

What the Editors Say.

Ex-President Taft, knowing the responsibility of the president, says of the war issue: "Is there anything for a clear-headed, patriotic American citizen to do but to back up our president, who is our chosen constitutional leader? This is no time to point out mistakes of the past."

Taxpayers are again planning to cut levies, consolidate boards and commissions and secure uniform system of taxation. The fight will be hard for the holder of office holders, employees, and beneficiaries now holding positions on different boards and commissions so large that their vote alone in most cases decide any move tending to reduce their number.

With a verdict of 2750 round dollars against him in the recent habeas suit, Brother O'Brien, of the Marshfield Record will have to make a heart to heart talk with some of the delinquent subscribers. And, by the way, this verdict will open the eyes of certain newspapers as to how far they can go in printing hearsay news unsupported by evidence, and two other cases of this nature now in the courts of the state will be watched with interest by the newspaper fraternity.

A correspondent writes to ask The Spectorator to "positively deny the false statement that Mr. Olcott, candidate for re-election as Secretary of State, is a Democrat." The Spectorator never said that Mr. Olcott was a democrat. As the Spectorator understands the controversy over Mr. Olcott's politics, the Secretary of State manages the campaign of a Democrat, Oswald West; spent \$3000 in inducing Republicans to vote for him; traveled over the state and made speeches for him, and reaped a proper but not too rich reward in receiving the appointment to the office he holds. Of course all this does not make Mr. Olcott a Democrat, nor a Republican. He is the Journal's idea of a nonpartisan.—The Spectorator.

With "baby beef" selling in yards at \$9.15 a hundred, the value of high class sires becomes apparent and the day of the scrub bull is almost a thing of the past. It has got to the point where the cheapest bull is the most expensive in the long run and the time will come when no stock man who is paying any attention to the business will think of paying less than \$250.00 to \$500.00 for his sires and even at that price they will pay for themselves in one year. Very soon a two-year-old steer will be a curiosity on the range—we shall have nothing but cows, and cows at the present time and in the future are going to be highly respected citizens and will undoubtedly be kept in service until they reach a ripe old age and then be pensioned instead of going to the market as "canners." It is not in the province of a market paper to prophesy, but those of our readers who follow the live stock business can form their own conclusions.—Live Stock Reporter.

A Salem church has named a publicity manager—which is a dignified way of designating a press agent and of indicating that this particular church does not intend to hide its light under a bushel hereafter. The pastor, who was once a newspaperman, says he believes publicity is going to do for his church what it does for a business organization. He is right. This has been established by the experiences of churches which have resorted to printer's ink in sustaining interest and drawing sinners. Provided the publicity manager is a live wire, the Salem church in question will require a S. R. O. sign for use when special exercises are held. Publicity is the medium of bringing to the attention of people the things they want and which you have. Surely the counter attractions of the churches are uprising in their use of printer's ink, and this must account in a large measure for their thriving popularity. A man may be predisposed toward attending church, and yet the idea will take concrete form and stimulate him to action only if the fact is brought to his attention. What more effective medium than a notice of the service in the paper he peruses over his morning meal? One suspects that the churches can find no more effective medium for routing the devil than printer's ink.—Oregonian.

Looks Good, But—

According to a Portland paper ex-Governor West is to be chief engineer of the constitutional tax amendment which will be submitted to the people next fall, the main feature of which is to restrict increases in taxation to not more than 6 per cent annually and providing that larger increases can only be made after being referred to a vote of the people.

Like other West measures, it appears innocent upon the surface and may attract votes unless people happen to remember that unexpected defects have usually developed in reform measures from the same source. It would be hard to find a person who would not cheerfully join in a movement to keep down high taxes. Getting right down to facts, no one wants to pay a cent more taxes than he is obliged to and it is a safe guess that any proposed increase would be overwhelmingly voted down, no matter how badly it was needed. This would do no particular harm in most cases, even if it did occasionally embarrass public business. But where would the state, county or city be in an emergency?

Suppose it was the fate of Washington county to have a large number of its bridges destroyed simultaneous-

ly. Or a fire might sweep the old court house destroying public records it would cost large sums to replace. Suppose that Portland met the fate of San Francisco and large sums were instantly required to again start the wheels of public and private business. And again suppose war should suddenly come and Oregon was required to do its part. Where would the large sums immediately necessary come from?

The proposed amendment includes warrants, bonds and all evidences of indebtedness. No expenditure may be made in excess of 6 per cent more than the preceding year. Unusual expenses such as those mentioned are usually met by loans, but who will loan money to the state, county or city if he can receive no evidence of indebtedness to return for its loan and with the chance that if referred the increase would be voted down? For these reasons it might be well for Friends of the bill to include a section in the bill which provides for emergencies or Oregon is likely to be tied up in a very hard knot someday.—Hillsboro Independent.

The Democracy's Policy.

As a conclusive argument in behalf of the administration's ship purchase bill, Senator Martin the other day read into the senate debate the following, which is part of a resolution adopted by the National Democratic Club of New York favoring the measure:

"Owing to American standards of wages, safety at sea, the human conditions of labor for American seamen, private enterprise cannot be relied upon to provide the ships, because experience has demonstrated that private capital cannot successfully compete against the handicap of lower standards maintained by other maritime nations."

What an extraordinary confession! Here we are plainly told that the administration, through the passage of unfair and unjust legislation like the seaman's act, has made it impossible for American capital to own and operate American ships, and, therefore, the government must of necessity go into the shipping business itself. Having made the standard of wages so high, and having imposed such onerous conditions on the ship owners that competition with foreign owned vessels is out of the question, the administration proposes to buy the craft that private capital cannot operate at a profit, and run them as a government-owned monopoly. But need not expect that government ownership will stop with the shipping industry. Whenever our manufacturers, in which the wage is higher than that paid abroad, fail because of the Democratic party's inefficient principles of free trade, we suppose the administration will take over the plants, and operate them under government ownership. We may ask how the government expects to make pay an industry that has failed under private ownership? If a corporation whose managers and workmen are experts in their particular line cannot profitably conduct the shipping business, how can a lot of politicians do it? Does the administration intend that its government-owned shipping business shall pay expenses, or does it plan to go into the enterprise to furnish jobs for a gang of hungry politicians whose salaries must be paid by an additional tax on the people.—The Spectorator.

Klamath County to Bat.

The Klamath Falls Herald reports that the Klamath County Republican Central Committee recently passed resolutions stating the committee's position on various candidates, including Ben W. Olcott, candidate for secretary of state.

The resolutions follow: "Whereas, certain members of the democrat and socialist parties have registered as Republicans, either for the purpose of obtaining nominations for office on the Republican ticket, or for the purpose of being in a position to assist in nominating this class of politicians in the Republican primaries for office on the Republican ticket."

"Therefore, Be it resolved that we, the Republican Central Committee, condemn this class of individuals and consider it our duty to make the names of such persons public, more especially those seeking nominations, and suggest that Republican voters nominate only those for office who possess unquestioned loyalty to the Republican party."

"First, attention is called to Ben W. Olcott, candidate for secretary of state, on the Republican ticket, who is evidenced by his own sworn statement, expended \$1500 for the election of ex-Governor West, a Democrat."

The resolution then continued with condemnation of several democrats and socialists who are trying to ride into office on the Republican band wagon and conclude with a reference to the oath taken by these candidates when they registered.

Laugh and Grow Fat.

Have You Heard It?

Mr. Whately, a light sleeper, who does not readily go to sleep again if disturbed, while traveling in New York state, was obliged to stop at a suburban hotel, and after much tossing about succeeded in getting into a sound sleep. In answer to loud repeated knocks on his door, he nervously sat bolt upright in bed.

"What's wanted?" he grumbled. "Package down stairs for you sir," "Well, let it stay there; it can wait till morning, I suppose."

The boy shuffled down the corridor and after a long time the guest fell into a sound sleep again. Then another knock came at the door. "Well, what's up now," queried Mr. Whately. "Tain't for you that package."

Not What It Looked Like.

When Opia Read, the author, was editor of "The Arkansas Traveler," one of the best reporters on the paper died, and his death was greatly mourned by the editorial staff. A visitor to the office, on the day after the funeral, found the editor and his staff talking about their loss disconsolately.

"It has been a sad loss, friends," the visitor said, "a sad loss indeed." He sighed and looked about the room. "And I am pleased to see," he went on, "that you commemorate the melancholy event by hanging up crepe."

Opia Read frowned. "Crepe?" he said. "Where do you see any crepe?" "Over there," said the visitor, pointing. "Crepe be hanged," said Read. "That isn't crepe. That's the office towel."

Edwin Booth's Open Theatre.

A year or more before his death Edwin Booth received a letter from a prominent New York minister, in which the reverend gentleman explained that he had always felt a desire to witness Booth's portrayal of "Hamlet," but as such an act would be contrary to the doctrine of his faith he asked Booth if he could not arrange to have him admitted by a private entrance after the performance had begun, it being his intention to leave by the same door, thereby escaping the notice of the audience.

To this Booth replied: "Reverend Sir: Yours received. In reply would say there is no door in the theatre through which God cannot see."

The Generous-Minded Alderman.

Congressman James Breck Perkins on a visit to New York the other day called on an old friend down town, an alderman. While they were chatting, an Italian couple came in and asked in Broken English if the alderman would unite them in marriage. The alderman performed the ceremony, and, after accepting the modest fee, politely handed the bride an umbrella.

The Congressman observed the proceedings gravely, and after the couple went out, asked: "Do you always do that Charles?" "Do what? Marry them? Oh, yes." "No, I mean give the bride a present."

"A present! Why wasn't that her umbrella?" gasped the alderman. "No, it was mine replied the Congressman, sadly.

No Bed of Roses.

"Does a man need influence to secure a government clerkship?" "No," replied the observing citizen. "But if some of these ideas about hours and the compensation go through there would have to be a lot of influence brought to bear to get me to take one."

What It Meant.

A story is told of a German who arrived in the United States on Decoration Day, and noticing the flags flying, and the people going to the cemetery with large bunches of flowers, he asked what it meant. "Why, this is Decoration Day," said one. "Don't you know what that is?"

The man confessed that he didn't. Then it was explained to him. "Isn't there some one at rest in the cemetery whose grave you would like to decorate with flowers?" he was asked. The German shook his head and retorted: "degrade ain't dead yet."

Have You Heard It.

One of the wealthy members of a fashionable church in Boston approached his pastor with the complaint that she was greatly disturbed by one of her neighbors. "It's positively unbearable," said she. "That man in the pew in front of us destroys all my devotional and pious feelings when he attempts to sing. Couldn't you ask him to change his pew?"

church. All dose favorin' me for' pastah please say 'aye.' A great deep significant silence. "Hah!" he said, undaunted. "Silence means consent, so I'm you pastah for anudder yeah."

Michael Collins came to this country with all his worldly possessions in a handkerchief. He rose from ditch-digger to contractor, amassed a fortune, and built a magnificent home for his family. The sons and daughters, it appears, were much ashamed of their plebeian father, and Collins was always kept in the rear of the house when they received their friends. Collins died and was laid out in state in the parlor. An old Irish woman who had known Collins when he was a laborer, came and asked to see the face of her dead friend. They conducted her to the parlor. She walked up to the coffin, took a long look, and said: "Well, Collins, an' ye've let ye into th' parlor at last."

Alton B. Parker, apropos of the failure of Ford's peace mission, said, in New York: "Ford wanted to do too much. He was omnivorously generous, like the selfish omnivorous farmer you know. A farmer at a Florida hotel said to his waiter: 'What's these here two spoons for?' 'De big un am fo' soup, bas' said the waiter, 'an' de little un am fo' puddin'.' 'Well, take the little one away,' said the farmer, 'an' bring me another big one to replace her. I got just as big a mouth for puddin' as for soup, young fellow an' don't you forget it."

Sir Robert Finley, M. P., the famous lawyer who has been speaking vigorously in the House of Commons on the advisability of making food contraband as well as articles of war, as far as Germany is concerned, was once in Ireland when he met an Irish drover with a number of cattle going along a country road. "Where are you going?" he inquired of the son of Erin. "To Waterford Fair, yer honor!" "Indeed? And how much do you expect to get for the animals," asked Sir Robert. "Sure, an' if I get eight pounds each I shall not do badly," answered Pat. "Ah, that's a sample of your country!" said Sir Robert. "Now if you would take them to England you would average fourteen pounds each. 'Just so yer honor," he retorted, "and if yez was to take the Lakes of Killarney to purgatory yez would get a guinea a drop for them."

A certain lawyer who was a candidate for a municipal office went out canvassing one day, and knocked at a cottage door. The door was opened by a woman.

"Is your husband in, Mrs. —?" inquired the lawyer. "No sir," was the reply, "but I know what you want. My husband is sure to vote for you because you got him off for stealing that ham last week."

"No, no! Alleged stealing of the ham," corrected the lawyer. "Alleged be blowed!" was the woman's smiling reply. "We've got a bit of it still. Lemme give you a sandwich of it, sir."

A Quaker fell asleep in meeting and soon began to snore. For a while the nasal notes were soft and smooth and did not disturb the worshippers, but finally the sleeper let out a few extra kinks and the effect was a trifle disconcerting. "Friend Hezekiah," whispered an acquaintance, digging the other in the ribs "I think the had better arouse thyself."

"What did thee say? What did thee say?" cried Hezekiah, somewhat confused. "What is the matter?" "Nothing friend Hezekiah," was the quiet rejoinder of the other, "only thee was snoring a little, and I was afraid that outsiders would think the spirit had moved thee to a trombone solo instead of an expression of thy convictions."

Direct Legislation to be Voted on in November. Following constitutional amendments were referred to the people by the legislature at the coming general election, November 7:

Amend Sec. 15, Art. V, giving Governor power to veto single item in Appropriation exemption bills.

Amend Art. IX on tax exemptions by adding section numbered 1-B extending exemptions.

Amend Sec. 6, Art. 11, relating to Negro and Mulatto suffrage restrictions now existing.

Petitions are in circulation proposing initiative measures to be voted on at the same general election: People's Land and Loan law, providing that all land rent be collected as public taxes, whether the land is used or not.

This is a new form of the single tax and is proposed by W. S. U'Ren a Labor Federation.

Two Sunday legislation bills are being initiated to repeal the antiquated Oregon Sunday law, but one proposes a more drastic law.

It is what is known of the One-Day of Rest in Seven law promoted by a State Sabbath closing organization headed by Rev. Tutis.

The act to repeal and abolish the old Oregon Closing Sunday law is proposed by the Independent Retail Grocers Association.

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