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Senator Newberry and his friends have steadfastly disclaimed any intention of doing wrong in the Michigan senatorial campaign of 1918. They continue to maintain that attitude since their conviction at Grand Rapids.

They may be able to justify themselves to themselves. Human motives are always difficult things to analyze. Discussion as to whether the men found "guilty" are culpable at heart as well as in the eyes of the law is futile. There are certain things, however, about this case which must appeal to every dispassionate citizen.

One is that as long as there is a law on the statute books forbidding campaign expenditures beyond a certain limit, that law should be obeyed. Another is that the spending of such vast sums as appear to have been used in this campaign would be considered scandalous and contrary to public policy regardless of any law on the subject. The public also reflects that the vast sums which, as the judge and jury were convinced, went to promote the election of Senator Newberry, were paid for the most part by very wealthy men, to elect a man of great wealth to a legislative body which is popularly known as a "rich man's club."

It must be admitted that the chief sins of the United States Senate lately have been other than plutocratic. Nevertheless the public always seems to scent the odor of money in the Senate, and anything of this sort makes a very bad impression.

Wealth and social standing, of course, should make no difference before the law. Unless higher courts shall find good reason to reverse the Grand Rapids verdict, the public will expect the law to take its course in this case as in any other, not in vengeance against Senator Newberry or any one else, but for the public good. It is not good public policy to give any pretext for the charge that public office in this country can be bought, either directly or indirectly.

## THE TREND OF PRICES

Whether any hope is to be found in recent price reports depends largely on the personal interests of the individual. The Bureau of Labor shows that the wholesale prices of commodities in general was practically the same last month as the month before, the "index number" being 249 for February as against 248 for January. In some particulars the figures seem quite hopeful; they indicate a drop of about 3 1/2 per cent in farm products and miscellaneous foods, a drop which is now beginning to reveal itself in the retail market. House-furnishing goods remain about the same. There are slight increases for clothing and fuel, increases of 4 1/2 per cent for chemicals and drugs, the same for metals and metal products, and an increase of 12 per cent in building materials.

This last item is particularly unfortunate in its effect on new construction plans. And the worst thing about it is that the price-advances in building materials seem to be continuing as spring weather stimulates the demand.

If the trend of foodstuffs continues downward, however, it will doubtless bring, before long, a noticeable reduction of the general price-average. Because food is the most fundamental human need, it has more effect than anything else in setting price standards.

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## Comments of the State Press

### When Shall We Kiss—

Kissing a pretty girl is less dangerous in the evening than in the morning, says a New York doctor. Many a man can testify, however, that the practice is dangerous to the male peace of mind at any time.—Eugene Register.

### Treaty Defeat—

With the aid of a convicted felon Senator Newberry, who a jury convicted of buying a seat in the U. S. senate, Senator Lodge was enabled to so organize the U. S. senate that the defeat of the league of nations has been accomplished.—Scio Tribune

### Too Much Advice—

One trouble nowadays is too much advice. Everybody would tell everybody how better to do everything. Why not let each other alone within law and reason? Allow a little initiative to develop. The only good advice comes from the preachers, and that is their work, with a little occasionally from the newspapers.—Oregonian.

### Democratic Factions—

Mr. Bryan says the defeat of the treaty was a crime. He says it was defeated because the minority in the senate refused to let the majority rule. His party is the minority and it obeyed the dictates of the president. Therefore it looks as tho the first work of the league council would be to draw up a peace treaty to stop war between the Democratic factions.—Gazette Times.

### 22,000 Millionaires—

Just why would one firm want to make so much out of a war that its income tax for a single year is more than \$4,500,000? It wasn't in Portland alone that such over-night fortunes were made. One statement has it that 22,000 Americans became millionaires during the war. It is as if the war was seized upon as a golden opportunity to garner a golden harvest.—Oregon Journal.

### What will the Harvest Be—

So it goes in nearly every industry Greed is the motto of the hour. Get all you can while the getting is good. Producers, trusts and toilers, are practicing sabotage and profiteering upon a grand scale to maintain a fool's paradise. Small wonder there is unrest and discontent over an economic system that is rooted in such conditions and is putting forth such blossoms. What will the harvest be?—Capitol Journal.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

MONDAY, March 29, 1920  
Henry White former U. S. Ambassador to France and one of the delegates to the Peace Conference, celebrates his 70th birthday today. Elaborate preparations will be completed at Colon today for the reception of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, whose ship is to pass through the Panama Canal on the way to Australia.

Public schools educators of half a dozen States are to meet in conference today at Emporia, Kan., to consider the shortage of teachers, wages and the situation with regards to rural schools.

The New Jersey caste involved the validity of the Prohibition amendment insofar as it relates to the manufacture of beer alleged to be non-intoxicating are docked for argument today in the Supreme Court of the United States.—

## TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

Don't come to meetings.  
But if you do come, come late.  
If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.

If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.

Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are appointed do not attend the committee meetings.

Asked by the master to give an opinion on an important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.

Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when the other members roll up their sleeves and do it all, howl about the Grange being run by a clique.

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## LANE CALF CLUBS WANT LINN CALVES

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## MEXICAN SHAMES AMERICAN "BOES".

Out of four hoboes locked up in the city jail last evening three of them refused work and were chased out of town this morning by Chief of Police John Catlin. The other, a Mexican, accepted a job on the S. P. section gang with other members of his race and was glad of the chance to earn \$3.20 a day. The three, all Americans, would not work for such a paltry sum and are making their way south where "watermelons and oranges grow and where existence without work is easy.

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