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ENGLANDS SUBSIDY POLICY

The MAIL is in receipt of the proof of a long article from the American Syren and Shipping, of New York, advocating the adoption by the United States, of policy of ship subsidies. This is a part of the "campaign of education" with which it is hoped to convert the American people to the subsidy policy.

It is attempted to make a clinching argument of the fact that Great Britain has pursued a subsidy policy for the last 50 years, and especially that she has recently granted a subsidy to the Cunard line, involving a loan of \$13,000,000 and annual payment of \$1,000,000 for the next 20 years.

Jas. G. Blaine is quoted to show that British interests in navigation "is the one interest which England has protected steadily and determinedly, regardless of consistency and regardless of expense."

But doesn't this prove too much? Doesn't it open out a vista that is not at all alluring? Does the United States wish to enter upon a merry war with England to see which can pay the biggest subsidies to the great steamship lines? If England is determined to protect her shipping interests with subsidies, regardless of expense, the adoption of a like policy by this country would shortly involve a struggle in which it would simply be a question of the longest parse.

It would be another case like that of the navy, where the construction of each warship calls for the building a larger and better one by each of the rival nations.

Can not some better plan be evolved for restoring the American merchant marine?

THE PRESIDENT IS RIGHT

What regret the President's judicious friends might feel at the impulsiveness of his letter to Governor Durbin will be overcome as they reflect upon the gravity of the cause that brings it forth. The lynching mania is growing to proportions that exceed all reason or patience; and, the President truly says, the end of anarchy is despotism.

The sources of this popular disrespect for law include the defiance of statutes which we see in railway and trust magnates, as well as the outbreaks of the mob. Many of those in the highest circles who revolt at physical violence are themselves grievously to blame for the example they have set in holding the laws in contempt. It is no worse for a criminal chyster to save a miscreant's neck by sharp practice than for a great lawyer to pervert justice in the case of an illegal railroad merger.

Another excellent suggestion of the President's is that of surer and speedier justice. The Oregonian has dwelt so much on this point that it is needless to say much more about it. Nearly all the lynchings that grow out of other crimes than rape, and they are lamentably on the increase, would be prevented or discouraged by a knowledge that the offender would be brought to legal punishment within a few hours or days at best.

WORK TOGETHER

If can not be pointed out too strongly or too frequently that if Coos Bay is to come to the front as her position and resources fit her to do, it will be necessary for the people here to pull together. A good start has been made in the organization of a Chamber of Commerce which includes the whole Bay in its scope.

The spirit which prompted the laying of that broad foundation should be cultivated until it permeates the whole atmosphere. Any spirit of petty jealousy should be stamped out. It is absolutely essential that people living on this peninsula enclosed by the bay should take the larger view, if they desire to see the development here which we all hope for.

The day will come when Marshfield North Bend and Empire will be all one town. It may be much sooner than we expect. The day can be hastened or retarded by the spirit which prevails among the people. The cultivation of jealousy and distrust between the towns, as they now exist, will hurt the whole community.

That some are now assiduously engaged in cultivating such feelings, should arouse those capable of taking the larger view to an effort to counteract the influence of the evil propaganda.

A close observer remarked yesterday that the foot ball and baseball games had helped to create bad feelings between Marshfield and North Bend. This may be true, but should not be. It ought to be possible for these games to be carried on in a spirit of friendly rivalry, that would not degenerate into sectional hate. Acts committed in the heat and excitement of a ball game, many times by salaried players from the outside who have no interest in either town, ought not to be allowed to leave a feeling of hostility after the game is over. If the rooters overstep the bounds of courteous consideration for the other fellows, and give utterance to things that are not at all nice, it is wrong of course, but quite natural and quite common. It is all in the day's work, and what is the use of taking such things too seriously to heart. If we cannot have a few ball games without creating enmity between the two towns we would better throw the balls into the bay and turn the Marshfield Recreation Grounds into a calf pasture.

The ball game is only mentioned to illustrate the point, that we must guard against the growth of any feeling which will prevent us from all working together for the advancement of Coos Bay as a whole.

It is peculiarly incumbent upon the progressive spirits among us to make their influence felt. Unfortunately the knocker is rampant and irrepressible. He has an unmeasured power for mischief, and it is up to the rest of us to counteract his influence, as far as possible.

An Awful Lie!

A mayor in Norwich in the reign of Charles I sent a man to prison for saying that the Prince of Wales was born without a shirt.

From Inside Prison Walls. Many a good book has been written in prison. Socrates, Cervantes, Bunyan, Defoe, Lovelace, Tasso, Beranger, Raleigh, George Wither and James Montgomery all continued their literary labors while suffering from a curtailment of liberty.

Two Bad Fires.

In 1825 a forest fire overran more than 1,000,000 acres in central Maine. About the same time a fire near Quebec resulted in the death of 5,000 persons.

LIPTON MORE HOPEFUL

Old Sport Keeps Stiff Upper Lip

Bouquets for American People

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Highlands, Aug. 21—Sir Thomas Lipton is today more hopeful than ever of winning the cup. He says: "Yesterday's conditions were worse than I ever saw off Sandy Hook. The Shamrock had no show to wind, while the Reliance was lucky enough to catch puffs giving her the lead. When ever we did get a breeze we lost no time in getting upon Reliance's gain, but the luck never lasted. We hope for a fair breeze tomorrow, when we will show what Shamrock can do. We want a race on even terms, and if we get it we don't fear for results."

Sir Thomas held up a rabbit's foot charm; laughed and said, "I guess my luck hasn't all left yet."

He continued, "While the wind lasted Shamrock did better work than Reliance. You may talk as you please; that's my belief, I think too, that the Reliance got breezes aloft from her higher topsails."

"My only disappointment yesterday was for the friends on the Erin, which never had such a fine party aboard. There were not more than a dozen Britishers but Americans from every part of the states, even far away San Francisco. I am sorry for them that we didn't have a real race, sorry because of the kindness shown me by the American people. In God's world there isn't a kinder people. The English might try to be kind but they don't know how to be kind like Americans."

While Lipton was talking, Reliance with sails set, swept past for a short spin. Lipton said "She's a beauty and no mistake." Half an hour later Shamrock went out on a similar spin.

The weather bureau predicts light northerly winds tomorrow morning, shifting to the eastward and getting stronger as the day advances.

The betting odds today are three to one on Reliance. But few bets were posted this forenoon.

JOHNSON MONUMENT UNVEILED

Special to the Mail.

Newton, Ill., Aug. 21—In the presence of a number of Prohibition leaders, from various parts of the country, the Hale Johnson monument was unveiled today with interesting ceremonies.

Mr. Johnson was chairman of the Prohibition state committee and national committeeman at the time of his murder, election day last year. He was the Vice-Presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket in 1896.

OHIO DEMOCRATS PREPARING

To Open Campaign For Mayor Johnson

Special to the Mail.

Columbus, O., Aug. 21—The Ohio Republicans are planning to open their campaign about three weeks hence. The occasion will mark an epoch in the history of the Buckeye State. A very distinguished list of party leaders will be in attendance, and preparations are now advancing on a large scale. The hard work of the state committee is now devoted to the legislative phase of the question, for this is where the chief trouble is expected.

The Democrats have not completed plans for their Campaign. It will be a vigorous one, however, and will be commenced as soon as the ticket is named next week. As to the ticket, there is no longer much doubt that it will be headed by Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland. John L. Zimmerman of Springfield is the only other person mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination and the announcement last week by Mr. Johnson that he would accept the nomination if it would tend to strengthen the legislative situation has had a depressing effect on the Zimmerman forces.

Whether or not Mr. Johnson heads the ticket he is certain to be the center and life of the Democratic state campaign. Chairman Rick of the Republican state committee intimates that the nomination of Mr. Johnson will suit Republican leaders. The Republicans have looked with great disfavor and some apprehension upon the prominence taken in politics by Cleveland's mayor.

They openly say that the thing to be most desired from their viewpoint is to eliminate Mr. Johnson from the political map of Ohio.

If Mr. Johnson is named as the man to head the Democratic ticket, Gen. Dick and Senator Hanna seem to be of the opinion that they can deliver him a body blow. It is believed that if Mr. Johnson receives the nomination unusual efforts will be made by the Republicans to roll up a tremendous vote in the hope of bisecting the political future of the mayor in one stroke.

The Republican leaders are anxious about the matter for the reason that they have figured out apparently that, unless Mr. Johnson is personally a candidate, they will have to deal with him in this state, even if he gets upon the stump and the Republicans are victorious.

The outlook for a strenuous campaign is excellent just the same, and the fact that a governor and a legislature which will select a senator are to be elected will intensify the interest from this time on.

Proceding. "They say old Hodger married several times after he was seventy." "Yes. He had a very precocious second childhood."—Life.

Not Currently Considered. This world is but a fleeting show. Where worth and folly join; Posterity's the critic, but It doesn't pay the coin. —Washington Star.

Delicately Put. "Why do you call him a phonograph?" "Because a phonograph talks much, and so does a fool."—Chicago Post.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING

Young Man Carried Out to Sea

Tragedy Witnessed by a Thousand

Special to the Mail.

Newport, Or., Aug. 21—A Young man was drowned while surf bathing at Nye creek beach this morning in plain view of a thousand people.

He went in where many strong swimmers have been carried out by the current. In spite of his best efforts he was unable to return though he kept afloat fully half an hour.

A rope was finally got within 30 feet of him but was not long enough to reach him. Though every possible effort was made by strong hearts and willing hands, nothing could be done to save him and he finally disappeared from the view of the thousand excited watchers.

He is believed to be William Kleeman of Portland, who arrived Saturday night with mother, Mrs. Otto Kleeman and a sister. The body has not been recovered.

CLEAN TOWNS GROW.

Unclean Conditions a Bar to a Community's Progress.

At a meeting recently of the local Council of Women of New Orleans Professor Dillard of that city delivered an address on town improvement that will be of interest to other communities. He said that there was no royal road to securing a clean city, but where there was a will there was a way, and if the people of New Orleans determined upon having a clean city they could get it.

He said the unclean condition of a town was a real bar to its progress; that visitors coming to an unclean town were bound to receive an unfavorable impression, which all the hospitality and courtesy could not entirely erase. They judged people by what they saw, and they could not be blamed for doing so. Conditions, Professor Dillard said, affected character. A child raised in slovenly surroundings would naturally acquire slovenly personal habits.

In discussing the subject of a clean city Professor Dillard said he would begin with the back yards. If they were cleaned up, he thought, the sentiment would extend to the sidewalks and streets. He suggested that receptacles be placed in the yards for the collection of the inevitable trash and that housekeepers see to it that their children and servants put the trash in them and not scatter it in the yard.

The strips of grass which when allowed to grow up to any height on the edge of the sidewalks and streets deface the city would be cut if the general complaint was made against it. There was a law in the statute books which compelled property owners to keep the grass cut around their premises. This law applied to owners of vacant lots as well, though it didn't seem to be so understood.

Professor Dillard suggested that residents of a certain neighborhood might unite to form a sort of adjunct police force to see that violations of the law, in their vicinity at least, were reported to the proper authorities.

In the business streets, Professor Dillard said, the worst enemy seemed to be paper. This was a paper age, he said, and any quantity of it could be found about the streets. More receptacles were needed for papers on the street, and as soon as people began to realize that need it would be supplied.

He said the prosperity of a town depended largely upon a neat appearance, good laws and their enforcement and back of these a pronounced public sentiment.

Sackcloth and Ashes Still Prevail. An Arabian woman literally sits in sackcloth and strews ashes on her head at the death of a husband or son or the apostasy of any near relative, for when one becomes a Christian he is mourned as dead.