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CITIZENS OF TWO NATIONS

The suicide in London of a German-American named Kuepferle enlivens the subject of dual citizenship. A citizen of both America and Germany, he was serving Germany as a spy under protection of an American passport.

Some persons think they see international complications for the United States in like cases. There can be none. There is an American conception, observed by Great Britain also, that a country has jurisdiction over all persons in it, whether citizens or foreigners.

It was in Blackstone's day "a principle of universal law that a natural-born subject of one prince cannot by any act of his own—no, not by swearing allegiance to another—put off or discharge his natural allegiance to the former."

Great Britain's attempted maintenance of that law was one of the causes of the war of 1812. England did not abandon that doctrine until 1870, when she formally recognized that when a subject became a citizen of another state his citizenship in England was lost.

The right of expatriation has not been questioned in the United States since 1868, when an act passed by congress declared that "all naturalized citizens of the United States while in foreign countries, are entitled to and shall receive from this government the same protection of persons and property which is accorded to natural born citizens."

Because of the repudiation by some countries of the principle of inalienable allegiance and the maintenance of it by others it is possible for a person to be a citizen of two nations at the same time, neither state, however, being bound to recognize his citizenship in the other.

But offenders against civil or military law in any country can be punished according to its laws, no matter what the nationality of the offender.

There is a very pretty row on over the spoils which are being distributed by the fish and game commission. There is a sum totaling from \$125,000 to \$150,000 a year to be divided among the crowd responsible for the maintenance of the graft by the legislature, and all want choice cuts from the pie. Game Warden Finley had one of the most perfect machine organizations ever seen in this state—not excepting Senator Day's—and it controlled the legislature absolutely, defeating every attempt to have the fish and game licenses thrown into the general fund where they belong. Special trains crowded with lobbyists from Medford to Portland emptied their crowds into the state house whenever there was the slightest danger of the graft being cut off in the interest of a sane, honest and business-like administration of the fish and game funds. That was the situation last winter; now it has developed into a big row over the division of the colossal fund among the faithful henchmen, and there are charges flying thick and fast that some on the inside are "hogging" the best jobs where there is the least work and biggest salaries. It is after all just a row among grafters and the only interest the people have in it is that they put up the the money that is causing all the trouble.

We reprint today an editorial from that rabid republican paper, the Daily Astorian, savagely attacking Governor Withycombe. We do this more to show how a radically unjust newspaper may be on occasion than for any other purpose. We do not endorse the editorial, although we know little about the particular appointment which has roused the ire of the Astoria editor. The Astorian supported the governor when he was a candidate and now apologizes to the voters for having had a hand in "buncoeing" them. The Capital Journal did not support the governor but since his inauguration has seen a good deal to commend in his administration and believes that he will make good. Certainly he will make mistakes and not all his appointments will give universal satisfaction—they never do—but we believe there is ample evidence that the governor will be clean and independent.

The farms of the United States produced ten billions last year. That ought to be the forceful word to help along this back-to-the-farm movement.

A CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

The Commercial Club is engaged in a "clean-up" campaign for members—seeking out the stray material which may be found available for good membership in the organization, to make it larger and stronger.

It is a good proposition. A clean-up campaign is always a good thing, if put into vigorous execution. Some one has very wisely said that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and it is true. For the more cleanly an individual is in thought, in conduct, in his person and in his relation with his fellows, the more nearly he approaches the Ideal Man—the Godlier he becomes.

The same reasoning applies to the community. The individuals constitute the community, in the broadest sense, and the community can be no better than those who compose it. It also applies to the community in the more restricted, material sense. Cleanliness here is a condition to be desired—an asset, when possessed, recognized and appreciated by all.

Now that the clean-up idea has been taken hold of by the Commercial Club, it might well carry forward the work into the city-wide clean-up which is a crying need of Salem. As was evident from the remarks of an eastern visitor, appearing in an interview in the Capital Journal a few days ago, the untidy condition of many parts of the city and the evident lack of civic pride are the subject of remarks by visitors, and the remarks are anything but complimentary to Salem.

With the force of numbers now centered in the New Salem Chamber of Commerce, that body should be able to render to this city a real service which would be to its credit and of lasting benefit to the city.

Again we notice articles in the papers on the "passing of the horse"—but the horse is not going to pass. He will be here when the automobile has been superceded by some other invention that is more speedy and fatal, and he will be a useful animal with plenty of work to do.

Several Bibles have been stolen from the Portland public library. This may be taken as evidence of the growing demand for good literature.

STATE NEWS

Coos Bay Times: Capt. N. J. Cornwall, of Gardiner, was in the city today looking after stage interests. He states that the Gardiner mill is closed down and has been for the past week. The San Gabriel has been on the dry dock in San Francisco being overhauled and as she has been taking practically all lumber of the mill south it is expected the mill will again open with her back on the run.

Marshfield Record: Warren P. Reed, of Gardiner, who recently took a large contract of furnishing piling for the Southern Pacific at Gardiner, has delivered 700 sticks at Gardiner from his camp at Elkton. The camp worked fast and had good success in getting out the logs and the recent high water was a boon to the arrangement, as it came at a convenient time and floated the piling down over some of the usually shall places in the Umpqua.

Grants Pass Courier: State Engineer Lewis and Highway Engineer Cantine are in Josephine County today, and have been accompanied to the Douglas County line by Judge Gillette and Commissioners Lind and Robertson to again investigate the mooted question of the road between the two counties. The two state officials autoed over from Medford this morning, and an early start was made from this city. The party expected to be at Wolf Creek for dinner.

Medford Tribune: Great disappointment is felt locally among sportsmen and the general public over the failure of the state game and fish commission to appoint E. L. Ewing, of Medford, State Game Warden. Mr. Ewing had the endorsement of the State Sportsmen's League and was in every way qualified for the office. A. H. Lea was appointed because he was a personal friend of Governor Withycombe. Mr. Lea is manager of the Union Meat Company and formerly connected with the O. A. G.

Marshfield Record: When Judge John S. Cook opened court yesterday afternoon and was ready for cases that had been set in rotation, there wasn't an attorney, witness or interested party in the court room, and this displeased the court very much. The result was the attorneys got a severe scolding. Judge Cook stated that when cases were set the litigants and attorneys should be present and it was not proper for such delays to occur, as the county is paying jurors and the expenses at every postponement run up into money fast. It is probable the reprimand Judge Cook administered will have the effect of making the court grind more promptly.

Grants Pass Courier: The party of officials of The Rogue River Public Service Corporation, who have been spending several days in looking over the properties of the company in the Rogue River Valley, left on train No. 14 this morning for Roseburg and Coos Bay points. The party included George E. Sanders and wife, Andrew Cook and wife, of Chicago; Robert E. Gant, of Chicago, and Francis M. Mauro, of this city. The trip will cover a period of several days, and is made primarily to look over the properties of the company in that section of the state, in addition to investigating the conditions in and around

Reformed Train Robber Joins Baptist Church

Glendale, Okla., June 1.—Al Jennings, reformed Oklahoma bandit and now a big figure in state politics there, is a baptized member of the Baptist church today. The ceremony was performed at the Glendale Baptist church by Rev. John H. Troy in the presence of a big crowd last night. In his younger days, Jennings was a terror to Oklahoma travelers. He did time in prison, reformed, became a lawyer and magazine writer and ran for district attorney there. Rev. Troy met him in a Glendale theatre and converted him.

COMPLEXION SECRETS OF AN ACTRESS

In a recently issued volume bearing the above title, the author says: "Continuous use of grease paints, rouge and the like, had ruined my complexion. My skin was colorless, wrinkled, coarse and punctured with large pores. In England, I heard of the virtues of mercolized wax; my first experience with this marvelous substance convinced me it was more valuable than all cosmetics combined. Now whenever my complexion begins to go wrong I get an ounce of mercolized wax at the nearest drug store, spread on a thin layer of it before retiring, washing it off next morning. The wax, after a few such treatments, seems literally to absorb the healthier, younger-looking skin appears. "For the wrinkles and enlarged pores I began using a solution of saxolite, one ounce, dissolved in a half pint witch hazel. Bathing the face in this every day for a while soon relieved the condition most wonderfully."

The Coos Bay towns. It is expected the party will return to Grants Pass about the middle of the coming week.

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DOTING OLD AGE SITS IN CHAIR AT SALEM

(Daily Astorian.)

If ever a doubt existed as to Governor Withycombe's incompetence his appointment of the new state pilot commission has removed it. Ricketty and irresolute, he has played in the hands of the Portland shipping pool. After many years of battling the people of Oregon have had their interests shuffled away into the hands of the shipping trust. For years the interests controlling shipping on the Columbia river, and practically ruining it through methods that have diverted shipping to Puget Sound, have been after the majority membership of the pilot commission. But up to the present we have always had governors with backbone enough, and keen enough insight, to see the game and block it.

Withycombe has thrown down the bars to the Portland shipping interests. Despite the fact that the pilots' sense of activity is at Astoria, Withycombe has seen fit to turn the Pilot commission over to Portland just as he has turned over other commissions.

The shipping trust had its back to the wall. It was alarmed at the advent of the big steamship lines at the mouth of the river; it looked with consternation at the building of the big docks at Astoria and it feared the Celilo canal and the business it would bring to Astoria. A real governor with the interests of the entire state in mind, would have recognized what the death of the shipping pool would mean to the state and he would have put an end to it; thus bringing to Oregon that commerce rightfully hers, now going to the Sound under the dictates of the shipping pool.

Dr. Withycombe had the opportunity, then, to redeem himself in the eyes of the people, at least. But old age appears to have blinded his vision, he could not see beyond the reasoning of the combine dictating to him.

Withycombe has made it possible for the Portland shipping interests to add to the commerce of the Sound—for that is where many of their large interests are—to the detriment of the Columbia river and Oregon. He has bowed to the shipping trust just as he bowed to the insurance companies and made Harvey Wells insurance commissioner, placing an old line insurance man in an office to stand between the people and the old line insurance companies at a less salary than he was getting as district manager.

And in making his pilot commission appointments he makes excuses for them. His statement that "Portland does 90 per cent of the maritime business of the state" is a direct falsehood. It may be that the doctor does not know that it is a falsehood. It may be that somebody told him to say that and like an obedient puppet, he said it. If he had taken the time to examine the shipping records of the state he would have seen how gross a lie he was uttering.

In the mind of Dr. Withycombe the state is composed of but three cities, Corvallis, Salem and Portland. The personnel of every state commission he has practically selected from those three cities; the balance of the state might just as well be in Luzon as far as representation on the governing boards or officers are concerned. Don't mistake this for a psychological condition. It is not. It is purely material. The interests hold forth in Portland; the politician hovers about Salem and the friends of the doctor's college days are found in the vicinity of Corvallis.

The Withycombe administration will go down in history as the weakest administration this state has ever had. West's record as governor, at any stage, was 100 per cent better than the present. The Morning Astorian is a republican paper and we give Dr. Withycombe local support. We are sorry. We offer a sincere apology to the voters of the state for having helped to bunco them.

We recognize now that the people took too big a job on their hands when they tried to make a statesman-out of a "hoss doctor". It can't be done. It follows as a mere matter of course that we are to have a "hoss doctor" administration; and a dotting "hoss doctor" administration at that.

WORLD AT WAR ATLAS

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