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EUGENE PAPERS AND THE GOVERNOR.

The Eugene papers are just now engaged in a vindictive fight on Governor West—and yet he is the best friend that city ever had in the executive chair of the state. During the troublous times through which the state university has passed in the last four years the governor has stood firmly by the state university, because he is a strong believer in educational institutions, and more to his influence than anything was the passage of the university appropriations at the special referendum election a year ago.

The governor's reward for his stand seems to be only a personal attack on his motives in supporting Chamberlain and Smith in the present campaign. Everything in the university town, so far as its newspapers are concerned, is subordinated to the effort to elect Booth to the United States senate, and those opposed to his ambitions are branded as dishonest and untruthful. Evidently the papers there has a substantial reason for holding one man's ambitions higher than any other interest of the community, although the good logic of the position taken is not apparent to those who feel that a community like Eugene, which has so often appealed for outside assistance in its time of need, owes somewhat of a debt of gratitude to those who have responded to such appeals. Governor West certainly has reason to feel that his friendship for the institution at Eugene and the community in which it is located has not been appreciated by those who were its beneficiaries.

The Saturday Evening Post seems to have been selected by the warring nations as the medium through which each of them will present its case to the world. While each has used its greatest leaders to prepare the copy for the American printer and public, an American artist, Leyendecker, has told the most graphic and probably the most truthful story of them all on the front page of the October 24 number. It is a picture composed of three subjects: A woman, a little girl and a Red Cross letter. Simple in detail, it is one of the most affecting pictures seen in any American magazine or anywhere else in years. He is indeed an artist who can tell so much with a few strokes of his brush. There is no use trying to tell of it, it has to be seen, but it surely is worth laying away as a memento of the greatest and wickedest war the world has ever known.

That was some battle near Dunkirk Saturday. The dispatches say the Zeppelins rained explosives from the skies, while the submarines sent their torpedoes under the water in search of British ships, the big guns poured their tons of projectiles at the "enemy" on land, and similar guns belched death and destruction from the great battleships. If Sherman's description of war as "hell" was correct, surely this especial battle was "hell under forced blast."

Now is the time to start a movement toward securing a lot of skilled workmen in flax products, who have been driven from their homes in Belgium. Flax products will some day supply the great manufacturing industry of this section, and if we could induce a lot of flax growers as well as skilled workmen in the handling of its fibers to locate here, we will have taken a long step toward getting the industry on its feet.

Of course there will be a difference of opinion as to the West-Booth debate. It can hardly be expected a jury will agree which is composed of persons who had previously made up their minds about a matter and were about evenly divided as to the rights of the case.

The dispatches Saturday stated the German troops were now wearing Belgium uniforms, which was taken to be a declaration that Germany had "benevolently assimilated" that country. It remains to be seen whether it can digest it.

It does not want to be overlooked that candidates should be elected for their ability to do the people's work efficiently, and this applies with particular force to the law-makers from the U. S. senator to the state legislator.

What a different tone will pervade the editorial columns of some of the rabidly partisan papers when the election is over and we all get down to the business of boosting Oregon up another notch or two.

London's crime records show a remarkable falling off in crime in the big city. Evidently the crooks have gone to the front, or so many others have that there are none left to plunder.

The English parliament has voted another \$350,000,000 war budget, the fifth of that size since the war started 87 days ago.

In another week it will be all over but the shouting, and there will probably be no large amount of that.

THE ROUND-UP

Of making officers there is no end. Municipal Judge Stevenson, of Portland, has appointed a "board of appeals" to assist him in viewing films which have been condemned by the censors, in case of appeal.

Warrants have been issued in Roseburg for the arrest of John Adams, Walter Breunans and John Neal, now in jail at Portland on charge of burglary in connection with the robbery of the offices of the Gardiner Mill Co. at Gardiner, six weeks ago.

The Allen stage went over the grade on Kiser's hill, nine miles southwest of Philomath, Saturday morning, and Mrs. Carter, of southern California, narrowly escaped being killed. The stage and team rolled over three times and lodged in the thick brush. Mrs. Carter, who went to the bottom with it, was not seriously injured.

Appropriation has been made for an agricultural experiment station in northern Lake county.

A full bushel of potatoes and artichokes was found in a gopher's cache at Albany Friday. The gopher must have carried the vegetables quite a distance as there are none near the cache.

Passenger service will be established between Eugene and Mapleton at the head of tidewater on the Siuslaw, November 1, over the Willamette-Pacific railroad.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Baptist churches of Oregon ended at Grants Pass Friday night. The churches were shown to be in good condition financially by the report of the treasurer.

The water system just installed at Lafayette is said to be one of the best in Oregon.

Grants Pass public library has just been enriched with 150 volumes newly purchased.

Brand new enterprises recently established in Oregon include an employment agency at Astoria and a taxi cab line at Eugene.

"Prairie City," says the Baker Herald, "is becoming noted for its hustle, and the action to build a part of the Long Creek road is one of the best moves it has made."

The Western Union has ordered re-emption of building the line along the Willamette Pacific railroad from the point where the work ceased several months ago, to Mapleton, which will be the terminus of trains for some time to come.

S. L. Keet, aged 70 years, died at St. Mary's hospital at Albany Thursday. Death was due to gangrene from an old wound.

The pipe line that is to afford fire protection to South Baker is near completion.

Albany's public library is now opened, as a reading room, on Sundays, and is well patronized.

"These heavy rains," says the Grants Pass Courier, "are not the best thing in the world for the ripening grapes now being harvested, but they make the plucer miser smile. They mean that the stream of suggests and bricks will soon be finding its way into the local channels of trade."

ONE SAFE BET.

(La Grande Chronicle.) Let the \$1500 exemption amendment carry, also the eight hour law, and it is a safe bet that Oregon, as a state, will suffer a depression the worst in her history.

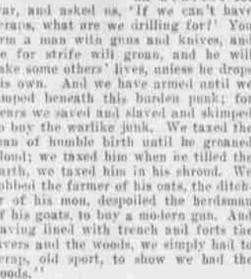
Every man who works in any institution is a part of that concern. It is important to the welfare of it, his labor is essential in production of the finished product, and he should look carefully into both sides of the question determining for himself whether it is possible for industries to run under such hampering laws. The fifteen hundred dollar exemption will hit the farm lands the hardest blow and reduce profitable ranches to idleness. With both, or with either of these measures, it is possible to strike the state a vital blow from which, even after repeal, it will take many years to recover.

Instead of wanting to break down industry the better spirit is to assist in its encouragement, for we have all ways noticed when the wheels were turning and business seemed to fairly hum it was easier for everyone to get money and there was far more contentment.

Journal Want Ads are a big help to the farmers when they are too busy to come to town.

The Real Reason

"This war inevitable was," the candid monarch cries: "there's no use hunting for the cause, when it's before your eyes. For years and years, with frantic haste we've piled up armaments; and could we let it go to waste, the money we have spent? We've drilled about five million men, with endless pain and toil, and could we let them lily them go back and till the soil? Our colonels and the other chaps were all a first for war, and asked us, 'If we can't have scraps, what are we drilling for? You arm a man with guns and knives, and he for strife will groan, and he will take some others' lives, unless he drops his own. And we have armed until we jumped beneath this burden punk; for years we saved and slaved and skimmed to buy the warlike junk. We taxed the man of humble birth until he groaned aloud; we taxed him when he tilled the earth, we taxed him in his sheen. We robbed the farmer of his oats, the ditcher of his man, despoiled the herdsman of his goats, to buy a modern gun. And having lined with trench and forts the rivers and the woods, we simply laid to scraps, old sport, to show we had the goods."



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THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

Portland, Or., Sept. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I am not personally acquainted with either Senator Chamberlain or Mr. Booth, the republican candidate for Mr. Chamberlain's place, but a personal acquaintance with these gentlemen is not necessary for the point at issue. In the old McKinley and Roosevelt days I knew a number of United States senators, and I know something about what is needed of United States senators. I am a republican just so long as the republican party stands for that which is best. That party is now undergoing disciplining for its past misdeeds and it has not yet been sufficiently disciplined to warrant the confidence of the nation.

The democratic party is now in power, both in the White House and in congress. To take any part of that power away from the democratic party, in times like these, when half the civilized world is at war, would be, to my mind, a great error. A republican president with a democratic congress or a democratic president with a republican congress doesn't go far.

President Wilson has been and is making good. He has the confidence of the country (which means republicans and democrats) in his stand on neutrality. Most Americans believe he is using his great power to the best of his ability to keep this nation's credit good at home and maintain its honor abroad. Why, then, handicap President Wilson by tying his hands? Let him have a democratic congress for the time that he is in the White House, and then let the country call upon him to make good. If he is as popular two years from now as he is now, nothing can prevent his re-election. In fact, nothing should prevent his re-election. He is making good where others have failed.

Without in any way attempting to detract from Mr. Booth, it is my belief that at this particular time, the republicans and democrats alike should remember that they are Americans, first, last and all the time, and that as Americans it is their duty to uphold the hands of the president of the United States, whether he be democrat or republican. The republicans, temporarily at least, forfeited their rights to the confidence of the American public, and the American public displaced the republican party and put the democratic party in power. Therefore, as Americans let us all give the national democracy a chance to continue guiding us through the present world-wide conditions of distress. Do not put any shackles on President Wilson. Trust him. Give him a free hand. Let him have congress with him. Retire Senator Chamberlain. H. B. WARD.

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THEIR NIGHTMARE.

(Ashland Tidings, Republican) Should Dr. Withycombe and a republican legislature be elected November 3 there can be no doubt but that the Oregon system is doomed. The republican machine is everlastingly opposed to the Oregon system and popular rule. It wants the same old corrupt machine methods that prevailed in the past. Never was a candidate more in harmony or more completely dominated by a political machine than Dr. Withycombe. He is now, and will be, a responsive and subservient tool in the hands of the machine. Nothing would give the doctor more glee and the machine more gladness than to sign the doom of the Oregon system. Neither have gotten on well under it. The code of the people's rule is a nightmare and a snare to them.

A SALEM INTERVIEW

Mr. Brown Tells His Experience.

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