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THE SENATE'S MACHINE.

The upper house of the present legislature must pass into history as the most perfectly controlled corporation machine that was ever assembled in Oregon. It has been subservient in every respect to the powerful lobby maintained by the railroads and public service corporations, the work of this gang of parasites standing out plainest in the defeat of the hydro-electric bill, and the passage of senate bill No. 58, prohibiting municipalities from installing and maintaining public utilities without first obtaining the consent of the railroad commissioners. The further fact that two members of the railroad commission lobbied for this measure would suggest an understanding between the corporations and a majority of the commission, as now constituted. It illustrates vividly the dangers of such a tendency, as well as furnishing a good reason why the corporation should favor the bill.

The only excuse Senate Leader Day makes to the public for the action taken is in effect that legislation in the interest of the public has been carried too far, menacing the investment of capital in public utilities. But the Multnomah representative of the special interests fails to understand the cause of this popular unrest, or else purposefully ignores it when he rides roughshod over the wishes of the people whose votes elected him. Paid lobbyists by the score filling the retunda of the state house during legislative sessions, money spent like water to defeat or promote measures affecting their relations with the public is the real cause of the radical tendency which prevails among all classes of people except the corporation magnates themselves. The money spent for this purpose is wrung from the patrons of transportation, light, water and telephone companies—and the people know it. Men like Senator Day can no longer fool them. They want a square deal and purpose to keep up the fight on so-called "vested rights" until they get it.

The only sure way to stay the tendency toward too radical legislation, the free and full sway of democracy, is to give the people honest laws, just alike to the individual and the corporation. Day, Thompson and men of their ilk, who misrepresent the people in places of confidence and trust, are contributing more to advance socialism than all other agencies combined. Every act inimical to the welfare of the masses crammed through this legislature under the lash and spur of borsism only adds fuel to a flame which is destined to consume corporate rule and greed and scatter its ashes to the four winds of heaven. If the people despair of getting what they want from a boss-ridden legislature they will abolish that body and enact their laws by direct vote. Thousands more will vote next year to abolish the state senate than when the question came up last year, because of Day and Thompson, et al.

Party ties and party prejudices cannot be relied on to bolster up the acts of the senate majority. Gag rule and a corrupt political machine wrecked the republican organization for twelve years in Oregon, and history will be repeated if such orgies of corporation control are to be reenacted as once before corrupted the politics of this state. Party ties are weaker than ever before in the history of the country, and party prejudice has almost entirely disappeared. The crisis which confronts government is as grave, although of a different character, as in the time of Wendell Phillips, when he declared:

"The man who, for party, forsakes righteousness, goes down; and the armed battalions of God march over him."

A SPANKING IN COURT.

"Spank him—spank him well, and now!" was the order of Judge Black of the Juvenile Court at Columbus, Ohio, to the probationary officer, and John Oakes, aged 15, by whom kindly admonitions had been disregarded and on whom gentle treatment had been wasted, underwent the punishment prescribed right there in the court room.

It was to emphasize his earnestness that the court so rendered judgment in the case of this youth whose parents declared they could do nothing with him and who had been pronounced incorrigible by his teachers at school and by the community in which he lived.

The parents admitted that they had never punished the

boy in his life, because they "didn't believe in punishment." The view of the court was that what the boy needed, and needed badly, was punishment. What he thought of the parents was not expressly stated, but it might be inferred that he thought a bit of punishment might not be beyond their desert.

No proper-minded person upholds inhumanity or brutality in the treatment of children, and the law properly and strictly prohibits it.

But there is no real kindness or wisdom in coddling the selfishness of children or yielding to the self-will and wrong inclinations of undeveloped mentalities.

Mature intelligences are developed in parents in order that they may direct and control during the period of immaturity the beings they bring into the world, and the courts generally are endeavoring to hold parents to that responsibility.

The Juvenile Court is a great and beneficent institution chiefly because it deals with incompetent parents as well as with their offending offspring.

A German jurist is gravely discussing the question, "Who owns the bullet in the body of a wounded soldier?" Well, if possession is nine points of the law, a fairly good claim might be set up for the soldier, but there are reasons for believing that, even granting he was within his rights in keeping it in him, he would be willing to waive this contention, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Governor Withycombe ought to have sufficient backbone to veto that \$20,000 appropriation to reimburse Alma D. Katz for alleged expenditures in connection with the Tumalo project. It was lobbied through and will do doubt be divided among a crowd of Portland men, representing clear profit to them, less the expenses incurred during the session in order to get it through.

Now that a war cloud about the size of a man's hand has appeared on our own horizon, we may expect the valiant editor of the Oregonian to volunteer to raise and equip a full regiment of blood-thirsty, rough-riding pencil shavers for instant service—in the commissary department.

"Two important bills * * * went through the senate this afternoon as if greased"—Oregonian. No doubt about it; "grease" is in evidence plainly enough in and around the upper house.

How true it is that time flies! The neighbors' cat now has three grown sons in the war in our backyard, remarks the Ohio State Journal.

An exchange wonders if the British censor would pass anything regarding the Kaiser's poor health.

STATE NEWS

Fossil Journal: Since there is not only a strong foreign demand for horses but also an increased demand in our home market, due to greater activity on the farms, the outlook is extremely favorable, not only for good prices but also for a brisk demand.

The Dallas Chronicle: Four days without an arrest is a record established in this city since last Thursday, and The Dallas is certainly becoming an exemplary town. Not even a drunk was found who was so obstreperous that it was necessary to make him a guest of the city during the four days. The police court is a deserted place.

Medford Mail-Tribune: While plowing last week on the Mowbray orchards near Table Rock, portions of the anatomy of a human were uncovered, including a portion of the collar bone, showing the indentation left by an arrow. This is supposed to be a relic of an Indian battle fought in that vicinity years ago. A part of a human skull was also found. The collar bone is on an exhibition at the Quik. An arrow head still imbedded. An old Indian cemetery is located in that section.

Stanfield's council has taken steps in the direction of street improvement and tree planting on a most liberal scale.

Dallas will vote a special election in April on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of purchasing the water plant.

Portion of the scenario of the Corvallis fire brigade in action at the Albany fire. In 20 minutes after the call was sent, Chief Graham with others in an automobile carrying 400 feet of hose, had arrived and were at work. Others followed until 50 firemen were leading a helping hand.

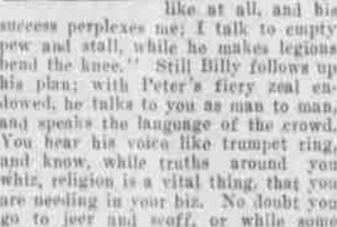
The Mackburg correspondent of the Cuddy Herald chronicles this benefaction: "The Wash-Heppler sawmill company are proving themselves public benefactors by utilizing their saw dust in making foot paths throughout this neighborhood. The school children, especially, are benefited."

Pacific highway tree planting day in Jackson county, which was set for February 22, has been postponed owing to the absence of Commissioner Madden and the resultant inability of the people in charge to secure the county court's official sanction and help. The date will be announced later.

Pendleton East Oregonian: Harbinger of spring, the ground squirrels are already beginning to come out of their winter quarters holes where they

Billy Sunday

His language jars the purist's soul, his methods jolt some sects and cults, he springs a slangy vignette—but Billy Sunday gets results. He uses club and monkey wrench to knock the sinners off their pins; he drags them to the mourners' bench, and makes them shake their sordid sins. "This Sunday isn't orthodox," the old line clergyman declares; "for like an auctioneer he talks, and mixes argot with his prayers. He isn't lady-like at all, and his success perplexes me; I talk to empty pews and stall, while he makes legions bend the knee." Still Billy follows up his plan; with Peter's fiery zeal allowed, he talks to you as man to man, and speaks the language of the crowd. You hear his voice like trumpet ring, and know, while truths around you whirl, religion is a vital thing, that you are needing in your life. No doubt you go to jest and scoff, or while some idle hours away, but when he feels his sermon off, you join the push, and kneel and pray. Perhaps he isn't as refined as you would like, but what's the odds? He makes old Satan get behind, and makes men tired of phoney goals.



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hibernated during the winter. Farmers report seeing a good many of the little griskin leopards scampering about during the warm days of the past two weeks.

Burns News: From most sections of the county the report comes that the rabbits are getting so few that it is hardly profitable to hunt them as a wage-earning purpose. It is not known whether they are leaving or dying off, and it does not matter so long as this pest is out of the way and the farmers are assured their crops will grow to maturity.

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Two Thousand Students At State University

Eugene, Oregon, February 18.—Registration in liberal arts courses at the state university is at its record point with 815 students enrolled since September 15. The first semester enrollment was 745 and midwinter freshmen numbered between 50 and 60. Returning students make up the remainder.

The 1915-16 catalogue, which takes account of the registrations in liberal arts and sciences, the department of music, the summer school, the correspondence-study department, and the faculties of law and medicine in Portland, will therefore contain an attendance summary of about 2000. This total puts the university of Oregon in a good place among the larger universities of the United States, and puts the state of Oregon, with its population under the 1910 federal census of 478,765, well to the front in the per thousand of inhabitants seeking higher education.

SILVERTON BOYS WIN.

A good-sized crowd turned out to the basketball game played in this city Friday evening between the local high school team and the Mt. Angel college juniors, and it is safe to say that there was not a person present—not even the players themselves—who was not surprised at the manner in which the boys handled themselves, and the ball also. At the start it looked as if our boys would not have a look in. Before they were aware of what was going on the visitors had piled up eight scores upon them, while they as yet had none to their credit. It was not long, however, until they took a brace and started in in a business-like manner. From this time on they played ball all the while and acquitted themselves in a manner which would do full credit to a team having far more experience than they have. This was the first real game they have played this season; of course they have indulged in several class games, but this was their first experience against strangers.

Those who took part in last Friday's game, forming the local team, were: Riches, J.; Durso, J.; Palmateer, C.; Wray, G.; Carson, G. Subs were Sandel, Pittman and Taw. Edwin Durso is captain of the team and Roy Carson is manager.—Appeal.

AN END TO SNIVELLING.

(From the New York World.) James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, finds that "every day records a marked improvement in the general situation. Other business men can find the same signs of marked improvement if they will open their eyes, stop their calamity howling and get to work. This country has been hard hit by the war, but taking all the circumstances into consideration, it has fared

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very well—better than any other country in the world. When we consider that all the fabric of international trade, commerce and "innocent" peace, civilization had positively woven for many decades was torn to tatters in a single night, the miracle is not that we have had hard times, but that we have suffered so little. Thanks to the new federal reserve banking act, we have had no panic. Our financial system successfully weathered the storm. Although our normal foreign markets were cut off and our domestic markets thrown into turmoil, economic order is steadily emerging from economic chaos.

The American people have gone through many worse experiences than this, and they are better off today than anybody else in the universe. Yet certain elements among American business men have been whining and sniveling like spoiled children. If their grandfathers had had no more courage and gumption than some of the descendants have shown, the United States would be a fourth-rate power politically and commercially.

The United States, nevertheless, was not settled by calamity howlers. It was not developed into a great nation by calamity howlers. It did not become the richest and one of the most populous countries in the world by calamity howlers. It was not built up on the principal of rule of ruin.

There does not exist today a single political obstacle to the complete restoration of American prosperity. There does not exist a single legislative or

cannot revive itself. The work must be done by men with brains and imagination and courage and honest intention. It cannot be done by slybards and dullards and parasites. It cannot be done by whiners and snivellers and faultfinders. It cannot be done by men who are more interested in gouging a dollar out of somebody else than in making two dollars by productive effort. It is a man's job, and the place for timid old women in men's clothes is back of the fringe.

THE TARIFF AS FORD SEES IT.

(Eugene Guard.) I think that the tariff should be abolished entirely. I believe in free trade all over the world. If we had it things would adjust themselves and we would all be better off.

These aren't the words of one of the most successful business men in the United States—Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer—quoted in the New York Evening Sun.

Mr. Ford sells his cars all over the world in competition with the "pauper labor of Europe" and every other continent. He doesn't feel the need of protection. He knows that he can take care of himself without any help from the government. He has that confidence in his own ability and in the ability of his workmen.

It's the lame duck, or else the fellow who wants more than his share, that is always pleading for a handout from Uncle Sam in the shape of tariff duties.

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