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**THE INCOME TAX**

"Do not invest your money in Oregon farms. They are liable to be sold for taxes. Invest it in California or in Washington." That will probably be said in Oregon if the income tax is defeated.

A Southern Pacific bulletin says: "Oregon is the uncut melon of the western world. Over 70 per cent of the agricultural land, or more than 18,000,000 acres, is yet unplowed."

Why? Because, while the plow and other implements cost twice what they ought to, the farmer pays twice his proportion of the taxes. The homeseeker looks at the tax burden and at the lack of decent roads to those 18,000,000 acres and passes on with his cash.

"Oregon's a fine place to make money in. I cleared \$5,000 last year buying and selling wheat and did not pay a cent of tax."

That man's capital is the kind if any, that would be discouraged from coming to Oregon by an income tax. Do we need it? Did he create that \$5,000 by his enterprise, or did it come out of the wheat grower or the consumer, or both?

Relieve the farmer of some of his unjust burden. Go to the polls Nov. 6 and vote "300 yes."

**WHERE LAW IS WEAK**

"Where the law is weak, there I am strong," said the I. W. W. at Centralia—but they were not.

"Where the law is weak, there I am strong," said the Herrin murderers—and they were. Nobody could be convicted.

"Where the law is weak, there I am strong," said night floggers in Oregon—and they were. Witnesses disappeared, in fear of their lives, and there were no convictions.

"Where the law is weak, there I am strong," said the Oklahoma Kuklux—and they were. Eight witnesses against them disappeared last week.

There are good and loyal men in the Ku Klux Klan. But they do not remain in it where it outrages Americans and the principles of Americanism.

Americanism demands that every accused person have the right to confront his accusers in open court, view the evidence and controvert it if he can.

Americanism does not skulk at night, masked, and commit assault, murder and arson.

In the formation of the league of nations the influence of the United States forced the self-seeking nations of the old world to recognize the rights of the weak—the first time in the history of the world. Without the United States the league becomes a rubber stamp in the hands of the more powerful of two contestants before it, as Greece has learned. That machine needs a balance wheel.

Sinking American ships with those on board is a costly diversion. The sinking of the Maine, cost Spain all her colonies—except Morocco. The sinking of the Lusitania cost Germany more than anybody

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can estimate at this early date in the payment of the bill. We sink them fast enough at home, and that is costly. Other nations will do well not to butt in on the job.

We still hear pleas for the release of "political prisoners." There are no political prisoners in America. If Grover Cleveland Bergdoll should come home and serve his sentence he would not be a political prisoner. He would be paying a penalty for treason against the sovereign people of the United States.

Henry Ford says he does not want the presidency. Professional politicians usually deny desiring office while they are secretly scheming to get it. But the boost Henry give Mr. Coolidge in an article in his paper, from which we make lengthy quotations this week, attests his sincerity.

One Brownsville family of seven got nearly \$1000 for picking raspberries and evergreen blackberries this year. Their employer was a Japanese fruit-grower. Aren't these Japanese just awful?

Rev. George N. Harness, pastor of the First Christian church at Tillamook, is being sued for divorce. Mrs. Harness wants to get out of the matrimonial harness.

It is charged that a lot of fictitious names have been written on Pierce recall petitions. Perhaps the ubiquitous recallers need them.

Governor Pierce is not following Ritner's example. He is allowing some of the convicts to serve out their sentences.

A great many costly burdens are laid on the shoulders of the world's workers. Strikes are the most costly of all.

"Thus far and no father," said the Pierce recall.

**A MAN RUN OVER**

to his neighbor and said: "I am going to the CHURCH of CHRIST Oct. 7 and 14 to hear Lon Chamlee's popular addresses.

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The following paragraphs, which shed light on Coolidge the man and Coolidge the president, are from an article by Harold D. Carewe in the Dearborn Independent, Henry Ford's paper: "Cal Coolidge is in town to see what kind of support he will get for the lieutenant-governorship. Can you imagine him in a fight with Guy Ham? Why, he'll not even think he's been in the running when Ham gets through with him."

The man who thus addressed me one day in the summer of 1915 in the historic old Parker house in Boston was accounted one of the cleverest political prognosticators in Massachusetts.

I remembered that one Calvin Coolidge had come down from Northampton, a city in the western part of the state, as its representative to the court of Massachusetts. That was in 1907. He had spoken just eight words late one Friday afternoon when his colleagues were tired and anxious to get home for the week-end. "Cal." Coolidge had arisen and in a high pitched Yankee nasal drawl had said:

"Mister Speaker-r-r! I move that we na-ow adjourn."

Nothing was heard from him in Boston until a year later when a press dispatch from the city in the Berkshires announced that he had been elected mayor of Northampton by only a narrow margin over his democratic opponent. In 1911 he was re-elected, and the following year he showed up again on Beacon Hill as a member of the state senate.

At the close of his second term he was re-elected for a third term, and with the convening of the legislature a strange political happening occurred. Calvin Coolidge mustered up courage enough to canvass the Republicans among his thirty-nine associates to ask their support of him for the presidency of the senate, and he found that a majority were ready to vote for him, probably on the ground that "Silent Cal" had never antagonized anybody.

One night about three weeks before the primary election—a hot August night such as Boston has in midsummer—I sat in a small stuffy room in the Adams house in Boston. Its furnishings consisted of an old-fashioned mahogany bed, two straight-back chairs, a bureau and a sink. The single window opened into an air shaft. This was Calvin Coolidge's Boston "home," the room he occupied while the legislature was in session. Looking back now at that room I cannot but feel that Calvin Coolidge would have preferred a better one, but the truth was that he couldn't afford it. His opponent, politically strong and liked by everyone who knew him, had headquarters and printed literature and automobiles galore at his command—the machines of his admiring friends.

As is customary in Massachusetts, the lieutenant-governorship is considered a stepping-stone to the governorship. When it came Mr. Coolidge's turn to step up, the politicians welcomed the event with disapproval. For "Cal" Coolidge had committed the unpardonable political sin. He had not fawned at the feet of Henry Cabot Lodge.

"Cal's democratic opponent for the governorship was Richard H. Long, a Framingham shoe manufacturer. Mr. Long was a "live wire" with progressive ideas, and he bellowed those ideas from one end of the state to the other. When the votes were counted, "Cal" had only 7,000 plurality—one of the smallest pluralities ever given a Republican candidate for the office.

**The Boston Police Strike**  
The Boston police strike was not a sporadic event. Discontent had gripped the entire department for many months. The men wanted an increase in pay; had wanted it, in fact, since before America's entrance into the world war.

The policemen took measures to protect their interests by turning their mutual benefit association, the Boston Social club,

into a union and applying to the American Federation of Labor for a charter.

When Commissioner Curtis learned that a union was being formed, he issued an order disapproving the action and stating that the policemen were violating the spirit of the oath they had taken as public officials. He therefore ordered that all such activity cease at once; and when the patrolmen-officers of the union refused to heed his demand, couched in the form of an official order, Commissioner Curtis promptly cited the men for trial on charges of insubordination. After a hearing they were found guilty and suspended.

The policemen called a mass meeting and proposed to strike. The question was submitted to

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city. It was a night of pillage and plunder. Stores were broken into in all parts of the city, men were held up and robbed, women were assaulted gambling women were assaulted, gambling outfits were set up in the streets. Gangs of hoodlums trailed through the suburbs, false fire alarms were rung in, and everything that wasn't nailed down was carted away.

the men and the removal of Curtis.

Coolidge issued a telegraphic reply to Gompers without mincing words, and the text when it was given to the press, gripped the entire nation—"There is no right to strike against the public safety by anyone, anywhere, any time."

It was not until September 24—two weeks and a day after the policemen had walked out—that Coolidge issued his proclamation on which his campaign for re-election was subsequently based.

"The authority of the commonwealth," said Governor Coolidge, "cannot be intimidated or coerced. It cannot be compromised. To place the maintenance of the public security in the hands of a body of men who have attempted to destroy it would be to flout the sovereignty of the laws the people have made. Every attempt to prevent the formation of a new police department is a blow at the government. That way treason lies. No man has a right to place his own ease or convenience or the opportunity of making money above his duty to the state."

Richard H. Long, nominated by the democrats, announced that if he were elected governor he would reinstate the striking policemen.

On the afternoon of election day, 1919, the writer was present at republican state headquarters when John W. Weeks and other optimistic individuals of the old guard declared that if Coolidge received a majority of 10,000 over Mr. Long he would be doing well. Even when 125,000 majority were counted in favor of Calvin Coolidge in one of the most momentous elections ever held anywhere, they were puzzled to understand how the "labor vote" had turned a flip-flop from the path in which it had been bidden by its leaders to go. But there was no mistaking the telltale figures. "Labor" had voted for "law and order." "Labor" had approved at the ballot box what Coolidge had done.

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a vote by ballot, and when the votes were counted, the decision to strike had been carried by an overwhelming majority. The strike was called for 5.45 p. m., September 9, and the policemen's union appealed to every trades union to approve its action by its moral support.

Under the constitution of the state, the governor had no authority to act. In the event of lawlessness, the matter was one for the mayor of Boston to handle until such time as the governor should decide that the mayor had failed to protect the public welfare. With the coming of darkness, thugs and thieves, free from the restraints of their venerated civilization, took possession of the

Coolidge ordered out the state guard on the eleventh, and late that afternoon mounted troops were entering the city to rescue it from the reign of anarchy. No one who lived in Boston through those two nights of lawlessness could do other than praise Calvin Coolidge for the manner in which he brought order out of chaos; for no man's property—millionaire's and laboring man's alike—was safe in that maelstrom.

**Gompers Gets a Rebuff**  
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