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ILL-MATCHED PATCHWORK

The giving of the double cross to a friendly ally [Greece] does not square exactly with the ethical code and it shows how bankrupt of morality the allies are becoming in their diplomacy.—Albany Herald.

The allies opposed to Germany, Austria and Turkey won the war and settled conditions of peace in which the rights of man were recognized as more than brute force. This last was brought about by the influence of the United States exerted against the old-time diplomacy of might makes right.

Then this country withdrew from the case and the curse of old-time diplomacy was restored.

Greece recalled the banished Constantine and the allies in a rage abandoned her to fight for what had been conceded her, and when she did so they helped the Turks with arms and money in driving Greece out of her new possessions.

Then the Turk, having the upper hand, became the victor and his forfeited European possessions were restored. Turkey is the only country that did not lose more than she gained by the war. She is the victor today.

The balance of Europe is a patchwork which does not fit together and is in a constant state of upheaval.

And Uncle Sam's authorities don't care.

BUGABOOS AND LIARS

The Enterprise takes no stock in the bugaboo stories to the effect that the county is in danger of falling under the control of the Catholics. Neither does it believe that people of that faith will be wronged if they are required to send their children to the public schools.

The public school hours are believed by educators to be needed by children in obtaining an education in those branches taught there. A private school which consumes part of that time in religious instruction deprives the child of a chance for equal education with public school children in those subjects concerning the practical affairs of life.

The compulsory education bill simply provides that all children shall have the right to equal education on secular subjects and leaves the parents free to instill any religion, irreligion or fad in the youthful minds outside of those hours.

We expect that the campaign of bigotry and falsehood which is being carried on against the bill will defeat it, but we believe that defeat will be a misfortune to the children and state.

Moonshine whisky is killing many and sending many to blind and insane asylums. Thus, under prohibition, society is being freed from that class who will drink anyway, and who now make public wards or corpses of themselves, instead of being drunken nuisances to the whole community.

Only two men reported Monday morning as having been killed for deer, one account coming from Roseburg and the other from Hoquiam! Its a grand and noble sport for the preservation of which we keep a salaried game commission.

LIGHT LACKING

The democratic candidate for gov.

ernor promises reduction of taxation but does not say how it is to be accomplished, which leaves room for the suspicion that he does not know or does not care to tell.

The republican state platform calls for tax reduction but does not suggest how it can be brought about. Its framers do not know or do not dare to tell.

The way to reduce taxes is to root out the thriving array of grafts on the state, that call for three times the revenue the government would need if economically conducted.

Mr. Pierce and the republican platform makers know that if they called for the abolition of the tax-eating commissions they would open the vials of wrath of a well-oiled political machine. They are afraid to face the music and they echo the meaningless cry: "Reduce the taxes." They know they are impotent to fulfill it.

The people by their vote have told the legislators that \$3 a day is all they can afford to pay them, and probably that is more than they are worth. But the sly legislator appoints his wife or his daughters or his sister or somebody else's sister his stenographer at \$5 a day from the treasury and is willing to run again next election time to retain that \$8 a day for the two of them.

Stop the leaks and it will not take half so large a stream to keep the pail full.

S. P. Case in a Nutshell

The supreme court has refused a rehearing in the Southern-Central Pacific unmerging case and now the fate of those roads rests, as it would if the suit just ended had never been brought, with the Interstate Commerce commission. Below are two statements issued before this final decision of the court was rendered:

(Southern Pacific Bulletin)

The transportation act of 1920 provides that whenever the commission (The Interstate Commerce commission) is of the opinion upon application of any carrier * * * that the acquisition by one of such carriers of the control of any other such carrier * * * will be in the public interest, the commission shall have the authority by order to approve and authorize such acquisition, * * * The carriers affected by any order under the foregoing provisions * * * are hereby relieved from the operation of the anti-trust laws * * * and of all other restraints or prohibitions by law, state or federal, in so far as may be necessary to enable them to do anything authorized or required by any order made under and pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section.

The recent court order, based on the anti-trust laws and directing the Southern Pacific company to divest itself of its Central Pacific lines, if affirmed, must be obeyed, of course. But after the order is obeyed, the Interstate Commerce commission holds jurisdiction under the transportation act of 1920, to authorize consolidation of railroads where that is in the public interest, irrespective of anti-trust laws.

(Eugene Register)

What it (The Union Pacific) wants out of the Central Pacific controversy is an entrance to San Francisco and common ownership of Southern Pacific lines north of Tehama. If it (The Union Pacific) secured that it would own the Pacific Coast in fee simple, and would not need to build another railroad across Central Oregon.

The Union Pacific is frankly not interested in car shops at Springfield, and has said as much. The Springfield car shops plan is essentially a part of combined operation of the Southern

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Pacific and the Central Pacific, based on the fact that Springfield is a cross-roads of the system. These shops will mean an initial expenditure of a million dollars, and a payroll in the neighborhood of \$100,000 a month.

Back in 1912 the Natron cut-off was being rushed to completion, a line was being pushed westward from Vale up the Malheur canyon to a junction with the Natron line at Odell, and land was being purchased for the Springfield shops. These developments, when completed, would have built a city here, but suddenly, out of a clear sky, came the suit for unmerging the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific, and instantly development ceased.

The Union-Southern Pacific merger was dissolved, and shortly thereafter the Southern Pacific formulated its plans for completion of the Natron cut-off as a part of the Southern Pacific-Central system, setting aside the money necessary for its completion, but in 1914 came another dissolution suit, this time for unmerging the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific, and once again action was dropped.

The Southern Pacific Company has formally asserted its intention to complete the Natron line just as soon as its ownership of the Central Pacific is confirmed, and it has the money to do it.

But if the Central Pacific is torn loose from it, we shall face years of uncertainty and inaction while new alignments are being made, and in addition there is the possibility that new owners may not care to complete the Natron cut-off at all.

There is no hostility in West-

ern Oregon toward the Union Pacific. The passes of the mountains are open, right of way is abundantly available, and if it should decide to build in here from Eastern Oregon in order to share in the traffic of this rich valley, it will be met with brass bands and the keys to all the cities. Nor is that all. If it should complete its Malheur canyon line to a junction with the Natron cut-off at Odell it can send its traffic representatives into Western Oregon and secure the routing of its full share of freight.

Charles Standish of Brownsville is working at his trade (carpenter) at the fast growing town of Vernonia.

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SYNOPSIS
CHAPTER I.—At the death of his foster father, Bruce Duncan, in an eastern city, receives a mysterious message, sent by a Mrs. Ross, summoning him promptly to a well-beaten trail, and he strode swiftly along it.
He had a vague sense of familiarity with this winding trail. Perhaps he had toddled down it as a baby, perhaps his mother had carried him along it on a neighborly visit to the Rosses. He went over the hill and pushed his way to the edge of the timber. At once the moon showed him the house.
He couldn't mistake it, even at this distance. And to Bruce it had a singular effect of unreality. The mountain men did not ordinarily build homes of such dimensions. They were usually merely log cabins of two or three lower rooms and a garret to be reached with a ladder. The ancestral home of the Rosses, however, had fully a dozen rooms, and it loomed to an incredible size in the "mystery" of the moonlight. He saw quaint gabled roofs and far-spreading eaves. And it seemed more like a house of enchantment, a structure raised by the rubbing of a magic lamp, than the work of carpenters and masons.
Probably his wild surroundings had a great deal to do with this effect. There were no roads leading to Trail's End. Material could not be carried over its winding trails except on pack animals. He had a realization of tremendous difficulties that had been conquered by tireless effort, of long months of unending toil, of exhaustless patience, and at the end—a dream come true. All of its lumber had to be hewed from the forests about. Its stone had been quarried from the rock cliffs and hauled with infinite labor over the steep trails.
He understood now why the Turners had coveted it. It seemed the acme of luxury to them. And more clearly than ever he understood why the Rosses had died, sooner than relinquish it, and why its usurpation by the Turners had left such a debt of hatred to Linda. All men know that the love of home is one of the few great impulses that has made toward civilization, but by the same token it has been the cause of many wars. Perhaps the day is coming when this love will die in the land, and with it will die the strength to repel the heathen from our walls, and the land will not be worth living in, anyway. But it was not dead to the mountain people. No really primitive emotion ever is.
The Rosses had known this instinct very well. As all men who are strong-thewed and of real natural virtue, they had known pride of race and name, and it had been a task worth while to build this stately house on their far-flung acres. They had given their fiber to it freely; no man who beheld the structure could doubt that fact. They had simply consecrated their lives to it; their one work by which they could show to all who came after that by their own hands they had earned their right to live.
Bruce saw the broad lands lying under the moon. There were hundreds of acres of alfalfa and clover to fur-