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## THE EXEMPTED ALIENS.

Many people in the state of Washington are urging the deportation of all alien residents of militant age who claimed exemption from service during the war. Washington citizens feel especially resentful against aliens in general because of the labor troubles they have caused in that state. But there is much feeling of the same sort elsewhere, and it must be admitted, much provocation for it.

The most widespread source of provocation is the fact that as the citizens who went off to fight for their country return home, in only too many cases they find those shirking aliens snugly in possession of their jobs.

There were a great many of those exempted men who refused to join the army or navy. The United States was good enough for them to emigrate to, and make a living in, but not good enough to fight for. The boys who went to the front in their stead did so, for the most part willingly enough, because they were Americans, and loved their country. But it does jar those same boys when they come back to find the aliens reaping the benefit.

It will hardly be granted, though, that the aliens in question necessarily deserve deportation. They have not broken our laws; they have merely taken advantage of them in a spirit of narrow and grasping selfishness. It might be called un-American to kick them out for that. But surely they do not deserve the jobs, if the lads who went and fought for them as much as their own people need those jobs.

It would be right to establish the rule everywhere that when the home-coming soldier needs a job that is held by an alien who refused military duty, that alien shall step out and go on the waiting list.

The average on-looker at the legislature has wondered why the members seem in no hurry to quit this year. Apparently they are enjoying the job, like Salem and are about to take up their permanent residence here. But that is not so much the explanation as the fact that a good hard fight has been going on quietly between two factions of the dominant party of the state, and the legislature has been compelled to mark time while the leaders manipulated the wires. The bill creating the office of lieutenant governor by vote of the people at the proposed special election in June has been the bone of contention. The governor and his friends are determined that the office shall not descend to the secretary of state, in event the executive's illness terminates fatally, and Mr. Olcott and his friends are just as determined that it shall. And now you know why those fellows are loafing around under the capitol dome from day to day with nothing apparently to do except create a new commission occasionally, raise an official salary or vote a few million more bonds. They are in reality waiting for the leaders to get that lieutenant governorship bill whipped into shape. And this little political by-play has only been costing the taxpayers \$1200 a day for the past week.

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## INCOME TAX REPORTS.

As a result of the delay of congress in passing the revenue act, every citizen subject to the income tax is likely to find himself inconvenienced.

The tax return for last year's income must be made to the internal revenue office not later than March 15th, and no less than one-quarter of the tax must be paid by the same date. Most people are still uncertain about the law's meaning and application. There has been little time for explanation. In many districts the blank forms are not yet distributed, and when the taxpayers get them they will have to devote considerable study to them and their financial records, in order to make a report anywhere near accurate.

Nearly everybody will do his best, undoubtedly, to make his report and payment on the allotted day. But in case of inability, it will be manifestly unfair to subject the innocent citizen to a penalty for delay when the delay is the fault of congress.

The legislators who were pledged individually to abolish and consolidate commissions, created a new one last night called the "Child Welfare Commission." It carries a \$6,000 a year appropriation to start with and is composed of a psychologist, a welfare worker and two ordinary human beings. Psychology has become a fad since they used it in the army during the war to decide whether a recruit should be put to work skinning mules or piloting a flying machine--a system that explains why skilled automobile mechanics were felling trees with the spruce division and loggers were driving ambulances in France. This new commission will, therefore, be made up according to the latest fashion in commissions, and as it was modest in its demands, asking \$6000 to begin with, it received the vote of every man in the house and Mrs. Alexander Thompson. Two years from now it may be expected to ask for \$25,000 and an extra psychologist or two, and as the years roll along it will quite likely become as vigorous and lusty as any of its fellow commissions, and quite as expensive to maintain.

The committee on consolidation of commissions, appointed two years ago, seems to have been entirely lost in the shuffle this session. Just as we predicted at the beginning of this session and last session and the one before--because it is always a safe prediction--there will be more commissions and more offices when the legislature adjourns than when it convened.

Senator Dimick is responsible for the statement that the "O. A. C. has so much money it has to set up nights planning how to spend it." The senator evidently believes that possibilities offered by the raising of President Kerr's salary have been exhausted.

The lower house debated the oleo bill all day yesterday, and then late in the evening passed the so-called reconstruction bill, carrying \$5,000,000 in proposed appropriations, in five minutes without debate or consideration of any kind. Can you beat it?

## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason  
HEART FAILURE.

Today I sought the grocer's store to buy an artichoke; my soul was sad, my head was sore, for I was nearly broke. Through four years of stress and strife I've seen the prices rise; the cost of things has spoiled my life, and kept me heaving sighs. No matter what I wished to buy, a penknife or a pup, I always heard the merchant cry, "The prices have gone up." So I was full of unshed tears, and I was grim and cross; I wore crape tassels on my ears, I felt a total loss. I bought my artichoke and cried, "How much are yonder eggs?" A lot of hen fruit I'd desecrated, displayed in crates and kegs. The grocer glanced around my way, and seemed to wear a frown, and then he thought I heard him say, "The price of eggs is down." I said, "My ears are on the blink, or else I am insane; I'll have to see the doc, I think--just make that spiel again!" The grocer looked with dreamy eyes upon the drowsy town, and said, between a brace of sighs, "The price of eggs is down." Oh, yes, I'm convalescent now; I got this broken head, and this big bruise upon my brow, when I fell over dead.

## THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

BAB IS ANXIOUS BECAUSE NEIL IS DRINKING.

### CHAPTER XVIII.

I did not relish the idea of entertaining business people in my home, but, as in all else, if Neil thought it necessary that was enough for me. But I confess I was astonished one night when he remarked to me:

"I have asked a couple of western oil men up to dinner tomorrow night. Have things hang-up, I met Blanche Orton on my way up-town. She said she'd come over and help you to entertain them."

I asked the question as carelessly as I could. I had no intention to let Neil know that a feeling of jealousy against Blanche Orton had been aroused; or that I objected to having her invited. But I was a little surprised at his reply:

"No--he scarcely ever goes out, you know. And Blanche said he was not as well as usual. It must be jolly annoying to be married to a man who is always ailing."

So Blanche Orton was coming alone. Surely Neil might have consulted me before inviting her. Once I had heard a man call her: "A man eater," of course he had said it jokingly, but now

## Open Forum.

To the Editor:--  
I will not justify the wicked. Exodus XXIII-7.

Government has no right to license wrong."

Every Christian church should purge herself of every license voter--of all those who favor any law licensing any sin or wrong--of all who justify any sin or wrong.

General Conference Utterances, 1904.  
We are all firm in the belief that an awakened and aggressive church can and should, under divine guidance, deal the liquor traffic, "the sum of all villainies," (tobacco traffic) its death blow.

We are more firmly convinced than ever of the truth and the force of that

epithet recurred to me.

"I wished you had asked me first--before you invited her."

"Too late now. What's the matter with Blanche? Jealous of her and want to entertain both men yourself? You women are beyond me. She is always gay and dresses stunningly. One would think you would be delighted that I was thoughtful enough to ask her."

"I'm sorry, you asked her all the same. Why didn't you invite Lorraine Morton instead? She's a single."

"Lorraine Morton's all right. Have her too, if you like. But when it comes to entertaining people who count in a business way, there is no one like Blanche. She's a great little pusher for a man."

"But Neil, you wouldn't ask another woman than your wife to help you in a business affair?" I asked, astonished and puzzled at this phase of affairs.

"I'll ask Lorraine, but I have a hazy impression that she said something about having a date for tomorrow night."

As I feared Lorraine had an engagement. But I had learned to accept the unexpected where Neil was concerned, so I made my arrangements for the dinner for five.

Neil came home early. I was in the dining room looking after the decorations for the table when he came in. He called Tonko, the butler, and ordered what he wanted to drink cooled. I could not help a gesture of discouragement. That was another thing which had come with Neil's financial success--the constant need of stimulant.

The dinner was a jolly affair for Blanche, who looked absolutely charming, in the almost maddeningly immodest décolleté. At first I was embarrassed, accustomed as I was by that time to the extreme in dress. But I knew I also looked well, and putting all my uncomfortable thoughts away, I exerted myself to entertain my husband's guests. I would not allow Mrs. Orton to monopolize them; or to put me in the background.

Neil had cocktails served, and Blanche Orton drank here and then begged for another one. She drank a good deal of wine too, as did Neil. Blanche fairly scintillated, but most of her conversation was directed to Neil, her favorite fling at him, while I was left to entertain the two business men.

They were plain sort of men, one of them especially. Rather heavy and silent. One could easily see that, even tho they were very rich men--Neil had told me they were millionaires--that private home dinners were not an everyday affair with them.

I finally spoke of the business--Oil. They could talk about that and talk in so interesting a fashion that I almost forgot to watch Neil and Blanche, or to pay any attention to their conversation.

But just before we rose from the table, while liquors were being served I heard her say:

"If people had a little more sense they never would mistake my unconventional, which I shall never give up, for common, sinful vulgarity. To be conventional myself or be with people who are, horses me to extinction."

I realized perfectly that Blanche Orton would not allow herself to be bored and that consequently Neil must interest her or she would not devote her time to him. But what I could not understand was his feeling that, the married, he could keep up the same friendship with her that had existed before his marriage.

(To be continued.)

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vigorous declaration of the Episcopal address of 1888, "It can never be legalized without sin." Planting ourselves upon the bedrock of that solid proposition, we declare that no citizen and no Christian has a right by example by voice, by influence or by his ballot to contribute to the establishment or to the maintenance of the ungodly liquor license policy as applied to the liquor (tobacco) traffic.

Quoting and reaffirming the action of the general conference of 1892, we record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon (tobacco traffic). But the foregoing must not be considered as in the interest of any political party."

1908--912. Under that divine law of absolute right which is the source of all human law the only proper attitude of civil government is one of open hostility to the saloon (tobacco traffic) is that of absolute prohibition.

1916. The time has come when the line should be definitely and sharply drawn between the supporters, and partners of this (tobacco) traffic, and those who stand for its abolition.

We declare our conviction that TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM intoxicating beverages and NARCOTICS IS THE PLAIN DUTY OF ALL OUR PEOPLE of every clime and country.

1916. We are in the midst of a world movement against the drug poisons of the nation's against licensing their manufacture and sale for common use.

1904. We are unalterably opposed to the enactment of license laws, because such laws are wrong in principle and ineffectual as a means of restraint.

1908 and 1912. We condemn the license policy. It is vicious in principle, lame in logic, a failure in practice, a fool's bargain.

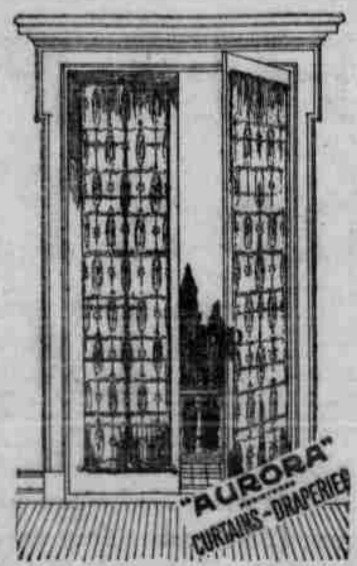
It is contrary to the teachings and the spirit of the Christian religion and at variance with the purposes of enlightened government.

And therefore with its supporters this whole unchristian and "ungodly license policy" should be speedily and thoroughly purged from every Christian church.

WM. N. TAFT.

### "SENATE BILL NO. 236."

Dear Editor:--It is the opinion of the writer, as well as many others with whom I have talked, that Senate bill No. 236 is the most vicious piece of class legislation that has ever been enacted.



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