, if, as and when this expedition returns, as all the father's expeditions returned, and if, as and when it brings home the bacon, as all the father's expeditions brought home the bacon, we agree to add the recommended footnote, which was: "It takes a tough man to do it."

In Lighter Vein

Proved. (Washington Star) "Do you believe in what they call the unconscious mind?" "What do you mean by that?" inquired Senator Sorghum cautiously. "A part of your mentality that causes you to know things and yet not realize that you know them." "Certainly. Any man is liable to have that kind of an attack when he is making out his income-tax return."

Putting Him Right.

(The Humorist) The Entertainer—"If any lady or gentleman in the audience will call out the name of some female character in Shakespeare, I will endeavor to portray that character."

A Voice—"Florence Nightingale!" The Entertainer—"I said Shakespeare, Sir, not Dickens!"

Sanitary No End.

(The Baptist) Doctor—"I have taken every precaution to prevent the spread of contagion in your family." Rustin—"Absolutely, doctor. We've done bought a sanitary cup, an' we all drink from it."

If There's a Car Long Enough.

(Life) In Switzerland an engine has been invented called the "Schreckenkondensationsdampfkombi." In this country they'd hang a name like that on a Pullman car.

Good Word For Fits.

(Judge) Physician—"I've just discovered a new disease." Patient—"Call it 'Fitsis.'" "Why?" "Because it just fits into a crossword puzzle I'm composing."

Tom Sims Says—

SOMEBODY'S liable to come over here in an airship some day and scare our dove of peace.

It takes about a week to dodge a day's work.

Even if a man does pass you with his auto he may be behind with his payments.

Since it requires 17 processes to wash a stiff collar they should drop the grindstone and make it 16.

Next time a man tells you talk is cheap ask him if he knows how much a session of congress costs.

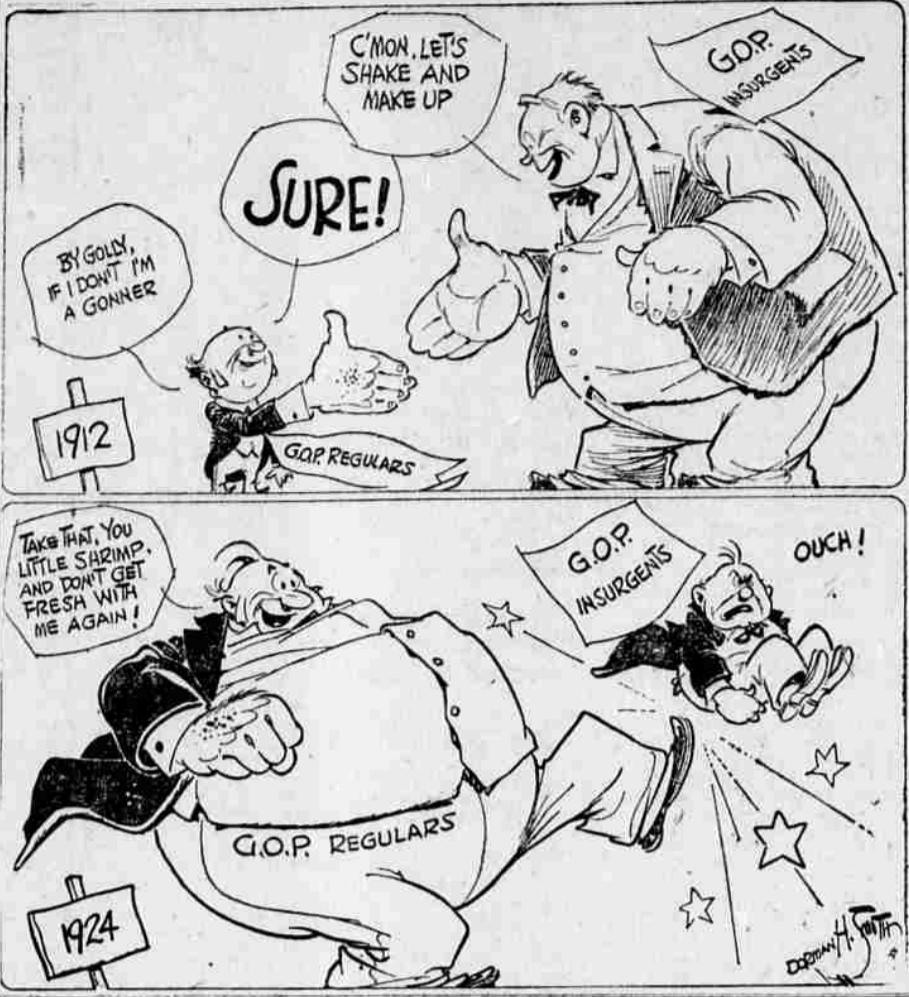
Lots of people are going to the movies without cough drops.

Are there any cattle around a stock exchange? I reader asks us. Yes. Hogs and lambs.

Spring dresses are straight even though cut by designing creatures.

Life is a gamble. The cards you catch are no unless you watch how you play them.

Oh, Of Course, There's a Difference



MRS. WILSON RESUMES ACTIVITIES

Widow of Late President Emerges From Seclusion to Meet With Democratic Women

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, March 19.—After more than a year of rigid retirement, following the death of President Wilson, Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson, his widow, yielded her seclusion for the first time to participate publicly at the annual meeting of the Women's National Democratic club here, on March 7.

Mrs. Wilson received members of the club at her home, following a pilgrimage by them to the tomb of the late president in Bethlehem chapel, and later presided over a table at a dinner given by the democratic women.

That Mrs. Wilson chose the occasion of the club's annual meeting to resume active public contacts again is said to be due to the fact that, shortly before his death, the former president urged her to do whatever she could to assist this organization, which he regarded as offering immense possibilities for service to the party.

That women are less politically minded than men was evidenced during the stay in Washington, following the inauguration, of Mrs. Nellie Taylor-Ross, governor of Wyoming. Mrs. Ross—or, "Governor" Ross—was hailed by the women of Washington, irrespective of party.

Republicans and democrats alike forgot that in her election a democ-

rat has won the governorship of a great state.

The thing that mattered, and the only thing that mattered to them, it seemed, was that a woman had won a governorship. For in the present stage of their political evolution, women are women first and political aspirants second.

Whether Frank H. Kellogg, as secretary of international affairs, will swing a "big stick" in international affairs remains to be demonstrated. But one thing is conceded as certain: He will swing the "wickedest club" to be found anywhere in the capital's diplomatic golfing corps.

Kellogg will take precedence at the head of Washington golfists this summer not merely because he is ranking head of the cabinet, but because, in addition, he is actually an expert at the game.

His golfing had no little to do, it is said, with his popularity as American ambassador in London.

Both Colonel George Harvey and John W. Davis, who had set high marks as golfers while representing the United States in the land where golf had its birth, had won favor because of their skill with the masher and midiron. But neither Davis nor Harvey could hold a candle to Kellogg in the "ancient and honorable" pastime.

Kellogg was golf champion of the senate, during his service in that house, and the senate has many members who are better golfers than they are legislators.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL

THE two schools of farm policy have, for the time being, apparently neutralized each other into inaction, and the farmer will be left, as usual to look out for himself—which, in the long run, and with much individual tribulation and injustice, he always manages to do.

One school wants to "vass a law about it," and the other wants to help the farmer to tools to do something about it.

One would put the government back into war-time artificial means of purchase, guarantee, or political export bureau, with the result, inevitably, of encouraging over-production in precisely the commodities of which we have already a surplus, leaving us to import the things which might have been raised in their place.

The other would help the farmer, by organization, to solve his own marketing problem.

The second school has the experts and most of the practical farmers behind it.

There is more politics in the first. Between them, we wait a while.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard, March 19, 1900) Separate company, C. O. N. G. today received the uniforms and some blankets. The other arms and equipment arrived some time ago, and the company is now ready for duty.

The fine weather of yesterday induced many to indulge in carriage drives and bicycle rides.

S. M. Garrison of Portland is in town today.

Miss Jenn Wold who has been in Chicago for the past two years has returned to be at the home of her mother.

George A. Houck, the well-known rancher and goat breeder who is interested in the forming of a pool of the mohair grown in Benton and Lane county tells a Guard reporter that the proposition is meeting with favor.

Dr. W. Kuykendall is a visitor in Portland for a few days.

Attorneys John S. Medley, J. E. Young, and Jerome Knox are in town to attend circuit court.

Building permits were issued in

Fellowship of Prayer

Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

THURSDAY
The Reward of Faithfulness

Read Luke 9:18-27. Text: 9:24. But whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Meditation—There are some values that cannot be had by striving for them directly. They come only by indirect results. No man can say, behold now I shall live a great life and experience life's greatest blessings. But if a man does good today and tomorrow as opportunity offers, he comes to the end of each day with the consciousness that he has truly lived. Christ was continually anxious that men should have true goals and worthy motives. Where this is true real life follows as a natural and direct result.

"Self-denial, sacrifice and obedience result in the only experience worthy of the name 'life.'"

Prayer—Gracious God, teach us to see the duty that lies nearest at hand. May we find ways of working with our fellows to do the work of the world, that we lose not the sense of thy divine companionship. Let us live in heavenly places with Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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Oregon Toll Gates To be Abandoned

BEND, Ore., March 19.—The Klamath county court found out last Saturday that a toll road could not be maintained on a star route and notified Duke Brothers of the Central Oregon Stage company to take down the toll gates, according to information received here yesterday by the Bend commercial club. The information came from the Crescent committee which has been working for the elimination of the toll line and received the information direct from Klamath Falls.

Two star routes, a mail route to Silver Lake from Bend and one from Lapins to Crescent are routed over this road. The Bend commercial club plans to send a delegate to the hearing on the road which has been set for Saturday at Klamath Falls.

Portland Fireman Under Indictment

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—Chester C. Buchtel, fireman who recently confessed to setting 66 fires, was indicted by the county grand jury late Tuesday on two counts charging arson.

John F. Logan, attorney for Buchtel, announced today that the defense would shortly ask the court to have Buchtel examined by a commission of alienists.

Thousands of Baby Chicks are Burned

SANTA ROSA, Cal., March 19.—Thirty-two thousand baby chicks were burned to death when the B. W. Rutherford hatchery at Sebastopol, west of here, went up in flames yesterday. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. The flames melted the main power lines into Sebastopol and left the town in darkness from four o'clock until dawn.

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LONDON, March 19.—Severe earth tremors were felt along the northern coast of the Isle of Jersey and other of the channel islands between two and three o'clock yesterday morning. Residents declare it was the severest felt in the locality for many years. No damage was reported.

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Price Reduction In Gasoline met

PORTLAND, Ore., March 19.—The Union Oil company, has met the price reduction of one cent a gallon announced by the General Petroleum company here Tuesday. The retail price of gasoline as sold by these companies is now 20c, including a three-cent state tax. Shell Oil company officials here said they expected to receive authority from California at any time to make a reduction.

GAS PRICE DROPS

SEATTLE, March 19.—Two large companies distributing gasoline here announced a reduction of one cent a gallon, making the sales price 19 cents. This includes two cents state tax.

Oregon Briefs

The Albany Democrat-Herald announces that there will be no Sunday paper in Albany hereafter, the Sunday Democrat having been published for several months without profit.

John A. Shaw, 76, pioneer Oregon sawmill man and timber man, died at Ashland where he was taken ill while on his way from California to his home at Albany.

Building permits were issued in

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

THE RIGHTEOUS shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.—Psalm 37:29

Bible Question (Look up the answer) Why is it wrong to boast?—Prov. 27:11.