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What the Editors Say

The legislature refused to give the people another opportunity to vote on the 6 per cent limitation law and decide whether they wished to continue it after a demonstration that under changed conditions since its adoption it is a detriment instead of a benefit. Incidentally, in refusing to resubmit the law the Senate advanced no suggestions as to how public expense can be kept from advancing more than 6 per cent a year when the cost of about everything the public must buy has advanced 100 per cent more.—Independent.

Senator Vinton who cast the deciding vote in the senate for the passage of the straight election ticket measure says that it is optional with the voter whether he votes a straight ticket but it gives the straight party man whether Democrat or Republican an opportunity to cast a straight ticket by making a mark in the circle at the head of the ticket. He emphasizes it as not a scheme to kill the Australian ballot system, but to assist party men to vote their ticket straight for every candidate of their party.—News Reporter.

More kaiser propaganda is afloat in Germany. As showing how chastened is the German spirit the following parody on the Lord's prayer is being circulated by postcard all over that country: "Our Father, who art the German spirit, blessed be thy name, return to thy empire. Our will is consecrated to the now and in the future. Give us our daily bread and freedom. Forgive us our debt, and set straight our tormentors. Lead our folk not into temptation, but deliver them from night and death. Give them again the empire, strength and glory, for all eternity. Amen."—Telephone Register.

Peace, final and complete, was thus made between Germany on the one hand and Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Brazil—oh, yes, and Guatemala, Siam, Czechoslovakia and sundry other powers—on the other. But by the impervious will of Woodrow Wilson it was not made between Germany and the United States of America. He who "kept us out of war" was equally successful in keeping us out of peace. He has failed to attain the eminence he sought,—and for which he was ready to sacrifice the integrity of his country,—as "President of the World."—Harvey's Weekly.

"The year which we have passed through has been 365 days of worry and anxiety. Every day brought increased expenses and new troubles to overcome, but it has been good to live. Never in the short space of twelve months have there been so many epochal events crowded into 535,690 minutes. Nineteen-nineteen was a year among years. Germany got slammed in the slats; Dempsey licked Willard before they entered the ring; Americans flew across the Atlantic in less time than a submarine could back across; Sir John Barleycorn was sent to the hospital with no hope of an early convalescence; the shimmy dance was buried with its clothes on; a pound of sugar or newsprint was worth more than a peck of diamonds. In general it was a h— of a year." Clearfield (Pa.) Progress.

There was held a banquet in Connecticut the other day and a number of bright men and ugly women sat down to eat. A more lively bunch had never met, and all restraint was thrown to the goats. There was among them a shining pate, which is the index if a smiling mind. Some fool people think a bald head is a tender subject, not to be referred to especially in the company of young women, say the Ohio State Journal. We know a man who cultivated a long lock of hair which he combed over his dome to hide his baldness, and that old fashioned habit he kept up for a long time, and all the while he seemed to have a miserable little sorrow on his mind. But one day he whacked off the little lock and came out in burnished dome before the folks. He's been happy ever since. His bald head makes him so. We sometimes think that man with great shocks of hair are peculiarly miserable. But they ought not despair for some day they will be bald and wiser than they are now—there is Bryan for example.—Williamina Times.

The Straight Party Ballot.

It is peculiarly significant that all the furore raised against the proposed straight party ballot comes from the Democratic and Mugwump newspapers.

The Medford Tribune assumes that the law was passed solely for the benefit of the Republican party and it can scarcely contain itself.

"Imagine the G. O. P. state senators thinking for a moment that the straight party ticket bill would help the Republican party in Oregon! Great Pete! It is that sort of bonedeadism that has almost killed it."

If the Portland Journal, the Salem Journal and the Eugene Guard really believe down in their hearts that such a bill would kill the Republican party, everybody who knows anything at all knows they would be its most earnest advocates. If the straight party ticket bill would kill

or ever seriously cripple the Republican party in Oregon, no body believes for a minute that Senator Walter Pierce, Democratic candidate for Governor, would have fought it to its last ditch and even wept when it passed the senate.

As a matter of fact the straight party ticket would have absolutely no effect on intelligent independent voting. The Republican candidates are in one column and the democratic candidates are in another column. Any republican wishing to vote for a Democrat can easily do so by putting a cross after his name in the hodgepodge column scheme now in use.

This writer for fifteen years voted a ballot on which it was possible to vote a straight party ticket if one wanted to and he has seen so many election ballots counted that he is positive that no intelligent voter is deterred from "scratching" his ticket if he wants to. The minority party always advocated the confusing ballot now used in Oregon. The only reason for it is that in the confusion of hunting out the names as they now appear, the minority party has a fifty-fifty show on the errors made which will swell their vote. The chances for more errors on the part of the majority party is guaranteed by the fact that they have more voters. And that is absolutely the sole and only reason a minority party, regardless of which party it is, advocates making it impossible to vote a straight party ticket.

It is an outrage that man who wants to vote a straight party ticket is prevented from doing so by law unless he takes an expert into the booth with him as many voters must now do or take their chances.

The straight party ballot also enables the voter to finish voting much more readily and makes the counting easier for the judge—enabling them to count nearly twice as fast. There is not a single legitimate argument against such a ballot which the governor has vetoed under the allegation that it effects a "sweeping change."—Gazette Times.

School Notes.

This week marks the end of the first semester for the local schools. In the high school and upper grades the latter part of this week is given over to the fall examinations.

The second semester will begin Monday, February 2nd, grade pupils will return to their old grades at 9 a.m., where they will be given report cards. Those promoted will then pass to their new rooms where they will be given lists of text books and supplies needed for the semester. They will be dismissed early to enable them to secure these in the forenoon. The regular session of school will be held in the afternoon.

Another class of beginners will be enrolled at this time. Children who are to enter school for the first time should be sent to Mrs. Burge in the grade building at 9 o'clock. Pupils who are not six years of age cannot be admitted this semester. No beginners will be admitted to the 1st B. grade after the second Monday of the semester, February 9th.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the board of directors of school district No. 22, Cloverdale, Oregon, 2 p.m. Feb. 10, 1920, for the erection and completion of a public school building, according to plans and specifications prepared by Charles H. Burggraf, architect, Albany, Oregon. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to "School Dist. No. 22, Cloverdale, Oregon," for the sum of \$200.00, as a guarantee that the contractor will furnish an approved surety bond equal to 50 per cent of the contract within ten days after the awarding of the contract.

All bids must be made out on blank proposals for the same. Blanks furnished upon application by the clerk or architect. Plans and specifications may be seen at County School Superintendent's office, Tillamook, School Clerk's office, Cloverdale, or at Architect's office.

The successful bidder will be required to give references and an approved bond equal to 50 per cent of the amount of the contract.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of School Board No. 22,
J. L. Burke, Chairman,
J. T. Moore, Clerk.

"The Department of Labor says prices are going up, the Department of Justice says they are going down and the people generally have their minds made up as to where both departments can go in the matter of solving the h. c. of l."

Vice President Marshall says there are times when the people in finding a solution of the nation's problems must fall back to Holy Writ. Then there are times when they swallow something like the "he kept us out war" platform, which is wholly rot.

Governor J. J. Cornwell, of West Virginia, says that the people of this country have "three times within my memory turned away from the Republican party in disgust."

But twice after turning away they have realized that they made a poor trade, and are just now awaiting for the third chance to show that they really didn't know what disgust was until they experienced a Democratic administration.

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After President Wilson's letter to the Democratic national committee urging that an un-Americanized league of nations be made the campaign issue in 1920 the band played "Hall, Hall, the Gang's all Here." The "gang" may be all there on the proposition, but the people, it will discover when the returns are in, have taken a leave of absence, as Col. Bryan gently warned the 'gang'.

The New York Times joins the bewildered John Sharpe Williams in wondering what is the matter with the United States Senate. The trouble with it is that so many of the members use their own brains and consciences in the consideration of public questions instead of getting their views hand-me-down from the White House, as the New York Times habitually does.

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