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THE LONGVIEW BRIDGE

The prosperity of Portland and the entire state of Oregon are menaced by the greed and cupidity of a private corporation doing business in the state of Washington. It is needless to remark that Seattle and ninety per cent of the state of Washington are back of anything that would injure in a commercial way, the progress of Portland and the state of Oregon. A bridge across the Columbia at Vancouver being regarded as of benefit to the city of Portland, was opposed by the city of Seattle. This was true in the face of the fact that it was not a private enterprise for profit, nor in any sense designed to injure a neighboring community. The Vancouver gridge was built because the traffic between the two states had increased to such a degree that the old ferry could no longer supply the service. This bridge has proven its own necessity by its receipts; yet it was built to care for an increasing traffic for years to come and supplies the needs of southern Washington and Northwestern Oregon, so admirably, there is no present need for another bridge across the Columbia. The Longbell Lumber company, a

private corporation, have platted the town of Longview, Wash. They are interested in selling lots. Present expenditures to accomplish their ultimate aims, i.e., gigantic profits, are merely a means unto the end. To build a hotel in a town of five thousand inhabitants the equal of any in a northwestern metropolis was but one of the means used. The proposal to build a toll bridge across the Columbia that would increase the value of their holdings is but another means. The proposal of private interests to construct a bridge across the Columbia that would bring permanent injury to an entire state is of little moment to this octopus. Shylock must have his pound of flesh. However, he should be compelled to sever same as not to draw one ounce of commercial blood from his victim, the state of Oregon. This octopus proposes to play safe. It proposes to so frame the public that it may, if it finds the operating of a toll bridge unprofitable, unload it upon the public at a reasonable figure. Though this venture show them a book-loss, yet they will regard it as a means toward the end. Once this menace spreads its tentacles across the Columbia, it will slowly but surely fasten itself upon the commerce of the state of Oregon. It first proposes to so construct its bridge as to make it impossible for ships of the first class to ascend the river to Portland, Oregon's port. Thus it immediately becomes the head of navigation on the Columbia river and Oregon's first class shipping must of necessity be turned back at the proposed bridge to load at Longview in the state of Washington. Shall a private corporation founded on greed be permitted to so obstruct a navigable stream, as to make it a non-navigable stream to the ships now plying in its waters? Is the state of Oregon to be subordinated to the schemes of the octopus? Oregon is represented in Washington, how ably or how feebly this controversy will show. Watch

the results and get a line on your representatives!

"LIBERTY OR DEATH"

When Patrick Henry on that historical occasion cried out "Give me liberty or give me death," his thought probably ran no farther than to draw down upon himself the plaudits and acclaim of his fellow citizens assembled with him. To be sure, it was a noble sentiment, but expressed only in a political and material sense, and with thought deep down in the heart as to just what "liberty" was. Patrick Henry did not realize, or at least did not stop to realize what he was offering up his life so freely for, else his conscience would have told him there was no "liberty" for him or his fellowmen in the sense they usually cry out for. He did not, like a great many other people, deeply consider what he was clamoring for, or how difficult it was to obtain unless gone after the right way. If he had and if they had, neither could have failed to know that they were tightly bound by the chains of their own weaknesses, by those of their evil passions, by superstitions and many false beliefs, of slaves to perverted appetites that no loving God ever gave them, by the bonds of selfishness and hate, seeking after vain glory, by enmity and envy and covetousness and utter disregard for luckless fellowmen, without which no slave in reeking galley was ever more strongly bound. The kind of liberty many are asking for in these days savors more of license, of the sort which Madame Roland, before her head was cut off by guillotine, proclaimed many crimes were committed in the name of. But there is a better, a truer liberty, easily gained, once won will set all free. There never was but one man in all history endowed with this wonderful freedom and there has been no man since who has enjoyed it. He knew and gave demonstration that the only kind, and which to attain consisted in obeying the laws of God and the laws of man, was the only liberty we have or are entitled to. He "went about his father's business" obeying His laws which insured him the liberty of which so many desire and falsely believe they may attain by simply following about their own business and obeying no laws. So when that time comes that all Patrick Henrys who cry for liberty and freedom fill their hearts and minds and souls with the same spirit that was in the man of Nazareth, then will the Star of Freedom come within their vision and they will enjoy the full fulfillment thereof. Until they do this, they are but as pulling babes in their cradles, swinging their arms in noisy spasms of infantile frenzy, waiting for possession of the Polar Star.

ITS PURPOSE

"Shipping board plans, virtually to clear the government out of commercial shipping ownership in the Pacific at the earliest possible date were disclosed today by Chairman O'Conner."

That is the news dispatch from Washington. It discloses the plans of the present shipping board. Those plans are to close the government out of shipping ownership in the Pacific "at the earliest possible date."

That seems to be the purpose of the present board not alone on the Pacific but everywhere. That policy has been the policy of those opposed to regional representation all along. The prime consideration apparently, the whole purpose of the fight on the shipping board, the aims of all the propaganda, and of all the thrusts that have been made at the board, have had behind them a purpose to get rid of the merchant marine at any price.

That was what Mr. Haney opposed. That is what previous shipping boards have opposed. That is what the shipping act itself opposes. That is what every producer, every shipper and every small port in the country opposes.

But the present personnel of the shipping board is under the control of the interests that are influencing the president in shipping matters. It is opposing previous policies of the board.

The shipping act declares it to be the purpose of the country to establish and maintain a merchant marine. It says that "it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to do whatever may be necessary to develop and encourage the maintenance of such merchant marine."

ing exactly the opposite thing. It is a conflict with the law, and a purpose on the part of the board on which the present congress can ill afford to shut its eyes.—Journal.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

So-called germs were discovered 50 years ago, long after the flea had been getting in his work on the human figure. Of the two the flea is the most real and nimble.

The piles of trashy literature on the news stands explains why we produce no Shakespeares or Bacons in this age. Reading of the average modern magazine is productive of nothing but morons.

Many assert that Christianity is the cure for lawlessness and crime. That no doubt is true, but so many are fearful of the ridicule of the evil minded that they hesitate to express anything that sounds religious. Too few "Dare to be Daniel."

It is up to Congress to say whether or not the bootlegger and the brewer and the criminal element shall dictate the laws of this country. The gentlemen who go down to Washington to make our laws have need of keeping their ears to the ground.

The attack on a "beauty parlor" in Chicago by rival, with a machine gun leads one to wonder whether that city is still in the United States. Such an occurrence reported from Russia would cause one to thank his stars he was not a resident of that country.

When the United States adopted prohibition it inaugurated the greatest moral reform the world has ever known. Like all movements calculated to benefit the masses, it meets opposition from the forces of evil, but the right will eventually prevail, as every sensible thinking person must know.

As everybody knew in advance, the investigation by the Senate committee on prohibition proved nothing, unless it gave evidence that the wet interests are a very lawless gang and will not hesitate to stoop to any means to defeat the will of the people.

Local strawberries on May 1st is something quite unusual. And that they will be so plentiful that it will not be necessary to put too much accent on the first syllable of our favorite shortcake, is our humble petition.

The reckless driver has as much cause for complaint when convicted that his personal liberty is infringed as those who maintain that they must have alcoholic drink to fill themselves up with and thus become a menace to all. Both must conform to the law.

Charging the decedent was of unsound mind when executing his will is quite a favorite method employed by those not pleased with the disposition of property. Does it ever occur to the minds of others that these claimants with the aid of lawyers must be of unsound minds themselves?

Portland's efforts to stay the building of a bridge over the Columbia river between Longview and Rainier are likely to go for naught. As such a bridge would furnish another arterial highway into Portland from the north, and relieve that by Vancouver, we look upon its construction in a different light than does the rose city.

A twelve-year old evangelist is held in the Middle West as being a wonderful preacher. He states as one of his beliefs the story of Jonah and the whale. As his audiences are probably composed largely of children and adults with immature minds, he might also tell them of his faith in the Jack and Beanstalk story.

An engineer of the Puget Sound Navy Yard has invented an electrical machine which may be of some benefit. With it any color may be printed on any surface. A white dress can be changed to red or any other color desired for occasion, and then turned back to its original color. If his process does all he claims for it, the wife can use any old house dress for party purposes and save her hubby lots of money. He ought to call it the Modern Cinderella.

And then there is Los Angeles, a city that would be by the sea, but really 20 miles inland, where salt breezes are much freshened by the time they reach the locality. If chance takes you there and you happen to have a little cash in your pocket, you may get a telephone call at your hotel offering you free for a day an auto with a chauffeur and a free lunch for good measure. A band of real estate agents is behind this and the driver will see

you are landed at a new addition where lots are selling "like hot cakes." Good business? Yes.

A new invention is a holder for cigarettes. When a cigarette is drawn from the box it is automatically lighted by electricity. Wonderful invention! Sure is.

Indolent persons may be interested in learning that a system of reproducing sound with moving pictures has been found. They will not have to sit and look at the silent drama and use their imagination to supply the text of the play.

The department of justice reports that 94 per cent of prisoners returned from federal penitentiaries returned to the paths of good citizenship. This is a fine showing and rebukes the claims of those who assert "once a criminal, always a criminal."

The question of what claims eat is of sufficient importance to attract Eastern scientists to the coast of the Pacific to learn the answer. An United States department of fisheries official says they feed on "dictoms." Know what dictoms are or is? Neither do we.

The one-sixth of American families not at present owning an automobile are urged to possess themselves of one, presumably by those

interested in the selling end. No one denies the auto is a great pleasure and comfort, but this one-sixth who do not own one will no doubt argue that they have no immediate use for one away from their business nor care to plaster a mortgage on all their worldly possessions for something they can very well do without.

A very prominent wet says that a youth who six years ago would go to a party with a flask on his hip would have been ostracised—but today is hailed as a hero. That, of course, depends upon the kind of company he keeps.

Enforcement agents of the country in the last six months of 1925 padlocked 2666 establishments for liquor law violation. That made good business for the locksmiths and not so good for the violators.

Crime may be lessened by eliminating vice. Prize fighting, public gambling of all kinds, bawdy houses, low pool rooms, cafes and cabarets, (don't scoff) where dancing is permitted, free and easy dance halls and other forms of vice attract the criminal and furnish him a place of hangout. Putting the saloon out of business has driven crime to these resorts, and it can be found in the most "fashionable" of them.



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"When I entered the U. S. Senate March 4, 1921, agriculture was in dire straits, prices were down, producers were hard up and the banks and loan companies in farming communities were unable to realize on the notes they held. Quick action was necessary to relieve the agricultural distress.

Works Hard, with Gooding for Emergency Tariff

"After repeated efforts I succeeded, assisted by Senator Gooding of Idaho, in overcoming the objections of Senator Penrose, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, to an emergency tariff on farm products, and on May 27, 1921, the Emergency Tariff Bill became law. This Act placed protective duties on 28 of the principle farm products, including wheat, corn, potatoes, onions, cattle, meat, wool, butter, cheese, milk, apples, cherries and nuts.

STANFIELD COMES TO RESCUE WITH AMENDMENT

"On May 20, 1921, the Stanfield bill was introduced "to preserve the livestock industry of the United States, to release for commercial, agricultural and industrial purposes certain funds of banks, livestock loaning and trust companies to amend the war finance corporation act, and for other purposes."

"The Stanfield bill, or its principal provisions, became a law on August 24, 1921, the Senate Committee on Agriculture submitting its main features through Senator McNary as an amendment substituted for the Norris bill, along with other provisions. Under its terms the War Finance Corporation made advances for agricultural relief amounting to \$298,000,000, of which the banks, trust and loan companies of Oregon that serve agriculture received \$5,698,000.

DRAFTED INTO RELIEF SERVICE BY TREASURY DEPT.

"As soon as the War Finance Corporation was prepared to function under this law, and at the request of the Treasury Department, I went West, where I spent months assisting and advising the bankers, thereby enabling them to procure the needed help quickly and before it was too late to save them. Fortunately very few failed in Oregon in comparison to other states.

FORCED TO KEEP SILENT TO PROTECT THE BANKS

"Much was said about my absence from the Senate during this time, but I was forced to keep silent and go about my work without referring to my absence or mission, because if the people had known why I was in the West and what I was doing, suspicion would have been directed to every bank I entered, and to every banker with whom I talked. Until the banks could turn their frozen paper into liquid assets, my silence was imperative to avoid embarrassment to them and the defeat of the relief needed and sought."

(Stanfield-for-Senator Campaign, E. D. Cusick, Mgr.)

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