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ATTACKER ONCE ENDORSED LAW

Mr. Bede Reveals Double Dealing of Publisher's Man Friday.

Cottage Grove, Or., Sept. 16—Having represented the Oregon State Editorial Association at the last legislative session, I am somewhat amused by the position of outraged virtue assumed by C. S. Jackson, high priest of the country newspapers of abusing him because of the measures which he and Attorney Hagood initiated to do away with the publication of the delinquent tax list and to decrease the fee for legal publications.

I am particularly amused at Mr. Jackson's verbal contortions because of the fact that on February 26 I wrote Mr. Jackson a letter asking him to appear before the editorial association for the purpose of discussing his proposed measures, which letter Mr. Jackson haughtily ignored. The letter was as follows:

"I understand that you propose to put a measure upon the ballot to lower the legal rate for country newspapers as well as one changing the manner of advertising delinquent taxes. I do not know what has caused your uncalled for interest in the country papers nor what your object may be in meddling in a thing like the legal rate which limits the rate so that a newspaper can not overcharge but leaves a paper free to go as low as it pleases, but whatever your reason may be and no matter what may be the source of your animus, I want to arrange to have you appear at either a meeting of the Willamette Valley Editorial Association or at a meeting of the State Association, to address the editors upon these subjects. If we are wrong we want to know it. If you are wrong, we may tell you so.

"I will do whatever I can to accommodate you as to dates and would like a reply by return mail to the effect that you will make an effort to be present at one meeting or the other."

Other representatives of Mr. Jackson's paper attended the meeting of the state association, but to date Mr. Jackson has not given a reason for not desiring to meet the country newspaper men face to face.

In connection with the legal rate bill I recall an occurrence at the session at which the present legal rate bill was enacted. Attorney Hagood, co-author with Jackson of the two initiated bills, was there. He admitted that the legal rate bill was a good one and a wise piece of legislation. "If you will allow our delinquent tax bill to go through without a fight, I will go before the committee which is considering your bill and tell them that it is one of the best pieces of legislation ever proposed to a legislature," he said.

Before the committee which allowed but 10 minutes for the discussion of the bill, Mr. Hagood used more than the allotted time. I asked for permission to ask but one question as my part of the argument. I then asked Mr. Hagood if he had made the statement quoted above. Evidently thinking a trade was in sight, Hagood admitted the fact. Chairman Kubli was visibly astounded by the admission. The bill was immediately reported out favorably.

This law, which Mr. Jackson's authorized representative once admitted to be one of the best pieces of legislation, is now held up to ridicule by the man who once endorsed it.

The newspaper I publish does not have the county printing.

Elbert Bede.

PROSTITUTING THE LAW.

Initiative Measure Introduced to Gratify Jackson's Spite for Country Newspapers.

It is disclosed by Editor Bede's letter, published elsewhere in The Oregonian today, that the voters of Oregon are asked to punish the country newspapers for lese majesty. As representative for the country newspapers, Mr. Bede was condescendingly offered a trade in legislation by the emissary of the Portland Journal.

The Journal had a hobby that notice to the public of pending issuance of certificates of tax delinquency and their availability to purchasers should not be given. It felt that failure of tax payments should be kept quiet. Neglect to pay should be a secret between the property owner and the Sheriff. So the emissary offered to traffic, according to the Bede revelations. If Bede would not oppose this fantastic idea the emissary would give his hearty indorsement to a bill fixing the maximum rates on public advertising in country newspapers.

But the deal was spurned. The advertising law was passed, but the Journal's insane law to suppress information concerning tax delinquencies was not. Could there be any greater affront?

So now, in a year when people's thoughts are turned to the high aims of the Nation and the war duties devolving on everybody, there is launched by initiative petitions procured by the Journal, a bill to repeal the advertising law which its own representative offered to indorse, and did admit before a committee of the Legislature that he was ready to approve as a wise measure.

It is not the first time an attempt has been made to prostitute the initiative to gratify spite. In the past such attempts have in the grosser

cases failed. It is hardly to be thought, after all that has been justly said in condemnation of legislative trades and logrolling, that a bill to punish those who refuse to trade or logroll can gain public approval—Oregonian.

Millionaire to Wear Blue Jeans.

Edwin A. Brown, Denver sociologist and reputed a millionaire, author of stories of men who are "down and out," has announced that as a measure of wartime economy he will wear only suits of blue jeans until the war ends. He has appeared in his new garb at Sunday services at the First Presbyterian church, one of the most fashionable in the city.

Utah Women Make Own Sugar.

Women in Utah are going to make sugar at home. The great interest taken in sugar-beet production for syrups by the women of one county has led to the planting of from 75 to 100 pounds of sugar beet seed. This is the direct result of the work of the county home demonstration agent, who has demonstrated the use and making of the syrup to each of the 15 organizations in the county with whom she works. The women have also made between 2000 and 2500 pounds of potato starch, averaging 25 pounds to four bushels of potatoes. This means the saving of 400 bushels of potatoes that otherwise would have been wasted.

French Orphans.

Thirteen hundred and ninety four French war orphans have been adopted by the National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution. These children are the wards of the French government, which pays half the sum necessary to their maintenance, while the other half is contributed by the various D. A. R. chapters.

The names of the orphans are sent to Mme. Jusserand after each case has been investigated by the committee of which Marshal Joffre is the head.

The committee reports that there are 3000 more children who need help, but owing to the shortage of labor it is impossible to obtain the clerical assistance necessary to compile the lists. The French office, which handles this work, was damaged recently by bombs.

Jacks of All Trades.

Uncle Sam reached out and took us, so of course we went and came to his school of preparation for the military game;

We laid down the tools of labor for our rifles and our packs;

Yes, we left the farm and office and the counter and the mill

And the time clock all behind us, but we hadn't left our skill;

And while fighting in the trenches is the work we have in view,

Any other job you mention is the kind that we can do,

For the farmers and the plumbers

And the agents and the drummers,

And the miners from the tunnel and the shaft.

And the peddlers and the tailors

And the lumbermen and sailors

Have their quota in the army of the draft.

(From "In Camp and Trench: Songs of the Fighting Forces," by Berton Braley, George H. Doran Co.)

The Rivetless Ship.

Advices to the Journal of Commerce tells of the successful and highly interested tests of the new welded ship built in England and launched two months or so ago. The vessel has been in service with full cargo during exceptionally rough weather, "answering satisfactorily in every way to the severe tests employed."

The ship was especially built "to prove the ability of welded construction to withstand the strains peculiar to a ship at sea." This principal having been established it is proposed that future vessels shall be a combination of the welded and riveted type, and this plan of construction will soon be tried in the United States. It appears that:

"The United States shipping board, having been in close touch with the experimental work, in making arrangements for the construction of a number of 10,000-ton standard ships, in which the use of rivets will be reduced to 2 1/2 per cent of the number originally required."

The next test will doubtless be a test of the cast steel type of welded vessels, which has been so long urged upon our shipping board, but has thus far not seemed to commend itself to the board sufficiently to test in a small vessel.

Tablets.

"I have been selling Chamberlain's Tablets for about two years and heard such good reports from my customers, that I concluded to give them a trial myself, and can say that I do not believe that there is another preparation of the kind equal to them," writes G. A. McBride, Headford, Ont. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial. They will do you good.—For Sale by Lamar's Drug Store.—Pd Ad.

CAMPAIGN FOR CLOTHING

For Relief in Belgium—Week of September 23-30.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Chairman for the Commission for relief in Belgium, has asked the American Red Cross, through Mr. H. P. Davidson, to collect an additional five thousand tons of used clothing for the Belgians. The request has been gladly received, as the American Red Cross welcomes the opportunity to render such a needed service. The date set for this campaign is September 23-30.

The minimum allotment for this division is 300 tons. Chapters will receive their apportionments this week but do not stop when allotment is reached, as there is need for all that can be sent.

Cablegram from Mr. Hoover.

Henry P. Davidson, Chairman Red Cross War Council, Washington, D. C.

The ten million imprisoned people in occupied Belgium and France are facing shame, suffering, disease and some of them death for lack of clothing this winter. They must be helped. I hope that the Red Cross will undertake a renewed campaign to obtain this clothing in America. It can come only from us. Your first campaign yielded magnificent results, bringing in fully 5,000 tons of clothing in good condition. But much more is needed if these war-ravaged people are to get through the winter in decency and safety. In the face of brutal coercion and spiritual suffering they remain splendidly courageous. This courage challenges our charity. Let us match the courage of Belgium by the generosity of America. Herbert Hoover.

Mr. Davidson's Reply.

My Dear Mr. Hoover: Your cablegram regarding the collection of used and surplus clothing for 10,000,000 imprisoned people in occupied Belgium and France is a call to the Red Cross to assist again in the relief of this stricken population. We have set aside the week of September 23-30 for a special campaign for this purpose. As the need is greater than ever, it is certain that the people of the country will respond even more generously than before. Your appeal has been sent to our chapters through our divisional organization, and our workers, we feel sure, will be glad to know that they can again be of service in this way. Cordially yours, Sgd. H. P. Davidson

Chairman Red Cross War Council

The Kind of Garments Needed

Every kind of garment, for all ages and both sexes, is urgently needed. In addition, piece goods, light, warm cotton flannel and other kinds of cloth from which to make garments for new babies, ticking, sheeting and blankets, woolen goods of any kind—and shoes of every size are asked for. Scrap leather is needed for repairing footwear.

Since the clothes will be subjected to the hardest kind of wear, only garments made of strong and durable materials should be sent. It is useless to offer any afflicted population garments of flimsy material or gaudy coloring. Make the gifts practical.

Garments need not be in perfect condition. A hundred thousand destitute women in the occupied regions are eager to earn a small livelihood by repairing gift clothing and making new garments adapted to needs with which they are familiar.

Garments Needed.

Men's wear—Shirts (preferably of light colored flannels,) undershirts, undershirts, trousers, coats, work-suits (overalls), suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, sweater-vests, socks, and sweaters.

Women's wear—Skirts, drawers, corset slips, petticoats, shirts, coats, suits, shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps, stockings, blouses.

Boys' wear—Shirts, union suits, undershirts, trousers, coats, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, socks, stockings, sweaters.

Girls' wear—Dresses, skirts, overcoats, nightdresses, drawers, stockings, undergarments, petticoats, suits, blouses, shoes, waists.

Boys' and Girls' wear—Hooded caps, pinafores, woolen union suits.

Infants Wear—Baby blankets, baby shirts, sweaters, bonnets, bibs, diapers, shoes, baby dresses, cloaks, jackets, shawls, socks, booties and binders.

Miscellaneous—Bet ticks, bed-sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mufflers.

Woolen good of any kind whatsoever are acceptable; soft hats and caps for all ages, and sweaters of any kind and size.

Men's shirts and pajamas, so worn or shrunken as no longer to be serviceable, are particularly welcome, since the material can be utilized for making children's garments.

Do Not Send.

Garments of flimsy material or gaudy coloring, ball dresses, high-heeled slippers, etc.

Stiff hats, either men's or women's straw, dress or derby.

Anything containing rubber, raincoats, rubber boots, etc. (Note: Rubber heels can easily be removed from shoes.)

Books, toys, soap, toilet articles. Notes of communication of any sort or description must positively not be sent.

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