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### STOP FOREST FIRES

A COMMENDABLE movement has had its inception in the city of Klamath Falls—a "direct action" plan to stop the burning of forests.

Under the name "STOP FOREST FIRES ASSOCIATION" it is the plan to enlist a wide membership, obtaining the signature of every man, woman, or youth who frequents the wooded area for camping trip or outing.

Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls are to be commissioned as solicitors and the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the move, is to offer prizes to the boy or girl who enlists the greatest number.

Tourists as they come in from the south through this gateway to Nature's forest area, are to be asked to sign a card and join. Residents are to be enlisted in the organization and thus become active missionaries toward preventing the havoc of the Red Demon.

Ministers are to be requested to impress the dangers of campfire and smoker carelessness. Hotels and restaurants are to be asked to help with poster and notice.

Far beyond the result or good attained by a mere local application of the plan, the state at large is being asked to take up the movement and through the State Chamber of Commerce an appeal will probably go forth to all cities with a suggestion to establish similar organizations.

Klamath's response may be credited to an individual letter sent forth by the United States Forest Service to newspapers and leaders in various communities, pointing out the graver dangers existing this year due to the dry season and the fact that in all history no situation as serious has presented itself.

Cigaret smokers particularly should "have a care." The glowing, cast-off fag, still alight, carelessly thrown from auto seat or as one leaves camp, is a dangerous dealer.

Citizens generally should get behind the chamber in this movement and lend their moral support.

Seventy per cent of all forest fires are man-caused. In Oregon this percentage mounts to 85, revealing that natural causes in this area are at a minimum.

Stop Forest Fires—it is possible.

### THE TAX RELIEF

THE expiring Congress will be forgiven much, because it lowered taxes. Its revenue law may be unscientific in principle and wrong in many details, but the average taxpayer is not given to close analysis. The law does grant relief to millions of citizens, in their income tax payments—moderate relief this year, in a general cut of 25 per cent, and the prospect of a cut of one-half or more in next year's payments. The "higher brackets" gain little; but the majority are not much concerned about that.

It would have been better, well informed persons may admit, if Congress had made a greater reduction on the income taxes on big fortunes, and coupled it with legislation to stop the issuance of tax-exempt securities. That might have brought under taxation again a large volume of wealth now escaping the income tax, and poured into productive enterprise again hundreds of millions now buried in public bonds and encouraging public extravagance. Such action is so logical, according to economists, that it must come sooner or later.

In the meantime, there is a noticeable perking up of business, because of the general cheerfulness caused by relieving the small tax burdens of the many. That effect may be more psychological than scientific, but it is an economic fact just the same.

This lynching problem is complicated. Convicts in an Arizona penitentiary tried to lynch one of their number, when he stabbed a woman with an ice pick. What would you do about that?

President Harding's shoemaker friend from Northampton, Mass., is attending the Republican convention, probably for first aid to politicians on their uppers.

As the "\$15,000,000 defense" is mobilized in Chicago, one is moved to wonder again whether American courts are intended for justice or legal sport.

The young lady in New Jersey who started out in an evening gown to catch rabbits with her bare hands only caught a cold and a lot of unpleasant notoriety.

There's something besides politics in this country. National advertisers are spending 20 per cent more than they did last year. And getting the worth of their money, too.

A time may come when political candidates want adjusted compensation for the time they've spent trying to be elected.

Don't be too hard on Congress. It hasn't done any worse than the weather.

Once more Peggy Joyce is married for the last time.

### ALL ATTENTION



## "God of Gold" Given Wallop by Member of 'Third House'

Editor Herald:

This letter is prompted by your editorial of June 7, entitled "Profitless Gold."

On behalf of the people, and as a member of "the third house" I most respectfully beg indulgence to offer a few remarks on this line of thought.

It is a well known and accepted fact that we are now governed, not by any responsible party either Republican, Democratic or other party, but by factions and blocs. This is not within itself so deplorable when carefully analyzed. It simply means that the thinkers are busy trying to answer, both to their own satisfaction and to the satisfaction of their supporters, the following question: Is gold superior to man or is man superior to gold? Shall the getting of gold interfere with every process of humanity for the well being of humanity? Is gold within itself more valuable than all things in this world, including all material things of which it forms a part only? This question is fully answered by merely the asking of it. A part cannot surpass the whole. Yet through all our financial history we have approached this question as if the solitary item of gold were of more consideration than the thousand and one things which we would rather have than gold, and for which we are at all times willing to give up gold to get.

#### Looser Money Useless.

In our present state of mind, and because of our recurrent mania for gold, being committed to the philosophy that the dollar is mightier than man, who created it, there would be no use of the Federal Reserve Banking System loosening up on loans. This would be merely using the patient another shot of "hop." Inflation? Why this gold of Gold is inflated himself until he can hardly sit in comfort on the Throne Chair. Gouty old Devil that he is, he's constantly hollering for help, and never able to render any service for his own folks when it is most needed; not only that but constantly interfering with the service that we wish to render one to the other.

Sometimes, somehow, somewhere, it will come to pass that some of humanity will devise a system that will not rely on the old duffer, and the rest of the world will follow as naturally as water goes to the sea or as vapor seeks the sky to again refresh the land. This philosophy that insists that we must have a money or medium of exchange that is not responsive to human needs, that hinders and delays our service to one another, is all wrong. I do not care if it has been in vogue for ages. This philosophy is again on trial and for my part, if gold interferes with business, that is our service one to another. Then CUT OUT THE GOLD. "Can't the apostles of Hard Cash and let's go."

It was not until the year of our Lord 1923 that the world fully learned that the credit of a nation did not rest entirely on the amount of gold it could produce, but on the ability of that nation, that people, to pay.

Yes pay; not in gold alone but in service, in producing things that other people need. Exchange of products for products. And here sits this lazy old God of Gold, and

says, "don't do it; don't do it; don't do it until I tell you to."

A Gospel of Don't.  
Without reflection on any political party, I wish to remark, that for the last five years we have had a continual gospel of don'ts.

Don't plant so much wheat, when portions of the world were starving for bread; Don't start any new development work to make new homes for the people when thousands of our soldier defenders were homeless and jobless. Don't tax gold, he's getting old; give him tax free securities in his age. Don't do anything for anybody as it will deplete the gold reserve forces. And finally don't worry; you will soon be beyond the sordid world of care.

The gospel of despair is repeated in reverence to the mandates of this God of Gold. Our financial high lights began singing this gospel in mournful strain until it sunk deep into the very soul of an already sorrowful world. Confidence in men was shattered and the world instead of being a safe place for free institutions, became one of fear and distrust for all things and all peoples. Back to normalcy? No, never. But ahead to a new day of hope and trust. A new vision of the real meaning of man. A new hope for his ultimate triumph over material things. A license to live in a world of peace and confidence. That's the gospel from the Third House, according to the first epistle of the Bloc apostle.

WM. F. B. CHASE.  
Bonanza, Oregon, June 8, 1924.

### HUNT'S WASHINGTON LETTER

BY HARRY B. HUNT

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—Proceedings of the Cleveland convention may be speeded up in order to make possible an adjournment late on the evening of Thursday, June 12.

For more than a few of the delegates view with apprehension the possibility of the convention concluding its activities on Friday, the Thirteenth.

Even among the "leaders" there are many who face unafraid the combined threats of Democrats and Independents, but who lose their nerve and complacency at the prospect of picking a vice presidential candidate and winding up the affairs of the session on a date popularly reputed to be laden with distress and disaster.

Of course these gentlemen are not superstitious. They'll tell you frankly they are not.

But then, they ask, why take a chance? Why tempt Fate?

Democratic interest in the Cleveland convention extends chiefly to the sort of platform the G. O. P. carpenters build.

For the Democratic program calls for the construction of a platform which will be more attractive and spacious than that of the Republicans—one on which there will be room for all who fear faulty construction may cause a collapse in the G. O. P. structure.

Incidentally, also, the Democratic architects will study the plan of the Cleveland platform in the hope of locating weak spots. For in the

campaign, the plan of battle to defeat Coolidge calls first and foremost for knocking the props from under the promises and program which his party chiefs will lay down for him.

Next to the matter of the Republican platform, Democratic interest now centers in the sort of showing which will be made by the "Farm-Labor" party convention at St. Paul, June 17.

For on the extent to which that third-party movement makes headway depends very largely the latent danger to the old parties in the La Follette movement, which will take shape at the conference in Cleveland, July 4.

If the St. Paul convention reveals a substantial following in the face of reputation by La Follette and by the American Federation of Labor, it may mean a split in the independent vote in the northwest which would result in not merely a third but a fourth party this fall.

Any such division, of course, would jeopardize the effectiveness of the proposed independent campaign. Two fighting "independent" groups simply would kill each other off and leave everything lovely for the dominant "old party" in the northwest—which party, of course, is the G. O. P.

Should the St. Paul convention

"Dial," however, then the La Follette gathering at Cleveland becomes of major importance.

The assertion is openly made in some quarters that under-cover assistance is being given the St. Paul gathering by individuals and interests close to the G. O. P. in the belief that by encouraging an off-shoot independent organization of extreme radicals they can undermine and discredit any other independent movement.

Efforts to tie the St. Paul meeting up with the American Federation of Labor finally reached the point where Samuel Gompers issued a blanket warning to all organized labor that an attempt was being made to trick it into becoming a catapaw for "Communist enemies of orderly development." Gompers flatly stated that enemies of organized labor "are uniting with communists and professional radicals" in promoting the St. Paul gathering and urged all loyal laborites to stay away.

On the effect of this warning may depend the fate of a real "third party" this year.

### You and I

BY THE EDITOR.

I PRESUME there are few of us who do not love trees—otherwise we should not choose Oregon and particularly the Klamath country as our home.

The other day on this page under "Letters From The People" appeared what seemed to me to be a worthy suggestion. Said suggestion was that means be taken to water and nourish many of the young trees which have been set out in the Hot Springs Addition to Klamath Falls. The correspondent declared that many of them were dying for lack of care and deplored this negligence.

You and I will have a better and pleasanter city in which to live and look upon when we have more trees along the highways and by-ways. Many of these saplings have been struggling valiantly and are about to die—I know this for yesterday I took the time to make a personal investigation.

Cannot some method be found—the city sprinkler, perhaps—to help along these young growths? Those set out in front of occupied property are not suffering but the ones in front of vacant lots really ought not to be allowed to die. All of us some day hope to see homes on every vacant lot in Klamath Falls. That day will come the sooner if our home-sites are made the more attractive.

YOU ALL better plan on visiting Langell Valley this coming Sunday. The neighbors out there are elated and justly so. Water, that life-giving, money-making, crop-assuring element of kind Nature is now flowing through a ditch that brings under irrigation some six thousand five hundred acres of just about the finest land you and I ever need to see.

Langell folks have decided to make an event out of it—sort of a formal greeting to what is the beginning of our country we shall all point to with pride within a few short years to come.

There's to be barbecued meat, bread, lemonade and coffee served

by the hosts—the Langell Valley Community Club. You may take along "your own" eats if you desire.

Let's show the Langell Valley people at their Lorella rendezvous that we are good mixers.

YOU AND I who have lived our many years in this glorious west, tramped dim trails and experienced the thrill of sleeping out in the wide spaces, long ago learned that one's person here was more secure from the dangerous gun-toter than in the cities of the east.

Despite this the impression has been stimulated by authors and writers seeking "color" that "out west" was synonymous with guns, shrieking bullets and all the other "Dead Eye Dick" requisites.

Now comes an author who tells the truth, one David Greig, producer of "The Two Coyotes," a novel of the Alberta prairie. Greig goes so far as to state that in all his western life he has failed to meet a gun toter. While this is a straining thing, a trifle his extreme is yet closer to fact than the "color" writer.

More men comparatively may pack smoke weapons in the western region, but many less use them on human beings than do the riff-raff of the eastern cities. All one has to do to convince himself is to read the newspapers.

### BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Beebe of this city, June 10, at the Klamath General Hospital, twin girls, weighing 4 lbs., 8 oz. and 3 lbs., 14 oz.

### SUMMER CLASSES

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