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### What the Editors Say

The administration crew has been revised from McAdoo to Cox and ledoo.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Governor Cox should remember while condemning the republican campaign fund, that he himself is the first millionaire ever nominated for the presidency.—Sun.

The country is experiencing now what could naturally have been expected when national prohibition went into effect. The country is full of stills, and federal authorities are kept busy searching them out in sequestered places and closing them up. Oregon is not without her examples Newberg, Independence, Woodburn, Salem, and Washington, Clackamas, Tillamook and Polk counties have all been investigated by federal authorities and large-sized stills found and closed up. Some very drastic punishment will be inflicted, no doubt, when all the trails have been heard. Knowing ones in almost every community have their suspicions of these places existing close at home, and no one knows the day when they will meet their fate. So many persons think they cannot live without their "toddy" but the day is coming when they will have to, if the government keeps up its present gait. In the state of Washington it is said by investigators that there are ten thousand stills dripping hard liquor.—Telephone Register

A Nebraska farmer in Wayne county was recently urged to donate \$18 for the privilege of wading in the same pool of turbid discontent with A. C. Townley and others of lesser weight in the Non-Partisan League that is making North Dakota notorious. That he did not take kindly to the propaganda is evidenced by the following letter he wrote to his local paper: "Being a farmer and a friend of farmers and interested in their welfare, I ask the privilege of giving warning to people in this part of Nebraska against the political propaganda that is being worked among the farmers at this time at \$18 each. Having been canvassed a short time ago to join the Non-Partisan League, I inquired about the merits of the organization, and the best the agent could say was that the league desired to get control of the legislature and get control of the legislature and would then make laws to suit. That is what has been done in North Dakota, and I judge from reports North Dakota is the least progressive state in the union, owing to the Non-Partisan league laws. This agent is now preaching class hatred, arraying one class against another, and particularly against the bankers. Now, I have had my turn with the banks, and I will say that they are one's best friends if they are treated right. Non-Partisan league agents are going among our farmers sowing the seeds of discord, and asking them to pay \$18 apiece to have their country hurt the same as North Dakota has been hurt. The league is trying to get into our legislature under a cloak of deceit, and it is no friend of mine."—Sheridan Sun.

The press of the state appears unanimous in swatting the freak interest law and pointing out what its effect would be while as yet not a single argument in favor of the measure has been made by its promoters. It is probable that of all the freak measures which have appeared since the initiative made it possible for visionaries to promote half-baked ideas no more vicious and dangerous measure has been proposed, but fortunately the measure itself carries the danger signal and even the most careless is bound to heed it. Just now it is easy to figure how such a measure would work out. A mammoth harvest is being and large sums are necessary to move it. Farmers have used their credit to buy implements and pay wages and buyers have borrowed the money they will pay the farmer for the crop. With a limit of 4 per cent to be paid for this money in Oregon while twice that interest could be secured in Washington it is easy to figure how much would be loaned in this state and the widespread ruin that would follow. The proposition is so simple that doubt of the sanity of one who would advance such a remedy for economic ills is justifiable. If a law says a potato grower can receive but \$1 a sack in Oregon while other states are paying \$2 and \$3, potato growers will sell no potatoes in Oregon, but will ship them to a more profitable market. So also will the man with money loan it where it will bring the greatest return. You can regulate interest rates by law, but you can't compel the man with money to lend it.—Independent.

### Democratic Party is Dead Says Forest Grove Editor.

A fellow asked the editor the other day why we didn't have more to say about politics. What's the use, and then think of the weather which is a discouragement to useless exertion. Besides, we were brought up to have a decent reverence for the dead, and we can think of nothing more dead than the Democratic party. All the people are waiting for is a chance to bury it decently, and they will do it in November. But having made up their mind to attend the funeral they have a distaste to the details of the last illness, which they know very well, to their sorrow. If you want an idea of how they stand here it is, and it is a fair sample. At a movie the other day the pictures of the presidential candidates were thrown on the screen. Cox came first and there was nary a clap, but when Harding followed the house went wild. We will bet dollars to doughnuts that mighty few in the audience knew anything in particular about either candidate. It was what each stood for and those that applauded knew that Harding stood for an end of Democratic policies and mistakes. Harding stood for success and was

### HOW THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WASTE PEOPLE'S MONEY

#### The War-Time Debauch of Money Squandering Is Still On.

Senator Calder has written to Secretary Daniels stating that despite the Bill repealing authorization of \$5,000,000 to build a dry dock in the Charleston Navy Yard, he, Senator Calder, understands that the Secretary is about to begin operations on the job.

And "job" it is, for if ever there was a "job" the sole result of which would be the wanton waste of millions of money, it is this Charleston dry dock undertaking. In his letter to Secretary Daniels, Senator Calder says that he believes the entire project, including dredging, will cost at least twenty million dollars. And this vast sum is for a project which no naval board has recommended, and which, in the judgement of naval officers of high authority, is totally unnecessary and superfluous.

It is merely a repetition of the old story. The war-time debauch of money-squandering is still on. High and low, those in the Administration can not get over the scoop-shovel habit in handling the money which the people of this country must stagger under back-breaking tax burdens to supply.

Speaking on this subject a few days ago, Representative Good, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said that the Government at this day is honeycombed with waste and duplication, and he added: "When Congress proposed a remedy that would put the greatest business in America, the Government itself, on a business basis, a man in the Treasury Department wrote a veto for the President and the budget was lost." So the duplication of jobs and the money shoveling of the Administration go right on in full swing.

The end of the war did not end the crime—for such wanton waste of the people's money, pure and simple, was nothing short of crime. It went right ahead. Mr. Good cited an instance. He said:

"Just three days after the signing of the armistice, when President Wil-

son on the floor of the House said, "Thus the war is ended," the Government entered into a contract with the Norfolk Ferries by which the properties were taken over by the Government for operation.

"Before that time Government appraisers looked over the property and estimated its value at \$165,000, but in spite of that and in time of peace, the Government agreed to pay an annual rental of \$135,000, almost the total value of the properties and in addition agreed to spend \$1,000,000 rehabilitating the property, which they were to turn over as soon as the operations of the ferries had brought in enough revenue for the rental payment."

Mr. Good does not exaggerate when he says: "Multiply such instances by the thousand and we have a picture of the wanton waste of the present Administration." The undisputed specifications that have already been introduced on the floor of Congress suggest a saturnalian orgy of lunatic squandering, rather than the careful actions of sane and honorable men entrusted with the grave responsibility of disbursing other people's hard-earned money. The statistics of this infamous debauch are available. The people of the United States will have ample opportunity for their thoughtful inspection between now and next November.—Harvey's Weekly.

Samuel Gompers says: "The high cost of living is a paramount issue with the American people." Impossible. Mr. Gompers' party came into power seven and a half years ago promising to settle that question satisfactorily by repealing the infamous Payne-Aldrich tariff law."

You'll have to hand it to a Democratic politician who has the nerve to get up this year and talk about what the Democratic party is going to do for the people when everybody holds in fresh remembrance just what it has been doing to the people for the past three hundred and eight-six weeks.

What has become of the old-fashioned Democrat who used to cuss out the robber "coal barons" under Republican administrations when soft coal sold for a couple of dollars a ton? He has broadened out in telling his neighbors how the millennium is going to be superinduced by the Wilsonian league of nations.

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