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SPECIFICATIONS AND REGULATIONS.

Government regulation easily runs to excess, and governmental regulation when excessive invariably becomes oppressive. From matters purely governmental we have drifted rapidly to regulation of public utilities, and even more rapidly to control of social and economic activities in all their phases. Wholesome restraint of illegal activities cannot be condemned. But the incessant legislative tinkering with the ordinary affairs of trade and the endless supervision and meddling by bureaus and their bureaucrats, departments and their officers, statisticians, inspectors, commissions and commissioners, with the business of the country is constantly increasing the burdens of the American business man, and correspondingly decreasing his efficiency. In promoting commercial prosperity no satisfactory substitute has been found for the spirit of competition and the free expression of individual initiative and ambition. Their value is too often ignored by our statesmen, politicians and economists. Nothing so certainly leads to mediocrity as the subjection of all individual effort to a governmental rule of thumb and the resulting limitation on the results of individual enterprise.

One phase of these tendencies is seen in the voluminous and growing legislation for the regulation of the manufacture of petroleum products and the establishment of specifications, etc., for their production and sale. It may be conceded that there is as much, indeed more, sound reason for regulating the quality of petroleum products as there is for legislating about the size of bird-cages or the length of bed-sheets. But that does not establish the soundness of either extreme in legislation.

In the Pacific Coast states, in various counties, and even in different municipalities, the law and ordinance makers are taking it upon themselves to prescribe different specifications, minimum and maximum gravities, varying flash-points and purities for gasoline, lubricants and other products. That the producer or manufacturer will strive to furnish the public what it wants, and that the consumer better knows what he wants than the man who makes laws about it, appears to be overlooked.

A bill now pending in the legislature of California specifies a gravity for gasoline under which sales of that product could not be made except at prohibitive prices. No doubt the Legislature will so amend the bill as to make it workable. In a southern city in this state a recent ordinance was so burdensome in its effect as to greatly increase the cost of petroleum products to the consumer. The ordinance was rescinded. The Northern Pacific Coast states have from time to time proposed legal requirements for petroleum products which would be illegal in neighboring states.

There is no question that the standardization of petroleum products would be useful if intelligently carried out and universally applied. The United States Fuel Administration recently published a bulletin entitled "Report of Committee on Standardization of Petroleum Specifications." It contains the Federal Government specifications, adopted on the recommendation of a group of able oilmen. A Federal standard for petroleum products would commend itself to the oil business of the country. It should receive the most careful consideration of our lawmakers, state and local. Otherwise, and with each community making its own regulations on the subject, some good, some bad, none consistent with the other, the industry would be far better off if left alone and free of the burden of bungling laws.

There are 400,000 little orphans, hungry and cold and dazed by the horrible atrocities and massacres

they have witnessed, over there in the ancient Bible Lands. Wherever the Turk has gone he has left this trail. It is a long way off, but not so far but that American men, women and children can reach out a helping hand. Oregon's quota of the relief fund is \$184,000, and every dime and dollar will mean food, warmth and comfort for these hapless little ones. Out of our abundance let us give generously.

Libelling respectable people is one thing but proving it beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of twelve men good and true is quite another. Publishing and disseminating idle rumor is a dangerous occupation. Only facts can stand before the law.

The Grandoldope

It is pretty near time
For the Christians
And the Methodists
To put over another
Opposition food sale.

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Any gladness
Over our restoration
To health,
Upon this occasion
We take great pleasure
In slapping ourselves
On the back
And expressing our
Profound gratitude
That we are still on the job
And to hail
After the rain
The bright flush
Of Springtime.

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Stay These Executions

By DAVID HINSHAW

You average American citizen in your average American community imagine if you can, the possibility of a report similar to the following being made of your community at any time and under any conditions.

"Though much saddened, our workers are cutting off whom they must, and continuing with those selected, principally children. All are making winter plans and asking, pleading, for funds now to buy what will cost many times more later on. Can you not cable us that the promised appropriations are certain until the end of June 1919. Such action would double the value of the gift. We must not let go now."

The Committee for Relief in the Near East is doing its utmost to sustain these peoples. Poverty stricken, plague infested, war terrorized Near East, the cradle of the white man's civilization, is perishing. It is perishing because of the faith that is in it. Only the help of an aroused American generosity can prevent this.

It is hard at a distance of thousands of miles for Average American Citizens to grasp the need. Tolerant, Helpful, Kindly, Generous America would never permit relief workers to sign death warrants for thousands of persons, did it but realize the situation. That is exactly what happens when the workers in the Near East are forced from lack of funds to "cut off whom they must." More than 4,000,000 people are destitute, of this number 400,000 are orphans, orphans because they were innocently caught in the net of the great war.

These starving peoples live in the "feaster" spot of Europe and Asia. America entered the war that autocracy might be crushed from the earth. We are forever bound to Europe because the blood of our sons is mingled with European soil. We must carry on in their names, we must carry on or their supreme sacrifice will have been in vain.

France, Belgium, Italy can all be helped by governmental aid, but the dying Christians of the Near East have no government through which governmental aid can be given them. The task is America's. Liberty, equality, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, all of these America has given to the world. Slowly the other nations of the world are accepting our ideals. Now we are challenged practically to advance the Brotherhood of Man as taught by the "Man of Sorrows" 1900 years ago. The people of His land by the faith He gave them ask for bread. What shall America give them?

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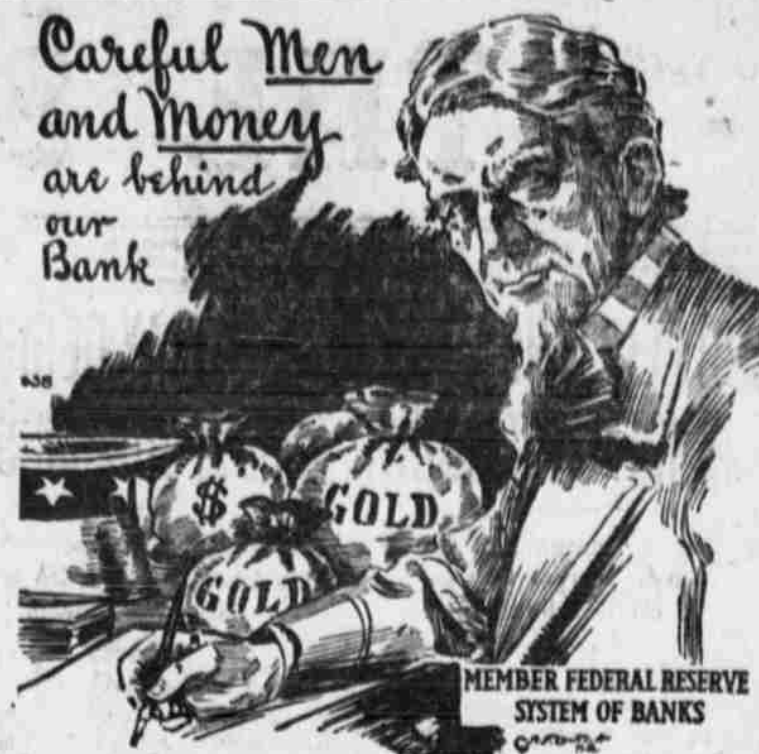
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SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.
The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, plaintiff, v. Frank Burgess, also all other persons and parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, defendants.

To Frank Burgess; also all other persons and parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or interest, in the real property described in the complaint hereof:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned to answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause and court within six weeks from the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$1,293.38 with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum since the 1st day of November, 1917. This summons is served upon you by publication in the Springfield News, a newspaper published in Springfield, Lane County, Oregon, and of general circulation for six successive and consecutive weeks by an order made and entered of record by the Hon. G. F. Skipworth, Judge of the above Court, made on the 4th day of February, 1919.

Date of first publication as prescribed by said order is on the 7th day of February, 1919, and last date on the 21st day of March, 1919.

C. M. KISSINGER,
Attorney for plaintiff,
Residence, Eugene, Oregon.

you are hereby summoned and required to be and appear in the above entitled Court and cause and answer the complaint of the plaintiff on file herein within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, said first date being on the 7th day of February, 1919, and the last date on the 21st day of March, 1919; and if you so fail to appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$1,293.38 with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum since the 1st day of November, 1917. This summons is served upon you by publication in the Springfield News, a newspaper published in Springfield, Lane County, Oregon, and of general circulation for six successive and consecutive weeks by an order made and entered of record by the Hon. G. F. Skipworth, Judge of the above Court, made on the 4th day of February, 1919.

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SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.
A. L. Dickens, plaintiff, vs W. E. Thompson, defendant.

To W. E. Thompson, the above named defendant:
In the name of the State of Oregon,

"So you are a burglar!" said the prison visitor.

"Yes'm, I like other people's property, but I haven't the heart to be an Anarchist and get it by rough work."