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## THE LID IS OFF.

Candidate Harding has made his speech of acceptance, and so far as the republican party is concerned the lid is off. The campaign is open. His policies are declared.

Mr. Harding will have no league unless it is a league fashioned by a republican congress and signed by a republican president: No democrat must have any credit whatever for a league of nations.

He is now willing to relieve President Wilson for the defeat of the present proposed league in order to give the republican senators credit for the defeat.

He has surrendered to the Johnson-Borah faction of his party without even mild reservations. He has been persuaded that a majority of the American people are opposed to any league whatever, unless such league is sponsored by the republican party and signed by a republican president. He is due to learn differently on November 27.

He has tried to repair his dilatoriness on woman suffrage by urging the Tennessee legislature to ratify the amendment just when a delegation of women were about to wait on him for a declaration of his stand on the subject.

He is about to join Mr. Lodge in a hymn of hate towards President Wilson, as if he was the candidate instead of Mr. Cox.

How he and his party were disappointed when Mr. McAdoo failed to be nominated. Then the hymn of hate could have been sung in all keys. All the main declaration of principles had been left unsaid. Like Mr. Lodge's keynote speech, the acceptance speech committed the republican party to a position which will drive away voters, rather than draw them to the party on November 2.

When it is fully established that Mr. Harding's history shows that on the prohi question he is fully as wet if not more so than Mr. Cox, then any of the prohibition party who were leaning toward Harding will straighten up and vote for the prohi candidate or for Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox has not tried to sail under false colors, but has declared his position on the 18th amendment openly and above board. He does not try to carry water on both shoulders. He is not a hypocrite. When he says he will enforce the prohibition law, until it is changed by the people, it may be depended upon that he will do it.

When Mr. Cox is notified of his nomination and delivers his speech of acceptance then the campaign will be fully opened and the alignment of the people will begin.

Portland is beginning to see that she and propaganda carried the state.

road bonds, practically without restriction or limitation they opened the door to bond buyers to fleece Oregon taxpayers. When state bonds are sold for 89 cents on the dollar, they find a mistake was made and it is now too late to remedy it. Linn county people required their bonds to be sold at par with accrued interest and to be offered to Linn county investors before being offered to outside buyers. So far Linn county bonds have been bought by Linn county people.

The Oregonian is very industrious in its efforts to find something against Candidate Cox which will form a basis for an appeal to the independent voter to vote for the republican candidate. Of course its persistent efforts to make Mr. Cox a "wet" candidate, because delegates who are opposed to prohibition voted for his nomination, is the leading field for exploitation. It also tries to attach a stigma because the Tamany delegates supported him, as if these two factions were to dominate the administration should Mr. Cox be elected. But that paper is mute about the enormous sums of money which was spent in the interests of the pre-convention candidates of the republican party, or of the retaining of a member of the U. S. senate, in good standing, who was a necessary member of the foreign relations committee which defeated the treaty and league, who is a convicted criminal in his own state, Michigan. Oh, no. These facts are never mentioned. That paper treats these notorious facts as too insignificant to be considered. But the fact that some "wet" delegates and Tamany voted for Cox, is too awfully awful. Pick the mote out of the republican eye, brother, before you try to extract the democratic beam.

## Chauffeurs' Licenses.

A chauffeur's license may be issued to a person, who must be over 18 years of age, upon application to the secretary of state, which application shall be made under oath, and shall contain the name and residence of such person, a statement that he is over the age of 18 years, that he is physically and mentally competent to operate a motor vehicle, and possesses the qualifications required by this act. Such application must also state whether or not the applicant has been previously convicted of a violation of the motor vehicle law or any other vehicle law or traffic regulation. The registration of a chauffeur must be renewed annually, and holds good until December 31 of each year, the fee being \$4.00 for a license issued prior to July 1 in any registration year, one-half of this sum for a license issued after July 1, and for any registration made on or after October 1 of any year, one-fourth of such sum. A chauffeur's license must be procured by every driver of a motor vehicle, the vehicle being for hire, as defined by the term "chauffeur," but a person to whom a chauffeur's license has been regularly issued under the law is not required to procure an operator's license in addition thereto. (Section 2, chapter 3, laws special session, 1920.)

## Contrary Minded.

"The men are always legislating against peekaboo waists and short skirts, yet the women keep on wearing them."

"I guess the men know their business."

A man killed another in a dispute involving \$6 and was exonerated by the jury. It may be that in time an editor can go out after some of his delinquent subscribers and either get the coin or give the undertaker a job.

## Malheur Bird Preserve.

Scio, July 27, 1920.

To the Editor:  
Monday's Oregonian contained the following item under a Eugene date: William Hanley, a cattle rancher of Burns and candidate four years ago for United States senator on the progressive ticket, says that the people in the southeastern part of the state are opposed to the plan to create a federal bird preserve at Malheur lake. "Only gulls and pelicans breed in the lake now," said Mr. Hanley, "while the game birds breed in the ranches under cultivation, so the turning of this lake over to the government would mean nothing so far as the propagation of birds is concerned, but means giving to the government more of our land to be forever exempt from taxation by the state. The land there has too great a future value to be given away at this time."

The statement by Mr. Hanley of Burns that "only gulls and pelicans nest in Malheur lake" cannot be taken seriously, as any person who will visit this bird reservation can ascertain in a few hours.

In my visit to this reservation, spending about four weeks there, I covered all portions of the reserve and found the following birds nesting—in the lake, and tule islands of the lake, and along the shores of the lake proper: Cormorants, pelicans, great blue herons, white crowned night herons, white faced glossy ibis, and the far famed American egret which almost became extinct, the birds being killed for their plumage which was used for millinery purposes, but owing to the protection given have increased from about five pair to probably 100 pair. All the above birds nest in large colonies in the lake, several hundred pairs in each colony.

Forster tern, black tern, and caspian tern also nest in large colonies. American avocet, California gull, ring billed gull are also there in large numbers.

The western grebe, American eared grebe, mallard duck, cinnamon teal, pintail and gadwell duck, American coot, blackbirds and marsh wrens are found in uncounted numbers.

Many other species of birds and game birds nest in this reservation, as it is a natural feeding and nesting ground for all manner of water fowl. The birds listed here were actually observed by me and photographed nesting in this reservation.

The waters of Silvez and Blitzen rivers, which feed this lake and which it is proposed to use for irrigation purposes, should be so regulated by the state or national government as to prevent the destruction of this bird reservation, and there seems no valid reason to me why both irrigation and preservation of the bird reserve could not be accomplished under proper restrictions.

A. G. PRILL.

## Wooden Bridges.

The timbered states of the West have every reason to encourage building more wooden bridges.

It is a well known fact that in many parts of the country wooden bridges have stood 50 to 100 years. There are places where steel and concrete are proper materials, but nine-tenths of all bridges needed in any country can be built of wood. Douglas fir and yellow pine will carry more than steel.

One western county has a bridge crew; buys all its lumber in carloads and builds only wooden bridges. The bridges are roofed and painted and outlast steel bridges; are built of home products and with home labor.

The time has come when western states that issue bonds for bridge construction should insist on using a western material and keep money at home.

## The Useful Ouija.

"Where were you all evening?"  
"At the club." "I don't believe it."  
"All right; ask the ouija board."

Landlady—The coffee, I am sorry to say, is exhausted, Mrs. Smith.  
Boarder—Ah, yes, poor thing! I was expecting that. I've noticed for some time that it hasn't been strong.

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