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ARE WE ALL TRAITORS AT ELECTION TIME?

If there is anything the American citizens is entitled to it is his opinion. This is a free country, and differs from some other countries in that while in any old place a man may think as he pleases he cannot express his thoughts and keep his head on his shoulders to express other thoughts with. Free speech and a free press, which is its corollary, for the press is but the expression of the opinions of the nation, or at least the means of giving those thoughts publicity, are the two things upon which that foundation of liberty rests. Our form of government is a modified democracy, and so far as rights and freedom go, one man is as good as any other.

It follows then that every man, and this of course includes woman, has a right to think what he pleases and when he pleases, and to express those thoughts at any time or place provided they are clothed in decent language and he is not trespassing in some other person's affairs. He cannot, of course, go into a church and occupy the pulpit unless invited so to do, nor can he do anything else of this kind, but he can give vent to his opinion at any proper place, and he should not be condemned for so doing.

Yet there is no country where the expression of opinion or the holding of beliefs is so condemned. We do not go the extent of trying to prevent the expression of opinion by others or to stop them from having certain beliefs. Should we do that we would not be able to exercise these privileges ourselves.

To illustrate: This country is pretty evenly divided politically between the democrats and republicans. There is a smattering of other political beliefs but the great majority are of either one or the other of the two great parties.

In our daily affairs democrat and republican mix and mingle not knowing, or caring, what the other thinks or believes politically.

In government policies what ever helps democrats helps republicans, and whatever hurts republicans hurts just as badly the democrats. Our interests are common, and no doubt the desire of each is for the best possible government for all.

This will not be denied by any, and yet when a political campaign is on as at present, the citizens and the newspapers attack each other for their beliefs, and convey the impression that the other is trying to ruin the country, or, as would necessarily follow, ruin themselves.

We have told each other this time and time again ever since the first election, and we keep on telling the same old story, and for the time try to believe it, although we know it is a lie made of whole cloth and used only for political gain, that is to get the control, or generally on the part of the leaders to get the offices.

In times when the country needs defenders, republican, democrat, socialist, prohibitionist and men of all creeds lay aside their usual pursuits and take up arms for the common good.

None of us are traitors, none desires the ruin of the country. The great masses in field and forest, mine, mill and mart are honest and patriotic, except at election time.

Is it not about time we quit this worse than foolish recrimination every election, and have as good an opinion of one another at election times as we do between them?

It is possible that while we are looking upon the other fellow as a fool because of his ideas and opinions, that he is right and we are wrong. The chances are at least even the good citizen is never more right than when he gives in this direction. The American people are all right, and vent to his honest opinion as to governmental policies even though it may turn out that he was mistaken.

Would it not be a good plan to turn over a new leaf, and while expressing our beliefs at the polls, or previous to them, give the fellows who think differently credit for being just as honest in their beliefs as we are in ours. The country will not go to the bow wows no matter what the result of the election, and while we talk as though it would, we know better, and should be ashamed of ourselves for our narrowmindedness.

Automobiles come high but apparently the people must have them. The Oregon Voter figures out that this state is sending out \$10,000,000 annually for automobiles, tires and gasoline, itemized as follows: new machines, \$5,000,000; tires, \$3,000,000; gasoline and oil, \$2,000,000. Retained within the state is probably \$5,000,000 more of money expended annually by auto owners for repairs and profits on machines, tires, gasoline and accessories. So much money spent for what is in the main a luxury should be indicative of anything but hard times, and there are many persons of sound judgment who believe that the sending away of this vast sum for automobiles and accessories is the cause of the business depression on the Pacific coast. If this is true the apparent remedy would be to manufacture the machines out here—and there is no good reason why it could not be done successfully and profitably.

The republicans of California are to have a three cornered fight for the United States senatorship this fall. Governor Johnson has announced his candidacy, and Willis H. Booth, of Los Angeles, and Walter Bordwell, ex-superior court judge, of Los Angeles, will make the race against him. A strong effort is being made to have Bordwell withdraw in the interest of harmony, but he is strongly of the opinion the other fellows should do the withdrawing and harmonizing; an obsession indigenous with the average politician.

The British and French continue to make gains along the Western front, and while these are comparatively small, they are really large when measured by those heretofore made in the see-saw game at Verdun and other points, for the last year. The Germans are confident their lines will hold and are massing reserves along the threatened points. The allies, on the other hand, are highly encouraged, and seem confident of eventually breaking through the German front. The end seems still in the remote future.

The Southern Pacific has spent thousands of dollars in publishing and distributing pamphlets and posters descriptive of Oregon scenery and opportunities, in order to induce tourists to visit the Northwest, and then does all it can to keep them away by charging a \$20 differential rate if they come this way. This is one of the foolish things it has done. Another is failing to get a picture of the Salem depot among its wonderful scenic attractions. This, like the depot, is inexcusable.



JAMES J. HILL

Jim Hill is gone to his repose, out where the weeping willow grows. While on this earth he asked no rest, this empire builder of the West; through all his years he strove and fought; by night he planned, by day he wrought. Men used to say, "Where'er he goes, he makes things blossom as the rose; along his track the cities rise, and chimneys point toward the skies, the forges blaze, the hammers ring, and buoyant workmen smile and sing." He was the captain of a host, but slaying men was not his boast. His armies stormed no fort or town, and tore no famed cathedral down, and where his mighty legions swept, no widowed women wailed and wept. It's kill, now that the world is roaring mad, from Mexico to Petrograd. One hour of Hill is better far than fifty thousand years of war. This mighty captain lies at rest, his monument the whole Northwest.

presented.

State House News

A motorcycle racing club in Union county applied to the county commissioners for permission to close a county road for two days while a race meet was being held, claiming that the public could get a view of the races from the road and would not therefore spend its money for admission tickets. The district attorney of Union county has been advised by Attorney General Brown that it is not within the power of the commissioners to close the road under such circumstances.

The clerk of the state land board has been directed to ascertain why the Pacific Chemical company, which not long since took over the lease of Jason Moore of New York on Sumner and Albert lakes, has not paid the balance of its bond, which it was expected to do May 15. Moore deposited \$10,000 when he acquired the lease some time ago, but the balance of the required \$25,000 bond has never been paid.

Is Malheur lake a lake or a swamp? The Harney Drain Development company has applied to the state land board for permission to drain the lake but the application has not as yet been acted upon for the reason that there seems to be some question to the title in the premises. In a communication to the board Fred Otley of Harney county says that the supreme court has held that the lake is not marsh land and that the lake bed is owned by 150 meander line owners. Mr. Otley has been informed that the board will take no action before it has considered the legal question thus

presented.

The public service commission has ordered the Yamhill Mutual Telephone company and the Yamhill Electric company to remove the dangerous crossings of their wires in Dayton within twenty days, the cost of doing so to be borne equally by each company.

State Forester Elliott is having prepared a series of stereoscopic slides to be used in connection with lectures on fire prevention to be given in schools throughout the state.

A gain in the number of available cars is shown in the report of the Southern Pacific made to the public service commission yesterday.

NO "TRAIN" SALES

Washington, July 29.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered carriers to abolish before Oct. 1 all rates dependent upon shipments of more than one carload. Western live stock shippers have been for some time endeavoring to obtain train lot rates lower than carload rates. The commission holds that establishment of such rates gives an undue preference to large shippers.

An Odd Turkish Superstition.
An odd Turkish superstition is as follows: If one finds a piece of bread lying upon the ground he must pick it up, kiss it and carry it until he finds a hole into which the bread can be inserted. To step upon a piece of bread or to leave it lying upon the ground is one of the unpardonable sins and dooms the offender to the third hell, where he is perpetually gored by an ox that has but a single horn that is in the center of his forehead.

CHILDREN ENJOYING NEW PLAY GROUNDS

Yesterday 250 Were There—
Special Features This
Evening—Parents Invited

Yesterday afternoon 250 children availed themselves of the advantages of the municipal playgrounds in the Albert pasture, all under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Schultz, who has made a special study of children's play. Today there are as many, if not more. Last week during the Chautauqua, 200 or more were on the grounds each day. As the weather becomes warmer, those in charge of the grounds believe the number will soon average 300 daily.

Since the grounds have been cleaned and the play apparatus placed, the children have been coming on the grounds at 11 o'clock with their lunches and staying until about 5:30 in the evening. Tonight, the children will be invited to return to the grounds at 7:30 and take part in several games of volleyball. The invitation to visit the play grounds in the evening, especially tonight, is extended to the parents in order that they may become familiar with organized play as practiced in the larger cities.

Under the new system of playground work, children are not only instructed how and what to play, but are given personal supervision by Miss Schultz. During the week, at 4 o'clock, there has been a regular series of relay races, with no prizes offered, but just for the sport and satisfaction of winning. Competitive games of different kinds have been established and tried out each day. Almost all of these games are such as can be played in groups at the children's homes.

Besides the see-saws, swings and slides, the children have the advantage of a bathing pool, made by damming the creek. The city health officers have become greatly interested in the success of the playground movement and are doing their part in making inspections of the creek, to the city limits to see that no refuse or garbage is dumped anywhere whereby the water might become impure.

In discussing the playing of the children, Miss Schultz mentioned the tendency of children to play in groups in their own neighborhood, but when on the play grounds, they all play together in harmony, without one group attempting to take advantage of another, so often the case in city playgrounds.

Since the weather has become warmer, quite a number of family groups are seen each day with their picnic parties. On Sundays it has been suggested that parents accompany their children, as Miss Schultz is on duty only on week days.

THE TATTLER

It is a good idea for a person to think before he speaks. But it is usually too late.

Alderman Hudelson is right. The thistles should be mowed.

A rain clause is now inserted in the official band concert program.

Bird seed, in common with most other commodities, is up in price. Perhaps the pulp from the loganberry juice factories could be made into a nice cheap food for birds.

There is a dog in north Salem smart enough to bite drinks out of a stream of water from a lawn hose when he can't get them otherwise.

It now appears that visitors to the next state fair will be able to view the scenery all the way to the fair grounds. Work on the paving of the fair grounds road is to be pushed.

A defeated candidate who smiles is always looked upon with suspicion.

Salem laws have never been more beautiful than this season.

**Last of the Hikers
Got Home This Morning**

The last of the Y. M. C. A. hikers, who have been in camp at White City, near Cascadia, for the past two weeks, returned this morning. They are John Rudd, state board secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Royal Moore and Millard Cooper.

The boys had splendid weather and a fine time up to last Saturday, when it rained—hard. From that time on it was not so much fun. White City is 35 miles from Lebanon, and Rudd, Moore and Cooper, who remained behind to dry out the tents, left there at 5:45 yesterday morning with the intention of catching a train at Lebanon last night. They reached Lebanon, having walked the distance over bad roads, at 6:30 last night, just 15 minutes too late to ride the train. It was a good hike, deserving of a better ending. The boys complain of a stiffness of the muscles, but are otherwise in fine condition.

Camped at White City were three parties of Y. M. C. A. boys—12 from Eugene in charge of City Secretary Pickett, 11 from Albany under command of Secretary McDonald, and the bunch from Salem whose leader was Clinton Ostrander. In addition to these were one lad from Corvallis and one from Forest Grove.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC

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Sweeping Changes In Livestock Shipping

Washington, July 29.—In a far reaching opinion based on complaint of 100,000 livestock breeders against every interstate rail carrier in the United States—2,278—the interstate commerce commission today ordered:

Lower minimum weight regulations; higher liability valuations; less than two per cent increases for each 50 per cent of value in excess of standard value; same rates on crated as uncrated animals in less than carload shipments of horses, mules, horned animals, hogs, sheep and goats.

The commission also held shippers are not required to furnish attendants with shipments.

WESTERN FRONT IS

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ers. Another French detachment made further progress west of Thionville in the same region. The Germans made a successful attack at 7 o'clock last night on French positions on Bolante. Two German aeroplanes were brought down during yesterday's fighting.

Forcing Turks Back.

Petrograd, July 29.—Russian troops have occupied the village of Kugi, it was officially announced today, repulsing all enemy efforts to advance in the Ougli Arsonievitchi region.

The town of Kugi lies 60 miles southwest of Erzerum. Its capture marks further progress by the right wing of the Grand Duke's army pressing back the Turks in the Caucasus.

British Retake Ground.

London, July 29.—A little more ground, taken by the Germans in their counter attack at Longueval and in Delville, has been recaptured by the British. General Haig reported this afternoon.

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