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POLITICS AND INDUSTRY

While it is easy to say "I told you so," or draw conclusions over the special election when voters registered "no" on everything the legislature and governor submitted to them, there are certain things that might be said for the good of Oregon. After all the people of Oregon are heavily taxed and have been generous in allowing themselves to be so. The thousands of miles of good roads, public buildings and the army of paid public officials are attest to this fact.

Now is a time, it must be regrettedly admitted, when the two principal industries of Oregon—lumbering and agriculture—are not prospering. Business men are not making the money they were and employment is neither as plentiful nor wages so good. Consequently the average man does not desire to vote an income tax or any other tax upon himself. He asks that the state keep down expenses until industry again prospers. The administration should heed his request, especially if it wants his vote at next election.

If it be true that there is not sufficient money forthcoming to run the necessary state government then of course the state must borrow. But let the state officials be very sure that they are borrowing for things absolutely necessary. Anybody can get along in times of real prosperity but it takes capable officials to run offices on scant revenue. How well they do it will demonstrate their efficiency for the office.

Three trips to Paris and one to Honolulu by aviators in the month of June is sufficient to convince one that American aviation at least is forging ahead and being made safe and practical for commercial use over long stretches of water. It won't be long until mail planes at least will span the oceans in 24 to 36 hours and a few passengers go that way.

Editorial Comment

THE LEGION AND FOREIGN DEBTS

(Editorial in "The National Tribune," Washington D. C.)
Reports are being circulated persistently to the effect that the National Convention of the American Legion this Fall will be urged to go on record in favor of canceling our foreign debts. These stories have it that move is already on foot to get a number of Department conventions on record in favor of such a stand and have them bring it to the floor of the National gathering in Paris.

It is difficult for us to believe that the persons really interested in the cancellation of these debts would waste all of the time and energy—to say nothing of money—necessary to get even one Department on record in favor of cancellation. We very much doubt if there is more than a mere handful of Legionnaires who believe the debts should be cancelled; personally, we know of but one. On the other hand we know of many veterans of the opinion that the terms of settlement granted our former allies are entirely too lenient. Should a move for cancellation be started they would fight bitterly for a resolution favoring more stringent terms of settlement.

The persons in favor of cancellation—most of them international bankers or Francophiles—should realize this before going too far with their propaganda. They might

find it will prove a boomerang.

We believe we represent the vast majority of veterans when we declare unqualifiedly against cancellation, but aside from this we foresee grave consequence should this question be permitted to come up for discussion on the floor of the convention in Paris. The proceedings of the convention this year will be carefully followed by a large group of French newspapermen, not all of whom by any means are friendly to the United States. A number of them will use every word possible for propaganda among the French people in favor of debt cancellation. Hence the less said about debts the better and the best thing will be to say absolutely nothing.

It is too bad that the cancellationists are planning a propaganda campaign among Legionnaires at this time, but such move should serve to keep the ex-service men on the alert to see that nothing is slipped over on them. Every resolution offered for consideration should be read carefully to see that its meaning can not be misconstrued in any way.

There is a great deal at stake for a small group in this country if public opinion could be aroused in favor of cancellation and this group will leave no stones unturned to attain that end.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

PLAY THE AVERAGES AND BE SAFE

A young man by the name of Orrell, who was cashier for a brokerage firm, has recently been arrested on a charge of swindling his employers out of some \$244,000.

He took this money a little at a time and always hoped to pay it back by making favorable plays in the stock market. He pinned his hopes on the advance in prices of breakfast foods and steam locomotive stocks. They didn't lead him to the hill of prosperity as he imagined they would, but they dumped him in the ditch.

He now says to himself, according to the newspapers, that he is "just another sucker."

There have doubtless been many great fortunes made by lucky chances and many people have struck oil wells or gold veins or diamond pockets. Others have had rich uncles die and leave them a lot of money.

There is no discounting this and no attempt to prove that it is not so. Gambling does not always lead to misfortune. Some players at Monte Carlo come away with a pile.

But the point is, the chances are against them. For every one man who succeeds and who you hear about, there are thousands who fail and whom are never noted.

The shrewd man bases his acts of life upon averages. He recognizes that there is much luck in human affairs. But there are certain laws of averages and life is a balance of probabilities.

The difference between a clever man and a fool is that the former pins his hope upon the general average laws and the chances are in his favor, while the latter fatuously believes in the exception and usually gets stung.

If life means anything to you, don't unnecessarily risk it.

If you want fame and fortune, don't pit them on the turn of a card.

Study to find out what the law of averages is and follow that law.

The wicked sometimes prosper and unjust and tyrannical people are successful, but the average is against them, and in the end they usually suffer.

The man who minds his own business and never takes chances unless he has to is running along with the laws of the universe. He is trusting to the cooperation of events and they do not fail him in the end.

Being good is merely having confidence in the laws of average.

Many Get Marriage Licenses

Many honeymoons were started during the Fourth of July holidays according to the licenses issued by the county clerk. Licenses were granted to Leo Palus and Beulah Wyatt, both of Marcola; William Morlan, Albany, and Sybil Crandall, Eugene; Louie Vernon Watkins, Comstock, and Katherine Blomberg, Drain; Robert Van Orden, Ryderwood, and Gladys Nystrom, Springfield; Lester Epperson and Hattie May Kerby, both of Ashland; Emory Roberts, Winchester, and Stella Becker, Portland; Steve Prirosky, Westfir, and Anna Kralicek, Springfield; Glen Walker, and Gladys Smith, both of Goshen; Elmer Whitaker and Frances Brown, both of Eugene; Kenneth Girard and Marjorie Lindsey, both of Springfield; William Newton Lindley and Margaret Haugann, both of Springfield; Earl Neet and Hazel Poindexter, both of Eugene; and to Henry Jeske and Lillian Sorenson, both of Junction City.

Here From Portland—Miss Anna Wright spent the week-end in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wright.

Richard Hart Here—Richard Hart was in town Saturday morning.

Camp on McKenzie—Karl Girard and family enjoyed the holiday by camping up the McKean river.

In on Business—Glen Aderson of Douglas Gardens was here Saturday on business.

Are Guests Here—Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Jarvis and daughter of Portland were guests at the home of Dr. Eugene Koster last week-end.

FOR SALE—Carbon paper in large sheets, 24x39 inches, suitable for making tracings. The News Office.

MISS GORRIE DEPARTS ON LINER TO EUROPE

Word has been received from New York to the effect that Miss Margaret Gorrie, daughter of Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, Sr., of this city, departed July 2 for Europe on the White Star liner Homeric.

Cherbourg and Southampton are the immediate destinations of Miss Gorrie. Later, after visiting in England, she will go to Orkney Islands for a short stay. This is the former home of her parents.

Miss Gorrie will return in September. She is employed at the Flanery Drug Store.

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