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THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN

CONGRESS is on the job again, and if we are the judge by advance press reports the session will resemble a batch of scrambled eggs. In theory, senators and congressmen are presumed to be imbued with lofty ideals and a consuming desire to labor for the welfare of the country as a whole, with fair and equal justice to all. But that is a different thing to do in these days of practical politics. In actual practice, a majority are elected or dominated by certain interests, either political or otherwise and these interests strenuously insist upon the enactment of legislation favorable to them. There are so many divergent interests represented by lobbies in Washington the average senator or congressman is often at a loss which way to turn. He is pulled and wheeled and threatened and stuffed with conflicting arguments until in his desperation he feels like telling them all to go to Tophet. Even the people of his home state or district are never united. He represents all of the people of his district, yet it is manifestly impossible for him to please them all. If he favors one group he offends another, and if he holds aloof and does nothing he is damned by them all. Congress will have many important but vexatious questions to handle at this session, but we are confident that the ultimate welfare of the great mass of the people will be kept principally in mind. Undoubtedly there are some who are but puppets in the hands of their masters, but the average senator and congressman in not of this stripe. It is our privilege to criticize our public servants, but we should first be informed ourselves before we pass judgment upon others. For what would you do if you were in congress and found the national situation so hopelessly scrambled you didn't know what to do?

A GOOD THING TO PUSH ALONG

WHEN the Boy Scout movement was first inaugurated it was regarded as a joke—the plaything of a great soldier who had seen his day. General Baden-Powell, its founder, was the object of much good natured chaffing, if not ridicule. Today the Boy Scout organization, international in its scope, is recognized as one of the most enduring spokes in the wheel of progress, high citizenship and good government. Men of the highest standing are lending it their active personal and financial support. Mothers are enrolling their young sons in its membership. Sisters, aunts and cousins are applauding the young fellows as they step off briskly and uprightly under the tutelage of the scout masters. The nation as a whole heartily approves a movement that it once laughed to scorn. And the boys themselves are learning a higher degree of honor, integrity, self reliance and good citizenship. Since the Boy Scout movement is all to the good and nothing to the bad, why can we not have a flourishing troop in this town? The welfare of our individual sons should prompt us to foster and encourage such a movement.

Read the Classified Ads.

TAXES AND BONUS

REDUCE taxation as much as can be safely done with equal fairness to the rich and to the poor. Enact a law prohibiting the issuing of tax exempt securities. Pass the soldier bonus law basing the pay upon the number of months spent in the army or navy, with an increase for foreign service. If the next congress does these three things it will justify its existence. If it does less it will be a disappointment to a vast number of the people who elected it. The Mellen proposal for tax reduction has been hailed by some of the great newspapers as a master stroke. It is a master stroke—for men of great wealth. Mr. Mellen himself is supposed to be in that class, or at least on the fringe. Men whose incomes are greater than they can comfortably spend pay a heavy surtax. Mr. Mellen would wipe out great proportion of that tax. This would relieve the man of wealth, but would do nothing for the poor man. Then he would have a scaling down of all general taxes, and this would effect the rich, the comfortably fixed, and the poor with evident fairness. The poor man, having no income upon which to pay a surtax, would receive a slight benefit thru the reduction in general taxation. The multi-millionaire with his swollen income would have his general taxes reduced and at the same time have a large slice of his surtax lopped off. A very fine arrangement for the multi-millionaire, but not so good for the man who feeds his family by the sweat of his brow. Reject the Mellen scheme and insist upon tax reduction that contain the elements of common fairness. Gigantic fortunes are being built up in this country at an alarming rate. Multi-millionaires are becoming as thick as flies. Billionaires may soon be so common as to become a nuisance. There is just so much money in this country. When a new multi-millionaire is created it means that he has absorbed the money of others—less fortunately situated. As the wealth and number of multi-millionaires increase, so does the financial status of the rest of the people decrease. Even a novice can see what this piling up of great fortunes will eventually bring us. Every day sees us creeping nearer to conditions prevailing in many disgraced European countries—the aristocracy of wealth on one side, and the peasantry of poverty on the other. Tax exempt securities are a haven of refuge for the men of swollen incomes who want to beat the tax assessor. The welfare of the nation requires that the issuing of tax exempt securities be prohibited, even if it requires a constitutional amendment to do it. If individuals can afford to pay a reasonable rate of interest, so can the government, and the states, and other agencies. Soldiers who went abroad were paid \$1.10 a day, while those who served in this country were paid only \$1.00 a day. Their brothers and cousins who did not go into the army or navy received from \$5.00 to \$20.00 a day, or several times as much as they had ever made before in their lives. Big business opposes the bonus because big business fears it would have to pay a few dollars more in taxation, altho big business profited more than any other agency as a result of the war. Big business should be consistent and approve the bonus, or be equally consistent and do the fighting when the next war comes. Play a square game—and pass the bonus.

Never tell all that you know. The sheriff might get you.

Blessed are the meek and lowly—when they are able to climb.

A blockhead never sees things as you do. Therefore he is a blockhead.

Laugh when the joke is on you. People will then credit you with a sense of humor.

Buy your Christmas postage stamps early.

If you want to hear the truth about yourself make other people angry.

Some people talk best when they don't talk at all.

"Dyspepsia is a food product," chirps a brother editor. He probably knows.

Modern higher education would be all right if it didn't lower so many of its graduates.

Love may be blind, but it can generally see the fellow with a big bank account.

Up to date none of our star football players have shied their hats into the presidential ring. But possibly they have no hats.

Yes, we'll bet any amount of money that we'll not be the next president of the United States. Now put up or shut up.

A subscriber wants to know if there are any good husbands in heaven. You tell him. We've never seen there.

World peace can only be secured when we have world respect one for another. Until then the big dog will continue to chew up the little dog.

It is quite true, as an exchange says, that love is a wonderful thing. But with some people of marriageable age that love is principally for money.

If the Price is All You Seek in Buying Clothes, Don't Complain if Price is All You Get

These days of stress tempt the public (and the retail merchant as well) to buy cheaply made clothes. So the temptation falls with double force to the clothing manufacturer to make clothes cheaply.

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SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Pastor.  
Sabbath services at 2:30 p. m.  
The pastor will speak.  
Bible School following the church service.  
Prayer and devotional meeting Friday evening.

BAPTIST

Rev. A. D. Shepard, Pastor  
Morning worship, 10:30.  
Subject: The Witnessing Church.  
Bible School 12 M.  
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30.  
Topic: What Makes a Successful Worker? Prov. 6:6-11.  
Evening Worship, 7:30.  
Theme: "The Bridal Search."  
The Ladies Mission Circle will meet on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. P. Bundy at 2:30.  
Thursday evening is our regular midweek meeting of prayer and praise.

PRESBYTERIAN

Royal E. MacGowan, B. D., S. T. B. Pastor  
Sunday, December 9th—  
Morning service, 10:30 a. m.  
Sermon: "The Friend on the Road."  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Sermon: "The Personal Touch."  
Sunday School immediately following the close of the morning service. There are classes for all and everyone is invited to attend and join one of our classes.  
Christian Endeavor meeting at 8:45 in the evening. Topic: "What Makes a Successful Worker?" Prov. 6:6-11. Leader: Miss Ella Adelaide Baker.  
Mid-week Service every Thursday evening.  
On Saturday afternoon of this week, the Allegany County Christian Endeavor Union will hold their annual fall convention in our church; all the members of the Christian Endeavor Society are invited to be present.  
On Monday, December 10th, there will be a meeting of the pastors and laymen of this Presbytery at the Bath Presbyterian Church, at 10:30 in the morning, at which time Dr. David McConaughy will give an address on Stewardship; members of our church are invited to attend.  
We welcome YOU to all the services of OUR church.  
If some people would listen to half the things they say they would soon cease saying them.

Come and Get Them!

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Popping the question is a serious business unless you have a bank account large enough to withstand the strain.

If you think more of your work than you do of your worries you will soon have no more worries to think of.

If you suspect your wife of having a secret let her keep it. It's an inexpensive way of affording her happiness.

In Chicago they have just elected a woman judge of the Circuit court, which would indicate that the future still has something good in store for the windy city—if they elect women to all of their public offices.

It's too bad the new birth control method was not in vogue years ago. We might now be spared the presence of some of our noted gunmen and bootleggers.