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THURSDAY, MAY 14.

Demagogy.

IF THE Dennis resolution had proposed directly to out-law income tax and inheritance tax in Oregon for fifteen years, those legislators who voted for it might legitimately expect the reproaches of those of their constituents who favor the income tax and the inheritance tax. But what the Dennis resolution provides is that the proposal to outlaw income tax and inheritance tax for fifteen years be placed before the voters of Oregon for their verdict at the polls. How then are legislators representing pro-income tax constituencies guilty of betrayal of their trust?

This newspaper is opposed to the Dennis resolution. It believes it should be and will be defeated. It believes further that it ought never to have been submitted. But those few newspapers and politicians who are seeking to hold up to public scorn and contempt as traitors all legislators who voted for the resolution are guilty of the sheerest demagogy. Furthermore they are guilty of gross inconsistency, because they are the ones who have been loudest heretofore in their demands for submission to the voters of all measures of legislation of every sort. What they have argued is that there should be an expression of the popular will on everything. What they now argue is that those who voted to provide for an expression of the popular will on the Dennis resolution are all horse-thieves and villains deserving of the public opprobrium and contempt.

If there had been, instead of the Dennis resolution, one to place before the voters a proposal to commit the state to the principle of income tax for a fixed period of years, would there have been the same mauling of all legislators who voted for its submission by those who are doing the mauling now? We trow not.

Mr. Bryan Enters the Fray.

SINCE the days of 1896 when, as "the boy orator of the Platte," he waged and lost the fight for free silver, William Jennings Bryan has kept himself before the public in advocacy of one cause or another that the majority of public opinion declined to accept. To be a minority advocate is not necessarily always to be wrong, but in Mr. Bryan's case the passing years have nearly always confirmed the acceptance of the view opposite to the one he espoused. Prohibition was the notable exception.

In Tennessee they have enacted a law to forbid the teaching of the theory of evolution in the schools. In order to test the law, a teacher has violated it and has been arrested. Mr. Bryan rushes enthusiastically to the side of the prosecution. Says Mr. Bryan:

I have been asked to help in the fight to preserve the integrity of that law, and I have telegraphed that I am going to do it. I don't know how well we come out. One never does know when he gets into a thing nowadays just how he is going to get out.

Mr. Bryan states a great truth in that last sentence. One doesn't know nowadays, anymore than one knew back in 1896, how one is going to come out of what one goes into. But now as then one can give a fairly shrewd guess.

Mr. Bryan declaims that "on the word of a well-known scientist, the belief in a personal God and a personal immortality is dying out." Nobody's belief alters truth. Why should one so very sure as Mr. Bryan is of all the facts worry over the views of those who lack his certainty of perception? Says Mr. Bryan:

When we get through with this fight against godless teaching in our schools you will find that 100,000,000 out of 110,000,000 people of this country are going to run the schools—not a handful of self-important scientists. The hand that writes the teacher's paycheck is the hand that rules the schools.

Possibly, Mr. Bryan, possibly. But the hand that writes the paycheck is unable, and no human power is able, to stop the process of thought in teacher and pupil or to kill an idea. Back through the centuries the thing has often been tried. The first success is yet to be recorded.

There was no inference, given or intended, in what The Guard had to say about the presence of Corporation Commissioner Crews at the recent Guaranty oil company stockholders' meeting. What The Guard intended to convey on the subject it expressed as best it could in plain words. It is not conscious of having done injustice to Mr. Crews, as he charges, and it sees no reason for modifying its remarks concerning the effects of his presence at that meeting. There was no intimation that the corporation commissioner was actuated by improper motives. But it seems as apparent to this newspaper now as ever that the corporation commissioner's attendance at a meeting whose plainly evident purpose was to pave the way for a campaign for the selling of stock in a highly speculative enterprise was an inappropriate action on his part and one of distinct advantage to the Guaranty promoters.

The Oregon Emerald is quite right in advising university students to comply with the request of the city authorities that thirteenth avenue between curbs be regarded as an avenue of traffic for wheeled vehicles, motor and other. The pavement of an open street, even when it intersects a campus, is a poor place for loitering. The wonder is that serious accidents have not occurred from the rather general disregard of this fact.

The dispatches say that vessels of the rum fleet which have been driven from their places off the Coast of New York by vigilant government cutters, are coming around to the Pacific side. Is that a threat or a promise?

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Flying Course for Midshipmen.

So far as the laxman can judge, Secretary Wilbur has taken a constructive step in ordering a course in aerodynamics at the naval academy. By this step he remedies one of the faults noted by critics of the present training system; that naval officers are untrained in flying and therefore

incompetent to direct it. The whole question of a separate department is still unsettled, but one of the real objections to it, surely, is that it would create rivalry between arms of the service which to better must be united. By making naval officers airmen as well as seamen, unification begins with training and does not have to be produced by artificial co-ordination.

Men trained under the new plan should not be ignorant as is now alleged against naval officers, of the technique and possibilities of aviation. There remains the "old fog" problem, the command of air units by amphibious and ultra-conservative men; but even this may be solved by appointing airmen to high staff positions. While arguments and theories shake the wicker, Secretary Wilbur deserves credit for taking practical steps to make effective our sea forces as they are now organized.

"Weeks" and "Days."

We hand the celluloid fire shovel to the Salem Statesman. In one issue it fell for editorials on one "day" and on two "weeks." Still, if a newspaper succumbs to this sort of propaganda it will require at least three editorials a day to keep up with staff.

The Pioneer Pagan.

We congratulate Lane county on the success of its school pagan. It's a fine thing to take stock of our boys and girls. Lane county set the pace in Oregon in this regard last fall, when it paid a pagan in connection with its county fair.

A Correction.

The Eugene Guard advised us that work on its new hotel has not been stopped. That's fine and we are glad to make the announcement, for it indicates that some more money came from somewhere.

New Industries.

The Telegram has frequently stressed the importance of locating and developing more manufacturing institutions. Nothing so stimulates the building of a city as smokestacks and more smokestacks. Factories, more families here, more payrolls, more grocery stores, more shoe shines, more everything else.

Co-operating with the chamber of commerce, local furniture dealers have sent out letters to furniture manufacturers throughout the country inviting them to set up factories here and advancing reasons for so doing. These letters point out that raw materials are immediately at hand and cheaper here than in other sections of the United States; that manufacturing costs are lower; that working conditions give greater labor efficiency; that Portland is located in the center of a rich and growing local market, and that it has facilities for reaching the foreign buying centers of the world.

Ready to Fight.

Here is a dispatch from Washington relative to the blockade of the rum fleet off the Atlantic coast:

Rear Admiral Billard, the coast guard commander, said his forces undoubtedly were facing a war to the death. In the last three weeks a dozen incidents have been reported to coast guard headquarters which would give unmistakable evidence that it is the intention of rum runners and their land conspirators to use bullets on guardsmen wherever they were found. Some guardsmen are threatening to resign because of the hazard faced by their families on shore when they are absent on duty.

One guardsman was kidnaped at Atlantic City.

A cutter was ambushed off Montauk Point.

Threatening letters have been received at several stations and guard headquarters.

Word has gone out to "get" guardsmen stationed at Narragansett bay.

Cutters have been fired upon at sea and from shore off Florida.

Commander Yant, assistant to Admiral Billard, says officers and their land conspirators to use bullets on guardsmen wherever they were found. Some guardsmen are threatening to resign because of the hazard faced by their families on shore when they are absent on duty.

The bootleggers are going to fight for their profits. They are even prepared to take lives in the struggle. The situation on the Atlantic coast is serious, with if the law is to be upheld, and under those conditions the flag cannot be lowered, no matter what the cost.

Oregon Briefs

Fines and fees collected by County Clerk Luce at Hillsboro during April amounted to \$2454.65 and by Recorder Davis for the same month \$541.30.

Governor Pierce will be the principal speaker at the meeting of Baker county Pomona Grange at Durkee Friday, May 25.

Forty members of the Pendleton post of the American Legion have joined the drum corps which is being organized in that city.

A public library is to be established in the city hall at Vernonia. Mrs. Eugene Marsh is to be librarian. Expenses will be borne by the city.

Miss Viola Tolent has been selected as valedictorian and Miss Clara Dougherty as salutatorian for the high school graduation exercises to be held at Brownsville May 24.

Fred W. Herman, attorney at Rainier, has been appointed justice of the peace in that city to succeed A. I. Clark, who was recently appointed postmaster.

Contract for the construction of the new public school building at Klamath Falls has been let to John Ameter & Son of Portland on their bid of \$97,437.

The body of Frederick Stucki, pioneer resident of the Bethany district in Washington county, was found a few days ago hanging in his woodshed. He had been despondent because of illness.

Yamhill county will be listed among the flax growing counties in Oregon this year. Of the 2200 acres of flax contracted by the industry, something over 100 acres is in old Yamhill.

In addition to their eyelids, owls have a screen that they draw side ways across their eyes while they sleep in the daytime.

A Word To The Wise, Etc.—



OLD FUGITIVES TO BE SOUGHT

Department of Justice Embarking on Plan Certain to be Unpopular in Some Quarters

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, May 14.—Justice department officials are fixing up an arrangement they believe will make it easier to catch fugitive criminals throughout the world. Several European governments think well of it. Next the department plans to submit it to Latin America.

It's a cinch it won't get the endorsement of certain long-time North American residents of that part of Latin America known as the River Plate region.

Several of them are very prominent and influential there, too. If they object to the justice department's scheme their protest will count. And



they're sure to object. In some instances old scores stand against them in the home land that don't outlaw under the statute of limitations.

"Old Bob," for instance—not to designate him too explicitly, "Old Bob" has lived 20 years in and around Buenos Aires. He's a very substantial, conservative citizen now, but he makes no bones of the fact that once he robbed trains and rustled cattle along the Mexican border.

One evening he was talking with me in a cafe on the Avenida, when the question of the year of the "A. R. U." strike came up. "I think it was in 1894," said Bob. "Yes," after a moment's reflection, "I know it was, because that was the year they chased me out of Texas for killing a man, and the strike was going on at the time."

Why is it that Americans break more laws than any civilized people, asked ex-Governor Hadley of Missouri in a recent speech before the

American law institute. Then, answering his own question, the ex-governor said the trouble is with our criminal courts—they let folk break the laws and "get away with it."

Dr. Charles R. Mann, talking before the American council of education, of which he's director, offered a different explanation. His theory is that Americans violate more laws than any other nationality because they have so many more to violate.

If a penniless criminal falls into the law's hands, he's in hard luck. Hadley says, but the one with money turns his case into a game between his lawyers and the prosecution and wins, provided he's had sense enough to provide himself with a better legal battery than the opposition's.

If the American people are contented by a fact they don't like, observes Dr. Mann, they pass a law changing the fact. Only facts can't be changed in reality, adds the doctor. "This wasn't a debate between Hadley and Mann. It simply happened they got onto the same subject at the same time at two entirely different meetings in Washington.

A painters' strike is on here. Word came into union headquarters that 60 men were painting a big house in New Hampshire avenue. An agent



hastened to the spot. "What's this?" he demanded.

"This," said the foreman, "is the Italian embassy—foreign territory," as, indeed, foreign embassies and legations are supposed to be. What's more, the union officials recognized it, when their attention was called to the fact, and didn't interfere.

for by his spiel on the effect the candles would have on the consumer, it being along the general line that man and woman eating the candle, with proper attention to its spiritual quality, would develop an affinity for each other.

Of course, Tim presented his talk in the spirit of humor and it was usually received in like spirit. Occasionally a lonely lady yearning for conversation with another human would engage him in a discussion of telepathy, occult influences and the inner consciousness. Tim would quote Freud, Nietzsche and Havelock Ellis. The lady would be impressed with his profundity and buy his candy. So would others who had been listening in.

Tim made more than a comfortable living, but the day of the Village is passing and he is planning to return to the stage, whence he came.

A lady of fifty summers walked into the WEAF broadcasting station the other day and asked for Graham McNamee, the announcer. She presented him with a spray of cherry blossoms and told him that she had come in to see if his eyes were really blue. When she suggested further meetings, McNamee, with great cordiality, asked her to come in some time when she could meet Mrs. McNamee. This ended one of the many, many undequoted loves of the wireless.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL
FOR the first time, this summer, the dream of polar exploration through the air is to come true. At least three expeditions are already announced, and there will doubtless be more.

There is no reason to doubt the success of at least some of them. What was once a foolishly-entertained notion is now only a matter of organization and equipment. There are easily accessible bases from which a flight to the pole would be no longer than many other flights which have often been taken. To establish intermediate bases, accessible only by air, is simply a matter of more planes and supplies. Not only the mere attainment of

the pole, but the exploration of vast regions hitherto unknown, is now still risk and hardship, but so little by comparison that more will doubtless be done in the next five years than in all the previous history of Arctic exploration.

And then, a few years after that will come the era when there will be regular Cook's tours to the North Pole, for amusement.

In Lighter Vein

Modesty (Washington Star)
"You must be very popular out home."
"I dunno as I am so popular," answered Senator Sorghum. "Folks have sort of come to regard me as inevitable."

One Hindenburg Policy. (Ohio State Journal)
While unfamiliar with most of President-elect Hindenburg's policies, if any, we'll bet we know where the rugged old hero stands on beer and light wines.

Mr. Dawes's Advantage (Springfield Republican)
Mr. Dawes has the advantage of the senate in that he is in session all the time.

Earning Capacity (Washington Star)
"How's your boy Josh doing?"
"Not so well," answered Farmer Cornsow. "He's neglecting his alphabet for his studies. I'm afraid he'll turn out to be a college professor instead of a baseball player."

The Wrong Post (Hamilton Royal Gazette)
Cop—Here, how did you fall in that gutter?
Some—I saw two lamp-posts, or shifter, an' I guess I leaped on the wrong one.

The Transformation (Princeton Tiger)
Irate Customer—Here, look what you did!
Laundryman—I can't see anything wrong with that lace.
"Lace? That was a sheet!"

What the Hen is For (Pearson's Weekly)
City Boarder—I suppose you hatch all these chickens yourself?
Farmer—"No. We keep hens for that purpose!"

Wouldn't Be Alive. (Boston Transcript)
Mrs. Chatter—What's would you do, dearest, if I should suddenly become deaf and dumb?
Husband—Why, I'd send for the undertaker, of course.

Real Secrecy. (Cornell Widow)
Peg—I'm engaged. Don't tell.
Mary—Marvelous. Who isn't I tell first?

Tom Sims Says—
AUTOS killed 10,000 last year, not counting those who worked themselves to death paying bills.

A hen doesn't lead such a bad life. We wouldn't mind being able to sit still for three weeks.

Another thing to turn green in the spring is the man who drinks the dandelion wine he makes.

Uncle Joe Cannon has started smoking again, perhaps because the Christmas cigars are all gone.

Not long ago a man told us there was a Santa Claus. Now scientists say the hen isn't so busy.

Prince of Wales spoke to the Boers in their native tongue. Hope the Boers were not bored.

The crown prince of Italy is going to Japan. All these prince boys have spring fever.

In New York a man is charged with wrecking hotel furniture. A hotel bed wrecked by one.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of May 14, 1908)
The appointments made last night by Mayor Harris of Robert Brady for policeman and James M. Turner

for commissioner are good ones and will be endorsed by the people generally.

The candidates addressed Springfield yesterday, and a good crowd turned out.

A reception will be held in the Congregational church Friday evening honoring Rev. and Mrs. Wallace who have just come to the city to make their home.

Why not organize a bicycle club, also a baseball club?

The street sprinkler is on duty for the summer.

George Frissell of the McKenzie bridge is in town for a day or so. He says several persons attempted to cross the Cascades with wagons today.

C. C. Matlock has sold 150 bicycles this year, according to his report.

Fight for Estate Is in Preparation

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14.—A fight for the estate of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman of this city, killed at Cloverdale, B. C., Thursday, when their car went into a ditch on their way to attend the Tulip festival in Bellingham, Wash., was in preparation here today. Mrs. John Chapman, of Glace Bay, N. S., sent word to a lawyer that she was married to Chapman and never divorced from him, but that he left her and a small daughter when he enlisted at Glace Bay early in the war.

Mrs. Chapman wrote that her husband was discharged at Halifax, N. S., in 1918 and wrote her she would never see him again. Mrs. May Landry, of Portland, Ore., a sister of the Glace Bay wife, was in Vancouver visiting a daughter and read of the tragedy in a newspaper. She identified Chapman's body.

Religious Council Work is Planned

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14.—Plans for carrying on the work of the Oregon council of religious education were announced at the fortieth annual convention of the organization in session here today by Mrs. Jean M. Johnson, general secretary. The year's program will include a three month campaign for religious education beginning October 1 in which the churches of the state are asked to participate under a state committee. Other activities planned are 30 county conventions, eight standard teachers' training schools, a special state fair exhibit, older girls' conferences and vocational bible schools.

Youthful Burglar Shot in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14.—Leonard Newton, 18, walked into the police station yesterday, his right arm dripping blood, and gave himself up to face a charge of burglary. He had been shot by Fred Guiltner, who fired through a door at his soft drink establishment, when the burglar entered the place.

A. F. Des Boullons, city fireman, is in the emergency hospital today suffering from cuts inflicted by Elmer Zimmerman, whom he caught while Zimmerman was fleeing from a house. Zimmerman was charged with attempting to rob.

Plans for Masonic Temple are Drawn

New plans for the proposed Masonic temple here are being drawn at Portland by O. R. Bean and Lawrence and Holford and they are expected to be completed in the near future. It is estimated that the building will cost approximately \$200,000, according to members of the building committee of the Eugene lodge. The building will cover a site of 30 by 160 feet on the plot owned by the Masonic lodge at the northwest corner of Tenth avenue and Olive street. The building will be of two stories with masonry walls. It will contain a large and small lodge room and a banquet hall.

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EUGENEANS ARE ON STATE COMMITTEE

Several Eugeneans have been selected to serve on the state campaign committee for the raising of the redemption fund of the American Legion which will soon be under way directed by R. A. Booth of this city. C. D. Rorer, president of the Bank of Oregon and president of the Oregon State Bankers association, and E. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, have accepted places on the state committee, according to announcement here.

State-wide interest in this campaign which will terminate with an intensive solicitation during the last week of May is being manifested according to reports coming to headquarters from state legion posts. Members of the committee this hearty endorsement for the maintenance of the Durenbecher hospital for crippled and sick children of Oregon and \$50,000 as Oregon's quota of an endowment fund for disabled veterans' children and orphans of veterans.

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