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OLD TIMES, OLD FRIENDS, OLD LOVE.

There are no days like the good old days,
The days when we were youthful!
When human kind were pure of mind,
And speech and deeds were truthful;
Before a love of sordid gold
Became man's ruling passion,
And before each dame and maid became
Slave to the tyrant Fashion!

There are no girls like the good old girls—
Against the world I'd stake 'em
As buxom and smart and clean of heart
As the Lord knew how to make 'em!
They were rich in spirit and common sense,
And plenty all supportin';
They could bake and brew, and had taught school, too,
And they made such likely courtin'!

There are no boys like the good old boys—
When we were boys together!
When the grass was sweet to the brown bare feet
That dimpled the laughing heather;
When the lark sang to the summer dawn
Of the bee in the billowy clover,
Or down by the mill the whip-o'-will.
Echoed its night song over.

There is no love like the good old love—
The love that mother gave us!
We are old, old men, yet we pine again
For that precious grace—God gave us!
So we dream and dream of the good old times,
And our hearts grow tenderer, fonder,
As those dear old dreams bring soothing gleams
Of heaven away off yonder.

PROHIBIT RACE SUICIDE.

The Sunday papers had whole pages about the new wasp waist, which is considered the proper thing among the fashionables.

There were columns of directions, telling women how to produce the new shape, and WHAT KIND OF CONTRACTIONS TO WEAR TO BRING IT ABOUT.

Of course, there may be a lot of women in the world of such character that it would make no difference to the world what they wear.

But for respectable wives and women who may become mothers such instructions are almost diabolical, and **SHOULD BE BARRED FROM THE PRESS.**

Publications of millions of copies of such Sunday newspapers cannot but have a deadly effect on the development of the race.

To strangle millions of bright and progressive women in such machines, and inventions of fashion, **MEANS DESTRUCTION OF THE RACE.**

To stop race suicide the laws should prohibit publication of such fashion plates and descriptions of how to distort the human form divine **INTO THE SHAPES OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND INSECTS.**

Such publications should not be allowed to circulate in the mails.

THE ISSUE OF FREE LOCKS.

The greatest political issue in western Oregon today, from the standpoint of the shippers and producers, is free locks and canal at Oregon City.

There have been three conventions held in western Oregon the past year where the demand has been unanimous **THAT THE TOLLS BE TAKEN OFF COMMERCE IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY.**

This issue was made very plain in the election of a congressman and in the last June election, and is the one thing Congressman Hawley and Senator Fulton are pledged to bring about.

This issue will grow with each campaign until it is brought about, and it is the duty of this legislature to pass the Jones bill **TO HELP BRING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO A FOCUS.**

The whole state of Oregon is more interested in improvement of its waterways than in any other issue before the people.

Look at what the state has appropriated in the last ten years to improve transportation facilities for Portland and eastern Oregon:

For the Cascade Portage Railway	\$ 65,000.
For the Celilo Portage Railway	165,000.
For maintenance of both the above	21,000
For right of way of Canal at The Dalles	100,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLUMBIA	\$355,000

The bill has already passed the senate to give eastern Oregon \$60,000 more to complete the portage road from The Dalles to the Big Eddy, and Oregon, Washington and Idaho are to be asked to give **\$100,000 EACH FOR THE JOINT IMPROVEMENT OF THE UPPER COLUMBIA.**

Does it not look as though western Oregon had a right to ask some help in return for opening the great Willamette valley waterway that affects every ton of freight produced in this part of Oregon?

Whenever Portland has asked for money for the Lewis and Clark fair, and whenever Portland has asked for money to open the Columbia, **THIS PART OF THE STATE HAS CHEERFULLY ASSISTED.**

With what they are asking for at this session, \$60,000 for extending the portage, and the \$100,000 they will probably ask for before the legislature adjourns, the state will have voted over a million to help Portland and eastern Oregon interest.

There should not be a dissenting vote in the senate against the Jones' free lock bill that has passed the house.

THE JONES' BILL IS NOT A DIRECT APPROPRIATION, but is made contingent on congress taking action, just as the appropriations for the locks and canal on the Columbia were.

Senator Fulton and Congressman Hawley, and the rest of the Oregon delegation are to do the rest, after the Jones' bill has been passed up to them. We are to hold up their hands in securing from congress an appropriation **TO PURCHASE, OR BUILD FREE LOCKS AT OREGON CITY.**

The Oregon delegation in congress, consulting with the engineering department, are to carry to conclusion the project for free locks and canal as contemplated in the Jones' bill, or the money will not be spent.

The issue of free locks and canal at Oregon City is one that enters into state and national politics. It cannot be avoided. The people can see more relief and benefit in free waterways than in anything else.

THE KAISER'S VICTORY.

The second elections in Germany in those districts where only pluralities, and not majorities, were obtained at the first balloting, have been completed, with the result that the new reichstag is a victory for the kaiser's colonial, naval and military policies.

The Socialists have been greatly reduced in the law-making body, and **THE KAISER'S PLAN OF "WORLD POLITICS" IS SEEMINGLY ENDORSED.**

The Socialists are reduced from something over sixty to forty-three

members. The party is thus deprived of nearly one-third its strength, although its vote at the polls increased 10 per cent and it remains numerically the most powerful of the German political parties.

It polled 3,251,000 out of 11,110,000. But in the second elections, in the doubtful districts, the scattered voters **ALL FUSED AGAINST THE SOCIALISTS, MAKING THEIR DEFEAT CERTAIN.**

A study of the new membership requires a knowledge of the peculiar division of parties in Germany. There are Liberals, Conservatives, radicals, Clericals and Socialists.

Chancellor von Buelow plays one set of representatives against another in a manner sometimes confusing to a people accustomed to hear a **DEBATE WITH REPUBLICANS FOR AND DEMOCRATS AGAINST.**

A writer, easily understanding German politics, discusses the election and the new membership as follows:

"The kaiser was determined not only to weaken the Socialists, **WHOM HE CALLS 'THE ENEMY,' BUT TO MAKE HIMSELF INDEPENDENT OF THE CENTRISTS OR Clericals.** It is admitted by the Liberal leaders that in this twofold purpose he has been decidedly successful.

STANDS IN WITH THE HOLDUPS.

The Capital Journal was in error in saying the legislature had put through a bill to give hold-up men a life term after third convictions.

The bill that passed makes it a life term **ON THE FOURTH CONVICTION TO THE PENITENTIARY.**

That is just about as good as nothing. The death penalty bill for hold-ups was never even considered.

The instances where a robber is sent to the penitentiary the fourth time are rare as hen's teeth.

The hold-up man may be convicted of robbery three times and then **COME OUT AND THREATEN YOU FOR YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE.**

While the legislature has done some few good things, it shows a distinct predilection to stand in with the rest of the hold-up artists.

A VICTORY FOR REFORM.

No one need try to dodge the issue—land monopolies are doomed in this country.

The present processes enacted into law, by which the public lands are systematically massed into the hands of large syndicates **ARE THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY.**

The holdings of hundreds of thousands and millions of acres in the hands of single individuals, firms and corporations will have to be undone with revolution and possible bloodshed.

Congress is slowly awakening to this situation, and **THE PROSECUTION OF THESE GIGANTIC LAND FRAUDS HAS ONLY BEGUN.**

The house committee on public lands has capitulated to the President and agreed to an amendment to the public land law providing for leasing instead of sale of government coal lands.

This is a great victory for the principle that the people should not part with the title to the soil, mineral or timber.

Let those who take off the timber, or take out the coal or minerals pay a royalty for doing so, **AND SUSTAIN THE GOVERNMENT REVENUES.**

The immense holdings will finally have to be thrown open to settlement, and the barbaric titles now in existence cancelled and destroyed.

Any step in this direction should be hailed as a step in the direction of fundamental reform, and **THE RETURN OF THE LANDS TO THE PEOPLE.**

When the corporations own the mines, the water, the land the forests and the railroads and waterways, what is there left for the people?

Nothing but slavery. The taskmasters of Egypt were not a circumstance to the land barons of today.

THE SHORT WEIGHT GOODS BILL.

If there ever was a bill framed upon principles of common justice and elementary honesty, it is the bill before this legislature requiring that a pound package or can of anything **SHALL CONTAIN A POUND OF SIXTEEN OUNCES.**

Yet that bill to keep the manufacturers and wholesalers from plain direct robbery of the consumer is threatened with defeat in this legislature.

The grocer who sells sugar or prunes must give full weight. The dairyman who put up butter must deliver full weight **OR BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES OF THE LAW.**

But the cracker trust, the meat trust, the cannery trust, can put up twelve-ounce packages for a pound right along, and the retailer must sell it or be undersold by his less conscienceless competitor.

The plain truth is, this class of frauds has proceeded so far that the consumer generally **IS ROBBED ABOUT FIFTY PER CENT ON ALL HE BUYS,** that is susceptible of this robbery.

Shall it be said that there was not enough character in this body of lawmakers to declare that a pound shall be sold for a pound.

THE SHORT WEIGHT GOODS BILL SHOULD PASS WITHOUT A DISSENTING VOTE, or let it be understood the short weight vote is short of common honesty.

Let this legalized plundering of the masses through the helpless retail trade be forever stopped by this legislature.

THE UNIVERSAL RAISE OF SALARIES.

It is stated that three-fourths of the bills in this legislature are to raise salaries and increase the compensation of officials.

Most of the bills raise the salaries of county officials, and **MANY GRANT NEW DEPUTIES AND FEES NOT FORMERLY ALLOWED.**

It is understood that in the senate the bill to increase the salary of the county clerk of Marion county is made to go into effect at the beginning of the next term.

That is sound in principle because there is a phrase in the constitution saying an official's salary **SHALL NOT BE INCREASED NOR DIMINISHED DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE.**

That is the true principle. The salary of the office which the candidate seeks and accepts the nomination and election for should prevail. The governor might do well to establish this principle and veto all bills in violation of this principle.

There is no justification for the universal raise of salaries. In a few years all the people may be less prosperous, and only officialism will be living on the topmost wave of prosperity.

Tampering With the Primary.

The sentiment throughout the state is in favor of letting well enough alone, as far as the primary law is concerned and any tampering with that provision of the law which confer on the people the right to directly select by their votes their candidate for United States senator will be deeply resented.—Glendale News.

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To Legalize Suicide.

The Idaho legislature has made a new law, which is known as the "pest measure." It provides that upon petition of 100 resident taxpayers of any county in that state the commissioner may levy a tax for the extermination of crickets, grasshoppers, rodents and other pests.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Young married people and old ones too.

That have no children to laugh and coo,

Find their troubles will "Little ones" be,

Find their troubles will "Little ones" be,

Sold at Dr. Stone's store.

A Word to Mr. D. Head.

Did you ever look around you and see what one or two men could do to build up a town, and then did you ever consider whether you was helping along the cause. If one or two men can do much, what can 300 men do if they work as hard as the one or two work. You just think about that, Mr. Dead Head.—Oregon Orlano.

A Stitch in Time

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One on the Colonel.

"We do not know why Lord lets some people get hold of newspaper for anyway," is the Salem Capital-Poster puts it. we have often thought the thing, only in larger type, reading and trying to understand the maundering rot, in double-um doses, of the Capital-Poster Irrigon Irrigator.

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