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Vote NO On Oleo Bill

The oleomargarine bill should be turned down. Oleomargarine is a wholesome food commodity and to enact legislation which will either put its manufacture out of business or tax it so that the small retailer cannot afford to handle it, is detrimental to the public interest. It is all very well to have it marked plainly so it cannot be palmed off as butter, and penalties fixed for unscrupulous dealers attempting this, but otherwise it should not be intertered with, as in these days of high priced butter and other foods, it is a boon to the poor, and those who have to economize. The argument that it will hurt the butter industry is without merit, as good butter need not fear its competition, as that can always hold its own. The present Oregon law needs revision, as a large foreign order for oleomargarine had to be turned down recently by the only oleomargarine factory in the Northwest, because an Oregon law prohibits the use of vegetable coloring in the product. The foreign buyer had insisted that the product be colored and plainly labelled "oleomargarine." The order, which would have been worth thousands of dollars to Oregon, went to Omaha. The board of directors of the Associated Industries have voted unanimously to fight the oleomargarine bill, maintaining that it interferes with both the industries and the rights of consumers.

Where O where are the capes, the caps, the grandfather hats and the torches of yester-years? The present campaign is tame in comparison with those when marching cohorts paraded streets headed by big brass bands, and the welkin rang with shouts for favorite sons. Even the cabbagofloras, those favorite campaign cigars are not in evidence.

Third Degree Methods

Judge Phelps of Pendleton has ordered a grand jury investigation concerning the administering the third degree to the prisoners implicated in the murder of the late Sheriff Taylor of Umatilla county. While hardened criminals are not deserving of sympathy when roughly handled, yet it does not seem that third degree methods serve the ends of justice. Evidence obtained in this way has been ruled out of court and rightly so. We do not see that it is the duty of the sheriff or arresting officers to extort confession from their prisoners, that should be left to the prosecuting attorneys. The whole system is a reversion to the barbarous days when the accused were placed on the rack to force them to confess, whether guilty or not. If we were on a jury, evidence obtained by this method would have small weight with us.

That Japanese Question

We learn that our editorial last week on the Japanese problem, caused some disquietude. When we wrote it, we were aware that it might be misconstrued, and later we may go more fully into the matter. But frankly for sometime past, we have been seriously disquieted ourselves, about the way certain swashbuckling California politicians are treating it, without any regard of the probable consequences. In less than fifty years from now, much less than that we believe, Japan will be the dominant, controlling power in Asia. The magnitude of Asiatic power when organized and directed by a progressive leadership will be something enormous. On the manner in which Japan is treated now, will depend whether that potential power will be friendly or bitterly hostile to us. Japan resents a personal affront to her self respect much more keenly than mere commercial restraints. And an Oriental never forgets and seldom forgives a personal affront.

Is This Gambling?

President Wilson contributed \$500 to the democratic campaign funds, and there has been a movement amongst the faithful to "match Wilson." We should think that this would come in conflict with some constitutional amendment, as even matching pennies is a crime. Is this the reason why Governor Cox has been so't pedally recently on the republican slush fund, at least he has not raised it for a week.

In less than thirty days the agony will be all over.

Editorial Opinion

The Manufacturer recently sent a request to all Oregon editors asking their opinion as to political sentiment for president in their community. Summarizing their replies sentiment seems to be strongly in favor of Harding and Coolidge.

The outstanding feature of the situation is that less interest seems to be expressed in this presidential election than in any presidential election in the history of the state. There seems to be no enthusiasm for either Harding or Cox but a general sentiment prevails that we need a change in administration policies.

On the senatorial situation the opinion seems to be that the race will be close between Stanfield and Chamberlain and no definite predictions were given as to the outcome.

From the President

Of the U. of O.

"You will be interested to know that the enrollment up to the present time is fully twenty-five per cent larger than at this time last year. The students are of an admirable type and we are looking forward to a most successful year. We shall be delighted to have you visit us sometime at the University. I congratulate you on the editorials on education which you were good enough to send me. I feel that you gentlemen of the press are in the very best strategic position to bring the public generally to the clearest comprehension of what is best for popular education. I agree most heartily with the views expressed in the editorials."

Thanks Doctor.—Editor NEWS.

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