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INTERNATIONAL IN IMPORTANCE

Few of us, who live in Jackson county can appreciate the significance, in Mexican eyes, of the flight of Col. Lindberg from Washington to Mexico City. Heretofore, the great nation to the North has pursued its way with little effort to cultivate intimate contacts with the Mexican people. The Lindberg flight, is, in a measure, a recognition of Mexico, and the wonder is, why we haven't paid more attention to our neighbor in the past.

That the modest, young American has captured the hearts of the Mexicans in the same manner that he has captured the imagination of the world, is apparent. President Calles, the government and the Mexican people have given every demonstration of affectionate friendship and appreciation of the undertaking. In fact the news dispatches from Mexico City, telling of the huge crowd that awaited Lindberg's arrival is the first such friendly story that has come out of Mexico for American consumption in many, many years.

As far as the Register is concerned this flight ranks high in importance not as an aviation exploit, but as an adventure in good will that pays big dividends. Our flying ambassador will yet take rank in American history as a worker for international understanding and friendship between the peoples of the world.

TO BE NO POLL

Much discussion followed an announcement from National Commander Edward E. Spafford that he proposed a referendum on prohibition among the members of the Legion. Opposition became rampant and the proposed poll was quickly abandoned.

The arrangements against such an undertaking are overwhelming. In the first place, and of primary importance is the fact that such a poll could accomplish nothing. The method of determining what the American people want has been the elections regularly held and no substitution is apt to carry much conviction.

Those in the Legion who opposed the proposal asserted, quite correctly, that it would make a political football out of the Legion. Gen. James A. Drain of the state of Washington, telegraphed his opposition stating that the organization consisted of "over 700,000 men, associated in common to serve God and country in peace with the spirit that moved them for service in war." To force a poll on such a "highly controversial national political question" was beyond the power of the National Commander.

Answering his critics Commander Spafford said he had merely suggested that such a poll be taken but, in no sense had he ordered it. In view of the opposition which developed all over the nation. It may be taken as assured that there will be no such undertaking on the part of the Legion. Among the states to register immediate objection were Nebraska, Iowa, New Hampshire, Indiana and Georgia.

WANT AN INVESTIGATION

The action of certain United States Senators in demanding a full investigation of the nasty charge that the Mexican government set aside \$1,215,000 as a reward for four Senators for "Pro-Mexican activities" should be followed by a searching investigation.

In this connection, we are glad to note that the Mexican government, "waiving its claims to immunity" has instructed its consul general in New York to appear before the special committee investigating the documents which it charges are "gross forgeries."

His appearance is important because it is charged that the money was sent to the consul general for distribution. While the names of the four senators connected with the alleged papers are well known they cannot be published. All of them insist upon a complete investigation. None of them has ever been touched by suggested scandal and one of them a Progressive, has been the subject of frequent comment for his honesty and sincerity.

ABOUT EVOLUTION

Not so long ago the people of Jackson county in common with other Americans, were discussing evolution. Both sides of the dispute were

Off the Concrete



championed with power but the disputants seldom agreed upon the meaning of evolution.

If we accept as it's definition the gradual development of higher from lower things there will not be much dispute. However, most people have the idea that evolution means that man came from a monkey. To them we direct this evidence, from Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, the president of the American Museum of Natural History.

"The better we understand human anatomy and the mechanism of both the hand and foot, and the more we learn of the fossil ancestors of man, the less close appears our relationship to the great anthropoid apes, the gorilla, the orang and the gibbon."

SMOKERS HELP GOVERNMENT

Not all the money spent for tobacco goes up in smoke. Almost forty per cent of the vast total goes into the treasury of Uncle Sam, and this percentage is increased in the few states that tax their smokers with a state stamp before they can buy what they smoke.

In the last fiscal year the devotees of the "noisome weed" contributed \$376,000,000 to the Federal Treasury. That is an immense sum, although only a small part of the estimated value of the tobacco manufactures in the nation. A people who are willing to spend close to a billion dollars a year for the pleasure of smoking ought to be able to pay for anything that becomes necessary. They hardly have the right to complain of hard times and high taxes!

The World War did much to make the cigarette and its spread has been universal. Women, too, have joined the ranks of the users to an extent undreamed of not many years ago. Even the doctors, have to some extent, foregone their dolorous complaints. In spite of using tobacco the Americans seemed to be hardy and energetic.

In 1919 tobacco manufacture stood sixteenth among American industries. Last year it had dropped to twenty-first place. Although its increases in the years had been phenomenal. Evidently some of those who smoke, work.

OUR NAVAL PLANE

Last week Secretary Wilbur laid before Congress the second largest naval building program in the history of the nation. It was submitted with the understanding that it "is not in conflict with the financial program of the president."

The new construction, asked for within a five year program, but the building of which would require eight or nine years, includes 25 light cruisers, 9 destroyer leaders, 32 submarines and 5 aircraft carriers. No major construction is permissible under the Washington treaty and therefore none is asked.

It will be observed that the proposal provides the United States with scouting units which are badly needed. It would enable us to approach British construction of the smaller units and is merely an open declaration by this country that if there is no limitation of armament that the navy of the United States will be the equal of any in the world.

1927 is a good year; it ends on a pay day.

1928 must be a good year; it begins on Sunday.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Klamath Falls—Great Northern will have terminals ready for traffic in January.

Pendleton—Oregon Wool Growers meet here Jan. 13 for annual convention.

Oregon wage earners increased from 28,800 in 1914 to 59,500 in 1925. Their products have more than trebled.

Reedsport—North jetty of Umpqua harbor will receive \$440,000 federal fund.

State will improve 12 miles of Fremont Highway, near Silver Lake.

Fossil—Clarno oil test well attracts widespread interest.

Milton—Gargus Logging Co. is delivering logs to local box mill.

Nyssa—Construction begins on 25 mile railroad to Awyhee dam.

Oregon banks have on deposit \$310,654,231, largest sum in state's history.

Oregon state highway budget for 1928 is \$3,898,000 including \$740,000 for oiling roads.

Salem—Honolulu buyer buys \$15,000 Marion and Polk county Jerseys for export.

Portland has 10,012 business concerns, gain of 1693 or 20 per cent since 1923.

Junction City—Move made for paved highway through Coburg to Eugene.

Astoria—Tice Lock Washer Co. will build factory at Port of Astoria.

Fertilizer factory at Portland buys 800 wild horses at Maupin and Gateway.

Canyon City telephone service rebuilt and modernized.

Post Office to be established at Pistol River, Curry county.

Oregon City—Site bought for rebuilding old Oregon City foundry.

Salem—Peppermint oil plants established here.

RATS MARCH AS ARMY

London.—Driven from their homes by rain and flood, thousands of rats marched in what London along the Lea Valley Road seemed military formation out of into Epping Forest. Men and boys seeing the rats, armed themselves with rifles and shotguns and spent the day hunting rats in the forest, destroying hundreds of the pests.

OREGON

Or a Romance and Adventure in and of the West

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The cities by cooperating with each other in movement of products helped much in things commercial. The people co-operating together could and did produce much more than they needed but there never was any over production. Being a commercial as well as an industrial city all surplus was put into the marts of trade and disposed of for commercial securities, credit coin or other methods of exchange. Production and trade were the two mighty arms of an industria-commercial city.

Municipal Governments being organized on lines suitable to modern economic conditions were a great blessing to the people living within the city. The refusal of the peoples to change governments to meet changed economic conditions had nearly wrecked society. The World War of nineteen fourteen had been the result of this refusal. Within ten years from the first incorporation of Christian co-operative, Industria-commercial city more than seventy five such cities were credited or born. Politics was being crowded out of organized society. That old serpent, the devil, the deceiver of the whole world Rev. 12.9 was being cast or crowded out.

Through their collective ownership of productive and distributive property, the people owned their jobs. Profits, dividends or interest could not be demanded as a right to work or as a price of their job. Thus the people through their political franchise had through their own initiative secured their industrial and commercial franchise. The establishment and growth of these cities had much to do with what followed. By the end of the first century of Oregon existence as a municipal state many, very many of such cities were flourishing in all parts of the state. Portland, Salem, Ashland, Medford, and Klamath Falls were among them. Cities in adjoining states were falling rapidly in line and had adopted Charters, the adoption of which created similar cities.

As a savior of society and as a hope of civilization the movement appeared as the only one that promised success. The danger threatened by the growth of colossal and ever accumulating wealth in the hands of huge private corporations was much to serious for either comfort or safety. Efforts at regulation and restraint were dismal failures. Such Corporation: were legal persons that had no soul. No corporeal body, that could be made to suffer for their iniquities. Being incorporeal corporeal punishment could not be administered. True they could be fined for violations of restraining laws and other laws but such fines were post-act license, subsequently paid for by plucked people. Big business as represented by private corporations had no fear of government, adopted the plan.

The movement to public municipal initiation in industry and commerce through Christian co-operative industria-commercial cities met with much opposition but the movement grew. Once started nothing could stop it. In 19... The people by their own initiative adopted an amendment to the constitution. The amendment provided for a 4th department in the state constitution. The department is known as the Department of Industry and Commerce. The adoption of said amendment and what followed is possibly the cause of our being here. It is certain that if it had not been adopted the late trial, in which the most of us figured, would not have been. As it is fresh in my mind I can repeat it word for word.

Sec. (1) reads. There is hereby created a Department of Industry and Commerce the powers and duties of which shall be to acquire

hold in trust manage and maintain such properties as may be necessary to give employment to all residents that may seek employment or work:

Sec. 2 The State Labor Commissioner shall be the head of the Department of Industry and Commerce.

Sec. 3. The electorate may or the Legislature shall enact such laws and provide for such officials as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this Article.

The effect of the adoption of this amendment was to give birth to or create a new Oregon. How ever, he was not only a new born child but for the second time, as when the electorate in 1902 adopted the Amendment known as the Initiative and Referendum, the new Oregon had a different form from his predecessor. Before its adoption he had a Politico-democratic republican form. Subsequent to its adoption, Oregon had and now has an Industria-commercial, democrato-republican form. Politics had been discarded. Dropped into hell, from which he or it had come. Industria-commercialism has succeeded him, or it, the gender is immaterial. The parties with a vision and people, who could see and desired better things who had been called as commerce through Christian, as the names in the calendar, except patriots or christians were the real lovers of their kind, and of their country. It was, as it often is, the other fellow that was the villain. For many years before the amendment there had been a State Labor Commissioner. His office was not provided for in the Constitution hence; he was a municipal official connected to the Executive Department, his official duties were to assist the Executive to regulate labor and capital, but if he ever did do so we are not aware of it, but maybe he did. Maybe the creation of the office was intended as a check on the predatory forces but if it did it likely kept capital out of the state to the injury of business. Any way Oregon as a legal person was not affected by him or his office for either good or bad.

However; now all was different. Transplanting or transferring the State Labor Commissioner from a municipal official to a constitutional one i. e. One that is provided for in the constitution one made a great difference. The change effected Oregon as a corporate municipality or legal person for his good. It is hard at this time to estimate how much. I realize the amount is almost incalculable. Taking his office from the executive Department and placing him in the Department of Industry and Commerce changed him from a passive official to an active one. Sec. 3 of the amendment reads. "The Legislature shall enact such laws and provide such officials as may be needed to enforce the provision of this Article. This section was compiled with at the first session of the Legislature following the adoption. The offices of a County Labor Commissioner and Labor Commissioners of each Justice of the Peace Precinct was provided for the offices of County Judge and County commissioners being abolished and their duties were given to the County Labor Commissioner and his assistants, the chairman of the Board of Precinct Labor Commissioners who had added duties some of which were to acquire and manage and maintain such properties as were necessary to give employment to such residents as sought employment within or I who were living within the Precinct.

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Cottage Grove will vote on \$25,000 bonds to extend water service to sawmills south of town.

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