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REFORMING THE OTHER FELLOW

The study of the workings of the mind, that is the collective mind of a people, is an interesting one and discloses some queer conditions. Time immemorial there has always been an element in every country that made the morals and actions of the other fellow their special affair. It is especially true in this country where our unlimited right to do as we please is our boast, and one not openly qualified by the admission that this is true only if the other fellow with the weight of the public's morals on his mind, will let him.

The basis for this reformation and guardianship is the inherent idea that whatever we do is all right, and it is only what the other fellow does that is wrong. This trait is shown more strongly in regard to Sunday laws and observance than any other. This is a so-called "christian nation" and naturally this observance becomes a large question.

Up to the last election Oregon had a rather stringent blue law, under which, if strictly enforced, all businesses were suspended except a few such as hotels, livery stables and such. Now while this old law has been discarded, there are still many things that cannot be done on Sunday that in themselves are harmless. For instance: plays that are clean and gladly attended on week days are taboo on Sundays. There is an exception made in business affairs as to those whose religious beliefs cause them to observe some day other than Sunday, but for the fellow who has little or no religious belief, and there are many of them, there is no exception. We are not finding fault with these things but simply calling attention to them.

The person who objects to Sunday baseball will get out his auto and joy ride from early Sunday morning to late at night and think it is all right, yet in each case the object is amusement; only the person with the auto thinks the fellow with the baseball uniform on is desecrating the Sabbath. Not long ago we heard a man who had been fishing on the slough complained that there had been a lot of hunters banging away across the river regardless of the fact that it was Sunday. To catch fish on Sunday, was according to his views, perfectly proper, but to kill birds was little short of a crime. Our grandmothers, or theirs, tripped the stately minuet, and our mothers enjoyed the rhythmic waltz, but then as now there were those who believed that the dance of any kind brings one to the verge of ruin, and would stop it if they could. It was not so long since the fiddle was an instrument of the devil but now-a-days the violin is heard and enjoyed in a large number of our churches. Checkers and chess are all right while any game played with cards is the abomination of desolation. The latter would be stopped by the unco good, and heaven knows most anyone would be willing to discard the chess and checkers and make it a crime to mention them. This last statement shows that "some folks are willing to reform the others."

The famous "bone dry" bill has at last materialized, and is before the house, it being introduced Tuesday by representative Anderson. It has an emergency clause, but at this writing it being sent to the printer cannot be given in full or even a synopsis of it made. It should return from the printer some time today. It is understood however, that it does not contain a search and seizure clause, but has an emergency proviso that will make it effective so soon as it is signed by the governor.

The pope will not make any efforts toward peace other than to pray for it. The warring nations do not seem to object to interference in their affairs so long as no other power than God is asked to take a hand. Evidently they are not strongly impressed with the belief that He will pay much attention to prayer, as both sides are, and have been since the war started, asking divine blessing on the work of killing the other fellows.

After the prohibition bill has been passed maybe the work of the legislature will not seem so dry.

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While Salemites are shivering in the bright sunlight with the temperature only a few degrees below freezing point, the east is feeling real cheerful if the zero mark is not passed by the mercury as it hunts the cellar. Chicago reports the country "northwest" as being blizzard swept and the snow from three inches to two feet deep. Small streams are frozen solid and the ice extends out in the big lakes as far as the eye can see. At Dallas, Texas, a snowfall of several inches is reported, an unprecedented occurrence. The weather bureau at Washington forecasts warmer weather about Thursday, but this will be followed by a still colder spell. This may apply in the east but the sharps back there can guess but little about Oregon weather. While it may continue cold, it is not likely the thermometer will get down below about 23 or 24, or about eight degrees below freezing point.

The warrant servers could not find Mrs. Ruth Thompson Visconti, the woman named by Lawson as giving him the information as to the note leaks, although they searched for a whole day. This illustrates the keenness of scent on a hot trail these department officials have. Two minutes after her name had reached the newspaper office in Washington, a United Press correspondent had called her up on the phone, and while he could get no information from her, learned that she would not talk and stated that she would not testify before the committee. Her name was in the telephone book but the sleuths never thought of looking in such a place as that to find an address.

Secretary McAdoo's brother, Malcolm, of New York, on hearing that Lawson had connected his and his brother's name with the leak scandal, expressed the hope that his brother would "punch Lawson's head for him." That would no doubt cause both brothers considerable personal satisfaction, but it is doubtful if it would clear up the scandal. Punching heads is not considered the polite or proper thing, since proposals for a world peace are being discussed. Besides it is an argument that does not even convince the fellow whose head is punched, and in this case Lawson might prove the superior puncher. No one can doubt that he is putting punch in his testimony.

The action of those misguided women in Washington who are picketing the white house and making a show of themselves, brings the blush of shame to every real friend of suffrage. Last year at election time these same eastern women came out west to tell the women who had achieved suffrage what they should do to achieve it for those back east, who by their actions are demonstrating they are unworthy of it.

The government now has invested at or near Humboldt Bay some \$8,000,000. The investment was an involuntary one, and was caused by the sinking of a submarine and soon after by the wreck of the cruiser Milwaukee that was lost in trying to save the diver.

Peace propositions so far seem to be confined to the statement that the other fellow started it. Still so long as the parties will even talk of peace there is some hope of it materializing, though that looks pretty thin just now.

The allies have sent their reply to President Wilson, and as far as can be learned the terms suggested on which they would consider peace are such that Germany will not accept them unless forced to do so, and that means the war will go on.

The steamer Kilburn had such a load of booze aboard on her last trip that it is a wonder she made port. Searchers so far have found 1,569 quarts and the search is not ended.



THE AGENT
I do not wish to buy your book, oh, agent at the door; I do not need a shepherd's crook, nor salve to heal a sore. And if I did I'd hie me down along the village street, and buy of men who boost the town, pay taxes, and repeat. I took a ride the other day, in my new pasteboard car, and saw, along the right of way, men toiling, near and far. They're building up a thoroughfare in which we take much pride, and soon like streaks of lightning there our motor cars will glide. They're grading down the steeper hills, and bridging creeks and draws; and who is paying up the bills? Who is the Santa Claus? The agent from some parts unknown, the smiling gent like you, was never known to cough a bone, to put such projects through. The local business men must bear such burdens on their backs; they pay for bridge and thoroughfare when they dig up their tax. And so when I am needing prunes the merchants of this grad will get my hard-earned picayunes, you bet your lid, my lad. So, to the place from which you came, oh, agent smooth, return- I do not need your quilting frame, nor patent duplex churn.

SENATE PASSES

(Continued from page three.)

salary of the county school superintendent of Clackamas county, which was referred to the committee on education, which reported it back with the recommendation that it pass with amendments, was passed.
House bill No. 30, relating to the salaries of the county officers of the new county of Deschutes, referred to the committee on salaries and recommended for passage, was passed.
House bill No. 39, regulating the distribution of the school fund, introduced by Representative Jones, of Lane, referred to the committee on education and recommended for passage with amendments, was passed.

House bill No. 51, by Representative Goode, relating to bids for school supplies, referred to the committee on education and recommended for passage, on account of apparent ambiguity was referred to the committee on education.
Because the bill of Mr. Crandall contained the same matter as H. B. No. 57 Representative Mackay moved that 57 be laid on the table. The motion carried.

First Reading of Bills
The first reading of senate bills was taken up and bills 41, 45, 49, 46 and 40 disposed of.

A message from the senate announced that H. B. 50 had been passed by the senate and that Senators Olsen and Steiwer were appointed a part of the conference to confer concerning S. J. No. 2, amendment to which the senate refused to consider. A message also announced that S. J. M. No. 2 was adopted by the senate.

Bills Introduced
The following bills were introduced in the house this morning:
H. B. 111 by Martin, extending lien laws to horsehoes and harnesses.
H. B. 112 by Martin, extending lien laws to harvesting debts.
H. B. 113 by Martin, extending lien laws to labor performed in harvest fields.
H. B. 114 by Anderson, providing new code for building and loan associations.

H. B. 115 by Staff, making non-support of wife or children a felony.
H. B. 116 by Staffin, to permit summoning jurors by registered mail instead of personal service.
H. B. 117 by Clark, increasing bounty on coyotes to \$3.

H. B. 118 by Deschutes delegation, fixing salary of district attorney of Deschutes county at \$1500 a year.
H. B. 119 by Thomas, making fault to pay alimony contempt of court.
H. B. 120 by Thomas, to prohibit commercial fishing in Rogue river.
H. B. 121 by Gore, making school attendance of children between seven and 16 years of age compulsory.

H. B. 122 by Gore, fixing capital stock of title guaranty companies and title insurance companies according to population.
H. B. 123 by Rowe, empowering county courts to establish sinking fund for payment of municipal bonds when municipalities fail to do so.

H. B. 124 by Rowe, providing for extension of port district boundaries beyond county limits.
H. B. 125 by Rowe, limiting time during which action may be brought to test validity of port district organizations.
H. B. 126 by Childs, advancing salary of state printer from \$1800 to \$2400 a year, and providing for employment of secretary of state printing board at \$2400 a year.
H. B. 127 by Tichenor, penalizing excessive parolee prisoners.

H. B. 106 by Langard, fixing the terms of school directors in districts of more than 100,000 population.
H. B. 107 by Griggs, fixing semi-monthly pay days for employees of private concerns.
H. B. 108 by Thomas, regulating inspection of orchards and places handling infected trees, shrubs and plants to be public nuisances.
H. B. 109 by Gordon, providing for establishment and maintenance of state public school and appropriating \$75,000 annually therefor.
H. B. 110 by Brand, exempting veterans of Indian and Spanish wars from payment of fishing and hunting licenses.

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MILDRED QUESTIONS CLIFFORD
CHAPTER CXXIII.
"I made up my mind to follow Muriel's advice. To ask Clifford to tell me the REAL truth of the Chicago episode, about which Kate Jordan knew so much, and I so little. So I waited with fear and trembling for him to come home. Would he be angry, and go into a rage, as he so often did? Or would he coldly refuse to answer me, or he also frequently did?
"He came in just as dinner was ready. I couldn't eat a bite and it seemed to worry him.
"I hope you are not going to be ill again," he remarked when I refused to be helped. "We have had sickness enough."
"No, I shan't be ill," I replied. "that is-if I can avoid it."
"Going without your food isn't trying very hard," he replied. "You're as white as a ghost."
"Clifford will you tell me something if I ask you?"
"Depends on what you ask."
"Will you tell me where you were when I tried to get you in Chicago, who you were with?"
"No! I'll make no explanations to you or anyone. I told you that once before," he replied shortly.
Clifford Bages.
But Clifford I have a right to know. Am I to think what I please about you and Mabel Horton? Are you going to explain her presence in Chicago with you?"
"I'll explain nothing! If you are so anxious to know Mrs. Horton's business why don't you ask her, instead of coming to me?"
"I WILL ask her, unless you tell me. Everyone knows and talks of your infatuation for her; and in the same breath they discuss your neglect of your wife and child. And?"
"STOP!" Clifford thundered. "And let me tell you that if you DARE go to Mabel Horton with any of your nonsense, you'll be sorry as long as you live. If you were older you wouldn't be such a fool!"
"I am growing older all the time, Clifford-and wiser." I quietly responded. But it took all the will power I possessed to keep from sobbing.
"Not so one can notice it," he sneered. "Then more angrily than he had yet spoken: "Once for all Mildred, and this is final- I WILL NOT be questioned as to my actions. Understand, I WILL NOT! If you aren't pleased here, why didn't you stay south. I told you to stay as long as you pleased. A fine place home is to me, when I have to be subjected to questioning about the simplest thing I do! I had intended to remain in tonight, but now I shall go out," he finished as he rose from the table.
"To spend the time with Mrs. Horton?" I asked, because I couldn't help it.
"With her, or anyone I choose. Since you have suggested it, it shall be with her," and he distinctly slammed the door when he went out.
Thoughts.
Left alone I wondered why a man's love lasted so short a time? I always thought Clifford must have loved me when he married me, else why did he want me? I brought him no fortune. Why should so brief a time change a man from a devoted lover, to a cold, neglectful husband?
I looked back and tried to see where I had failed. It certainly was not because I had neglected any of the little niceties of life. My home was well kept; I was always - since that first year becomingly dressed. I had tried to improve my mind as well as my manners; had conformed in many things to his ideas.
Clifford hadn't much sentiment. That I had decided long ago. Had I felt there was no other woman, that his business was his real interest, I should have borne his neglect without a murmur. But midnight suppers, poker parties, confidence before the fire-place at Mabel Horton's - as Kate Jordan had pictured to me, were more than any woman could patiently bear. He might as well be in love with her - whether he was or not - if he was going to spend his time with her.
More miserable than ever I had been I went to bed at 11 o'clock. And when I finally slept I dreamed that Edith and I were drowning, and that we called to Clifford, and he laughed at us, but swam to Mabel Horton and carried her away in his arms.
(Tomorrow - Leonard Brooke is Unraveled.)

LEAK COMMITTEE TO EMPLOY COUNSEL AND EXTEND HEARINGS

No Witnesses Are Heard Today and Spectators Are Disappointed

By J. P. Yoder, (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 17.-After arranging in executive session for extending the life of the house leak committee, that body adjourned until tomorrow without hearing any witnesses.
In line with its determination to go to the very bottom of the alleged leak scandal, the committee voted to ask the house for an appropriation, for permission to employ counsel and accountants and to extend the life of the inquiry thirty days.

The additional information Lawson yesterday claimed to have from Mrs. Visconti, which he wanted to divulge privately, it was learned today, bore on the source of Mrs. Visconti's information. She informed Lawson where she learned her alleged news and this was what he wanted to tell the committee in secret.
The resolution for counsel and accountants carried after members on both sides had aired their views of Lawson and of the investigation in general.

A sigh of real disappointment came from the hearing room packed with sensation fans, mostly women, who they found themselves robbed of their prospective day of thrills.
Mrs. Ruth Thomas Visconti, mysterious woman witness missing until last night, was booked to tell what, if anything, she knows about a leak and a big cleanup there from.
Officers of the sergeant at arms department.

New Bills in Senate
The following bills were introduced in the senate yesterday afternoon:

S. B. 73 by Farrell, providing for the sterilization of sexual perverts and feeble minded.
S. B. 74 by Farrell, providing for placing of liens on automobiles and accessories.
S. B. 75 by Farrell, providing for transportation of convicts to the penitentiary by state officers.
S. B. 76 by Barrett, by request, permitting optometrists who have passed examinations in other states to be admitted to practice in Oregon without further examination.
S. B. 77 by Huston, appropriating \$7,730 for maintenance of permanent exhibit of products and resources of Oregon.
S. B. 78 by Gill, limiting working hours of women in manufacturing establishments, etc., to eight hours per day and 48 hours per week, subject to powers of industrial welfare commission.
S. B. 79 by Gill, making labor day a school holiday.

House Bills Tuesday P. M.
The following bills were introduced in the house:
H. B. 106 by Langard, fixing the terms of school directors in districts of more than 100,000 population.
H. B. 107 by Griggs, fixing semi-monthly pay days for employees of private concerns.
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She had exacted a pledge from her to appear whenever the committee wanted her. Meantime they proposed that she should not escape their jurisdiction.

Many witnesses were on hand ready to testify.

The committee plans to call Mrs. Visconti at an early moment. They expect to analyze much of her life story while dragging out her alleged story quoted by Lawson to the effect that W. W. Price, newspaperman, shared to the extent of \$5,000 in leak profits as a go-between for Secretary Tamm and others.

Charles Evans Hughes, late republican party candidate, Samuel Untermyer and Charles W. Latham are among those suggested for the committee's counsel.

When Poy presented his resolution for counsel there was a spurt of discussion immediately.

Representatives on both sides began talk economy and to object to any enormous fees for the proposed counsel.

Representative Moore interjected it might be advisable to get such a man as Charles Evans Hughes as counsel while the democrats shouted: "Who is he?"

From the republican side came a suggestion that it might be well to have a special committee because one of the rules committee members is involved—meaning supposedly the fact that Thomas W. Lawson has named Henry as his informant.

Howard, democrat, objected strenuously to employment of Untermyer.

A democrat suggested Howard comment on Hughes.
"My mother always taught me to speak respectfully of the dead, so I won't say anything about him," Howard retorted, while the democrats howled.

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