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EDITORIAL

A FOOLISH LAW

At the last session of congress someone slipped through a law that promised to prove about the biggest nuisance that this country has ever had to contend with. Without the public knowing much about it a certain gang of politicians, hoping to make capital at the November election, shoved through a law whereby income tax statements were to be thrown open to the public. And the worst part of it is the law actually went into effect.

In towns like Vernonia it doesn't mean so very much, because our people are too busy attending to their own business to go prying into the affairs of their neighbors. But in many larger towns and cities the law opened a way for sharks and alleged credit men and stock salesmen to reap a harvest. By looking at the income tax returns they were able to save a lot of unnecessary canvassing—they could tell what a man is earning or exactly what source of revenue he has coming in, and how much it amounts to each year. And then they got busy accordingly. It is said that in one town a wife sought out her husband's tax rating to see how much alimony she could ask for if she sued him for a divorce.

It is good to know that the very gang that was responsible for the law was beaten at its own game. Immediate steps are to be taken to correct the measure. No honest man objects to having his tax returns known to the proper officials. But when they are opened to a lot of sharks who only want to pry into his private affairs so they can prey upon him it's all wrong. And this is not the kind of country that tolerates foolish legislation.

MAKING MISTAKES

Every now and then some Vernonia citizen calles our attention to a mistake in our columns, and usually appears to show surprise that a newspaper, above all elst, should make mistakes. They intimate that they are not surprised when a doctor, a lawyer or a merchant is guilty of a mistake, but that newspapers are not supposed to make them.

It should be remembered that there are usually from 50 to 500 separate items in a single issue of a newspaper. The facts in almost every item were secured "second-hand." No tow people see the same thing alike. Even when the newspaper man sees the thing he later writes about the chances are his version of it will differ from that of someone else who saw the same thing. When people tell him items of news he is getting it "second-hand", and the chances for misstatement are increased. And yet, considering the number of items and the number of names carried in each issue you will have to admit that is is remarkable that the average newspaper makes so few mistakes.

The first principle of any good newspaper is to get the news. It tries to cover its territory thoroughly fairly and impartially. But with so many things to do and so many minds to depend on the wonder is not trat it makes mistakes, but that it doesn't make more of them. So when you have to call the newspaper man's attention to one, do it as though you realized that he is only a human being and, therefore, just as apt to make mistakes as anybody else.

EAGLE FEATHERS

The old-fashioned Vernonia boy who used to consider it smart to be able to build a rabbit trap now has a grandson who thinks nothing of building a radio set.

Nature evens things up, after all. What if a cat had to carry insurance on all nine of its lives?

Nothing can equal the sneer a bald headed man has for the Willie-boy with his hair hanging down in his eyes.

Sometimes we cee a Vernonia girl so pretty we feel like walking right up and telling her now good-looking she is, and then we think how unbecoming we would be with a black eye.

They say that Pres. Coolidge never smiles. Wonder if he has ever seen a pair of those bell-bottomed pants?

The fireless cooker may be all right, but it's not as comfortable as the old kitchen stove when you back up to it on a cold day.

After a Vernonia man has been married about 20 years he'd like to have a dollar for every time his wife has said: "I wish I had something decent to wear like other women."

Noah ciuld have saved the world a lot of trouble if he had swatted those two bad-cold microbes as they marched up the gang-plank of the ark.

One of the hardest things to find in Vernonia is a friend who isn't hard up at the same time you are.

Some states enjoy ridiculing the senators from other states. It helps to forget the shortcomings of their own.

Almost any town can support from three to five citizens who wear three dollar hats on thirty-cent heads.

We know a Vernonia man who says he doesn't like two-pant suts because it makes him uncomfortable to wtar two pair at a time.

Even when a Vernonia woman knows her husband is lying she keeps right on asking questions.

PRIDE OF COUNTRY

Another Thanksgiving day has passed. The usual perfunctory propassed. The usual perfunctory proofficials and read by the people. Thanksgiving should not be limited to one day in this land of opportunity and progress.

Are we as proud of Our Country and as grateful for the advantages it gives us as we should be? It is often stated that Californians are greater boosters for their state and its resources than are he citizens of any other state in this Union.

Why our enthusiasm for Our Country? No state could exist without our United States. Why should not every citizen of this country be an active booster for a nation which has gone farther than any other in the world in giving liberty, property rights, business opportunities, home conveniences, educational advantages and amusements to its people? Why should not our schools and colleges emphasize to a greater extent the advantages of a citizen of this nation under our constitunal form of government?

Until something is proposed which would in a small measure give us protection and advantages equal to those which we now receive, we should express thanks for what we have and be less ready to listen to the thoughtless agitator or professional politician who, failing to appreciate the advantages which surround him, seeks to foist impractical theories or visionary experiments upon a people already blessed with a government better than any other so far devised?

When you feel like kicking, look around you. Practically every American citizen can own his own home if he so desires. He can travel to his work either in an electric car or over a system of highways such as the Romans never dreamed of.

In his home, gas and electricity do work equal to that done by a score of servants to former kings and queens. The American telephone system furnishes a communication service in the humblest home beyond the wildest dreams of world famous rulers of the past.

Our property is safeguarded, our workmen are cared for and our lives are protected by an insurance system unheard of a hundred years ago and which is rapidly eliminating the pauper and the poor house.

Aladdin and his lamp have made a reality by the radio which, in conjunction with wire communication, has annihilated distance and, as the people of the world become better acquainted through our modern methods of communication, will eliminate war. The homesteader in the mountains can tune in his radii set and listen to the music, lectures and amusement programs of the world.

Our farmers are learning the advantages of supplying business methods to agricultural pursuits. Our industries are profiting by making their employes and customers stockholders in their properties. Gasoline has made individual transportation possible so that vast sections of the country heretofore impossible of settlement on account of distance, have been opened up and are today pouring their produce and business in over improved highways to the greatest railroad transportation system in the world.

What a picture to paint! Forests, mines, transportation, oil, electricity, telephones, gas, radio, modern farm machinery, factory buildings finer than the castles of history, roads and road building methods such as the world has never before seen, and an educational system which offers the poor man's son advantages which the nobility did not have a few generations ago!

Think of these things when you hear the croakers and the knockers. Don't be thankful just on Thanksgiving day. Learn a lesson from California, where the children are taught that the sun is brighter, the sky is bluer and the advantages greater than anywhere else in the world. Let us build up pride in Our Country, not in a boastful or arrogant manner, but with a sense of appreciation and thanksgiving that we are so fortunate as to live in a land where opportunity and advantages for the poor and the lowly are greater than the luxuries offered favored and wealthy person a short century ago.

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