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RIISING TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

At last someone has been found who is optimistic or ignorant enough to come before the public and declare that the action taken by the Harding administration on the Soldier Bonus is one of the occasions when the said administration has risen to its responsibilities. The following is a rather lengthy quotation from "The March of Exents" in the World's Work in which this masterpiece of Republican optimism is contained.

"On two occasions the Harding administration has risen to its responsibilities—one in foreign and one domestic affairs. The first was its act in calling the Washington conference and the second was its opposition to the Bonus Bill. The two manifestations were important in their immediate results, but still more in their implications. They eloquently demonstrated the spirit which is needed in both foreign and domestic affairs. As the late Walter H. Page wrote to President Wilson as far back as 1913, the world was ready at any time to accept the leadership of the United States; this leadership was made inevitable by our economical predominance and by the unique position which American history and the political genius of the American people had given this country. The European war demonstrated the accuracy of this look into the future, and the success of the Washington conference brought it home to the American people with an emphasis that was fairly startling. For this the administration has already earned its place in history; and it should be kept in mind when its failures in other directions are recorded against it.

"This action makes for a high degree of citizenship in its world aspect; Mr. Harding's attitude toward the Bonus makes for good citizenship in the strictly American sense. The idea that millions of American young men should accept a money compensation for performing an act of citizenship—for doing their duty—is a revolting one. The greatest need in American life at present is a higher one—the sense of public duty, of unselfishness, the conception that the government is something to be served and not something to be plundered. To those familiar with the pension history of the Civil war, the activities of the American Legion have been a matter of the deepest discouragement. They would seem to indicate that the sense of public responsibility has retrograded in fifty years rather than progressed. For the point usually ignored is that the Bonus is essentially a service pension. The only man entitled to compensation for war service is the man who has suffered such disabilities from the war service that his power to care for himself has been impaired. The only pension that should be considered, that is, is an invalid pension. The other idea—that a soldier is entitled to a money reward irrespective of an injury or disability—is one that showed its head soon after the Civil war, only to be immediately hotted down. It was not until half a century had passed, and practically all the soldiers of the Civil war had reached their seventieth year, that the service pension became a part of our system. Probably most thinking people regarded it as an unwarranted largess even then. But the demand for a bonus—a free gift based not upon injuries but merely upon service—by millions of healthy young men, probably half of whom never left American soil, and a demand made immediately after the ending of the war, is quite a different matter, and President Harding is entitled to public thanks for opposing it."

Unless better examples of "rising to its responsibilities" can be found the writer will be tempted to quote in part the words of Stedman, one of the well-known American critics, "I hope that in time some dialectician as absolute as the grave-digger in Hamlet, will hit upon an exact reply to the question." When will the Harding administration ever rise to its responsibilities?

REPLY IS RECEIVED FROM COMMISSION

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that he has either been misunderstood or misquoted with reference to taking a partisan stand in favor of any particular railroad.

(6) Did the public service commission authorize the complaint presented by Mr. Corey at Washington, D. C., before the interstate commerce commission asking for the construction of

all the lines therein mentioned?

"Answer: Both the original petition and the petition in intervention in the matter referred to were authorized and filed by the commission, requesting that the interstate commerce commission require the railroad companies named in the original petition, or some of them, to build the extensions specified in the said petition, or so many thereof as in its wisdom it should see fit to require.

(7) We should be pleased to know

In Society

A pleasant change from the regular afternoon of needlework for the Frisella club members was introduced by Mrs. Wm. Berry, of Eugene last Friday afternoon when she was hostess for a line party at the Rex. After the show the jolly crowd was escorted to the Rainbow, where they were served with a dainty two course luncheon, places being laid for fourteen.

On December 7th, Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd was hostess to the Pine Needle club. A pleasant afternoon was spent in needlework, followed with delightful refreshments. Mrs. Norman Howard was the club's guest for the afternoon. Members present were: Mesdames, Arlie Casteel, Otis Kizer, Alva McPherson, Charles Dority, Wm. Darling, and Harl McPherson. Mrs. Wm. Darling will entertain the club at its next regular meeting, January 4.

At the regular meeting of the United Artisans, December 6, the following officers were elected:

Master Artisan, Frances Smith, Virgie Reynolds, superintendent, Lavina Keister, inspector; Maud Potter, secretary; Sr. Con, Mary Male; M. C., Lottie Ralston; Jr. Con, Robt. H. Reed; Warden, Lloyd Elliott; Inst. Ada Manwaring. Field committee, Ada Manwaring, Chas. E. Smith and John Manwaring. Finance committee, Virgie Reynolds, Lavina Keister and Ada Manwaring. Visiting committee, Ada Van Valsah, Grace Orr and Jennie Vogt.

Installation of officers will be held the first Wednesday in January.

Mrs. W. N. Dennis was hostess to the Needlecraft club at its first meeting for the month at her home on Mill street, on December 7. Members of the club present were: Mesdames, W. N. Long, Fred Walker, R. P. Mortensen, Wm. Killeen and C. Olson of Springfield and Mrs. Herbert Walker and Carl Fischer, of Eugene. Mrs. Dennis was assisted in serving by Mrs. Killeen. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent chatting and needlework. The meetings of the club are postponed until after the holidays, the next meeting being January 4, with Mrs. Carl Fisher, in Eugene. Mrs. J. C. Dennis was the club's guest for the afternoon.

the attitude of the public service commission of Oregon generally in regard to the unmerging of the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads. What is it?

"Answer: The commission has taken no position in this case, either for or against the unmerger, nor are we now taking any position thereon.

(8) Why is it that the public service commission of Oregon favors one line of railroad, seemingly, in this state as against another line?

"Answer: This question assumes a state of facts that does not exist. Trusting that the above will fully inform you as to the attitude of the commission in this matter, we remain Very truly yours,

Public Service Commission of Oregon.

Wm. P. Ellis, Secretary.

TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS

The regular examination for teacher's state certificate will be held in the county court room at Eugene,

Oregon, December 20, 21, 22 and 23, commencing at 9 a. m. Wednesday morning. All persons expecting to take the examination can get a copy of the schedule by applying to E. J. MOORE, County School Supt.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that M. B. Huntly has been by the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Lane county, appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Ann E. Huntly, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly stated and verified, to M. B. Huntly, Springfield, Oregon, within six months from this 1st day of November, 1922.

M. B. HUNTLY, Administrator with will annexed.
JOHN WILLIAMS, Attorney.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Jessie Nesbitt, administratrix of the estate of Henry Nesbitt, deceased, has rendered and filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane her final account as such administratrix and that by order of said Court, Saturday the 16th day of December, 1922 at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the County Court room in the Court house at Eugene, Oregon, has been fixed and appointed as the day, time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. All objections to said final account must be in writing and filed with the clerk of said court on or before said day and time.

Dated this day of November, 1922.

JESSIE NESBITT, Administratrix of the estate of Henry Nesbitt, deceased.
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