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O THOU COMPASSIONATE.

How deeply comforting the tender phrase,
Thy greater attribute seem merged in this—
Through all life's long and dark and weary maze,
Thou art Compassionate.
To God of Justice and of Power we turn
When wrong or devastating blow cuts deep;
And yet in daily struggle needs must yearn
For one Compassionate.

In limits of our souls we live, alone,
And e'en our nearest may not understand,
But all "the household jar within" is known
To thee, Compassionate.

Thou know'st the many sorrows of the day:
Wide longing, narrow opportunity—
We bring life's broken toys, as children may,
To one Compassionate.

We may have blundered grievously and long,
Darkened Thy world we might have made so bright,
Still Thou dost heal the heartache and the wrong
O Thou Compassionate!

—Hay Ethelyn Bourne, in Overland Monthly.

THE REPUBLICANS DIVIDED.

In both houses the Republicans are about equally divided as to which is the better way to appoint a railroad commission **BY ONE MAN OR BY THREE.**

But all are agreed that appointment shall be temporary only—that as soon as practical the people shall elect. The governor is a Democrat or few if any would oppose his naming the commission both now and in the future.

Well, the state had a Republican railroad commission and **IT WAS A COSTLY FARCE AND WAS ABOLISHED.**

Probably the quickest way to get rid of this one is to load in down with some of the velvet footed, slippery style of politicians and **THEN APPLY THE REFERENDUM AND ABOLISH IT.**

A railroad commission to make places for a few of the politicians **WHO WANT SOFT JOBS WILL NOT LAST LONG.**

A dignified commission of three able independent business men might do some good.

A commission has been created in Washington, in Idaho and California. The last named has little or no work before it.

The Washington commission is very busy. **IT IS NAMED BY THE GOVERNOR AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE.**

Washington people and Washington shippers have fortunately a Republican governor. **HENCE THEY CANNOT BE DEPRIVED OF AN APPOINTIVE RESPONSIBLE COMMISSION.**

Oregon may be so fortunate as to escape having any commission at all. The legislature may pass a bill that the governor will veto. The people would not cry if he did that.

How a Democrat, a Simon Republican and a Mitchell Republican **WILL EVER APPOINT A HARMONIOUS EFFECTIVE COMMISSION REMAINS TO BE SEEN.** But, thank God, if it is kept, the people will elect and the people make no mistakes—in Oregon.

EX-CONVICT CRIMINALS.

The dangerous hold-up man is generally an ex-convict who has just been released penniless, desperate and **READY TO ENTER UPON ANOTHER CARNIVAL OF CRIME.**

His only method is to hold-up a law-abiding citizen, some one who has a gold watch or a purse of money.

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED THE COFFEY BILL TO MAKE THE THIRD COMMITMENT TO THE PEN FOR LIFE.

But before the professional criminal is sentenced for life **HE HAS TWO CHANCES TO GET OUT AND WITH GUN, BLUDGEON OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPON ROB** with the threat to kill some law-abiding citizen.

That crime should be made punishable with capital punishment.

There is no other deterrent influence that can be brought to bear. **THE FEAR OF A THIRD COMMITMENT FOR LIFE WILL NOT STOP THE HOLD-UP MAN.**

He is going to have his fun—he has a taste for robbery that he can only gratify with the threat to kill and often he does kill. His increasing appetite for crime should be checked in some way.

Of course, the lawyers in the senate immediately sat upon and killed the bill to punish hold-up crimes with the death penalty. Two years ago they let the bill get to second reading this year they killed it in stouter.

The judiciary and revision of laws committees **MAY BE TECHNICALLY RIGHT BUT THEY ARE MORALLY WRONG.**

The hold-up man threatens to kill you. He says, your money or your life.

He does not know whether he is going to kill you or not. He kindly leaves that decision to his victim, who must calmly be robbed or die.

THOSE LAWYERS KNOW THAT HE WILL NOT KILL THE VICTIM if they did not believe in giving the hold-up man a chance to employ his threat to kill, why did they refuse to report the Wright bill **LEAVING IT TO THE COURT TO APPLY THE DEATH PENALTY?**

If hold-up crimes in their worst forms are not worthy of the death penalty, why has this legislature passed one bill as we are told **INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME TO FORTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT?**

If these crimes should not be checked with the death penalty, why increase the penalty to life imprisonment **THE THIRD TIME A CRIMINAL COMMITS A CRIME?** The gentleman of the judiciary may answer.

THE DUTY OF EDITORS.

So-called Republican editors who have nothing but flattery and hot air for high Republican officials "for what there is in it" are engaged in pleasing but unprofitable business.

It is always pleasant to dole out dishwater and say sweet nothings than to tell the truth and do one's duty. Sweetened wind and water is sold at the soda fountains but **IT WILL NOT SATISFY AN HUNGRY MAN NOR HELP REFORM PUBLIC ABUSES.**

The duty of an editor is to tell his party the truth, instead of slobbering all over officials with undisguised flattery for favors in return.

If there is any class in this world that **NEEDS TRUTH MORE AND FLATTERY LESS** than so-called Republican leaders in Oregon, we have yet to run across them.

For instance look at their management of the state school lands? A Democratic governor with one state land agent cuts all around them and convicts men of frauds from their records.

Congressman Hawley as a Republican official publicly declares that he will fight to compel enforcement of laws against gigantic land monopolies.

Candidate Withycombe who ran for governor **WAS ADVISED THAT THE STATE LAND AGENT WAS NOT NEEDED** and advocated his abolition.

Yet the Democratic state land agent **IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL WHO HAS LAID A STRAW IN THE WAY** of general spoliation of Oregon public lands.

It is quite time Republican editor a cease indiscriminate flattery of Re-publican officials and demanded something tangible in the line of public results.

A Republican editor who has any pride in his party does not enjoy more sap-headed adulation and hot-airing of office-holders.

He wants to see his party **ONCE IN A WHILE CHAMPION A REFORM AND FIGHT A BATTLE IN THE CAUSE OF MORAL REFORM AND PROGRESS.**

It is the duty of a Republican editor as well as of any other editor to ask those holding public office at the hands of the Republican party that they once in a while fight the battles of the taxpayers because it is right.

Political parties cannot exist on flattery, buncombe, hot air, **EDITORIAL SODAWATER AND PARTISAN SOOTHING SYRUP.**

The people who constitute the rank and file of Republicanism are as strongly for reform measures as those of any other party. They will resent complaisant toadying to officialism while their burdens are increased.

HOW THE GRAFTIES GROW.

The juvenile court at Portland is the best illustration of the way a baby graft will grow.

AN EXPENSE OF \$10,000 A YEAR will be put on Multnomah county for juvenile court officers should Governor Chamberlain not veto the bill relating to that subject.

Further expense ensuing from passage of the bill would be between \$6000 and \$8000 for building a detention home at Montavilla and probably \$500 a month for maintenance, making perhaps \$23,000 new expense to Multnomah county the first year. The new salary expense would be as follows:

Judge of the court	Per month.	\$ 50
Chief probation officer		150
Three deputies, each \$100		300
Superintendent Detention Home		125
Stenographer		85
Matron		50
Emergency expenses		50
Deputy District Attorney		100
Total		\$910

This graft started in a very small way **WITH ONE SPECIAL JUDGE ON A SALARY.**

Now there are nine officials and an emergency fund to be provided for. The proposition is a good one. Its projectors mean well. **BUT WHERE WILL THEY STOP?**

But before long they would become a whole department of the state government.

Are there any less bad boys now than before the juvenile court was established?

Are there any less criminals in Oregon than before?

ARE THERE ANY LESS HOLD-UP ARTISTS ANY FEWER GUN-PLAY MEN?

We are not opposed to reformatory efforts for boys and men, but we believe **SELF-MULTIPLYING OFFICIALISM FATTENING UPON THE STATE IS NOT MUCH LESS AN EVIL.**

Naturalization of Aliens.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 13.—In accordance with the recent order of the supreme court today was set aside as the final date to consider the petitions of aliens who would become citizens. The applicants include six Italians, four Swedes, four Austrians, three Poles, two Germans, two Russians, two Spaniards, one Greek and Belgian. Since the order has taken effect 87 declarations of intention to become citizens, exclusive of 25 today have been lodged. The order was the result of a complaint made to the effect that alien-

arriving in the city and living here for a short time enjoyed greater privileges than the citizens. Things have now been remedied with the result that there is a rush for citizenship papers.

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Objection to English Channel Tunnel
London, Feb. 13.—At a meeting of the members of the Imperial Institute last night the secretary for war, who was one of the principal speakers intimated strongly that he dissented from the channel tunnel scheme, and would do all in his power to have the proposed bill opposed at every stage in the houses of lords and commons.

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Opening Up More Land.

Yankton, S. D., Feb. 13.—All details in connection with the agreement between the federal government and the Rosebud Sioux Indians are now arranged, and in a few days Inspector James McLoughlin, of Washington, will announce the throwing open of nearly a million acres of land in South Dakota. Under the agreement, which has been

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Consumptives in Canada
Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The number of consumptives in the Dominion is increasing at an alarming rate. Steps will be taken by the government to deal with the disease. Calgary Board of Trade has forwarded a petition to the government calling attention to the great number of consumptives in that city and asking that a sanitarium be established at some place in the tains.

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