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### OBEY THE LAW

Nearly all the public ills from  
which the people suffer, are caused  
from disobedience to law. Officials  
may not enforce the law as they  
should, or laws may be illadvised  
and unpopular, yet whatever they  
may be they should be obeyed.

At the present time the attention  
of the entire country is directed to  
the activities of the so-called Indus-  
trial Workers of the World. Why?  
Because these people are violating  
or propose to violate law. They are  
making the mistake of thinking they  
can do the things or say the things  
in time of war, which they are ac-  
customed to say or do in time of  
peace. As a matter of fact, the  
general public is learning just what  
the fundamental teaching of I. W.  
Wism is. We are finding out that  
I. W. Wism is practical anarchy.  
They are a class of people, that is  
to say the officials, who won't work  
and who direct their energies to  
prevent others from working. More-  
over, these same leaders or officials,  
it is asserted, are in direct pay of  
the German government.

The Tribune will not undertake  
to say that this accusation is true or  
not, though U. S. secret service  
men say it is true.

We know that these same I. W.  
W. people are interfering with em-  
ployed labor, are seeking delay or  
to impede the gathering of crops  
and are making threats to destroy  
property, burn wheat fields, trains  
of cars, etc. Whether they do this  
or not, is yet to be proven. Yet the  
destruction of property by fire,  
coupled with their threats, lay them  
open to suspicion.

What shall we do with people of  
their character? It may be impos-  
sible to prove their direct agency in  
the destruction of property but, at  
the same time, it is necessary to  
place them in a condition, wherein  
they are free from the accusation.  
In time of war it may be necessary  
to deprive innocent men of their  
liberty. The public must be pro-  
tected at all hazards.

The I. W. W. people are a menace  
to a republican form of government.  
They refuse to submit to the will of  
the majority. They refuse to obey  
law except they are overcome by  
force. What shall we do with law-  
breakers of this character?

A large majority of I. W. W.s  
care nothing for a prison sentence.  
Indeed they seem to regard a jail  
sentence as a place wherein they  
are relieved from the responsibility  
of rustling for grub. Like the  
professional hobo, they are a leech  
upon the public. They, apparently,  
wish to make themselves such a  
nuisance that society, in self defense  
is driven to place them in confine-  
ment where they are supported at  
public expense.

The I. W. W. organization is in  
no sense to be considered as a labor  
union. The labor union is an orga-  
nization whose central purpose is to

better or benefit the condition of its  
membership socially and to protect  
them against unfair or unjust treat-  
ment by employers. The central  
purpose of the I. W. W. is to dis-  
rupt labor conditions by creating  
unrest and dissatisfaction among  
the workers, foment strikes and  
destroy property in order to force  
employers to come to their terms.  
They are a very small minority who  
resort to force to coerce the  
majority. Hence, their declared  
purpose makes them a menace to  
organized government.

It is very evident that the punish-  
ment meted out by society to such  
malcontents has no terror for the  
I. W. W. Only a punishment suffi-  
ciently severe to inspire terror in  
the hearts of these men who would  
accomplish their purpose by inspir-  
ing terror to the lawabiding citizen,  
will avail in controlling this enemy  
to organized government.

There is no doubt but what the  
state and counties must prepare  
places where this class of people can  
be confined and made to earn, at  
least, the expense of their care. If  
the state had proper lime and  
cement grinding plants established,  
as Multnomah county has rock  
breaking plants, then a fitting  
punishment could be imposed, be-  
cause labor in any form is a terror  
to the average I. W. W.

Society is now burdened with the  
support of her wayward boys and  
girls, of the deaf and dumb, of the  
feeble minded, of her criminals at  
the penitentiary, of the state col-  
leges, etc. and it is too much to  
further burden taxpayers with the  
support in idleness of the I. W. W.  
trouble makers. Society cannot  
afford to permit them at liberty,  
because of their sabotage procliv-  
ities. It is simply a condition that  
must be met and met with a stern-  
ness which will reach the desired  
result. By so doing the people will  
not be forced to take the law into  
their own hands, as did the San  
Franciscans in 1854.

### A PROCRASTINATING CONGRESS

The United States congress in its  
dilatory tactics in delaying action  
on the Food Control bill, is a disap-  
pointment to a vast majority of the  
American people and is, indirectly,  
playing the hand of the German  
kaiser. Political advantage and the  
pushing selfish interests of one-ide-  
ad people is the cause. Just how  
many congressmen secretly sympa-  
thize with Germany is not known.  
Yet they are retarding a vigorous  
prosecution of the war. Whether  
they intend to, directly or indirectly,  
aid the German cause or not, they  
are doing so and the people know it.

Now the Food Control bill is sure  
to become a law in the end. The  
delay is costing the American people  
millions of dollars daily, because of  
the excessive profits the food specu-  
lator exacts. These same specula-  
tors are bringing every influence to  
bear they can on congress, to delay  
the enforcement of food control, un-  
til the great bulk of the present crop  
has been marketed. The exorbitant  
profits they have been making on  
wheat and other cereals, on potatoes  
and meats products during the past  
year, is most pleasing to the average  
speculator. When flour made of  
American raised wheat and meats  
made from American cattle, sheep  
and hogs, are sold in the English  
markets at 30 to 40 per cent, less  
than they are sold to the American  
consumers, there is something radi-  
cally wrong and unjust.

Agents are a necessity in the eco-  
nomy of marketing crops. The pro-  
ducer cannot sell direct to the con-  
sumer except locally and in limited  
quantities. The food handler is a  
necessity and he is entitled to a  
fair margin of profit for his trouble.  
But he should not be permitted to  
rob the consumer at will. There-

fore it is imperative that congress  
acts quickly in this matter.

It is not expected that congress  
will enact a perfect emergency food  
law at this time. It will be added  
too or taken from as conditions de-  
mand. To attempt to cover food,  
clothing, boots and shoes, etc., in  
this one bill, as some congressmen  
are trying to do, is to greatly or re-  
tard the bill. This is what the food  
speculator wants. It is what the  
German kaiser wants and is what  
those who oppose the war want.

Some of our congressmen are dig-  
ging their political graves because  
of their action on this measure.  
The American people are not in the  
humor to stand political pettifog-  
ging just now. They are intensely  
in earnest in the prosecution of the  
war and they demand prompt, vig-  
orous action on the part of their  
congress. They demand that their  
congressmen shall be patriots, not  
shyster politicians.

When congress enacted the \$3,000,  
000,000 war bond measure and the  
bonds were placed before the peo-  
ple, the money was raised in a week.  
When the Red Cross asked for \$100-  
000,000, the sum was greatly over-  
subscribed in another week. This  
is the temper of the American peo-  
ple now. They are intensely patriot-  
ic. They demand that congressmen  
shall be of like temper. If congress  
will follow the lead of President  
Wilson, it will not go wrong far.  
The country has faith in the presi-  
dent and confidence in his judg-  
ment. They believe he is a patriot-  
ic American in the most complete  
sense of the term. As a war presi-  
dent they will rank him with Lin-  
coln.

### OREGON ROADS

Oregon roads, while not the best  
in the world, are usually commended  
by auto tourists who pass over  
them. They say they find the roads  
better than they expected, which  
evidences that Oregon roads have  
been traduced before the auto pub-  
lic. Advocates of paved highways  
are partly to blame for this. They  
attempted to make Oregon roads  
appear so bad in order to carry the  
bonding measure that a false idea  
was conveyed. Now some of them  
have concluded that Oregon roads  
are not so bad after all.

In Linn county the roads are gen-  
erally fairly good. Last winter and  
the late wet spring was destructive  
to roads. Usually farmers do some  
road work in March and bulk of it  
in April or May or whenever crops  
are in. Again in late fall the roads  
are prepared for winter travel. Un-  
der ordinary conditions this plan  
maintains the roads in fair form.

Of course this method has proven  
expensive and people are hardly  
satisfied with the results. A new  
plan will be taken on next year,  
from which we hope to get more  
satisfactory results. But however  
good the plan, we must maintain a  
man or men, whose sole business it  
will be to make repairs to a road  
before it is worn to tatters and then  
have to be rebuilt at great expense.  
Any kind of road can be maintained  
in fair condition, if given attention  
at the proper time. Truly in this  
matter "a stitch in time saves nine."  
Even a paved road or street will get  
out of repair unless the fixer is on  
hand when needed.

Farmers know the value of good  
roads as well as anybody, to them  
who use the roads at all seasons, the  
value is great. Probably the fairest  
and best method of maintaining a  
road system, would be by a vehicle  
tax. Then the people who use the  
road and wear it out, would be  
accumulating a maintenance fund.  
Even tourists who pass through the  
state, should be required to pay a  
small tax, just the same as a bridge  
toll.

At all events, with our present

system, faulty as it is, our roads  
have been growing gradually better  
for several years and what is true  
of Linn county, is true of other  
counties as well.

### Pay Your Dog Tax

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ceipts, etc., to exchange for the  
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