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**DESTRUCTIVENESS OF WAR.**

**A** WARNING to the world as to the destructiveness of modern weapons of warfare is furnished by the report of the International Commission to investigate the Balkan atrocities.

There were about 1,500,000 men in the armies of all the nations engaged in the two Balkan wars, and of these one-third, or about 500,000 men, were killed or wounded, although both wars were included in the space of a single year.

This was more than twice the number killed and wounded in the war between Russia and Japan, which also lasted only about a year.

And the testimony of the commission is that the wounds of those who survived were largely of a ghastly and horrifying character, entailing upon the sufferers lives of anguish and helplessness, and upon the nations to which they belonged an age-long burden of sympathy and support.

When they rushed so hastily into these wars the nations involved did not realize the vast advance in the destructiveness which the last few years have added to the weapons of warfare. But it will be the fault of any nation contemplating making war hereafter if it does not learn the lesson of the Balkan wars, and consider carefully the cost of going into a war in which it has now become possible for a few men, by the scientific use of explosives, to annihilate the enemy by regiments.

Napoleon's dictum that victory is on the side of the heaviest battalions is no longer true.

Governments are much like men, some are ready to scrap any old time and some always wait until the fellow they want to lick has a boil, or a sore arm, or is not feeling well generally. Austria seems to be of the latter variety. She had nothing to say to little Serbia about the murder of her crown prince until labor troubles required Russia's attention. With Russia not in condition to back her little ally, Austria knows she can slap her with impunity, and immediately proceeds to do so. If Serbia resents this and stands pat, all Europe may be drawn into the row. Russia will help Serbia, Germany will aid Austria, France and England will take Russia's side of the muss, and Italy will stand with Germany. Sweden, Norway and Denmark would do anything to help Russia get thoroughly licked, and the smaller fry would get in as their interests demanded.

The Oregonian's wild man is now in the woods and it is hoped so far in them that nothing will be heard of or from him for several months, or better yet, years. He is making an attempt to show that a man may graduate from an eastern college and still have as much intelligence and ingenuity left as a bigger Indian. In the interest of the effete east and the bean diet, it is hoped that his experiment may prove a success. Outside of those two things, however, his stunt proves nothing much, and adds nothing to the sum of human information. The situation, however, is highly amusing, with a couple of bespectacled college professors camped on the wild man's trail, and as keen, too, in their investigation as they would be over the Salaveras skull, or in making a research to prove the age of the hatchet used by Ham's pullet in raising her first brood of chicks.

A judge in Elizabeth, New Jersey, sentenced Dennis Boyle to get married inside of thirty days, and for no other reason than as he explained to the victim, "you drink too much." At the same time he compelled the young man to take the pledge not to drink for a year. This may prove beneficial to Dennis, but how does it size up for the woman who becomes Mrs. Dennis? Has a judge a right to wish that kind of a man on any woman and to punish her for another's shortcomings?

The United States, having signed an arbitration treaty with Peru, we need no longer fear the Peruvian bite any more than we do her bark.

William Williams, of Dexter, has gone to Portland in his automobile to purchase a new thresher.—Eugene Register.

Farmers driving to the city in autos to buy steam threshers, doesn't have the ring of hard times.

The Telegram says: "Whatever may be thought of the outcome of prohibition the weather has certainly gone dry." This is true, but it might be added that outside of the prohibition issue it will probably be decidedly wet in November.

The Albany newspapers are having a red-hot scrap over a mighty small thing. The Herald says "Mr. Booth has done things in Oregon," and the Democrat, on the other hand, contends that he has done things to Oregon.

Huerta is on his way to Jamaica, and while it is not stated why he selected that place as his destination, it is barely possible that he went there after a new supply of "ginger."

Money is going begging in New York, even when only 2 per cent interest is asked. Morgan's millions are reported as lying idle because no one wants to borrow.

The war cloud hovers over Europe again, and to paraphrase P. Henry, of revolutionary fame: "Mr. Carnegie may cry peace, peace, but there is no peace!"

Mt. Lassen has not erupted since Huerta left Mexico. In this respect it bears a strong resemblance to the morning daily in Portland.

William of Wied seems to be in the political way in the tobacco class coming under the head of "noxious Wieds."

There are now five pipe organs in Albany. Great town for blowing, that!

Pretty good summer resort weather right here in Salem now.

**MUSIC ROOM DONE IN MAHOGANY; FURNITURE COVERED FOR SUMMER**



SUMMER ARRANGEMENT FOR MUSIC ROOM. The music room shown here is conveniently arranged, the upholstered furniture being covered for the summer with handsome slip covers of washable rep. The crystal bowl of goldfish in the center of the room is a novel piece of furniture, the glass being set on a mahogany stand to match the furniture of the room.

**An Old Favorite The Driftwood Fire**

WE sat within the farmhouse old, Whose windows, looking o'er the bay, Gave to the sea breeze damp and cold. An easy entrance night and day. We spoke of many a vanished scene, Of what we once had thought and said, Of what had been and might have been, And who was changed and who was dead.

Off fled the words upon our lips As suddenly from out the fire, Built of the wrecks of stranded ships, The flames would leap and then expire And as their splendor faded and fell We thought of wrecks upon the main, Of ships dismantled that were hulled And sent no answer back again.

The windows, rattling in their frames, The ocean, roaring up the beach; The stony blast, the flickering flames, All mingled vaguely in our speech Until they made themselves a part Of fancies building through the brain, The long lost ventures of the heart, That sent no answers back again.

Oh, flames that glowed! Oh, hearts that yearned! They were indeed too much akin— The driftwood fire without that burned, The thoughts that burned and glowed within.

—Longfellow.

**THE ROUND-UP**

Improvement note in Joseph Herald: A town looks 1000 per cent better with clean, well graded, graveled streets—like Main street is being fixed through the business district. The street should be graveled the same way clear to the depot.

Eight speeders were arrested in Portland Thursday. Evidently the cops are waking up.

Lebanon Express: "Professor C. A. Lyon, of the 'fresh air farm,' took six boys back to Portland Saturday, and

returned today with six more, who will be given an outing of two weeks. A little girl named Laura also came up with the party and will be entertained here by a kind lady.

Two crews of men have been fighting fires near the edge of the forest reserve about thirty miles from Eugene for two days, getting them pretty well under control Thursday night.

The Women's Improvement club of Newberg is going to make the park at that city more attractive by putting in a number of artistic seats.

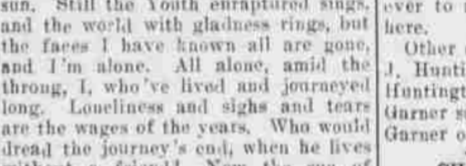
The First State Bank of Seaside has announced that the \$25 received by it for the best decorated building on July Fourth will be used to install a public drinking fountain in front of the bank building.

"Local beach resorts," says the Wheeler Reporter, "are teeming with life these days. The tourist travel over the S. P. & N. is increasing daily and should the present warm weather continue there is every indication that this season will show a decided increase over last year."

Weston Leader: Quite a few idle men have drifted into Weston for the harvest, but are finding jobs few and far between. The increasing use of combined harvesters has lessened greatly the demand for harvest hands, and most of the crews are really filled with local men.

**The Old Prayer**

When the evening shadows fall, oftentimes do I recall other evenings, far away, when, awary of my play, I would climb on granny's knee (long since gone to sleep has she), snip my hands and bow my head, while the simple lines I said, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, I have seen with aching heart, comrades to their rest depart; friends have left me, one by one, for the shores beyond the sun. Still the Youth enraptured sings, and the world with gladness rings, but the faces I have known all are gone, and I'm alone. All alone, amid the throng, I, who've lived and journeyed long. Loneliness and sighs and tears are the wages of the years. Who would dread the journey's end, when he lives without a friend? Now the sun of life sinks low; in a little while I'll go where my friends and comrades wait for me by the Jasper gate. Though the way be cold and stark, I shall murmur, in the dark, 'Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.'"



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**TALKS ON THRIFT.**

**The Weekly Saving Plan.**

"The principal of thrift is the foundation of character."—John A. Dix.

A movement has been started to get people to promise themselves to save and deposit something in the bank every week.

The pledge or covenant they make with themselves is as follows: "I WILL become a 'WEEKLY SAVER' and will deposit \$..... every week for at least 52 weeks to my credit in a savings account at the bank.

Signed.....

This seems like a very good idea. The object of the plan is three-fold—

1. To demonstrate to depositors that in a year they can make 52 regular weekly deposits of at least a certain sum—no matter how small.

2. To show them that by adhering to their resolution for 52 weeks they form a habit, through which it will be easier for them to keep on saving than to stop.

3. To acquire a cash capital with which to grasp opportunity, realize an ambition or be ready for sudden and unusual necessity.

The advantages of such a method of building up a reserve fund are brought out, by implication, in these words of a banker in the Lompoc valley of California, who says:

"The past two years, particularly the last one, have been what we call 'short' years in this valley. The rainfall was below the average and consequently the crops were short. For several years previous to 1912 our crops were exceptionally good, and everyone seemed to feel that he was making money and that this condition would continue indefinitely. Instead of paying off their mortgages and other indebtedness, a great many added to their land holdings, bought automobiles, etc. So, when the short years came they were unprepared."

A systematic method of saving is of benefit not only to farmers, wage-earners and salaried persons, but business men would do well to consider it seriously as a plan to build up reserve capital.

Those who have "arrived" are as likely to need an emergency or opportunity fund as are their employees.

Any business man, personally, may have need of a little extra private capital some day, available in cash, outside of his business, unknown to others and ready for any call.

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**SALEM MAN TACKLES WAGON ROAD LANDS**

F. W. Waters, well-known Salem man who has recently opened offices in the new building in Portland, has secured title to about 19,000 acres of what is known as the government military road grant which runs eastward from Seaside. The transfer to Mr. Waters was made by the Western Colonization company, with head offices in St. Paul, Minnesota, which company has secured title to about 1,000,000 acres of the military road grant. The grant runs across the state and terminates in Malheur county. Mr. Waters expects to place this land on the market for homesteaders and investors. He plans to sell at low figures and on the long-time payment plan.

Many small but enterprising cities are found in the territory covered by this grant. Some of these are Soda-ville, Lebanon, Waterloo, Lacombe, Sweet Home, Foster, Bealin, Brownsville, Santiam, Cascade and others. The opening of the Panama canal and the expected influx of immigrants was one of the things that caused Mr. Waters to invest the \$150,000 necessary to purchase the land.

**CHAMPION OF CANADA.**

Vancouver, B. C., July 25.—Tom Cowler, of London, Eng., heavyweight, has a clear claim to the heavyweight championship of Canada today, following his victory over Chet McIntyre, of this city, in the tenth round of a scheduled 15-round fight at Brighthouse Friday night.

A short arm jolt dropped McIntyre for the count. Cowler had agreed to stop McIntyre in 15 rounds or forfeit the decision and his share of the purse.

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