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Chester B. Rowell says in the Los Angeles Outlook: "The alien land bill is one thing and the anti-Japanese land bill is another thing. Alien land laws, applying to all nations alike, are a part of the common policy of nations and of states. The Federal government has three separate statutes applying, one to the District of Columbia, one to the public lands, and one to the Territories. At least eight States have alien land laws, five of which are practically identical with the Federal statute and with the more conservative of the bills introduced in the California legislature. One state, Washington, has a law directly discriminatory against those aliens who cannot acquire citizenship. The main objection of the Japanese government is to the discriminatory sort of bill. It is not the right to hold land in California which they much desire, but the dignity of being treated on a par with all nations. This demand on the part of the Japanese, reinforced by strong representations from Washington, has in all previous legislatures prevented the passage of a law discriminating against either Japanese or aliens not eligible to citizenship, and has caused the legislature to revert for a time to the proposal of laws applying to all aliens alike, after the analogy of the laws of other states. Even these laws would discriminate in effect, but not in form, against Japanese, inasmuch as any alien of European race can, by removing his allegiance, thereby remove his disability, while the allegiance of Japanese and Chinese is by Federal statute permanent. In every legislature, as soon as the pendulum begins to swing towards a general alien land bill, the interests representing British capital invested in California have been able to prevent the passage of such a bill also. The two sorts of alien land laws have thus neutralized each other, and each one has made the other impossible. . . . It may be asserted unconditionally that the mouée of Japanese land ownership in California is not a present fact, but is a fear of the future. We have just next door, in Hawaii, an object lesson of what general Japanese settlement in California would mean and probably the people in California, with the single exception of the large land-owners and the anti-union employers, are unanimous that such a condition must be prevented in California at no matter what cost."

Those who are interested in the development of industrial education are at a loss now and then to determine how best the benefits of such education may be utilized says the Telegram. During the school years boys take the manual training course, just as they study mathematics, language, history or any other of the common school branches. The industrial knowledge they acquire is valuable, and the impulse of it is toward a life of productive industry. The powers that tend toward success in that field are trained, but to realize that which they promise they must be put to use. How to bridge the gap between industrial education and industrial occupation is the question that puzzles a great many people and is really worth considering. They have a system in Germany which answers that question to a certain extent. It is known as the continuation school. It takes the boy at the age of 14 or 15 or as soon as he has finished his elementary studies, and it fits him for a particular trade or business. Its purpose is to prevent leaving him in a blind alley, so far as the industrial part of his education is concerned. Contemplating the entrance of the pupil into this school, the school authorities pay great attention to the bent and adaptability of the individual boy, and upon that they determine the vocational course that he shall pursue after he finishes the academic branches. The work to which the boy is best suited is taught him in the continuation school; and in connection with his education there, the authorities see to it that he secures employment at his work, in which he is amply competent to persist when his school course is finally finished. These schools cover the entire line of industrial callings, and the law requires that employers of labor in all the various lines shall give practical recognition to their purposes and co-operate with them when the demand is made. The result is a body of trained and educated workmen, whether the occupation be that of mechanic, or waiter, or butcher, or baker, or salesman or what not. The entire system has the predominant German characteristic—thoroughness.

An exchange observes that the entire world has been set to buzzing because Secretary W. J. Bryan served grapes

joined in the place of booze at his recent dinner for Ambassador Bryan. The English papers have taken the secretary to task and dubbed the affair as "wisy Washington." We think that Bryan is again right and we suspect that if the real truth were known the adverse comment could be traced to the brewers and distillers, who claim the personal right to drink liquors but deny that same personal right to another who does not indulge. If Bryan did not see fit to serve liquors it is his own affair, as he was the host, and if the guests can't skip a meal without steaming up on some "bottled in bond" they can bring their own bottle or decline the hospitality of the secretary.

Free seed will be given to any farmers in Oregon, Washington or Idaho who want to plant corn this year, by the O. W. R. & N. company. C. L. Smith, agriculturalist for the company, has secured a large quantity of excellent acclimated seed corn and is distributing it in 12-pound lots according to word from Portland. The lot is sufficient to plant one acre. To stimulate interest in corn growing the O. W. company will hold two corn shows this fall, one at Colfax and one at Pendleton. Prizes of cash and implements will be given.

**The Pleasures of Obscurity.**  
It is apparent from this anecdote, printed in the New York Sun, that a story, although 2,200 years old, can still be fresh and amusing. It is a personal anecdote of Chuang Tzu, a brilliant Chinese writer and philosopher of the fourth century B. C.

Chuang Tzu was fishing in the P'u river when the Prince of Chu sent two high officials to ask him to take charge of the administration of that province. Chuang Tzu went on fishing and, without turning his head, said: "I have heard that in Chu there is a sacred tortoise that has been dead some 3,000 years and that the prince keeps this tortoise carefully enclosed in a chest on the altar of his ancestral temple. Now, would this tortoise rather be dead and have its remains venerated or be alive and wagging its tail in the mud?"

"It would rather be alive," replied the two officials, "and wagging its tail in the mud."  
"Begone!" cried Chuang Tzu. "I, too, will wag my tail in the mud."

**Some Pessimistic Statistics.**  
Estimating the world's population at 1,500,000,000, the whole human race at present living could stand comfortably shoulder to shoulder in an area of 500 square miles.  
Taking the number of generations in the past 6,000 years as 200, the room taken by them all on the above plan would only be half the size of Germany, or less than the area of the state of Colorado. To bury all the people on earth would require a graveyard a little larger than that area.  
If the dust left by each body be estimated at one-tenth of a cubic yard, which is a liberal estimate, it would cover only forty square miles to a depth of about three feet. This certainly seems insignificant. It is pointed out, compared with the great coral reefs and other immense deposits built up by the shells of tiny mollusks.—Harper's Weekly.

No. 13 Friday Street, London.  
Quite a tenth of the London streets have No. 13. There is no such number in the Strand nor in Holborn, Westbourne grove, Haymarket, St. James' street, Lowndes square or Park lane. Even the doctors ban it, for Upper Brook street goes from 11 to 15a on the odd number side of the street. In the humbler quarters of London it is the same—for instance, Charlotte street, Southwark, Rotherhithe street and Charles street, Hoxton. Even the printing press does not drive away superstition, for in wine office court and other parlous on Fleet street the number is missing. City men, too, have banished it from London street, Tokenhouse yard and Threadneedle street. There is, however, a manufacturer—greatly daring—who for years has carried on business at 13 Friday street.—London Standard.

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There is no better ballast for keeping the mind steady on its keel than business.—Lowell.

**Administrator's Notice.**  
In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.

In the matter of the Estate of Amos Shick, deceased:  
Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon has appointed Arthur E. Shick administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Amos Shick, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers to the said administrator at the office of Homer I. Watts, administrator, within six months from the first publication of this notice.  
Date of first publication May 9, 1913.  
Arthur E. Shick, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Amos Shick, deceased.  
Homer I. Watts, Atty for Administrator.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of John H. Hiteman, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla county, Oregon, has appointed Henry Dell, of Athena, Oregon, administrator of the estate of John H. Hiteman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers to the said administrator, at the office of Homer I. Watts, attorney, at his office, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.  
Date of first publication April 4, 1913.  
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**SUMMONS.**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
Alma Bowen, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
James Bowen, Defendant.  
To James Bowen, the above-named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you will take notice, that if you fail to appear and answer or plead within said time, the above-named plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint filed herein, to-wit: For a decree of divorce forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for the restoration to plaintiff her maiden name, Alma Fortier, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable and meet in the premises. This summons is published by order of the Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly and regularly made and entered on the 24th day of March, 1913, the date of the first publication being on the 28th day of March, 1913.  
S. A. Newberry, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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