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## "CONSERVATISM" VS. MODERN PROGRESSIVENESS

Among the things illustrated by the European war is the utter helplessness and futility of ancestor worship, when it comes in conflict with up-to-date untrammelled thinking. The "curse of the navy," both English and American, has been the old-fogyism and conservatism that has permeated the departments. Naval boards and navy officials and navy departments have turned a cold and fish-like eye on any ideas which did not emanate from "the authorities." During the stress of the Civil war John Ericsson, a foreigner, put a pepper box on a raft and forced a revolution in naval construction. Since then not a new idea has been received with any warmth of feeling by any naval authority—except the Germans. Our English-speaking boards have been working on the same old stereotyped lines, working for size in vessel and ordnance, from the little Monitor to the battleship, from the battleship to the dreadnaught and from the dreadnaught to the super-dreadnaught. The only idea which seems to have found entrance to their skulls was that each nation which aspired to naval power must have a greater number of these fighting machines, carrying more and larger guns, than any two other nations. The mathematical absurdity of this scheme never seems to have struck either our naval authorities or our statesmen. That was the only plan they could think of, and the people have shouldered the burden and paid for the floating junk-heaps. In the meantime, independent inventors with brains not atrophied with ancestor-and authority-worship have made a demonstrated success of under-water craft, and have forced some grudging recognition from our wise ones. But did our English or American naval men have any conception of what the submarine meant? If any of them did, they kept mighty still about it. England still wore the proud title of "mistress of the seas" because she had more useless hardware afloat, and we have kept on appropriating new millions for more and larger super-dreadnaughts. In the meantime, the Germans recognized the new David that had made its appearance and, not being bound by tradition, they have made the most of it. England, "the mistress of the seas," is crying like a baby, that the Kaiser is not playing fair. He is transgressing the rules of international law—as though there were any such thing as "international law." And this country is about to become involved in the scrap because the Kaiser's murderers are working with such distressing efficiency that England, "the mistress of the seas," can't do anything with them. Before the war started any naval authority outside of Germany would have told us that the idea of a German blockade of the British islands was an idea too silly to be entertained for an instant; that a blockade of anything, anywhere, in which England could be bottled up by Germany was simple idiocy; that the time would come in this year of grace, 1917, when England would not dare to let one of her super-dreadnaughts outside of a safe harbor could not find lodgement in a sane mind. The moral is—"Keep up with the procession."

The Herald has been highly gratified at the way in which the newspapers of the county have fallen in line behind the suggestion that it would be a mighty fine thing to have a Coos county man on the new highway commission, and enthusiastically seconded our nomination of Chas. Hall for the place. We are more than ever convinced, not only that he is the man we want, but that he is one of the few able and prominent gentlemen on whom the whole county can unite.

## "THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS"

Some one has sent to the Herald a printed slip bearing an editorial from the Baltimore American, opposing the passage of the bill now before Congress forbidding the mailing of papers carrying liquor advertisements to dry states, and imposing heavy penalties on the publisher who tries it. The American strips down to its tomahawk, flourishes its breechlock, and proceeds to scalp every one who would support such a measure, whom it characterizes as "pinheads." The American says that "The intent of this bill is to penalize newspapers that carry liquor advertisements into dry territory," which is probably true, and goes through most extravagant and excited contortions over this attack on "the freedom of the press." We are also in receipt of a protest on the same lines from a newspaper source, also protesting against this attack on the freedom of the press.

The Coquille Herald "yields to no man" in its regard for the "freedom of the press." Further, the editor of this paper is not a prohibitionist, never was a prohibitionist and probably never will be a prohibitionist. Yet, in wailing over the contents of his mammoth vacuum, he can find no objection to the passage of a law penalizing the newspaper that carries liquor advertisements into really dry territory. Where the law allows the importation of liquor for individual use, as was the case in Oregon until the first of this month, then the newspapers should be allowed to carry advertisements of the sources from which supplies may be obtained, for nothing unlawful is even suggested by such advertisements. But when the bringing in of liquor is entirely forbidden, then such advertisements can only contemplate and invite a transgression of the law. Freedom is not license, and the newspaper has no more moral right to drum up liquor trade in places where such trade is unlawful than a traveling or resident drummer. It is often remarked that the saloon men killed their own business, and such unreasoning and abusive outbreaks as that of the Baltimore American will do much toward promoting a sentiment for the curtailment of the legitimate freedom of the press. Let it be understood that some newspaper men who are not prohibitionists are still willing to play the part of law-abiding citizens.

## Get the Want Ad Habit

## The Call of the Canyon

By Rory O'Moore

The carmine kiss of the descending sun  
Rests tenderly upon the western sky;  
The silvery, silken raiment of the dusk  
Stirs gently as the mellow half-lights die.

A thousand voices whisper low, soft sounds  
Among the trees that clothe the canyon side;  
The night wind freshens restlessly, and moves  
In fitful waves, an undulating tide.

Amid that canyon full of life and sound;  
Beneath the mourning boughs our blankets spread;  
How many times, Bill, have we lain and watched  
The embers of the campfire glowing red?

How many times, Pal, since we quit the quest,  
Has your heart quickened at the sunset hour,  
And all unconsciously your eyes have turned  
To Southward, where the lofty Siskiyou tower?

## It Belongs to Coos

We claim that Port Orford has the youngest pupil in Coos or Curry county to successfully pass the 8th grade. Lowell Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ames Johnston, aged thirteen years, recently passed a very creditable examination and has received his eighth grade diploma, and this notwithstanding the fact that he missed one entire year of schooling by reason of the loss of one eye through accident. We challenge the two counties to beat it.—Port Orford Tribune.

You'll have to come again, Port Orford, Coos county has at least two young people that passed the eighth grade examinations at a more tender age than 13. Miss Anna Truman, of North Bend, and Miss Lou Hooton, of Bridge, both successfully accomplished the feat several months before reaching that age. We are of the opinion that there are others but have not the proof.

## Belgium Relieved

The commission for Belgian relief, according to William M. Hounold, its director in the United States, has collected \$200,000,000. This country has given \$9,000,000, and part of this was food and clothing. The British government, although financing several of its allies as well as itself, relieves the Belgians to the amount of \$60,000,000 yearly. The French government, although France is in straits to meet its own requirements, succors the Belgians to the extent of \$2,000,000 each month. Australia has given \$1.23 from each Australian, New Zealand \$1.98 from each of its citizens, Canada 18 cents from every Canadian.

More than half—that is, \$125,000,000 of the \$191,000,000 contributed by other countries for the succor of Belgium—has been spent in the United States for the purchase of American supplies. The profit from this transaction has been at least \$15,000,000.

## Generous Attention.

"Why do you worry that public man by trying to interview him?"  
"So as to save him the decidedly greater anxiety he'd suffer if he thought that nobody cared to interview him."—Washington Star.

## Advertising

Advertising is what nothing was ever sold without.

If a loaf of bread is sold to a tramp who managed to glom onto a jitney, it had been advertised by the tramp's hunger and by somebody who told the boy where the bakery was.

Or by the windows of the bakery itself.

There isn't a human being who does not believe in advertising.

If he really doesn't he had better commit suicide.

And that will give him a lot of publicity that nobody can cash in on.

The man who says he does not believe in advertising is a—Well, let Roosevelt say it.

This boob is anxious for everybody to tell people that his place is a good one to trade.

But he won't give the advertiser anything for telling the other folks.

He is a something-for-nothing tightwad.

The man who puts on good clothes, advertises his own respectability and expects results in the shape of the respect of others.

The man who dresses poorly, because of necessity or purposely, advertises his poverty and expects results in other people's help or contempt.

The doctor claims that it is unethical to advertise, but he wants the newspaper to mention every time he has a case, unless he loses it.

In fact, every honest person wants advertising.

Only dishonest people are afraid of it, and they get it anyway.

## More Farm Loan Points

(By Frank R. Wilson of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau.)

The question has been frequently asked, "How can a renter who has not saved 50 per cent of the purchase price of land make use of the Federal Farm Loan act to get land of his own?"

The answer is, by means of a first mortgage given under the Farm Loan act for 50 per cent of the purchase price—provided this does not exceed 50

per cent of the appraised value—and a second mortgage given to the former owner of the land or to a bank or private money lender, for the balance.

It must be borne in mind that the amount which can be borrowed under the Farm Loan act is limited to 50 per cent of the appraised value of the land, and this is written on the assumption that the tenant will not pay more for his land than it is actually worth, or in other words, its appraised value as contemplated under the Farm Loan act.

To furnish a concrete example: Suppose John Smith, a renter, wants to buy 100 acres of land, valued at \$50 an acre. The total purchase price would be \$5,000, but John Smith has not the money to buy it.

Under the Farm Loan act Smith would be entitled to borrow \$2,500 of the appraised value, if this appraised value should be the same as the purchase price. This would leave \$2,500 to be handled by a second mortgage.

The amount borrowed under the Farm Loan act could be paid to the original owner of the land and a second mortgage executed for the difference.

The original owner would thus get a satisfactory payment down, and if he had confidence in the purchaser he would probably be willing to accept a second mortgage for the balance, divided into ten annual payments.

Here is the way it would figure out: The first mortgage of \$2,500 given under the Farm Loan act would draw, let us say, 5 1/2 per cent interest and would be paid off on the installment plan through a period of forty years by making annual payments of \$155.95.

Now let us say that the second mortgage would draw 6 per cent and could be arranged so as to be retired in ten years. The interest on this \$2,500 mortgage at 6 per cent would be \$150 the first year and one-tenth of the \$2,500 would be \$250.

Adding the interest and the one-tenth annual payment would mean a payment of \$400 on the second mortgage the first year. The second year payment would be \$385 and the following payments through the ten years to retire the second mortgage, both principal and interest would be \$370, \$355, \$340, \$325, \$310, \$295, \$280 and \$265.

On top of all these annual payments would be the \$155.95 interest and amortization payments on the first mortgage to the Federal Land bank, so that the total payments, interest and principal, on the two mortgages would begin at \$555.95 and dwindle down to \$420.95 the tenth year and after that only \$155.95 each year.

If the terms of the second mortgage could be arranged for longer than ten years the required annual payments would be correspondingly reduced.

These payments are no greater than the average tenant pays for rent. The first year payment on both of these mortgages would amount to approximately \$5.50 an acre. These would gradually reduce until the tenth year he would be paying \$4.20 an acre and each year after that he would be paying only \$1.55 per acre. Instead of being paid as rental this money is applied on the purchase price of the land.

The interest rates quoted in this instance are suggestions only and are not to be taken as an official statement of what rates will prevail under the Farm Loan act.

Next installment will have to do with the social and economic effect of the Farm Loan act.

## Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

### Riverton Briefs

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

Miss Dorothy Smith who has been attending school, has had to drop out because of ill health.

The boys under the supervision of the principal, are making walks, out of the cinders from the furnace, to the outhouses. The board has furnished lumber to make a board walk eight feet wide and forty-two feet long just in front of the entrance steps. The boys will also build this walk as manual training work this week.

Miss Perna Danielson, of Riverton, is visiting with relatives near Powers.

# Stop! Look! Listen!

No, It Isn't a Train Coming; But  
**YOU ARE MISSING SOMETHING**  
Keep Your Eye on This Space

## Only a few left

Fancy Onion Sets ..... 10c per lb.  
Today's market is 50 per cent higher  
Garden seeds in bulk new on display

Early Peas:  
American Wonder 3 lbs. for 25c  
Stratagem ..... 3 lbs. for 25c  
Thos. Laxton ..... 3 lbs. for 25c  
Dwarf Telephone 3 lbs. for 25c  
Tall Telephone ..... 3 lbs. for 25c

All seeds have advanced sharply. We are selling nearly everything lower than ever before.

Buy while we have this stock.  
Early Rose seed Potatoes ..... \$3.25 cwt.  
American Wonder seed Potatoes ..... \$2.90 cwt.

This is outside seed. We have some good home grown for less.

Recleaned White Oats for seed \$2.50,  
\$2.75, \$2.90 per cwt. as to grade.

Red seed oats ..... \$2.80 cwt.  
Beardless Barley ..... \$3.25 cwt.  
All kinds of grass seed and vetch.

## Fresh Vegetables

We carry everything the local and California markets afford.

Just Received:

Head Lettuce  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cauliflower  
Turnips  
Parsnips  
Sweet Potatoes  
Cabbage

Grape Fruit ..... 6 for 25c  
Oranges ..... per doz. 25c, 30c, 35c,  
40c and 50c

Try that California Rice, a new industry which is helping to reduce the cost of living—a good article, 5 1-4c per lb.

## Busy Corner Grocery

Phone 691 and 541 Coquille, Oregon

## Dry Shiplap, Finish, Flooring and Rustic

## WISCONSIN SILOS

Several Lots of Lumber at  
Special Prices

## E. E. JOHNSON

## Roseburg-Myrtle Point Auto Stage Line



Leave  
Myrtle Point  
7:40 a. m.  
Roseburg  
6 a. m.  
6 hours Running Time

J. L. Laird

Myrtle Point

## Telephone Service to Davis Slough

Telephone service has been established to Davis Slough at the new camp of the North Bend Mill and Lumber Company. Call long distance.

## Coos and Curry Telephone Co.

### Bridge Briefs

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

A. Ford is learning to drive his Ford car.

Miss Helen Robbins spent the greater part of last week at the Bryant home.

It is rumored that C. S. Murphy and family will soon move to Bradbent and establish a store.

Mrs. H. H. Brownson is quite sick. She had a relapse of la grippe.

Ray Endicott made a trip to Myrtle Point Friday, to bring C. H. Noster and family out to spend

the week-end on the farm.

The school is getting up a good Washington-Lincoln program to be given February 23.

The farmers are working on their store this week and will soon have it ready for occupancy.

Paul Ford and Almon Stephens of Coquille were visiting A. Ford this week.

### Chamberlain's Tablets

These tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.