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**A NEW LAW BREAKING THEORY**

A new theory seems to be growing up in this country, as a result of prohibition—that breaking a law is justifiable if it interferes with personal liberty and freedom. The veteran lawyer, Clarence Darrow argues this with vehemence. He points out that Christianity started by breaking the laws of the Roman empire. While this may be true the new law breaking theory is alarming. If one person is justified and is permitted to break one law then another is justified in breaking another and we have wholesale law violation. The theory that all laws should be obeyed, even if they were enacted by an organized minority, is the only safe one for democracy.

**THIS IS FOREST WEEK**

To Springfield, whose chief industry is lumbering, American Forest week should have significance. Continuous and uninterrupted operation of sawmills depends on the timber supply. Timber cutting can be gauged and reforesting can be done to offset depletion in the future but the fire loss cannot be offset.

Let's make a resolution this forest week never by any act of ours to cause forest fires.

President Coolidge says in his forest week proclamation that we, of this generation, are the trustees of the forests and all wealth related to them. We are wealthy largely because we have appropriated the gifts of the soil, forests and minerals which nature has so generously given to the Pacific Northwest. But we can never claim to be truly progressive and business-wise until we put a stop to the needless loss of forest resources upon which depends so much of our wealth.

"I will lift up mine eyes to the hills," sang the psalmist, and by so doing we, too, may receive pleasure and inspiration. Let us see to it that they are hills clothed in a wealth of green foliage, not blackened forests laid waste by fire.

Elbert Bede, Cottage Grove editor, in a weighty editorial on modern education costs asks the pertinent question "What parents would send their daughters to school with flour sack underclothing on?" He drew a two column reply from a reader who asks "What parents want to advertise the brand of flour they use?"

The Jasper-Lowell road is among those that should be improved this year. Traffic over this road justifies that the entire stretch be at least as good as the improvement made on the one section last year. A road is not much better than its poorest place.

A cat that drank home-brew is said to have run every dog out of the neighborhood in a New Jersey city. Some of the stuff they sell in Oregon would make a mouse fight an elephant.

The man who concluded that "Hell was 20 miles from Eugene" at Noti must have had some grounds for suspicion since they have been trying to raise it there lately.

Gene Tunney says when he gets married he will quit fighting. He should have added with the padded mits.

An exchange says a man bit himself badly recently when he sat on his false teeth.

The king of Belgium rides a motorcycle. So do the kings of the highways in this country.

The law that abolished the election of a candidate of office at the time a vacancy was created by a recall is good. If the bootleggers and radicals are going to recall the sheriff then they should not have a voice in selecting his successor. It should be left to sane judgment.

A Chicago man hanged himself rather than undergo an operation. That's one way of getting the best of the doctors.

President Coolidge restores citizenship to three bootleggers. It had to be done. Out population is being depleted too fast.

**Editorial Comment**

TAX BURDEN ON TIMBER  
(Oregon Voter)

To the Editor:—The tabulation prepared by Senator Stanfield, which appeared on page 10 of the April 16 Voter is interesting. Taken alone it makes a strong case for the private ownership of National Forest Lands. Oregon, for example, with a tax of one mill upon an estimated valuation placed on the 13,000,000 acres of Forest Service land, could derive an annual income of approximately \$100,000. By implication and a little simple mathematics, a 30-mill tax would increase the tax income to \$3,000,000. Apparently one is to infer that we would be lifting a goodly portion of our tax burden by getting these forest lands out of government control and into the hands of private owners, in which condition this tax income could be secured.

All this looks very nice in statistical form, divorced from some very uncomfortable and very pertinent economic facts. The first and most evident thing is that just now the lumber industry of Oregon has a greater load of privately owned stumpage than it can comfortably carry. Taxation, protection and interest charges, with bond maturities, are forcing lumber on an unwilling market at prices below the cost of production. It stands to reason that this condition would not be corrected by doubling the acreage of privately owned stumpage.

Perpetual annual incomes, comparatively equal in amounts are much to be preferred by counties and the state to temporarily high incomes followed by low incomes or in some cases to no incomes at all. Michigan and Wisconsin are carrying vast areas of non-taxpaying, cut-over lands. More cut-over land in Oregon than we like to admit is in the tax delinquent class. If the history of cut-over lands in Michigan and Wisconsin is repeated in Oregon, and there is every indication that it will be, Oregon will, in the not distant future, have an area of several million acres of cut-over land which will be reverting to the counties for non-payment of taxes. Dumping 13,000,000 acres into a situation already becoming serious cannot fail to make a bad situation worse.

Next, and most important of all, under existing Federal law, 25 per cent of the gross income of the National Forests is paid to the state and by the state distributed to the counties in proportion to the acreage of national forest land in the counties. An additional 10 per cent of the gross income is devoted in the building of roads and trails within the limits of the forests. These improvements are a direct benefit in the development of the counties. From the above it appears that 35 per cent of the gross income from the forests goes to the counties in lieu of taxes. The writer does not believe that any going concern in Oregon can budget 35 per cent of its gross income for taxes. It would be a ruinous contribution.

The 1925 payment by the Forest Service to the State of Oregon was \$236,000. As the demand for Northwest timber increases, this amount will increase. Just as soon as an acre of forest land is cut over, steps are taken to start a new crop of trees. There will be no unproductive acres among the 13,000,000 acres of National Forest land. This area will be kept fully productive. Payments of 35 per cent of the gross income to the state will be a continuous performance. If the Federal government is willing to operate 13,000,000 acres of forest land as a going concern to its fullest capacity and to pay to the state 35 per cent of the gross income, it strikes me like a very patent case of letting good enough alone. There is absolutely nothing in the history of private forest land ownership in the United States to justify the assumption that our forest lands will be continuously and productively used so that they will have permanent taxation values. On the other hand, there is abundant evidence that millions of acres of cut-over lands will revert to the state for non-payment of taxes. If we are interested in the permanent welfare of Oregon, we will keep before us all the economic facts of the state's forestry problem.

GEO. W. PEAVY, Corvallis, Oregon.

**THE PROPOSED RECALL**  
(Cottage Grove Sentinel)

To a person who has to get his information from what he reads in the newspapers the proposed recall of Sheriff Frank Taylor appears to be another flagrant abuse of the recall law.

The recall is to be invoked, so we are told, because a certain deputy of the sheriff's office was not on the scene during the recent hunt for the Veneta bandits. So far as the news stories inform us, the reason why the deputy was not there has been fully and satisfactorily explained by the sheriff. Inasmuch as the bandits were quickly captured through the efforts of the sheriff's office, what difference does it make what deputy or deputies were put on the job? Hasn't the sheriff the right to pick a deputy he will send on a man hunt and which deputy he will send to California for another prisoner.

Both men implicated in the Veneta holdup have been tried and sent to Salem, one with a sentence to be hanged, all within a few weeks of the time of the holdup. To this writer this seems about as speedy a piece of justice as we are likely to find in American courts, and it is the kind of justice that is likely to take the tang out of the great outdoor sport of shoving a gun under a man's face and ordering him to fork over his valuables. At least those who hang for their deeds will cease to longer give trouble to police officials.

Sheriff Taylor has been, so far as this writer has observed, as good a law-enforcing official as the county has ever had. He has been a competent, capable and courteous official and the proposed recall is likely to be a flop that will encourage honest officials like Sheriff Taylor in the performance of their duties in the manner that to them seems best. The proposed recall should be a flop.

**Marriage Licenses for Week**

County Clerk W. B. Dillard has issued marriage licenses to the following during the past week:

Charles Piper and Anna Perdue, both of Harrisburg; Alpha Pitcher and Gladys Whipps, both of Cottage Grove; Glen Nielsen, Marcola, and Isabel Plomonda, Cottage Grove; Harold Hampton and Ilene August, both of Eugene; James Hardner and Lylah McMurphy, both of Eugene.

**Employ New Chorister**

A new chorister has been employed by the Springfield Christian church, it being Clark Adyelett, a student at Eugene Bible University. He led singing here during the recent revival.

**PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULE**  
SPRINGFIELD STOPS

**Cascade Line**  
**Northbound**  
West Coast, to Portland, 3:04 A. M.  
Local, No. 93, 3:11 P. M.

**Southbound**  
Local No. 91, 8:45 A. M.  
West Coast, 9:31 P. M.

Number 91 carries a sleeper, and connects at Black Butte for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

**Wending Trains**

Eastbound mixed, at Springfield, 9:15 A. M.

Westbound mixed, at Springfield, 1:50 P. M.

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**Choir Presentation Success**

The Baptist church was crowded Sunday night when the choir of the First Baptist church of Eugene presented Stainer's "Crucifixion." The cantata was declared an unqualified success by those who heard it.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our thanks to members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges and neighbors and friends who showed so much kindness during our recent bereavement. Mrs. J. H. Brummette and family.

**WE GIVE D. H. GREEN DISCOUNT STAMPS**

**For That "Tired Feeling" So Common In The Spring**

The lazy feeling which comes over us in the Spring is often joked about, but the condition which causes it is a serious matter. It indicates a derangement of the blood and nervous system.

People can't help feeling lazy and worn-out when impure blood poisons the system and paralyzes activity.

Even when the tired feeling isn't very perceptible, it is well to take a good Spring Remedy. We sell all of the good

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**—To \$3.50 Children's Footwear**

It just wouldn't do unless a child's shoe item entered this much-welcomed, "Week of Month-End Sales." Large groups of patents and kid pumps in up-to-date styles. Sizes 6 to 11. Many are nicely trimmed. **\$1.69**

**—Wo's. \$5.65 Smart Pumps, Pr.**

A plentiful variety of women's stylish models. Chic straps and pumps in such fashionable shades as blonde, parchment and rose blush, for spring and summer wear. Broken lines from regular stock Medium and spike heels. **\$4.58**

**—Imported Pongee Silk, Yard**

To Lane county women familiar with the value superiority of 12 mommie weight all-silk pongee, this will indeed seem an outstanding item, entitled to featured prominence. So soft and fine you'll want it for new underthings, window drapes and what not. Natural shade. While quantity lasts, yard at— **47c**

**—To \$1.25 Damask, One Yard**

It takes the combined (stores) buying power of J. C. Brill Stores to make possible this surprising price. 58-in. linen finish table damask in plain white with fancy brocaded patterns; others with cherry colored borders. 29 pieces to select from. **50c**

**—Men's \$1.19 Union Suits At**

These first warm spring days suggest just such under-togs—cool athletic style checked nainsook unions. Well tailored, full cut, sizes 36 to 46 V-neck. A saving of 40c per suit. **79c**



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