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SOUTH AMERICA PROFFERS SHIPS.

South America is coming to the relief of the United States. Brazil, Peru and other countries have offered to send their ships to our ports to relieve the congested condition of foreign trade and carry our products to market. Peru has a large number of fine vessels on the Pacific and these are to be sent to the Atlantic.

In this connection it is not out of place to call attention to the fact that the United States has a fine merchant marine but it is engaged almost entirely in the coasting trade. If these vessels were placed in service for across the ocean points it would clear the situation amazingly. There are enough coasting vessels to handle practically all America's exports. Standard Oil alone has ships enough to carry the larger portion of our exports if placed in commission for that purpose.

RICH MEN'S GOOD WORKS.

This is the golden age of prosperity and munificent giving.

Opponents of the concentration of wealth stand silenced before the high humanitarian purposes to which it has been turned. It may be asserted as an absolutely sound principle that it is best for humanity that wealth should come under the control of men fitted to use it for humanity's good. It cannot be successfully denied that far more has been done for the real and permanent benefit of the American people by means of wealth concentrated in the hands of some rich men than would have been done by that same wealth if left in the mines or wells or even equally distributed among all the people. Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Leland, Stanford—these great universities are the objects of striking munificence. But the smaller schools are not passed by—not at all. Ours is a broad land, and each school, in a greater or less degree, merits support. All must look for it to men of wealth. The poor can not help and the moderately wealthy will not.

All of these great benefactions, which form so potent a force for the elevation of the present generation and of posterity, have come, not as the mites of the millions, but as the millions of the few.

It is altogether too true that while millions of us rail against concentration of wealth not one of us puts his hand in his pocket to produce a penny for the beneficent institutions that concentrated wealth so magnificently endows, and few of us even give a thought to their vital importance to human welfare.

Few men are fit to be rich. But a fit man, rich, can and does do more good for the multitude than the multitude is even willing to attempt for itself.

Either the United States has been deceiving itself and the world as to its army of millionaires or the millionaires have been making false representations as to the amount of their wealth. The framers of the income tax estimated it would produce a revenue of about \$80,000,000, but as a matter of fact it has produced only \$35,000,000. The falling off in realization from the estimates is especially large in those incomes ranging between \$500,000 and \$10,000,000 a year. It was estimated these would produce a revenue of \$23,000,000, but they actually realized but \$4,100,000. Is it possible our American millionaires have been stuffing us about their wealth or is it the fact that they have deliberately concealed their incomes and beaten poor good-natured Uncle Samuel out of his just dues? We do not pretend to know, but if disposed to risk a wager would place our nickels on the latter proposition being the correct answer.

The New York Times predicts a shortage of pipes on account of the war. It, however, does not take into account the two-billion-bushel corn crop and the fact that when this is shelled there will be nearly a billion bushels of cobs. Besides there are thousands of acres of cane in the south and this makes ideal stems. Uncle Samuel will never go without his smoke while the cane and cobs hold out.

The czar simply smiled when talking about the loss of 70,000 men in the recent battle with the Germans. With unlimited capital in the shape of men, he thinks no more of the loss of that kind of a bet than an old poker player does of losing his ante. That is one of the pitiful things about the war, that men are looked upon as so many chips to be bet and lost in the war game. When one thinks of the daring courage of the German soldier and the dauntless bravery of the Belgian, who risks life, family, property, all the human heart holds dear, in defense of his country and his country's rights, there can be but one feeling, that of profound sorrow that such men, who should be sires for their race, should be sacrificed at the whim of any emperor, czar, king or any other human ruler. It is a crime against the human race.

One hardly knows whether to believe any or all the statements made of and concerning each other by the warring powers as to the atrocities alleged to have been committed. The French accuse the Germans of cutting off children's hands so they could not act as soldiers. The Germans accuse the French of things about as bad. The Russians are charged with cutting off women's breasts and they in turn charge the Austrians with similar or worse offenses. If what they all charge is true, this alleged civilized warfare discounts anything our savage progenitors ever even dreamed of. Let us hope out of respect to the human race that all these stories are the emanation of overwrought imaginations, and are in no wise true.

War affects things differently. The haughty automobile has not advanced a cent in price on account of the war, but the American horse and the lowly but splendid mule, whose native state is Missouri, have seen their values nearly doubled. Autos are all right for pleasure but when it comes down to business and hard work the long eared creator of Missouri's corn crop goes to the front.

Probably the best evidence that Turkey is about ready to take a hand in the war, is the persistent manner in which she keeps announcing that she will not. If she does there will be something stirring in the Balkans again, and it may be possible the Turk will be driven out of Europe to stay out forever.

It is announced that owing to the war in Europe the price of surgical instruments will be increased. Will this have a tendency to make appendicitis get beyond the purse of any but the millionaires who dodged the income tax and saved the price?

S. Williams and J. L. Sitz directors. This company's ditch, nine miles long, with a tunnel 300 feet long, is completed and the company is out of debt.

THE ROUND-UP

Engine people had a hard chase to kill a dog Tuesday and it was a chase caused by human sympathy for the dumb beast. The dog had been run over by a street car and its lower jaw was torn off. The chase was made for the purpose of putting the poor animal out of pain.

When the fall season for salmon fishing begins September 10, every packing company on the lower river will have at least one cannery running. The demand for fish has become great and the price paid for raw fish will be advanced materially.

The post office at Wilhelmina was robbed Monday night. The thieves broke in the back door, placed the safe on a truck, carted it a mile and then blew it open, getting \$10 for their work. They earned the money.

The bill authorizing the sale of five sections of Siletz Indian reservation lands and the distribution of more than \$100,000 to the Indians passed the house Tuesday.

Two prisoners held for larceny in the jail at Grants Pass got tired of their quarters Monday night, and so unlocked the jail door and walked out. The county has purchased new locks as the unlocking of the jail doors and walking away of prisoners has become so common as to be called a habit.

The Hood River Pioneer association will celebrate September 17 in honor of the birthday of Hon. E. L. Smith, one of the first settlers of that section and a man of sterling worth. He is 77 years old and outside of having been speaker of the Oregon legislature has in enviable reputation.

A series of aeroplane flights will be an attraction of the Benton county fair, to be held at Corvallis, September 17, 18 and 19.

Tillamook now has a curfew ordinance, effective on and after September 1. The light plant whistle will be sounded at 8 o'clock p. m.

The Gazette-Times calls for disarmament of the juvenile powers in Corvallis. It says children who own air-guns "fire in any direction regardless of the direction."

Hermiston Herald: This has been the driest season in years all over the country. Thanks to a government backing with an immense reservoir, we have as much water as any year.

According to Miltonians who are quoted in the Pendleton East Oregonian, a clever deaf and dumb magazine subscription solicitor recently "took almost \$50 out of Milton in the course of a day and got away without leaving any trace behind."

Drewsey News: The Drewsey Reclamation company at its annual meeting elected J. L. Sitz president, L. J. Davis secretary, treasurer, T. H. Holland, S.

IF YOU WOULD VOTE BETTER REGISTER

"Under the new law as passed by the city council regarding the registration of voters, it is necessary for all electors in the city of Salem to appear at the office of the city recorder and register for the city primaries in November and the general election on December 7," said City Recorder Elgin this afternoon. "If the voter does not register he or she will have to be sworn in and go through a lot of annoying processes before he can qualify to vote," continued the recorder. Registration is according to wards and not according to county precincts. It is advised that the people in the city now register as soon as possible, for when those who are away on vacations and away at the hop yards return there will be a crush. The recorder is planning to open a night office for the registration of those who cannot get there between 8 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon.

Napoleon

If great Napoleon's shade looks down from some red star, on mighty hosts arrayed for stern, decisive war, he'll see so many traps unheard of in his day, that he will groan, perhaps, and heave a sigh, and say: "Great Scott! Had I possessed such implements as those, how quickly galley west I should have knocked my foes! Ah, those quick-firing guns—magnificent, sublime! They scatter tons and tons of hardware at a time! And see those soldiers fly on boiler metal wings! They soar up to the sky, and drop their bombs, by jings! Alas, in all my wars I rode a spavined steed, but now, in motor cars, the generals proceed. When messages I sent, a soldier bore the same, and foemen, as he went, shot fragments from his frame; but now this wireless scheme sends messages afar; it all seems like a dream, and not a bit like war. My soldiers used to slay, with sword and spear they hewed; but now in half a day, they kill a multitude. Alas, I think with tears, of my brave, trusty ones, who fought with rusty spears and muzzle loading guns. The modern fighter knows no weary toil, I swear; he steers up his foes and kills them by machine. Had I been thus equipped for but one single hour, I surely should have stripped all captains of their power."

Just turn back to the Want Ad Columns now and see the offerings there.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES FROM POLK'S CAPITAL

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Dallas, Ore., Sept. 2.—This will be one of the best years for the prunes men of Dallas for many seasons. At first it was thought that the crop was going to be very small on account of the prunes all falling off, but enough of them stuck so as to insure the growers one of the finest and best yielding crops of many years.

Most of the growers have contracted their crop at eight and eight and one-half cents, mostly to the Armos Packing Co. at Dallas, but since the war in Europe they have stopped taking contracts with the orchard men, as they ship 75 per cent of their market mostly with Germany and the other foreign countries. Several companies have already offered to run the blockade in Europe so the packing company is again taking charge of the crops in the valley.

Many Young Orchardists.

The orchards are mostly old in and around Dallas, but there are many young orchards in the Salt creek country; there were at least 100 new ones planted this year, and fully that many the year before. The membership of the fruitgrowers association is increasing by three the original number and the newcomers are mostly young men. The hills west of town are being cleared and set out to fruit and many lands are changing hands and being set out to prune ranches. In a few years Dallas will be one of the richest and most prominent counties in Oregon, the farmers beginning to see the value of the fruit in Polk county, and it will be the crop after the state goes dry.

Ends Long Journey.

W. H. Farr arrived in Dallas Monday afternoon, after a most enjoyable motor ride from Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Farr and wife are here visiting at the home of his wife's brother, C. H. McDevitt, of this city. They have motored over three thousand miles in their little Ford car, and the expenses did not average more than \$2.50 a day the entire trip. Mrs. Farr has not seen her brother for more than 40 years and the unexpected arrival was a great surprise to Mr. McDevitt. They intend to visit here the rest of the summer and this fall they will go to California, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Farr is much impressed with Oregon and intends to see the most of the state before he returns to his home in Iowa.

Will Snyder, the plugging fullback of the McMinnville high school, has left for the University of Oregon where he will enter the football squad and spend two weeks in the mountains with the team. Snyder is one of Oregon's hopes for the coming year and it is thought he will make a career for himself in the football field.

George Stewart is suffering from a badly cut head from the action of a large boulder which fell on him while he was working in the city rock crusher. He was hanging from a rope that was fastened at the top of the quarry, jarring some rock loose, when a large piece from above came down and struck him on the head. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound. Stewart is the superintendent of the rock crusher.

Many of the schools of Polk county are becoming standard schools, coming up to the requirements that were declared necessary by superintendent of schools of Oregon. Seymour, superintendent of Polk county, is making his rounds getting the different schools ready for the fall term.

The work on the big pavilion is now nearly done and the rest of the fair buildings will soon be ready for the Polk county fair.

Mrs. M. M. Ellis returned home from Newport, where she has been for a stay of three months at her summer home.

Miss Nada Scott and Iva Stanley returned home from their extensive stay at Seaside.

Mrs. Cliff Johnson returned to her home in Nampa, Idaho, after a stay of two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott, of this city.

John Courter, of Falls City, is visiting Oscar Ellis of Dallas for several days.

C. L. Starr, of Portland, is in Dallas looking after some baggage that was lost in the depot fire last Thursday.

Phil Begun left for Portland Monday, where he will look for the latest styles in men's clothes.

Roy McMurry, of Falls City, was a Dallas visitor Monday on business.

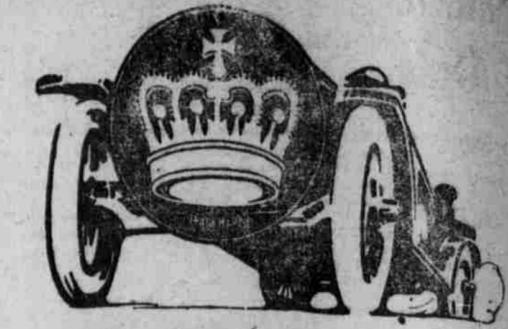
Mrs. C. L. Crider was called home Monday on account that her husband was suffering from blood poisoning in his foot.

Mrs. H. Patterson, who was visiting her mother in Dallas, went to Independence Tuesday, where she will spend a few days.

The S. P. depot is nearing reconstruction. Immediately after the fire, a large crew of men was put to work on the remains, and it is thought that the freight house will be ready this week. The office was not damaged very much so there will need be little work done on it, except to repaint the smoked walls.

George Muscott left Tuesday morning for Monmouth, where he will visit among his friends and relations.

Hon. L. A. Keyte, of Perrydale, was a Dallas visitor Monday on business.



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Pretty Glove Case.
To make a glove case take a long, narrow box and pad it carefully inside and out. Arrange the wadding so that it is quite flat round the upper part of the outside of the box, in order that the lid can be slipped on easily. Then pad the lid on the outside only. The cotton wool that is placed on inside of the box should be sprinkled with sachet powder.

Next cover the box tightly with muslin, and over this fix the outer cover of white satin.

Before placing the latter over the lid, however, embroider a large lovers' knot in the center of the material. Then work an initial in the middle of each bow.

A knot in pale pink or old rose color, with the initials in a deeper shade, would be very effective. Another idea would be to have the knot in pale blue with white thread initials. This would look exceedingly handsome when finished.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

If you drop grease on the kitchen floor scatter soda on it and then pour boiling water. The spots will come out easily.

Lay hot pancakes on soft paper in front of the oven if you wish to be sure of their being absolutely free from grease.

If chocolate is to be served with sandwiches it should be made as hot beforehand and allowed to stand in the double boiler.

Rub potato juice on a water pitcher which has become corroded from letting water stand in it, and the stains will disappear.

A woollen scarf can be dry cleaned by rubbing dry cornstarch thoroughly into it and shaking it out. Go through this process several times.



Beehive.
By prefixing the letter "b" change—
1. A grain into a vessel. 2. A bird into a stream. 3. A part of the house into a household implement.
Answers: No. 1, oat, boat; 2, rook, brook; 3, room, broom.

Sleepy Time.
All the squirrels have lost their heads; Just a ball of fur they are. Lions sleep and tigers doze; Disinclined to stir they are. Birds must all be taking naps; Not a sound from any tree. Nothing seems to be awake, But the grasshoppers and me.

Riddles.
Why is the oyster the wisest animal because he keeps his mouth shut?
Why is the Milky way in the sky? Because the cows jumped over the moon.
When is a baby like a breakfast cup? When it's a tea thing (teething).
What roof covers the most noisy tenant? The roof of the mouth.
Why are days longer in summer than in winter? Heat expands, cold contracts.
What class of persons have the most bones in their bodies? Those who live on a fish diet.

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