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OUR PROGRAM

1. Incorporate the town.
2. Create a water district.
3. Create a fire district.
4. Re-organize a chamber of commerce.
5. Install street lights.
6. Lay down side walks.
7. Develop poultry, nut and fruit industry.

REPEAL THE LAW

Portland daily newspapers are battling over Oregon's criminal syndicalism law. The Journal would retain it, the Oregonian would repeal it.

A foolish judge six weeks ago gave a communist seven years in the penitentiary for violating the law. No doubt he acted without stopping to realize that the pagan Romans long clung to the joyous habit of throwing christians to the lions, and that the victims became Martyrs.

Putting men to death, or sending them to prison for expressing political beliefs or for clinging to religious convictions can only have the result of making them more determined in their views, and it creates sympathy for them.

Communism can never gain a foothold in America under the present form of government. It can only grow and gain adherents when courts abuse their power.

Welfare workers have long known that the vast predominance of women who sell the gifts of their bodies have weak mentalities. And the same is true of soap box orators who irritate courts and police by preaching communism. Throwing them in jail can only result in gaining them followers.

Oregon has not reached that stage where men should fear the political opinions of other men. An idea that is good will blossom and flourish in a dungeon; and an idea that is valueless will perish in the sunlight. The legislature should repeal the law.

BETTER POSTAL SERVICE

The postoffice in Bonneville has been advanced to third class, and there is promise that it will become a second class office by July 1.

The public entertains the opinion that the postoffice in Cascade Locks should be advanced to third class, too. Business has materially increased by construction of the dam, and the town has grown, with the result that heavier demands are now being made upon the postoffice.

Under rules and regulations governing fourth class offices, the postmaster is compelled to employ such additional help as is required. If the postmaster gives the patrons the service to which they are entitled he has little left for himself; if he does not employ help the patrons must accept such service as he may elect to give them.

Postmasters in third class offices are provided with a full time clerk and the postoffice is housed in a building of not less than 1200 square feet. The postoffice in Cascade Locks does not contain more than a quarter of that space and patrons tramp each other's feet in their efforts to get in and out of the office.

Cascade Locks is entitled to the advantages of a third class office.

Steps to obtain it should be taken without further delay, and particularly in view of the fact that an effort may be made to move it to another building at an early date. A petition addressed to Postmaster General Farley would no doubt be instrumental in bringing about the desired change.

Congressman Pierce is an influential factor in affairs at the national capitol, and a second petition, addressed to him, should result in some early action.

Time was when Cascade Locks could struggle along with indifferent postal service and inadequate quarters for a post office, but that period has passed. Patrons are no longer satisfied with the service that is available to them in a fourth class postoffice.

PAYMENT OF ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Oregon will benefit to the extent of some \$20,000,000 if congress adopts the American Legions proposal for immediate payment of the adjusted service certificates, commonly misnamed the bonus. Multnomah county veterans will receive some \$7,000,000 while Hood River county veterans will receive approximately \$200,000.

The American Legion proposes immediate payment of the adjusted service certificates as an effective medium for distributing the Federal government's relief funds. No Legion resolution ever received more careful consideration. These certificates constitute a debt congress admitted was due those who served in the armed forces during the World War. When congress passed the law to adjust the compensation of the service men it chose to pay them, not then, but in 1945. The majority of veterans have always believed this debt should have been discharged immediately. Up to this time the Legion has not pressed its case in its effort to help the federal government balance its budget. However, conditions are different now.

Since the federal government is now spending public funds on a large scale in order to take men off the relief rolls and put them back into jobs of productivity, where they belong and where they want to be, all for the purpose of stimulating business and industry and restoring and maintaining buying power, and also to relieve human suffering, the American Legion asks: Why should this draft not be paid now? Why continue to increase national debt when the same purpose can be served by paying a debt? It must be paid some time.

As a medium for distributing part of these funds equally throughout the country, for getting money into circulation quickly and efficiently and for meeting an imperative relief need, the American Legion has recommended the payment of the adjusted service certificates. If business needs stimulation, here is a rational way of giving it without creating more debt. The Legion feels there is no basis for question of which way the government is going to distribute this money; by creating more debt or by paying a debt to attain precisely the same objective.

Bonneville Post No. 88, American Legion, presents this article to let the public know the thoughts that motivated the Legion in recommending this matter for congressional approval so that the issue may be decided intelligently and with fairness to all sides.

The Oregon pig crop is reported to be short, but no one has reported a shortage of road hogs on Oregon highways.

The number of horses on Oregon farms is reported to be increasing. Old Dobbin does not deteriorate in value the minute he is driven out of the barn.

"That's cold in them thar hills," said Ralph Nelson, as he stood looking up at the snow that blankets the mountains.

Use Chronicle Want Ads.

That's Right! You're Wrong!

While in the grocery store I heard Quote one Old-timer, "Mark my word!

We'll have a winter, yes, by heck! We'll wade in snow up to our neck.

The river's sure to solid freeze. I've seen the signs, say what you please."

Then spoke another, through his beard.

Who every bit as wise appeared, "Pete, I'll have to contradict

The harsh conditions you predict. And tell you that they are absurd! And to what signs are we referred?"

Said Pete, "I've noticed that the bear

Have lately taken to their lair. And yesterday, I saw a deer—

Which, sure as I'm asein' here, Had hair upon it two feet long! Don't tell ME these signs are wrong!"

"Hosh!" said the other with a snort.

"We're due for winter mild and short!

You've seen the dogwood's second bloom.

And yet you set there and presume To tell me? No, I'll be doggoned! Not with the ducks still on the pond!"

What then portends the hairy buck?

When lingers long the quacking duck.

What bodes the bear in cavern gloom?

When dogwood flouts its second bloom.

What odds the signs to which we cling?

We'll know their worth with coming spring.

—NOBLE F. HYDE

THIS AND THAT

"Quit crowding," said the army doctor at the bedside of a dying Mormon husband. "You wives line up according to rank."

A lot of girls get the answers to their questions by running around with questionable company.

When a man stops bringing home the bacon his goose is cooked.

All women are puzzles, which probably explains why so many men attempt to work them.

A SMILE OR TWO

Little Johnny, aged seven, had been taken to the zoo. He stood before the leopard's cage for a few minutes staring intently. Then, turning to his mother, he asked: "Mother, is that the dotted lion that everyone wants dad to sign on?"

The rather boring old professor of history was asking to the bright young thing at a dinner party.

"Do you know, my dear," he said, "that Columbus traveled over 2500 miles on a galleon?"

"Go on!" scoffed the young lady "You don't believe all those stories you hear about cars, do you?"

"I'm glad you're so impressed, dear, by all these explanations I have been giving you about banking and economics," remarked the young husband.

"Yes, darling, it seems wonderful that anybody could know as much as you do about money without having any."

A visitor called at a doctor's house.

"Is your father at home, dear?" he asked the doctor's small daughter.

"No, he's out, giving an anaesthetic."

"An anaesthetic! That's a big word. What does it mean?"

"Ten dollars," was the reply.

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